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City considers selling 4 acres of land near Westland Shopping Center

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Now that the new Fire Station 1 has been completed and the former Service Merchandise building is a memory, Westland is looking to sell the parcel for development.

The city's property disposition committee has recommended that the council allow marketing the four acres at the south end of the parcel. The property has frontage along the west side of Nankin

Boulevard north of Warren Road immediately west of Westland Shopping Center.

The original parcel extended along Nankin Boulevard with frontage on Central City Parkway.

That northern 3.25 acres of the parcel is where Fire Station 1, which opened last year, was constructed.



Thompson

Marketing the city-owned parcel would include the potential incorporation of a strip center on Warren Road at Nankin and about three acres, Westland Planning and Building Director Bruce Thompson said.

"There is so much potential redevelopment on the north side (of Warren Road at Nankin)," Thompson said. "The three acres immediately south and the strip center are bank-owned. Only Malarkey's is there."

The city's Economic Development Department would work with his department to market the parcels for redevelopment, Thompson said.

The council also received a recommendation from the property disposition committee to accept a donation of 3.8 acres located behind the Palmer Road Church of Christ, 35900 Palmer.

Thompson said the church asked to donate the land to the city because it can no longer be able to maintain the entire

parcel.

"A land division would be requested. We would get an easement to the lot for shared access and a parking easement," Thompson said.

"It's completely fenced in and has potential use as a park."

The council would be expected to vote on the recommendations in July.

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Wayne adds second Blue Star Memorial marker

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Drivers on Michigan Avenue can see a new addition to a large flower bed maintained by the Wayne Garden Club — a Blue Star Memorial Highway marker honoring the U.S. Military.

Wayne already has a Blue Star Memorial, dedicated on Memorial Day 2014 in the courtyard of the Wayne Public Library. Installation of the second marker, dedicated last Wednesday, makes Wayne the only city in the state with two Blue Star markers. That's partly due to an error.

"I went to a district Garden Club meeting, it was a regional meeting. I heard about the Blue Star Memorial," said Ruth Wenzel, who headed efforts to erect a Blue Star Memorial. "My father served in World War II and my uncle died fighting in Korea. It touched my heart. It was a personal memorial for me."

So Wenzel started working on getting the Blue Star Memorial, which was to be placed by the library. It took a couple years to raise the money for the marker. Garden Club member Alicia Marnon spearheaded the fundraising, selling club cookbooks.

Wayne ended up with two markers because of an error — the first one read Blue Star Memorial Highway.

"Prior to the dedication, I thought I should look at the memorial before it was installed," Wenzel said. "I went to look at it three weeks before Memorial Day. It said 'highway.' It was going in the courtyard at the library."

The company put in a rush job to redo the marker, she said, getting a new one ready in time for the Memorial Day 2014 dedication. That left the Garden Club with an extra marker that needed to be placed on a highway.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

See MARKER, Page A2 The Michigan Avenue marker and garden is in Wayne.

Livonia school board to hire superintendent search firm

By Karen Smith
Staff Writer

Livonia school board members plan to hire a search firm to help them find a new superintendent.

Board members agreed Monday at a Committee of the Whole meeting to seek proposals from and interview three Michigan firms and three to four national firms the week of July 6.

"We're all pretty inexperienced at this," Trustee Mark Johnson said of the superintendent search process. "I think we're much better off with some firm guiding us through this process."

"This is the most important position in our district," Trustee Dan Centers said. "We need to get it right."

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St. Mary School ends 90th year on high note

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

St. Mary of Wayne Catholic School started the school year with a celebration of 90 years of education and has finished the year on a high note.

"We're ending our 90th year in better shape than when we started it," said Theresa Formella, administrative assistant at the school.

Principal Kathy Sparks is finishing her first year at the school. Enrollment is up. And new programs have sponsors helping the school financially.

"People were walking through the building (during 90th anniversary festivities). They wanted to help," Sparks said. "There was a renewed

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Westland Civitans mourn loss of longtime member

When the members of the Westland Civitan Club gather this week to celebrate their 37th anniversary, a familiar face will be missing — that of Karen Gregory who died suddenly May 20.

A member of the club for 27 years, Polk was very much involved in the club's work with the disabled. Her list included Special Olympics, Westland Parks and Recreation's Halloween Walk, Bunny Brunch, Nursery Olympics, Westland Summer Festival Baby Contest, Red Wagon Project and the Westland Historical Village Park's Rowe House.

She was a Junior Civitan Youth Advisor, held numerous club offices and services, served as a Distinguished Civitan Governor of Michigan District 1994-95 and a member of the Michigan Foundation and was very active in the development of the Civitan International Research Center.

Gregory had been a speech pathologist in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools until she moved to Florida.

"She returned each summer to Westland to continue her service with the Westland Club programs," club member Marlene Doran said. "She will be greatly missed."

Gregory is survived by her son Scott of Chesapeake, Va., six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren, a brother and special friend Earl Clough.

A Celebration of Life is planned at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 20, at Community United Methodist Church, 11160 Olive St., Romulus. A visitation will be held at the church one hour prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be sent to the Civitan International Research Center through the Westland Civitan Club, P.O. Box 85045, Westland, MI 48184 or the donor's favorite charity.

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Detroit resident Charlie Weidendorf has seen the Northwest Detroit Exchange Club change names twice — first to the Livonia Exchange Club and now the Western Wayne County Exchange Club. He's been involved since 1968 with the group and saw its 74th anniversary earlier this year. He's hoping the group exists long enough to make it to 75.

The Western Wayne Exchange Club, an organization dedicated to community service, patriotism and helping victims of child abuse, has seen its membership dwindle to around a dozen members, with about half of them active. Generational changes and other factors have contributed, members say, and the club is on the verge of shutting down if membership doesn't increase.

If it happens, Weidendorf said, he will miss the biggest benefit to belonging with the group: the connections he's made with others involved. He's met fellow Exchange Club

members from across the country at national meetings. He said when he was self-employed, the only time he ever left town was to meet with other Exchange Club members from across the country.

"I've gone to 40 national conventions," he said. "I let Exchange plan my vacation."

That's why the organization held a membership event Tuesday night at Livonia's Burton Manor. About 20 people were in attendance, enjoying appetizers and listening to speakers, including the president of National Exchange Club Tom Karnes.

Karnes, who also serves as the mayor of Lincoln Park, said he's traveled to several of the clubs across the United States and planned to visit members in Puerto Rico next week. He said some clubs across the country are thriving, and some are also seeing dwindling membership.

He began working with the local members to see what they could do to help increase membership in the organization, sending invitations to various community

members and organizations, such as chambers of commerce.

"Each club is the same and each club is different," he said. "This club is coming into its 75th year of service."

Beginnings

The Exchange Club began in 1911 in Detroit. Since then, it's grown to have more than 700 clubs and more than 21,000 members. It's now headquartered in Toledo.

The group changed its name from the Livonia Exchange Club to the Western Wayne County Exchange Club last year, said Wes Evans, the Western Wayne County chapter president. The leadership thought if the group were affiliated with a wider region instead of just Livonia, more people would be interested, especially younger people, a demographic Evans said is difficult to reach.

"We need people from Canton, we need people from Westland," the Farmington Hills resident said.

The club holds meetings several times a month around the area and has completed sev-

eral projects, including installing "Freedom Shrines" — a collection of important American documents such as the Declaration of Independence, the Northwest Ordinance and Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech — in many area high schools, including those in Livonia and some in other communities like Westland. They also raise money for child abuse prevention through their annual spaghetti dinner in October, among other causes.

More information can be found on the club's website, westernwayne-exchange.org.

Doing all those volunteer efforts and working alongside other Exchange Club members has been fulfilling for Weidendorf. He's hoping others join him for many more years to come.

"I've made a lot of lifelong friends along the way," he said. "I just like the fellowship of the whole thing."

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sense of wanting to support families so Catholic education can continue."

All of the school's 13 classrooms have sponsors — some have two sponsors as well as support through the Blue Knight Legacy Fund. The name comes from the school's Blue Knight mascot.

"Each year, students here can earn tuition credits — \$25 for every year (they have attended the school) and for each student," Sparks said. "That's money we brought into help students and goes directly into program."

Through donations, Sparks said there is close to \$14,000 provided in direct tuition credits for existing families at St. Mary.

Enrollment at the school was up to 138 students when the school year ended. Sparks noted the kindergarten enrollment was nearing a number to necessitate a waiting list.

"The students are doing well; I feel like I inherited a gem. I'm working with a wonderful group of families,"



St. Mary of Wayne Catholic School administrative assistant Theresa Formella outside a class with a list of sponsors near the door.

Sparks said. "We're trying some new things and ideas. The kids are excited. There is a lot we can do being a smaller school."

The school offers classes from kindergarten through eighth grade along with preschool classes. It has a full-day preschool for 3-year-olds and 4-year-olds currently and is adding half-day classes for 3-year-olds.

"Once we get families, we have no trouble getting them to come back," Sparks said.

Before coming to St. Mary, Sparks had been in charge of academic

development at the Shrine High School Academy in Royal Oak.

"I just fell in love with the elementary age. I think we're a good fit," Sparks said. "Overall, the school has a history of a strong curriculum. I've made some tweaks recognizing the diocese has standards. One of the main things has been to look at the curriculum to see how we measure up."

The school has 11 teachers — several have taught at St. Mary for over 20 years. With the school's location on Michigan Avenue,

Sparks said it is visible and easily accessible, although some passersby think there is only the church on site. Students come from Wayne, Westland, Canton, Romulus, Livonia, Belleville, Dearborn and Dearborn Heights.

"We have had so many tours lately (by parents) who didn't know the school was as big as it is," Formella said. "We are getting really good feedback of passersby."

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"The land belongs to the state (Michigan Department of Transportation), that was the hard part," Wenzel said.

After not making much headway herself, Wenzel turned to Wayne's Engineering Manager Michael Buiton.

"He got us the permission for the marker; he went to bat for us," Wenzel said.

The Wayne Garden Club held a dedication of the Blue Star Memorial Highway marker following their monthly meeting.

"I hope people have an opportunity to read the marker. Mostly they are placed at roadside



Wayne Garden Club members Ruth Wenzel (left) and Alicia Marnon stand by the Blue Star Memorial Highway marker on Michigan Avenue.

parcs, freeway exits and in front of libraries," Wenzel said.

Marnon's fundraising efforts with the cook-

book raised enough that the club has \$2,600 remaining following the marker project and a few more cookbooks

available.

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SEARCH

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Randy Liepa, the district's superintendent since 2003, is leaving this summer to become superintendent of Wayne RESA, the regional educational service agency that provides services and support to Wayne County's

33 school districts. The proposals will require the firms' process and price.



Liepa

Liepa said he estimates the fee will be more than \$20,000. The firms will do all the work in finding good candidates and

moving the process along, but the board will make all the decisions, he said.

The board's other option, though not one commonly used, is for members to conduct the search themselves with the help of the administration, he said.

Board Secretary Tammy Bonifield said she didn't want to overburden the already un-

der-staffed central office administration.

The board selected the firms from a list provided by Liepa.

"If you choose any of the firms on the list, you can't go wrong; they're all very, very qualified firms," he said.

The Livonia school district, with 15,000 students, is one of the largest in the state.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Ethan Edelmayer and Trevor Smith, both 4 years old, are ready for a picture. Dad David Edelmayer adjusts his son's helmet.



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Eight-year-old Elizabeth Billington crawls out of the low smoke challenge.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Seven-year-old Daveyon Butler hangs on to the big steering wheel of an antique Livonia fire truck.



Firefighters dismantle a Ford Focus during a training exercise.

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Passport to Safety draws hundreds of participants

Hundreds showed up to the Livonia police and fire stations Saturday to participate in the annual Passport to Safety event. Children received free bicycle helmets, and visited the many stations available, including the 911 call station, food safety and first aid. Also on hand were Paws, the Detroit Tigers mascot, and police officers and

firefighters willing to share their knowledge with those in attendance. Firefighters completed a demonstration of how to enter a damaged vehicle, and even antique fire trucks were out for children to get a feel for what it's like driving an old fire truck.

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Westland man charged in fatal shooting in Detroit

Wayne County Prosecutor Kim Worthy charged a Westland man in connection with a fatal shooting at the Wendy's restaurant in the 22000 block of Grand River in Detroit on June 6.

Dezmen Faqua, 24, was arraigned via video Saturday in 34th District Court in Romulus. He was charged with first-degree murder, felony murder, carjacking, assault with intent to murder and being a felon in possession of a firearm and using a firearm in a felony.

According to the Prosecutor's Office, Faqua allegedly was involved in the fatal shooting and robbery of Christopher Reed, 28, of Detroit who was waiting with his two sons in the

Wendy's drive-thru line. After the shooting, the prosecutor said Faqua fled the scene in Reed's car.

The case remains under investigation.

Faqua was released from prison in January 2014 after serving three years for pleading guilty to receiving and concealing stolen property, according to the Michigan Department of Corrections. He was among 10 men prosecuted in 2010 in the theft of more than 100 laptop computers from the Detroit Public Schools.



Faqua

WESTLAND COP CALLS

Vandalism

» A resident of the Orchards of Newburgh Apartments, 2597 S. Newburgh, told police that overnight June 12 someone had broken the rear passenger window of his 2013 Lincoln MKS.

The vehicle had been ransacked, and the owner speculated someone was looking for the wheel lock in an attempt to steal his rims. He said that is what had happened recently when his tires/rims were stolen.

» On June 12, a resident in the 32000 block of Palmer told police that he was gone about 30 minutes and returned to find that someone smashed the outer pane of glass on the door. He said the interior pane wasn't broken, so it didn't appear entry was made to the house.

Larceny

» A Westland man told police June 9 that while he was

inside the Dollar General store, 34684 Warren Road, someone stole his cell phone from his vehicle. He said the windows had been left rolled down with the phone in the cup holder.

» A mountain bike valued at \$500 was reported stolen from a home in the 33000 block of Alanson Court overnight June 9. The seat cushion

Vandalism

A resident in the 700 block of Henry Ruff told police June 13 that she found a large dent on the hood of her vehicle, which was backed into her driveway facing the road overnight.

Larceny from a vehicle

A Wayne man told police that he spent two hours inside the Michigan Secretary of State office, 6090 N. Wayne Road, June 8. When he came outside, he said someone had stolen the license plate from his vehicle.

By LeAnne Rogers

Stolen vehicle

A resident at Wayne Tower, 35200 Sims, told police June 13 that someone stole her 2003 Dodge Stratus from the parking lot. She said she had recently purchased the vehicle and had both sets of keys.

Larceny from a vehicle

» A GPS unit, a CB radio, Snap-on Tools and \$10 in change were reported stolen from a vehicle parked in the 4200 block of Adams Circle overnight June 15. The stolen items were valued at more than \$2,000.

» A resident in the 31000 block of Grant told police that on May 28 she started her car and it started making a horrible noise. When the tow truck arrived, she said it was

WAYNE COP CALLS

found that her catalytic converter had been stolen.

Vandalism

On June 12 at about 4 p.m., police were called to Civitan Park, 37101 Glenwood, about vandalism in progress. A witness told police two males, 14-16-year-old with dark hair, were damaging a wooden fence on the north side of the park.

Damage to the fence was estimated at \$50.

Vandalism

» A Westland woman told police May 27 that she was parked in the east lot at Wayne Memorial High School, 3001 Fourth, for approximately three hours, attending an awards program. When she returned to her car, she said there were

long white paint marks on her purple car.

The woman said she recalled a white SUV had been parked next her car but was now gone.

» A resident in the 36000 block of Greenbush told police that overnight May 26-27 someone had egged her home. She said the house was hit with six or seven eggs on the windows and brick.

Larceny from a vehicle

A Redford man said he had been attending a funeral at Westlaw Cemetery, 31472 Michigan Ave., for about 20 minutes on May 23. After the ceremony, he said he returned to his unlocked vehicle to find an iPod had been stolen. It was valued at \$400.

By Leanne Rogers

GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

Vandalism

A Westland man told police that someone keyed his Mercury Mountaineer while it was parked at Moeller Field at Moeller Avenue and Beechwood on June 15. The scratch went all away around the vehicle. The man had been at the field for his son's baseball game.

» A review of a surveillance video showed the two men pull up the security gate and enter the store where they loaded the cartons of cigarettes into the garbage bags before leaving, police said. The two men had concealed their faces and were wearing gloves.

Animal at large

Police officers were called to Cherry Hill and Merriman on June 14 about a loose pit bull. The officer found the dog on the south side of the Civic Arena. It appeared to be scared and was compliant.

An officer was able to put in the dog in the police car and placed it at the Romulus animal shelter. The dog was placed in quarantine after its saliva got on the officer's hand, which had unrelated breaks in the skin.

Break-in

Two men, wearing hooded sweatshirts and sweatpants, reportedly made off with two garbage bags filled with car-

tons of cigarettes after a break-in at Smokers Depot and Beyond, 33259 Ford, June 14.

Police responded to an alarm at the building and found the front door pried open and the inside security gate bent up. They also found several cartons of cigarettes on the floor behind the cash register.

A review of a surveillance video showed the two men pull up the security gate and enter the store where they loaded the cartons of cigarettes into the garbage bags before leaving, police said. The two men had concealed their faces and were wearing gloves.

Larceny

» A home being renovated in the 1000 block of N. Inkster Road was broken into sometime between June 6-12.

The owners told police the home was a rental property and was vacant when someone pried open the front door and attempted to steal the copper plumbing from the upstairs bathroom. The water supply pipe was bent and sprayed water into the bathroom, hall-

way and a bedroom. The water damaged drywall and hardwood flooring in the main floor rooms as well as the ceiling, walls, floor and appliances in the basement.

A jigsaw, power drill and drywall screw gun also were taken from a counter in the kitchen.

» A catalytic converter was reported stolen from a car parked at Prestige Eyewear, 27854 Ford, June 11. The owner told police she had parked the car there at 1 p.m. When she started the car at 8:10 p.m., she noticed a loud noise coming from the vehicle.

Retail fraud

A Detroit man was arrested for shoplifting after he left the CVS store at 27435 Ford, with an 18-pack of beer in his cart.

Loss prevention employees said the man placed the beer in a plastic bag and concealed it in his cart underneath some empty cans and bottles he brought to the store. The man then returned the empties and left the store without paying for the 18-pack.

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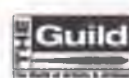
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Livonia troop announces two new Eagle Scouts

Boy Scout Troop No. 782, which meets at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Livonia, announces its newest Eagle Scouts: Justin Hunter Gontarski and Alexander Bruce Stratton.



Stratton

building the signs of solid pine with routed lettering and mounting them on

four by four by eight foot posts set in concrete.

Gontarski has served in troop leadership positions, including scribe, troop guide and assistant senior patrol leader. This year he is a senior patrol leader. Gontarski was elected into Scouting's Camping Honor Society, the Order of the Arrow in 2013.

He participated in the High Adventure Trip



Gontarski

white water rafting in West Virginia, and both snorkeling and sailing the coral reefs of

the Florida Keys at the BSA Sea Base, where he was the leader of his crew. He also went on the 25-day High Adventure trip this past summer to backpack in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains of northern New Mexico to the Philmont Scout Ranch, once again serving as a crew leader.

At Franklin, he participated in Navy ROTC. At Pioneer, he earned a

varsity letter on the high school rugby team and continued in the scouting program at Troop No. 782 in Livonia as well. Gontarski intends to go to college, participate in the ROTC and graduate as a commissioned officer in military intelligence.

Stratton is a junior at Livonia Stevenson High School.

Stratton's Eagle Project was to improve the cross country course behind Stevenson High School by cleaning it of trash, debris and fallen limbs and tree branches. He and his team of helpers spent 128 hours opening new paths through the woods for

the cross-country runners and for SHS students walking to and from the high school from Curtis Street to the north. Their project included spreading woodchips and mulch and removing a large fallen tree, logs and numerous small trees.

Stratton has served in troop leadership positions, including Quartermaster, and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader. He was elected into Scouting's Camping Honor Society, the Order of the Arrow in 2013.

Stratton participated in Troop No. 782's Mid-Winter Trips to New York City and to Nashville,

Tenn.; Huntsville, Ala.; and Fort Knox, Ky. He was also on the High Adventure Trip white water rafting in West Virginia, and both snorkeling and sailing the coral reefs of the Florida Keys at the BSA Sea Base, as well.

Stratton has taken accelerated and/or advanced placement classes in math, science and history, and is on the honor roll with a 3.5 grade-point average. He intends to go to college and major in engineering because he likes working with engines. Stratton has earned varsity letters in cross country and track.

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Garden City Flea Circus draws crowds

By Sue Buck
Staff Writer

Crowds flocked to the third annual Garden City Flea Circus on Saturday, June 13.

"There probably were about 500 people," said Kim Dold, executive director of the Garden City Downtown Development Authority. "The parking lot was full all day long."

The event was held at the former Farmers Market area in the Towne Center at the northeast corner of Ford and Middlebelt.

Dogs, cats, birds, bunnies and even a monkey were there.

"Some of the rescues had puppies," Dold said. "Mr. Peepers was a hit again."

The Capuchin monkey known as Mr. Peepers has been popular from the start. He is part of the Summer Wind Sanctuary located in Brown, Mich. Garden City Fire Chief Catherine Harman volunteers regularly at the sanctuary.

The Garden City Flea Circus is a pet adoption and awareness event where more than a dozen local pet rescue organizations were on site with their animals which are looking for a new "forever" home.

Participating rescues included Dog Aide, P.O.-E.T Animal Rescue, Last Day Dog Rescue, Providing for Paws, Monroe Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Monroe SPCA), Summer Wind Farms Sanctuary, Almost Home No Kill Shelter, Special

Animal Friends and Rescue Inc. (SAFARI), Greyhound Expressions, Saving Tails Animal Rescue (S.T.A.R.) and Greyheart Greyhound Rescue.

"Making their Garden City debut, we have Rainbow Feathers Bird Club and Rescue and Wonderland Rabbit Rescue," Dold said.

This year the DDA had also partnered with Pet Supplies Plus of Canton Township to bring a variety of entertainment under the Big Top tent. The Freestyle Fanatics is made up of local dog owners with dancing pooches performing choreographed routines.

The REAL Pet First Aid gave tips on keeping pets safe and Walshs-K9 provided insightful tips for getting a pooch to behave.

Sgt. Rudy, of the Garden City Police Department's K9 Unit was there along with his handler, Officer Bruce Shippe.

Dr. John Hermann brought his mobile vet clinic, providing basic canine and feline vaccinations, along with heart worm testing, for a nominal fee. The Garden City Clerk Garden City Clerk's office had pet licenses available for purchase.

Photos for the Cutest Pet Contest, sponsored by Lucky Dog Luxury Daycare and Boarding in Garden City, were taken by Tiffany Rose Photography.

There was also a pet psychic for the first time this year.

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Cari Cook of South Lyon gets a photo with her 8-year-old Peekaboo at this year's Garden City Flea Circus held Saturday.

TOM BEAUDOIN



Gerald Douyard Jr. from Wonderland Rabbit Rescue Inc. holds rescued rabbit Duke who is a 1-year-old Flemish Giant.

TOM BEAUDOIN



Westland Lions Club Board Trustee Debbie Dayton has Patrick, a Golden Retriever, as her leader dog. Training for a leader dog costs \$40,000 and is supported by local Lions Clubs.

TOM BEAUDOIN

TOM BEAUDOIN
Katie Provot gives Gunnar a treat made by the Women of the Moose Chapter 1339 of Garden City at the Flea Circus.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Spaghetti dinner

St. John's Episcopal Church is holding a spaghetti dinner from 5-7:30 p.m. Friday, June 19, at the church at 555 S. Wayne Road, Westland. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 12 years and under. Children age 3 and under are free. The dinner includes salad, bread, dessert and beverage.

For more information, call 734-721-5023.

Vendor show

The auxiliary of AM-VETS Post 171 is looking for vendors and crafters for a vendor show from noon to 5 p.m. July 18 at the post, 1217 S. Merriam, Westland. The cost is \$30 for a table. Contact amvetsaux-post171@gmail.com or stop by the post for an application and full details.

In addition to a variety of vendors, there will be food and beverages available for purchase and raffle items. Proceeds will benefit veterans and such cause as Paws for a Cause, bingo at the VA hospitals and Stand Down.

Vacation Bible School

St. Michael Lutheran Church and School in Wayne is hosting a vacation Bible school, starting at 6 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 22-25.

This year's theme is: conquering Mount Everest and life's challenges with God's mighty power. All children in preschool to sixth grade are welcome. Pre-registration is required and can be completed by calling 734-728-1950 or by visiting St. Michael at 3003 Hannan Road between Glenwood and Michigan Avenue.

For more information,

call 734-728-1950 or visit www.stmichaellutheran.org.

Health Screenings

» The City of Wayne Senior Services and Oakwood Healthcare presents 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 assessed. It takes a few minutes to receive results, and no fasting is required. Must be 18 years of age or older. No appointment necessary.

Life Line Screening will be at Garden City Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, July 15, offering safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical.

» Registration is required and can be completed by calling 800-324-9458 or at www.helping-handsforhealth.com. Those who sign up will receive \$10 off of the \$149 fee and \$10 will be donated to Garden City Presbyterian Church. To learn more watch a short video at www.lifelinescreeningblog.com/introduction.

Garden City Presbyterian Church is at 1841 Middlebelt.

Garden Walks

» Tickets are on sale for the Garden City Garden Club's annual Garden Walk at Barson's Greenhouses on Merriman at Maplewood, Westland, and Lucky Dog Luxury Daycare and Boarding on Middlebelt, north of Ford Road, Garden City.

Tickets are \$8 each or two for \$15.

The walk is scheduled

from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 20, and will start at Baron's Greenhouses where gardeners present their tickets and receive their booklet with the map and descriptions of the eight yards that are featured. Three of the homeowners are master gardeners.

For more information, can call Lucky Dog 734-261-7387 or check out the club's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/gcgcmi.

» The Wayne Garden Club will hold its Garden Walk from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 27. "Through the Garden Gate" will feature five homes as well as Brenda's Butterfly House at Baron's Greenhouse in Westland, and a White Elephant Sale featuring garden items.

Tickets will be sold at the Wayne Public Library and Baron's Greenhouses at Merriman and Maplewood, Westland. Tickets cost \$8 in advance. They also will be sold for \$10 the day of walk at the corner of Wayne Road and Sims in Wayne. Refreshments will be provided.

Tickets are \$8 in advance and are available from any Garden Club member and \$10 on the day of the walk between 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 2 Towne Square, Wayne. Refreshments will be provided.

For more information, call Lois VanStipdonk at 734-721-1185 or Beverly Woodard at 734-722-9666.

Garage sale

The annual Boy Scout Troop 1241 garage sale will be 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.

Car show

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

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

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

Golf outing

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

Registration is at 7 a.m. with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. The cost is \$100 per person and includes lunch, drink and dinner. Hole sponsorships are available for \$100. There also will be 50/50 and prize raffles and a chance to win a two-year lease for a 2015 Ford Focus.

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

Mom 2 Mom sale

Ss. Simon and Jude Parish will have a Mom 2 Mom Sale from 9 a.m. to

1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, at the church, 32500 Palmer, east of Venoy, Westland.

Table space is \$15 for an 8-foot table and \$5 for a card table. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available. A 9-10 a.m. early bird admission is \$2, and \$1 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Strollers welcome.

For more information or to purchase a table, contact Carolyn G. at 734-728-1559 or cgregones@yahoo.com or Sandy K. at 734-721-4867 or sandrakopcak@gmail.com.

Farmers Markets

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

There will be a variety of food and crafts, special events and music. EBT accepted. For more information, call 734-326-7222 or email westlandchamber@gmail.com. There market will not be held July 2 and Aug. 13.

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

For more information on the farmers market, contact Olivia at 313-510-7061 or market@growinghope.net.

Preschool enrollments

» The Sunshine and Rainbow preschool program has a few spots available for fall 2015. This quality, low-cost preschool program is looking for 3- to 5-year-

old Wayne-Westland children who want to get ready for kindergarten.

The preschool program is part of the Early Childhood/Teacher Education class at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center. High school students receive on the job training as they help operate a licensed (State of Michigan) preschool program.

Sunshine and Rainbows offers two-hour morning and afternoon sessions three days a week. The curriculum prepares students for kindergarten.

Preschool students must be three years old by Oct. 1 and reside in the Wayne-Westland Community School District. Students must also be potty trained, meet health requirements including a physical and shot record.

For more information on Sunshine and Rainbow preschool, visit www.wcsd.net/schools/high-schools/ford/sunshine-and-rainbows-preschool-program/.

» The Garden City Public Schools' 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 preschool program, this fall.

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 online under the Lathers tab at gardencityschools.com. Space is limited. Apply now to find out if your child is eligible. Call Lathers for more information at 734-762-8490.

DIA's mobile art exhibit coming to Livonia Spree

The Livonia Arts Commission is sponsoring a mobile art exhibit titled "DIA Away: Think Like an Artist" at this year's Livonia Spree.

Attendees of Livonia Spree will be able to experience a sampling of the Detroit Institute of Art's collection. The exhibit provides visitors with an educational and hands-on artistic experience. Participants will discover some of the ways artists think and

then have the opportunity to try out creative thinking skills at digital and hands-on stations.

The two "DIA Away" trailers will be free to all patrons at the Livonia Spree from 2-11 p.m. Friday, June 26, and noon to 11 p.m. Saturday, June 27. They will be located on the Spree grounds (Ford Field) at Lyndon and Farmington Road in front of the Ice Arena.

The Arts Commission

is dedicated to furthering fine arts and arts education in Livonia by bringing programs such as "DIA Away" to local residents.

The Arts Commission is appointed by Mayor Jack Kirksey. Members are Chairperson Brian Duggan, Donna Eno, Grace Karczewski, Carrie Spurling, Dan Spurling, Karen Voran, Jerry Valentine, Pam Valentine, Kira Leeper and Robert Khzouz.



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The "DIA Away: Think Like an Artist" mobile exhibit came to Madonna University in March. It will be back in Livonia this month as part of Livonia Spree.

Amateur Radio Club holds annual field day at Garden City Park

Sponsored by the American Radio Relay League, a national association for amateur operators, Field Day is known as the most popular and fun on-the-air event held annually in the U.S. and Canada. It is estimated that 45,000-plus radio amateurs will gather with their clubs, groups or simply with friends to operate from thousands of remote locations.

The Garden City Amateur Radio Club will be demonstrating its value to public assistance with using various modes of emergency communications capabilities Saturday and Sunday, June 27-28. The non-stop 24-hour radio event will be held at Garden City Park, at Merriman and Cherry Hill.

All currently licensed amateur radio operators are welcome to join club members in operating from multiple stations set up in the park. Members will be making as many contacts as possible with other operators over different bands on the airwaves. Other ongoing activities during



GCARC
Shawn Sherling (left), known as KA8POZ, and Fred Rowell, AC8LV, translate Morse code signals digitally.

this time include:

» The club Volunteer Examiners team will conduct testing on-site from 3-5 p.m. June 27 for the Technician, General and Extra Class license privileges to those who wish to earn or amateurs who intend to upgrade their license classification.

» Garden City Boy Scout Troop 740, will be camping on-site, providing meals and support to the amateurs.

» There will have a

special Get-On-The-Air station set up for youth who want to make contact and broadcast with other hams on the High Frequency and Very High Frequency bands.

Amateur radio, or ham radio as it is sometimes referred to, is the use of certain radio frequencies as a hobby, to exchange non-commercial messages, as a tool for education, experimentation and for public service community activities, including assist-



GCARC
Mathew Breton (right), known as AB8VJ, searches for 20-meter band contacts while Michael Boensch, K8BVHT, records the find to the logging software.

ing in emergency communications to public safety agencies. It utilizes FCC pre-allocated frequencies on regulated band plans in the radio spectrum, along with using a variety of antenna configurations.

Amateur radio is a federally licensed radio

communication service involving more than 729,000 operators and stations today in the U.S. alone.

The Garden City Amateur Radio Club meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month on the lower level of the Garden City Presbyterian

Church, 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford. No meetings are scheduled during the July and August summer break. Potential new members and guests are welcome to attend.

More information can be viewed at www.gcarc.net or www.arrrl.org.

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Vacation season: Take precautions before leaving town

School is out, summer has arrived and many families will be taking vacations. In today's high-tech world it's important to take precautions before and during a trip.

In the old days travelers were mostly concerned with pickpockets and other types of petty crimes. Unfortunately, that is no longer the case. Protecting sensitive information applies at home and when you travel. In fact, it applies even more when traveling because the thieves know that we all tend to put our guard down when we're on vacation.

Before leaving on a trip it's a good idea to clean out your wallet. You don't have to take every charge card or other piece of information that you carry in your wallet while at home. Less is more. Obviously, you need some pieces of ID such as a driver's license. My advice is limit yourself to two charge cards.

I also recommend that before you go, make a copy of your charge card along with the emergency phone number for the credit card company. If something happens on your trip, you'll have the informa-



Rick Bloom

MONEY MATTERS

tion to immediately contact your charge card company.

And if you are taking a passport, make a copy of your passport along with your driver's license.

Don't keep the copies in your wallet. It is a good idea to leave a copy of these documents with someone at home. And notify your charge card company as to where and when you're going. This will also provide you a certain level of protection.

Before leaving for a vacation do some research as to the current scams that are happening in the area that you are going to. You'd be surprised how much aggravation you could save yourself by doing a little homework. For example, those going to Europe this summer need to be aware of the friendship bracelet scam. In many European cities, people come up to you and put a friendship bracelet on you. Of course, when you don't pay all hell breaks loose.

Just like at home be careful of Wi-Fi. The scam artists these days can very easily create a fake Wi-Fi hub and use that to gain access to your personal information and passwords. Don't make transactions containing sensitive business via any public Wi-Fi.

In the past, many vacationers used traveler's checks. Today, that's not an issue because of ATMs, which are everywhere around the world. But beware which ATMs you use. Many scam artists set up bogus ATMs which, once again, are meant to obtain password and other sensitive information.

When I travel, I only use ATMs at financial institutions. Yes, I may pay a little extra in fees, but it's worth the protection.

Vacations are meant to relax and enjoy. However, that doesn't mean letting your guard down. Be careful.

Good luck.

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



Dr. Eugene Jary (left) welcomes Dr. Jeffrey Featherston to Jary Chiropractic Life Center in Westland.

Jary Chiropractic welcomes new doctor

An open house will be held from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, June 20, at Jary Chiropractic, 27527 Joy, Westland.

This open house will provide an opportunity to meet Dr. Featherston and say goodbye to Dr. Eugene Jary who is retiring. Dr. Featherston will be continuing Dr. Jary's practice of 35 years. There will be games and snacks.

Dr. Jary started his practice after graduating from Life College in Marietta, Ga., in 1980. He



Featherston

practiced his first three years in Garden City and the last 32 years at the Jary Chiropractic in Westland. Dr. Jary is retiring after 35 years and is leaving his practice to Dr. Featherston.

Dr. Featherston comes to Jary Chiropractic well equipped to help patients achieve better

health. Along with his Chiropractic degree, he is a certified Chiropractic Sports Physician, certified through the American Chiropractic Board of Sports Physicians, a kettlebell teacher certified by the International KettleBell and Fitness Federation, and has a bachelor of science degree in nutrition.

He has lived in the area for the past 13 years. Married, he and his wife have a 2½-year-old daughter.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

C3 designation

Ford Motor Company's Michigan Assembly Plant in Wayne has been designated a Clean Corporate Citizen (C3) by the Michigan Department of

Environmental Quality.

In awarding the designation May 8, the MDEQ said the plant "exemplified corporate environmental responsibility through its efforts to maintain, protect and

enhance Michigan's environmental resources."

Ford Motor Company Michigan Assembly Plant has demonstrated its environmental ethic and stewardship by meeting meeting the

criteria for C3 designation — the development and implementation of an environmental management system, the practice of pollution prevention and a strong environmental compliance record.

The MDEQ noted that Integrating environmental factors into daily operations at the facility has resulted in:

- » Overall reductions in water and energy use as well as the quantities sent to landfill.

- » Reuse of reverse osmosis reject water into the paint wet scrubber control system with projected annual water savings of 7 million gallons.

- » Reuse of water with in the phosphate re-treatment system with projected annual water savings of 2 million gallons.

- » Less than 10 percent of the waste generated is sent to landfill.

- » The amount of material recycled per vehicle has increased 33 percent from 2012 to 2014.

- » The designation is valid through May 8, 2020.

"As a leader in the manufacture of stampings and assemblies from stampings, engines and automotive components, we look forward to your continued efforts and commitment protecting and enhancing our shared environment," MDEQ Director Dan Wyant said in a letter announcing the designation. "Congratulations and welcome to the C3 Program."

The Clean Corporate Citizen program is built on the concept that Michigan establishments that consistently demonstrate



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The Michigan Assembly Plant in Wayne produces the Ford Focus and C-Max.

environmental stewardship and pollution prevention can be relied upon to carry out their environmental protection responsibilities without rigorous oversight.

Clean Corporate Citizens who voluntarily participate in this program will receive public recognition and are entitled to certain regulatory benefits, including expedited permits.

Gold Plus Award

St. Mary Mercy Livonia has received the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's Get With The Guidelines®-Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement award.

To receive the Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award, hospitals must achieve 85 percent or higher adherence to all Get With The Guidelines-Stroke achievement indicators for two or more consecutive 12-month periods and achieve 75 percent or higher compliance with

five of eight Get With The Guidelines-Stroke Quality measures.

These quality measures are designed to help hospital teams provide the most up-to-date, evidence-based guidelines with the goal of speeding recovery and reducing death and disability for stroke patients. The measures focus on appropriate use of guideline-based care for stroke patients, including aggressive use of medications such as clot-busting and anti-clotting drugs, blood thinners and cholesterol-reducing drugs, preventive action for deep vein thrombosis and smoking cessation counseling.

"With a stroke, more time lost results in more brain function loss, and this award demonstrates our commitment to ensuring patients receive care based on nationally-respected clinical guidelines," said Rob Casalou, regional president and CEO of Saint Joseph Mercy Health System.

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A mandatory pre-bid meeting for prospective bidders will be held in the Lobby of Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, MI 48154 at 10:00 AM on Monday, June 22, 2015. Bids will not be accepted from those bidders who do not attend.

Instructions to bidders and specifications may be obtained by registering with the Michigan Inter-Governmental Trade Network (MITN) at www.mitn.info

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check in the amount of five percent (5%) of the proposal, payable to the City of Livonia, as security for the acceptance of the contract. A bid bond on the Michigan Standard Form, issued by an approved Surety Company, may be furnished in lieu of a certified check.

All bids shall be opened publicly at the date and time specified. Each bid shall be recorded together with the name of the bidder. Bids shall be in accordance with the requirements of this notice in order to be deemed "responsive."

Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope plainly marked "BID - Security Video Surveillance System" and received by the City Clerk on or before the time and date given above.

The Prime Contractor shall demonstrate that they have successfully completed projects in the last five (5) years of equal scope, i.e. the provision and installation of security video surveillance systems as specified in this Request for Bids in the State of Michigan.

No bidder may withdraw his proposal within one hundred twenty (120) calendar days after the date set for opening thereof. The right to accept any bid, to reject any or all proposals and to waive irregularities in bidding is reserved by the City of Livonia. Acceptance of any bid does not constitute a binding agreement until a written Contract is signed by both parties.

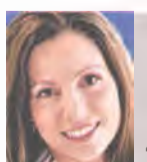
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Check motivations of people who tell us what to do

This morning I was thinking about a new documentary I recently watched called *Fed Up*, produced by Katie Couric. Watching it, I learned a whole lot of really important things I didn't know about the food we eat.

It was also a good reminder to "check the motivations" of people who tell us what to do. When someone delivers advice about food, or anything else, motivations matter.

It's pretty clear when the shampoo company says "rinse and repeat"



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important, finding out why they want you to do it, is critical.

Have a sunny day!

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that their motivation may be to increase shampoo consumption. But it's not always that obvious. When instructions come from people or authorities we trust, it's easy to take for granted that they're looking out for our best interests. However, that's not always the case.

If learning what someone wants you to do is

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Friends help preserve Nankin Mills history

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Say Nankin Mills, and everyone knows that you're talking about the big white building at the juncture of Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive in Westland. The three-story structure dominates the landscape and serves as the headquarters of the Wayne County Parks System.

But there was a time that the grande dame of Hines Drive was in disrepair and about to be used for a practice burn.

That didn't happen thanks to the late Westland residents Thomas Brown and Joseph Benyo who sweet-talked a few friends into saving the building. The Friends of Nankin Mills is their legacy, and the group now works tirelessly to support the preservation of the mill and the interpretive center housed in it.

"When I came on, Joe said don't listen to anybody, but the more I listened to him the more it was a gotcha," said Friends member Barb Polich of Westland. "Tom Brown said we need to find away to save the building, I thought it was signing up to help paint it."

"I pretty much got involved through Joe," added Jim Franklin, also of Westland. "I'd bring the kids here, they enjoyed it."

Saving the mill

The Friends formed in 1988 and received a \$40,000 grant, thanks to Northville resident Nancy Darga, who, at the time, was chief of design for Wayne County Parks. But that wasn't near enough money for what needed to be done.

"They were planning a parade for the Michigan sesquicentennial and it was going to come down Hines Drive and end here," said Friends president Denise Braun-Johnson of Livonia. "We talked about the condition of the building. The cedar shakes on the roof were falling off. It was in pretty bad shape, and the county wasn't able to put

FIRST FAMILIES

If you're a local history buff, you will definitely want to be at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 20. The Friends of Nankin Mills will present "First Families of Nankin Township."

The 90-minute program will tell the stories of local settlers Marcus Swift and William Osband brought their families to wilds of Michigan in 1825. They became prominent figures in the formation of Nankin Township, building the first schools, churches, anti-slavery societies and homes.

The program costs \$2 and \$3 for out of county residents. Learn more, or reserve a spot, by calling 734-261-1990.

The center is located at 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland.

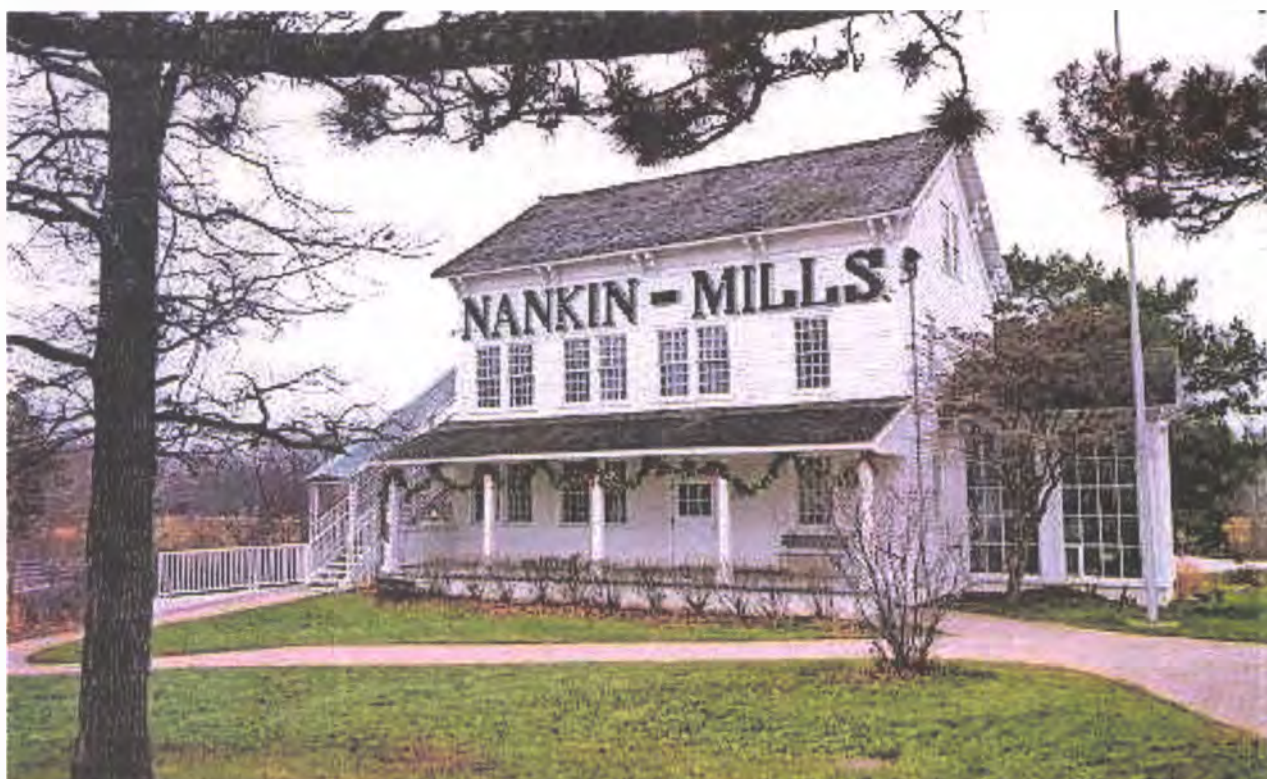
money into the building."

The county had acquired the mill 1948 from Clara Ford for \$1. It had been purchased by Henry Ford in 1918 and was one of his 20 Village Industries in Michigan. The project aimed to preserve rural values and farming by providing workers with a stable source of income.

"It was a social experiment," said naturalist Carol Clements. "The men could farm and then come in and work in the slow season to make extra money. He was upset that the men were leaving the farms to go work in the factory in Highland Park."

Nankin Mills was remodeled by Wayne County and reopened in 1958 as a nature center. Naturalist Mary Ellsworth oversaw the center that featured exhibits on history and live wild animals. It was in operation until 1980 when it was closed.

"It was sad," Clements said. "She had to get rid of everything, even the donated exhibits. Mary was a rehabilitationist.



The Friends of Nankin Mills has helped preserve the historic landmark that was once slated to be torn down.

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Carol Clements, a naturalist at Nankin Mills (from left), Jim Franklin, Don Nicholson, Daryl Bailey and Eric Rasmussen were all smiles when they took delivery of the Model T that will eventually be in the Interpretive Center.



Edison's generator is turned by the water turbine below. Hand wheels raise and lower the gate that controls flow.

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Some of the animals here couldn't be released into the wild."

A new use

The founding of the Friends of Nankin Mills, the group's partnership with Wayne County Parks and the parks millage helped breathe new life in the mill, transforming it into an interpretive center that looks at the area's Native American history, the Underground Railroad and its use as a Village

Industry.

The Friends have done numerous fundraisers like to raise money and interpretive programs like this Saturday's "First Families of Nankin Township." They decorate the mill at Christmas and

host the annual mill lighting in early December.

"The first time we decorated we had to talk to the fire inspector," Polich said. "We wanted to know what to do. We didn't want to find out that we had burned the

place down."

The Friends wish list for the mill includes restoring a Model T it purchased in 2012 and is in the process of restoring it. The plan is to put the car in a blocked-off area on the second floor of the mill where youngsters will be able to climb in, get behind the wheel and experience driving in its early form.

But their biggest wish is to find new friends. There are currently nine members and more are needed. People interested in joining can visit the Friends of Nankin Mills website, attend one of their events or send an email to Friends@nankin-mills.org.

"Pretty much everything started in 1988," Johnson said. "Now we want to get known so people know what's going on at Nankin Mills."

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NOTIFICATION OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS / QUALIFICATIONS FOR PROFESSIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW CONSULTING SERVICES

The City of Livonia-Housing Commission (LHC) is seeking proposals from qualified firms to provide Environmental Testing and Consulting services for the pre-development work to construct 100 affordable housing apartments on a 9 acre site in Section 30 in the City of Livonia. This project is an expansion of the existing senior housing development, Newburgh Village, and it is planned to obtain funding and begin construction in 2016/17. The project will be funded in part with federal funds and all applicable federal and state laws will apply to this project.

The selected firm will provide technical services in accordance with the guidelines, standards and limitations contained hereto and incorporated herein as part of the Proposal Documents.

Proposal documents will be available as of June 18, 2015 at the LHC Office located at 19300 Purlingbrook, Livonia, MI 48152, between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm. All proposals must be returned to the LHC on or before July 7, 2015 at 2:00 pm, at which time all proposals shall be publicly opened.

For additional information regarding the request for proposals/qualifications contact James M. Inglis, Housing Director at jinglis@ci.livonia.mi.us, Subject Line to Read: ER RFP NVII

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OUR VIEWS

Community, staff need to work with new superintendent of Garden City Schools

Garden City Public Schools is starting a new chapter with the departure of Superintendent Michelle Cline on Monday. The school board is interviewing candidates for the position in a search for her replacement.

The hope is that whoever is hired will be able to right the ship. It won't be easy because the new person will face the same problems Cline did: declining enrollment, a budget deficit and disenchanting employees.

The school board had high hopes when it hired Cline. She was young and energetic and had plenty of ideas to move the district forward.

She wasn't afraid to leave her office and get into the classroom to work with students. She opened the Discovery Center to further their study in science and prepare them for the state's MEAP tests. She

launched the Cougars Care Cafe, a clothing bank and food pantry to help residents in need. She also recognized the work of students, staff and the community with her Hometown Spirit Awards, Shining Star and Above and Beyond certificates.

But those positive efforts have been marginalized in light of the problems she incurred with employees and the district finances.

Under her tenure, the district privatized transportation, closed one school and reconfigured its elementary program to handle finances. And even with those changes, the district still faces a \$4 million deficit with little left to cut to balance the budget.

Employees have been asked for 15 percent in concessions, a bitter pill to swallow considering they have given back many times in the past. Enrollment is continuing to drop, something surrounding dis-

tricts also are experiencing, and the challenge is to provide a quality educational program for less.

If Cline had a weak spot, it was her speaking the truth. She said what she felt needed to be said and many times was castigated for it. Unfortunately, she may be remembered more for what she said than the good things she did for the district.

Now is the time for employees and the community to set aside their differences and work with the new superintendent. Nothing can be resolved by a continuation of the battles that Cline fought. This is an opportunity for all sides to work together for the betterment of the school district and the students. The future of the Garden City Public Schools is at stake. It will take the entire village to save it, and that has to start now.

Happy Father's Day to the best dad there is — yours

There are more than 70 million fathers across the nation who boast a bevy of talents and impact their children in a variety of ways.

But each Father's Day, it becomes a competition, with people proudly posting on social media or in a card from their local Hallmark store that their dad is the best.

You know what? He should be held in such high regard. Mothers tend to get most of the recognition, and rightfully so, but the role of a father in today's world is of utmost importance.

More and more dads are expanding their roles, too, getting involved with parent teachers associations, helping with homework and cooking meals for the family. The U.S. Census Bureau also noted that in 2013 there were 214,000 stay-at-home dads with children younger than 15 who chose to stay home while their wife works.

According to the Father's Day Index 2015 put together by insure.com, dad's work around the house is valued at \$25,709 annually, compared to mom, whose value is \$65,284. The figure is based on Bureau of Labor Statistics wages for household task fathers commonly perform and does not include salary from a ca-



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reer.

Dad has some work to do, but — compared to five years ago, when his value was \$20,415 — he has made some strides.

But for everything dad doesn't do to keep up with mom in terms of monetary value for work around the

house, he makes up for it with actions that often go unnoticed. He is the one who protects you when times are tough, but also lets you fail just enough so you learn how to overcome.

Dad is typically the guy holding the back of your seat when you ride your bike for the first time, as well as the one scooping you off the ground when you inevitably fall.

He's the one standing at the door striking fear into every guy who takes you on a date, as well as holding you close when tears run down your face when your heart is broken. He's the guy who teaches his son about being a man, as well as that being a man isn't a sometimes thing, but an everyday thing.

Dad may not always wear his emotion on his sleeve, but dad always cares. You never want to disappoint him but, regardless, he is always proud of you.

Simply put, dad is the best. And not just Father's Day, when you take him to the golf course, give him a break from the grill or buy him that tie he never wants to wear but does it just for you. Dad should be recognized for exactly that — being better than 70 million others just like him.

LETTERS

Reason for term limits

There was a great editorial by Stephen Henderson in the Sunday Free Press regarding term limits. We have term limits for one reason and one reason only: We are too lazy to vote.

We reelected Kwame Kilpatrick. We reelected Bob Ficano. We reelected the Wayne County Commission. And to protect us from ourselves, the state legislature came up with term limits. So now we can't reelect Glen Anderson. We can't reelect Bob Kosowski. We can't reelect all the good legislators that do happen to come along.

I realize that we'll probably never get to repeal that law because the state legislature is starting to take that away from us, too. They feel it's absolutely necessary to pass a law that cannot be voted on. Think about that. They think they are the only ones who should run the state. Not us.

They redraw districts just so they can predetermine what party will run that area. Then when the other party wins, they redraw the districts again. And we reelect them.

Skip Wehrle
Garden City

No to gay marriage

How can the Supreme Court vote on the truth regarding same sex marriage, when the truth is the truth is the truth.

The purpose of marriage is to procreate a new life, and no matter how hard two homosexuals may try, they cannot bring about a new life. All they have to do is stand in front of a full length mirror, take off all of their clothes and see that their parts don't fit together.

The Supreme Court will be making a grave mistake if they vote to legalize these

illicit unions.

Dolores Kapanke
Garden City

Inspect car before travel

If you are hitting the road this summer, you will have lots of company. With millions of Americans taking road trips, the last thing you need is car trouble. A simple pre-trip driveway vehicle inspection helps ensure a safe and stress-free journey.

» Check all fluids, including engine oil, power steering and brake and transmission, as well as windshield washer solvent and antifreeze/coolant.

» Check the hoses and belts that can become cracked, brittle, frayed, loose or show signs of excessive wear. These are critical to the proper functioning of the electrical system, air conditioning, power steering and the cooling system.

» Check the tires, including tire pressure and tread. Uneven wear indicates a need for wheel alignment. Tires should also be checked for bulges and bald spots.

» Check the wipers and lighting so that you can see and be seen. Check that all interior and exterior lighting is working properly and inspect and replace worn wiper blades so you can see clearly when driving during precipitation. Keep the reservoir filled with solvent.

If you find your vehicle needs service, repairs can be performed before your drive begins. The nonprofit Car Care Council offers many free tools on its website to help you drive smart, save money and be car care aware, including the popular 80-page Car Care Guide and a custom service schedule and email reminder service.

Rich White

Executive Director
Car Care Council

Community ed good as dead

Livonia Public Schools will no longer be printing the Community Education catalog for mail distribution to the 45,000-50,000 households in the Livonia school district. Instead of this marketing tool, the YMCA will have to rely solely on a Web presence (YMCA website PDF of the catalog) and a handful of fliers, which have both been existing methods already.

This isn't the first time that the LPS has tried to get rid of this vital program in our city. Livonia public schools tried to shut down their community education department years ago, and if it were not for the YMCA stepping in to run this program it would have been lost altogether. In recent years, the program was starting to slowly recapture some new and exciting classes. Now, without a publication going out to the citizens of Livonia it is as good as dead.

There are other methods to cut costs, if that is indeed the issue. Why not consolidate the classes into a few chosen schools thus cut the costs of keeping all the schools available for classes. Or perhaps, only offer classes three nights a week instead of five.

Livonia strives to be a growing, vital community and yet the school system is not working for the residents but seems hell bent on destroying any efforts to help promote education beyond K-12 grades. These classes are run at bare minimum costs; try taking classes at this level at Schoolcraft College and compare the costs.

Other communities, Garden City, Westland, Plymouth/Canton, Dearborn, have thriving community education programs that are promoted and encouraged by their school board, why doesn't our city have that same attitude?

Danisa M. Saltarelli
Livonia

GUEST COLUMN

Dad is just another name for ...

Right off the bat, I'm going to start by stating the obvious: Father's Day is the proverbial stepchild of the spring-time holiday season.

C'mon. You know I'm right. Tell me that it doesn't take a backseat to the perennial favorite, Mother's Day, and the bevy of graduation parties that follow in its wake?

The truth is, Dad deserves a little more. More than the obligatory greeting card, a set of power tools, or — if he's lucky — that stainless steel gas grill he's had an eye on at the local home improvement store.

Let's be honest. Dads are the bee's knees, and we know that we — sons, daughters, wives — don't say thank you nearly as often as we should.

But we know your worth is invaluable, Dad. We know this because we watch you, and we see every single thing you do for us.

We see all the hats you wear. We see the time you put in. And we know that for a title that packs three tiny letters, the name dad signifies much, much more.

Dad is just another name for Steward of the Honey-Do List: You change light bulbs in the garage, get the dents out of Radio-Flyer wagons and make sure the family vehicle has windshield wiper fluid.

Dad is just another name for the Disciplinarian: Because "Wait until your father gets home" isn't just a catchphrase — and your expression of disapproval stings far more than your sons and daughters will ever let on. And just so you know, this will probably ring true until your children turn 80.

Dad is just another name for Bedtime Monster Chaser: That tall, purple monster with craters in his fur? The one that looks like he could be the cousin of Muno from Yo Gabba Gabba? You know, the one that rears his one-eyed head every night, just before your young daughter drifts off into REM sleep? Yeah, that one. You are the only one who can make him disappear.

Dad is just another name for the Backbone: Whether you spend your days in a corner office, a cubicle, warehouse lifting heavy machinery, or an 18-wheeler driving across the country, the bottom line is that you do what you do so that we can live how we live.

Dad is just another name for Mr. Mom: We are grateful for the time you take to get dinner on the table in a pinch, and we are most appreciative of your tolerance of kiddie music during carpoos.

Dad can also serve as another name for the Coach: You are not just the guy who shows up to the field every weekday at 3 p.m. on the dot — rain or shine — to supervise practice and then lead from the sidelines during games. You are also the guy who believes in the long shot; the guy who personifies perseverance in everything he does; the guy who once bought a bag of groceries for the family of one of his players during a rough patch and never told a soul about it.

But, by far, the biggest gift given by any dad is his presence.

You are there for us, and you show up day, after day, after day.

And for that reason — above all else — we thank you.

Wayne resident Courtney Conover is a mom of two, the wife of former Detroit Lions offensive lineman Scott Conover, and a certified yoga instructor. When she's not on her yoga mat, she's blogging at www.thebrowngirlwithlonghair.com and oversharing on Facebook at www.facebook.com/thebrowngirlwithlonghair and on Instagram at instagram.com/officialcourtneyconover



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GIRLS SOCCER

Ladywood's Shingledecker resigns after eight seasons

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Livonia Ladywood is searching for a new girls soccer coach following the resignation of Ken Shingledecker, who is stepping down after eight seasons.

Shingledecker guided the Blazers to a 14-6-4 record during the 2015 season as the Blazers captured their sixth district title and reached the Division 2 regional final before losing to Trenton, 1-0.

Shingledecker cited family reasons for walking away.

"I just think it's more where I'm at with the kids now and they're are involved heavily in things," he said. "It just became a tough deal to find the time to coach two high school teams in one calendar year. I'm going to keep the (Livonia) Stevenson (boys) job. I just think it was time to move on from Ladywood. It's been good for the last eight years, but it's just time for me to be at home



Shingledecker

a little bit, especially during the spring time."

During his eight seasons at Ladywood, Shingledecker compiled an overall record of 121-40-28, which also included three regional crowns and three trips to the final four. His 2011 squad reached the 2011 MHSAA Division 2 state championship game before losing to Plainwell, 2-1.

Shingledecker also guided the Blazers to a pair of Catholic League A-B Division championships.

Joe Carver, Shingledecker's JV coach the past two seasons,

may be the heir apparent. He is the brother of new Schoolcraft College women's coach Dave Carver.

"I actually coached him at Madonna (University)," Shingledecker said. "He coaches with me at A.C. Milan Detroit and I think he's in line to get it. I don't know what Vic Fournier (Ladywood's A.D.) has decided completely yet, but he (Carver) is the one the girls want and I think it would be a wise choice to make that happen."

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Lions youth football camp

The Observer & Eccentric has partnered with Detroit Lions Youth Football Camp again for a chance to win a scholarship to an upcoming football camp.

The promotion was announced in the most recent edition of Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights, which published last week in local O&E newspapers.

The promotion is open to girls and boys ages 6-14. Youths can submit an essay of 50 words or less telling why they want to attend the camp.

Parents are asked to submit the letter, along with a photo of the youth, youth's name, age, community of residence and phone number, to cbjordan@michigan.com with the subject line "Football Camp Contest."

All letters must be received by Monday, June 22, to qualify. The winners will be announced in a future edition of Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights.

Winners will have the chance to select from one of the following camp locations: Canton: June 29 through July 2, 8:30 a.m. to noon; Brighton: July 11-12, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; White Lake: July 20-23, 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Titans to host lacrosse camp

The University of Detroit Mercy men's lacrosse team will host the Titan Elite Camp June 29-July 1 at Titan Field.

The camp is open to boys ages 14-18 (rising ninth-graders through graduating seniors) who are serious about taking their game to the next level and are looking for a highly competitive environment to improve their game.

The camp will take place on UDM campus and will be directed by the Detroit coaching staff, as well as other college coaches and players.

For players who are interested in playing at the college level, there is no better opportunity to vastly improve your game and receive exposure to the different aspects of NCAA Division I lacrosse.

The camp includes six-on-six field instructional sessions and practices, three film sessions, strength and conditioning introduction, classroom session on performance psychology, recruiting process Q&A and wall-ball seminar.

The cost is \$425 for those staying overnight on campus and \$350 for those attending the day camp.

Contact Detroit assistant coach Jeff Turner at lacrosseindetroit@gmail.com or jturnerj92@gmail.com.

BOWLING FEATURE

PIN CRASHER

McCann has been stringing together strikes for decades

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Livonia resident Bill McCann is approaching his 90th birthday with all the energy that one of his bowling shots carries into the pocket.

McCann, who will be 89 for just a few more days, is showing no signs of settling for spares during his twice-a-week bowling get-togethers with longtime friends at Livonia's Woodland Lanes.

On May 16, the Ford Motor Co. retiree rolled a sterling 277 game that included 11 strikes and just one third-frame spare.

"I bowled games of 171 and 172 my first two games," McCann said, reflecting on his magical performance last month. "Going into my third game, I was just trying to get a 500 series and a 200 game, but everything just kind of clicked. The strikes just kept coming."

McCann has enjoyed an on-again, off-again relationship with bowling for the past 75 years.

"I started bowling when I was 15, but then kind of dropped out of it once I got married," he said. "I came back in my mid-20s and then gave it up for a while when I was in my mid-40s."

"After I retired, a bunch of guys from St. Maurice's (Catholic Church) started coming up here to bowl because we wanted to give Father Jack something to do on his day off. Father Jack had to give it up after a couple a years because his knees gave out, but we kept on bowling."

McCann has stayed active throughout his retirement years. He played in a co-ed volleyball league until he was 81.

"Bowling is my social life now," he said. "It gives me something to do."



ED WRIGHT

Livonia resident Bill McCann is pictured during a break in his Tuesday-morning bowling get-together at Woodland Lanes. McCann recently rolled a 277 game.

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BORDER CLASSIC ALL-STAR GAME

Longtime friends, teammates play their last football game together

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

When it came time to close the book on their memorable six-year football career together, recent Livonia Churchill graduates Brian Alsobrooks and Matt Skibinski went out in style.

Wearing the gray-and-blue colors of Team Michigan, the longtime friends played their last game together – barring a reunion in the NFL, which isn't inconceivable – Saturday afternoon at Wayne State University in the second annual Border Classic All-Star Game.

Following the same successful script they followed for the Livonia Orioles junior football

team and with the Chargers, the duo played pivotal roles in Michigan's 24-7 victory over an all-star team from Ohio.

Alsobrooks served as the hosts' kicker and punter, booting a field goal, three extra points and a punt. He also quarterbacked the winners' final drive of the game.

Skibinski played more than half of the game as Michigan's left offensive tackle, protecting his quarterbacks' blind-side like he did for Alsobrooks since the pair were in seventh grade.

Alsobrooks is headed to Eastern Michigan University, where he will kick, punt and battle for time at QB, while Skibinski is destined for Mi-

ami of Ohio, where he will continue his stellar offensive-line play.

Barring red-shirts seasons by either former Charger – or both – the duo will meet again on the gridiron Nov. 7 when the Eagles travel to Miami.

Skibinski and Alsobrooks converged on the Wayne State campus on Wednesday to meet their Team Michigan teammates, practice for Saturday's game and participate in several community-service projects.

"Overall, it was a great experience," Alsobrooks said. "I was able to play with and meet some great players, and we helped out at Gleaner's



SUBMITTED

Recent Livonia Churchill graduates Matt Skibinski (left) and Brian Alsobrooks represented Michigan in Saturday's Michigan-Ohio Border Classic football game at Wayne State University.

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SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

Stevenson summer hockey camp

The Livonia Stevenson Summer Hockey Camp will be held July 6-21 at the Eddie Edgar Ice Arena. The camp will include on-ice and off-ice sessions. The camp will be run by Head Coach David Mitchell, his staff and former Stevenson players. Camp will cover skill development, position development and scrimmages.

For more information and a summer camp packet, contact head coach David Mitchell at dmitchel@livoniapublicschools.org

Franklin 'Future Stars' baseball camp

The Livonia Franklin High School "Future Stars" summer baseball camp will be held from 9 a.m. to noon June 22-25 on the Franklin varsity baseball field (or in the field house, in case of poor weather).

The camp is designed for baseball players (both boys and girls) who are currently exiting second through eighth

grades.

The camp, which will be orchestrated by the Patriots coaching staff, will consist of four days of sport-specific skill-building.

The \$60 registration fee includes a camp T-shirt. The registration deadline is Friday, June 19.

To register, visit franklinpatriotsbaseball.com. For more information, contact Matt Fournier at mfournie2@livonia.k12.mi.us or 734-968-0499.

Lady Spartans basketball camp

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

Girls entering grades 4-9 are eligible to participate.

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

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



son and a T-shirt.

For more information, contact Stevenson head coach Tim Newman at tnewman@livoniapublicschools.org.

Churchill football camp

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

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

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

For more information and a registration form, visit churchill.livoniapublicschools.org.

Churchill boys basketball camp

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

Churchill hockey camp

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

For more information, contact head coach Jason Reynolds at JayRey48152@gmail.com.

Churchill soccer camp

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

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

For more information, email mgrodzic@livoniapublicschools.org or rfriedri@livoniapublicschools.org.

GC football camps

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

The Garden City football program will host its youth football camp July 20-21 and July 27-28 for all 10- to 13-year-old student-athletes at the GCHS varsity game

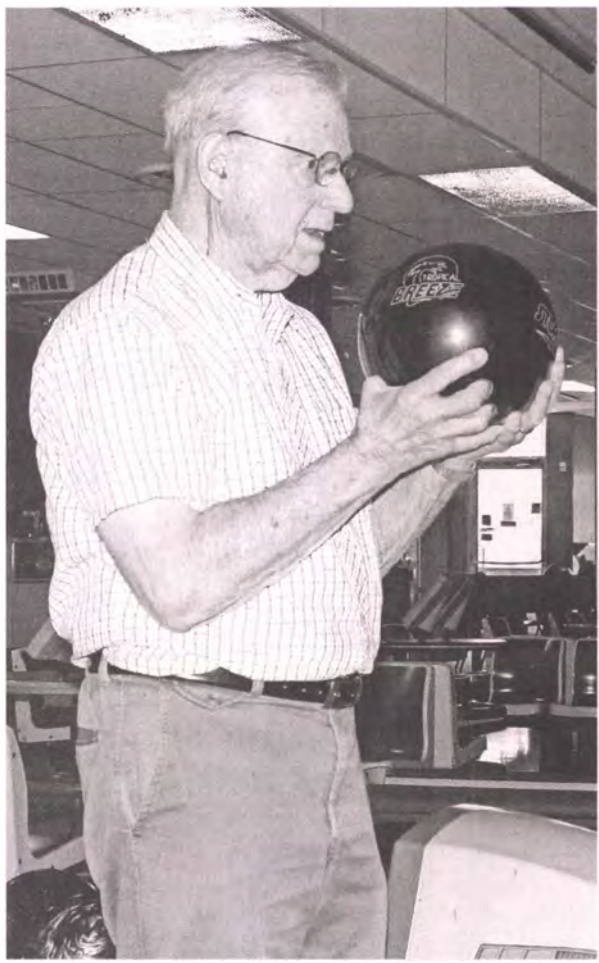
field. Cost for the camps is \$50 total (all four days), if registered by June 5. All campers will receive a T-shirt. For more information, visit www.gccougarcountry.com.

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

Madonna volleyball camps

Madonna University will be offering a variety of volleyball camps this summer, including an advanced (elite) and general all-skills camps June 22-25, a setters and hitters camp session 1 June 29-July 2, and a hitters camp session 2 and defensive camps July 6-9.

For more information, contact head coach Jerry Abraham at 734-432-5612 (during the day) or 734-3128 (in the evening).



ED WRIGHT

Bill McCann lines up a shot during Tuesday's three-game series at Woodlands Lanes.

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McCann said he flirted with a 300 game just once – over six decades ago.

"When I was 25, I started a game with 10 strikes in a row," he remembered. "On the 11th ball I hit the Brooklyn side and all but one pin went down – it wobbled, but wouldn't fall.

"That was back when I threw a spinner; the

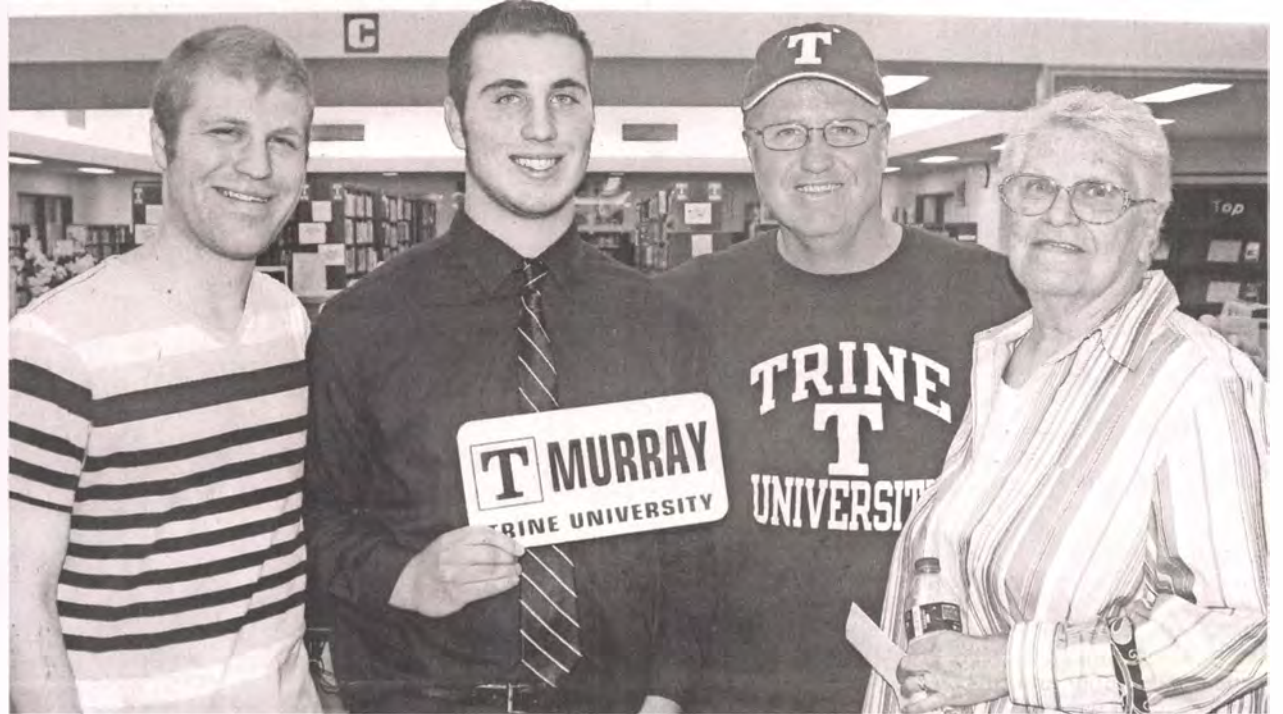
ball would spin all the way down the lane."

On Tuesday, moments after he revealed he had been in a mini slump – "I haven't bowled a 200 since my 277 game," he said – McCann opened his third game of the morning with four straight strikes, which drew good-natured jokes from his colleagues.

"I can't wait until I'm 90 so I can bowl like that," one of McCann's pals said.

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Trine is fine for Murray



ED WRIGHT

Recent Livonia Churchill graduate Jonathan Murray (second from left) is pictured with his brother Justin, his dad Bruce and his grandmother Rena Ayers. Murray signed a letter of intent to play collegiate baseball for Trine University in Ohio.



SUBMITTED

Matt Skibinski and Brian Alsobrooks are pictured prior to a Livonia Orioles game when they were both in eighth grade.

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Food Bank, doing some packaging in their warehouse.

"Getting a chance to play one more game with Matt was awesome. We've been playing together since the seventh grade, so it was nice to be on the same team again, especially in such a big game."

Skibinski said the opportunity to practice for three days against the type of top-flight defensive linemen he'll be squaring off against in college was beneficial.

"Being able to go up against guys like Keontae Stallworth (who is headed to Michigan State) and Eddy Wilson (Purdue) was helpful because it gave me an

idea of what I'll be facing at Miami," he said. "I thought I held my own pretty well. I mean, they'd win some battles and I'd win some."

"The best part about the whole experience, though, was being able to play another game with my teammate and best friend (Alsobrooks). It was a very memorable experience."

The two Churchill players were among just 40 from Michigan who were selected to play in the game.

Westland John Glenn's Deshawn Baker-Williams also competed for the Michigan team. Baker-Williams, who plays both offensive and defensive line, will play at the next level for Central Michigan University.

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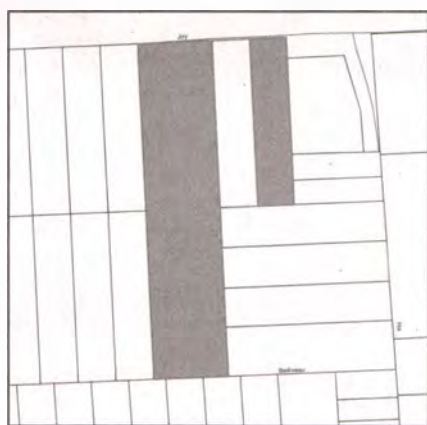
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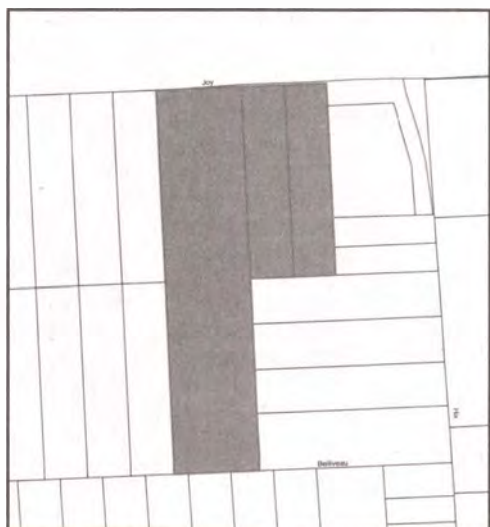
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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE

The City of Westland Summer 2015 tax bills will be mailed on or about July 1, 2015. The Summer Tax Bills are payable through Monday, August 17, 2015, without additional interest.

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PUBLIC NOTICE MINUTES OF REDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETINGS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the approved Minutes for meetings of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Redford for the month of May 2015 are posted at the following public places within the Township:

- Community Center, 12121 Hemingway
- Fire Department, 15145 Beech Daly
- Library, 25320 Six Mile Road
- Department of Public Services, 12200 Beech Daly
- Police Department, 25833 Elsinore
- Town Hall, 15145 Beech Daly

Approved Minutes may also be viewed on-line at www.redfordtwp.com

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LIVONIA COLLEGIATE BASEBALL LEAGUE

Crazy 8's: Rams, Lightning deadlocked

Rams earn single point after overcoming eight-run deficit

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Down 8-0 early, the Michigan Rams regrouped in time to earn an 8-8 draw against the Southfield Lightning in a Livonia Collegiate Base-

ball League contest played June 12 at Bicentennial Park in Livonia.

The result left the Rams with a 5-1-1 mark while the Lightning's record is 1-6-1.

The game was halted after seven innings due to darkness. Teams are awarded one point in the LCBL standings for a tie (and two for a win).

The Lightning managed to score eight runs

despite collecting just three hits — two off the bat of Jeturi Brown, who also racked up two RBI, and one from D.J. Wade.

The Rams' offensive onslaught was spearheaded by Nolan Page (2-for-4, run, two RBI), Zack McGuire, who clouted two home runs and knocked in four, and James Hall, who went 2-for-3 with a pair of ribbies.

Also chipping in for the Rams were Jack Driscoll (run), Westen Price (run), Ben Hart (run) and Kevin O'Malley, who finished 1-for-3 with a run.

Stifling the Lightning hitters over the final four frames were Rams pitchers McGuire and Tyler Thompson. McGuire struck out four and walked two without yielding a hit in the

fourth and fifth stanzas before giving way to Thompson, who fanned four and walked just one over two hitless frames.

Southfield plated one run in the first before tacking on four in the second and three more in the third.

The Rams' rally started in the third when they scored twice. They added two more in the fourth and four in the

fifth. The Rams ripped a pair of hits in the sixth, but were unable to push home the winning run.

Three Lightning players scored two runs each: Brent Kline, Travis Tarrence and John Weatherspoon. Wade and Clem Jackson both scored single runs for Southfield.

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PREP SOFTBALL

Mercy catcher Sobczak named 'Miss Softball'

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Alex Sobczak rarely takes a day off from honing her softball skills and working to be the best she can be at her sport.

It's that type of dedication and effort that resulted in Sobczak winning the 2015 Miss Softball Position Player Award.

The senior catcher is the first Farmington Hills Mercy player to receive the award, which is presented by the Michigan High School Softball Coaches Association.



Sobczak

"I get 500 to a thousand extra swings outside of practice each week," Sobczak

said. "I love doing it, so it's not a pain or anything. It's fun.

"As far as fielding, I try to get my reps in and field an extra 100 to 200 balls as well when I get somebody to hit ground balls."

Sobczak started her high school career as a shortstop, moved to third base as a junior and finished it last week as a catcher. Along the way, she played every position on the field, including pitcher.

"Coach (Alec Lesko) tried me behind the plate, because our catcher was out," Sobczak said. "As a catcher, I strive to call pitches the batters are not expecting and get them off balance.

"I try to support my pitcher back there. Once we get a strikeout, it's fun to experience it with her."

Sobczak, who had a .965 career fielding percentage, has taken a liking to being a catcher and now enjoys playing that position the most.

"I feel like I have control of the game," she said. "It's kind of a challenge to make sure nobody steals on me and to help my pitcher out in that spot."

Sobczak, who will play for the University of Michigan next year, anticipates being a catcher for the NCAA Division I finalists, too.

"We had a senior catcher, so it looks like they're going to need me behind the plate," she said. "If I'm swinging (the bat), that's where I'll play next year.

"My goal is just to get on the field my freshman



Mercy's Alex Sobczak gets ready to bat in a 2014 regional tournament game with Canton.

JOHN KEMSKI



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Alex Sobczak demonstrated her versatility by playing catcher this year, too.

year whether it's left field or behind the plate. I just want to help my team win a national championship."

Swing the bat is something Sobczak did well throughout her prep career. She was a prolific hitter with a .524 batting average over four years.

She also had 40 doubles, 14 triples and 40 home runs, scored 210 runs and collected 151 RBI. Her on-base percentage was .645 and

slugging percentage 1.063. Sobczak was not your usual lead-off batter, possessing far more power than most, but she had the same ability to get on base and produce runs.

"I had more at-bats and hit a little bit more for average," she said. "I could start off the momentum for the team and it seemed to work. With my travel team, I'm used to hitting after slap hit-

ters, but it was a challenge and I liked it."

After three seasons on the prep circuit, Sobczak's reputation as a hitter preceded her this year, and opposing teams frequently opted to take the bat out of her hands.

She received 18 intentional passes the past season. Pitchers were no doubt conservative in the way they pitched to her the other 21 times she was walked, too.

"Obviously, when you

go up there, you're looking to get more reps and plate appearances," Sobczak said. "It was definitely frustrating. But it was great to get on, too.

"We had Sophia Vannacker batting behind me and often coming through in the clutch. When they put me on, she hit me around. That made it easier to deal with.

"My focus was on helping her at-bat and making it hurt that they put me on in the first place."

Sobczak still had an outstanding year at the plate, hitting .440 with seven doubles, five triples, six home runs and 33 RBI. She had 11 stolen bases and scored a team-best 58 runs.

"Being a competitor like myself, I'm never exactly satisfied no matter what my stats are at the end of the year, especially this year, coming so close to a state championship," Sobczak said.

"I think I could have done a little better. But I was happy with career at Mercy and glad I could

make an impact for the organization."

The Marlins won at least 25 games every year and were 107-20 during Sobczak's career. They were 27-4 this year, won a regional championship and were Division 1 state semifinalists.

"I got a lot of individual awards, which I'm honored to have, but there's nothing like coming together as a team and playing for each other," Sobczak said. "That's what I'll remember most from high school and what a great year it was."

With the focus on winning a state championship, Sobczak hadn't given much thought to the Miss Softball Award until Lesko called her last weekend to tell her she had won.

"I was kind of speechless; I couldn't even believe it," she said. "I knew I might be up for it, but I wasn't sure. Some other players were just as deserving. It was good to see all my hard work paid off."

WHISTLE WHILE YOU WORK

MHSAA accepting officials' registrations for upcoming 2015-16 seasons

The Michigan High School Athletic Association is accepting registrations by mail and online for game officials for the 2015-16 school year.

The MHSAA annually receives registration by more than 10,000 officials, and had 10,305 during the 2014-15 school year. The highest total of officials registered for basketball, 4,469, with football, baseball and softball all with more than 2,000 registered officials during this

school year.

For all new and returning officials, those who register online again will receive a \$5 discount off their processing fees. A \$12 fee is charged for each sport in which an official wishes to register, and the on-line processing fee is \$30. Officials submitting registration forms by mail or on a walk-up basis will incur a \$35 processing fee. Officials registered in 2014-15 will be assessed a late fee of \$30 for registration after

Aug. 3. The processing fee includes liability insurance coverage up to \$1 million for officials while working contests involving MHSAA schools.

Online registration can be accessed by clicking "Officials" on the home page of the MHSAA Website at www.mhsaa.com. Forms also are available online that can be printed and submitted by traditional mail or hand delivery to the MHSAA Office. More information about

officials registration may be obtained by contacting the MHSAA at 1661 Ramblewood Drive, East Lansing, MI, 48823, by phone at 517-332-5046 or by e-mail at register@mhsaa.com.

There is an officials' registration test for first-time officials and officials who were not registered during the past school year. The test consists of 45 questions derived from the MHSAA Officials Handbook, which also is available on the officials page

of the MHSAA website. Additional 50-question exams must be taken by those registering for football or basketball for the first time or those who were not registered for those sports during the previous school year. Manuals for both sports also are available on the officials page.

The MHSAA is a private, not-for-profit corporation of voluntary membership by more than 1,400 public and private senior high schools and junior high/

middle schools which exists to develop common rules for athletic eligibility and competition. No government funds or tax dollars support the MHSAA, which was the first such association nationally to not accept membership dues or tournament entry fees from schools. Member schools which enforce these rules are permitted to participate in MHSAA tournaments, which attract more than 1.4 million spectators each year.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Fall softball

A managers' meeting for the Livonia Parks and Recreation Department men's and co-ed fall softball leagues is slated for Wednesday, July 8, at 7 p.m.

The projected starting date for the leagues is Aug. 17.

The men's leagues will play games on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, while the co-ed league will play on Sunday. All games are scheduled as double-headers.

Registration for new teams begins July 9 at 8:30 a.m. at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, which is located at 15100 Hubbard Rd.

The entry fee is \$400 per team, plus a \$30 additional fee for each player who does not reside in Livonia. This additional fee for each team is capped at \$210. There is also a \$15 per-team umpire fee. For more information call 734-466-2414.

Fall basketball

The Livonia Parks and Recreation Department will be offering a men's fall basketball league, which is projected to start Sept. 7.

A managers' meeting for the league is scheduled for Wednesday, July 8, at 7:30 p.m. at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, which is located at 15100 Hubbard Rd.

This meeting is for new teams, however, representatives of returning teams can attend.

Ladywood golf outing

The annual Ladywood golf outing will be held Monday at Walnut Creek Country Club, which is located at 25501 Johns Road in South Lyon.

To register online, visit www.ladywood.org/.

Softball champs!



The Gerou Chiropractic softball club recently captured the men's Thursday night E League Championship (White Division) at Canton Softball Center. The squad finished with an 11-3 record, giving Gerou-and-predecessor teams league championships in five decades beginning in 1979. Team members include (front row, from left) Harry Stoddard, Mike Gerou, Chris Egged, Bill Otto and Brandon Giacchina and (back row, from left) John Barry, Dr. Tom Gerou, Steve Damron, Todd Bergman, Dale Giacchina, Shane Borton, Elaine Gerou, Ryan Fogoros and Nolan Gerou. Also on the team are Dean Allen and Jason Zemgulis.

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Dream come true for U-M's Wald

Former North Farmington softball star makes contribution to Wolverines' successful season

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Nikki Wald had the opportunity to play at Hall of Fame Stadium in Oklahoma City a few years ago with her travel softball team and dream of being there in the Women's College World Series.

Those lofty thoughts became reality earlier this month when the former North Farmington star returned as a member of the University of Michigan team, which finished second to Florida in the NCAA Tournament.

"That was a week or two after the World Series that year," Wald said, recalling her earlier visit. "My teammates were saying, 'Oh, my god, Florida was here' or 'Oklahoma was here last week.' They were kind of fan-girling over the teams that were there."

"It was kind of surreal to be that team that's playing for the national championship and knowing we'll have travel-ball

girls or younger fan-girling about us.

"It was kind of cool to be in that transition and see where I ended up, to be that collegiate girl now and know that younger players would be fan-girling over my team one day."

Wald's forte is running the bases and using her speed. As a first-year player, she had a limited but specific role for the Wolverines as a pinch runner. Wald appeared in 40 games and scored 20 runs.

"I was recruited to be a specialty runner," she said. "I knew that was what I was going to be doing. I enjoyed it. I liked it a lot. It allowed me to have my own way to contribute to the team. It was cool."

"I take pride in that role. I still practice playing the outfield, which is my primary position if I was to play. To know I could still contribute in my own way meant a lot to me."



Nikki Wald of Farmington Hills makes a diving slide into second base during a 10-2 win over Penn State in early May.

Helping the cause

Wald, who was recruited as a preferred walk-on after a four-year varsity career for the Raiders, did help the Wolverines win the Big Ten championship, compile a 60-8 record and reach the final round of the NCAA Tournament in her way.

"Another pinch runner and I don't take our roles too lightly," Wald said. "Every role is important even if it's cheering on your teammates."

It's still being a part of the team.

"It was awesome to get on the field. I knew it was going to be a more limited role. I was glad I had the chance to show what I could do and do what I love. I love running the bases."

The first time Wald thought she really made a contribution was a mid-season game in which she stole second and third bases on a ball in the dirt.

"That was the first time I got to show my skills," she said. "That was the first time I actually felt like I came to play and showed what I could do on the base paths."

Season highlight

Wald's favorite and most memorable moment occurred in Michigan's 6-3 win over LSU in an NCAA semifinal game. She stole third base and scored the tying run on an overthrow.

"We ended up pulling forward by a couple more runs, but that was a cool moment for me," Wald said.

In high school, Wald played right field her first year, but she spent most of her prep career at third base because of her ability to field bunts and to fill a need at that position.

As a leadoff batter, Wald hit .474 as a senior

despite a nagging hamstring injury and .456 for her career. She has the school record for career stolen bases with 58. She also had 196 hits and scored 157 runs over four years.

Wald expects to continue in her role as a specialty runner and is fine with that, emphasizing she doesn't take that responsibility lightly.

"I would be in the outfield if I was going to get into the field," she said, adding the Wolverines have a couple upper-classmen playing there now.

"Coach (Carol Hutchins) always says, 'I put the best nine out there, and you never know what's going to happen.' We all fight for our playing time during practice. We all want to get on the field."

Rookie season

As with most athletes going from high school to college, there was an adjustment period for Wald when she got to Michigan.

"The game itself, coming from high school and travel softball, is a whole new level of quickness and ability," she said. "It was definitely a step-up. It's a quicker game at the collegiate level."

"To get in there in really important games and contribute to our team's success helped my confidence and to realize I'm here for a reason, that I can hang and play with these girls at this level of competition."

Overall, it was a good first year for Wald, even though the Wolverines didn't win the national championship.

"It was absolutely amazing," she said. "Girls dream to get to where we were and play on the level we did. It was incredible to see our hard work pay off."

"It was a huge accomplishment (to get to the NCAA final round). It wasn't the best feeling to see the other team with the gold trophy. We still accomplished so much throughout the year."

"Every time I stepped on the field, I couldn't take the smile off my face, even in the most intense moments."

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Case #999B, Public Hearing for Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Pharmacy, 2074 S Wayne Road, Parcel #076-01-0014-001, West Side of Wayne Road, South of Palmer Road, Mohamad Charaf

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Case #2054B, Proposed Land Division, Parcel #027-03-0033-304, West Side of Webb Drive, South of Warren Road, Mario Sardo

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held at City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 7, 2015.

Written comments may be submitted to the Planning Commission before 5:00 p.m. one (1) day prior to the scheduled meeting.

Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman
Westland Planning Commission

June 18, 2015

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

Case #2099C, Proposed Land Division, Parcel #029-99-0006-706, South Side of Warren Road, West of Wayne Road, Jason A Horton

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PUBLICATION FOR: WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF PIERCE JUVENILE DEPARTMENT
THE STATE OF WASHINGTON TO
1. JAMAL ANDERSON, alleged father, of KAYLENN MAGEE: DOB: 7/19/09; Cause No. 15-7-00656-1; A Dependency Petition was filed on 3/23/15. An Amended Petition was filed on 5/5/15.
AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
A Fact Finding Hearing will be held on this matter on: July 7, 2015 at 1:30 P.M. at Pierce County Family and Juvenile Court, 5601 6th Avenue, Tacoma WA 98406.
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To request a copy of the Notice, Summons, and Dependency Petition, calls DSHS at 1-800-423-6246. To view information about your rights in this proceeding, go to www.atg.wa.gov/DPY.aspx.
DATED this 27th day of May 2015 by MARGARET PIWONSKI, Deputy County Clerk.
Published: June 11, 18, & 25, 2015
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Trade group: Commercial space demand varies by market

A stronger labor market and increasing household formation should keep commercial real estate demand on a gradual incline, according to the National Association of Realtors quarterly commercial real estate forecast.

National office vacancy rates are forecast to slightly decrease 0.1 percent over the coming year as the demand for office space slowly improves. The vacancy rate for industrial space is expected to decline 0.3 percent and retail space 0.4 percent as manufacturing output increases and low gas prices and slight income gains boost consumer spending. An influx in new apartment construction is forecast to cause an uptick (0.1 percent) in the multifamily vacancy rate.

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, says commercial rents have risen at a moderate pace across the board for several quarters now and vacancy rates have been on a gradual decline. "The commercial real estate sector is on the path to recovery, but subpar economic growth, lack of financing available to small investors and the industry trend towards squeezing more employees into existing spaces will keep demand from meaningful acceleration," he said. "The exception is multifamily housing, which remains the best performer with vacancy rates under 4 percent in several markets in the Northeast and in California."

According to Yun, job growth and increasing household formation among young adults is supporting continued, robust demand for apartments. However, vacancies are expected to slightly rise over the next year as a higher-than-anticipated climb in multifamily completions is coming onto the market to meet that demand.

Looking ahead, Yun expects the economy to slowly pick up in upcoming quarters after severe winter weather, a widening trade gap and port disputes on the West Coast dragged on gross domestic product growth in the first quarter. "Similar to last year, economic growth will likely rebound as the year progresses, although perhaps not as robustly as what was seen in 2014. However, as long as jobs are being added at a respectable pace, gradual increases in demand for commercial spaces and leasing projects should continue."



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NAR's latest *Commercial Real Estate Outlook* offers overall projections for four major commercial sectors and analyzes quarterly data in the office, industrial, retail and multifamily markets. Historic data for metro areas is provided by REIS Inc., a source of commercial real estate performance information.

According to NAR's recent *2015 Commercial Lending Trends Survey*, Realtor commercial members in the past year managed transactions averaging \$1.6 million per deal — frequently located in secondary and tertiary markets — and focused on small businesses and entrepreneurs.

Office vacancy rates are forecast to slightly decline from 15.6 percent in the second quarter to 15.5 percent in the second quarter of 2016.

The markets with the lowest office vacancy rates in the second quarter are New York City, at 8.9 percent; Washington, D.C., at 9.0 percent; San Francisco, at 10.6 percent; and Little Rock, Ark., and Portland, Ore. at 11.6 percent.

Office rents are projected to increase 3.4 percent this year and 3.7 percent in 2016. Net absorption of office space, which includes the leasing of new space coming on the market as well as space in existing properties, is likely to total 51.8 million square feet this year and 60.0 million in 2016.

Industrial vacancy rates are expected to fall from 8.4 percent in the second quarter to 8.1 percent in the second quarter of 2016.

The areas with the lowest industrial vacancy rates currently are Orange County, Calif., with a vacancy rate of 3.4 percent; Los Angeles, 3.6 percent; Miami, at 5.3 percent; Seattle, at 5.4 percent; and Palm Beach, Fla., at 5.5 percent.

Annual industrial rents should rise at a

clip of 3.1 percent both this year and in 2016. Net absorption of industrial space nationally is expected to total 108.8 million square feet in 2015 and 104.9 million square feet next year.

Vacancy rates in the retail market are expected to decline from 9.6 percent currently to 9.2 percent in the second quarter of 2016.

Currently, the markets with the lowest retail vacancy rates include San Francisco, at 3.0 percent; Orange County, Calif., and San Jose, Calif., at 4.6 percent; Fairfield County, Conn., at 4.7 percent; and Long Island, N.Y., 4.9 percent.

Average retail rents are forecast to rise 2.6 percent this year and 3.1 percent in 2016. Net absorption of retail space is likely to total 15.8 million square feet this year and jump to 21.1 million in 2016.

The apartment rental market should see vacancy rates slightly increase from 4.3 percent currently to 4.4 percent in the second quarter of 2016. Vacancy rates below 5 percent are generally considered a landlord's market, with demand justifying higher rent.

Areas with the lowest multifamily vacancy rates currently are San Bernardino-Riverside, Calif., at 2.5 percent; Sacramento, Calif., 2.6 percent; New Haven, Conn., and Providence, R.I. at 2.7 percent; and Cleveland, Ohio, Oakland-East Bay, Calif., and San Diego at 2.8 percent.

With an influx of new supply coming onto the market, average apartment rents are projected to increase 3.6 percent this year and at a slower pace of 3.3 percent in 2016. Multifamily net absorption is expected to total 172,524 units in 2015 and 153,747 next year.

The NAR commercial community includes commercial members; commercial real estate boards; commercial committees, subcommittees and forums; and the NAR commercial affiliate organizations — CCIM Institute, Institute of Real Estate Management, Realtors® Land Institute, Society of Industrial and Office Realtors®, and Counselors of Real Estate.

Approximately 70,000 NAR and institute affiliate members specialize in commercial brokerage and related services, and an additional 283,000 members offer commercial real estate services as a secondary business.

Downtown Denver a hot location

Q: We are thinking about moving to Colorado and, in particular, Denver. Do you have any idea about the housing or rental market there?

A: Denver is experiencing a tremendous boon in housing, both apartments and condominiums, particularly in the Downtown area. They are expanding their rapid transit and the fact that they legalized marijuana has not hurt the market. The average cost of a home in Denver is approximately \$335,000.00, and there are some neighborhoods where the homes average six million or more depending on where they are, particularly, in areas near the Cherry Creek Shopping Center, which has the most very high-end shops, and the joining neighborhoods are supplying high-end buyers. The rental market is also very strong with the average cost of a one bedroom apartment in excess of \$1,250.00. However, new construction permeates the Downtown area, but there is a rush for every new available home on the market.



Robert Meisner

Q: I am being sued by a condo association as their architect, and as far as I am concerned, I owe no duty to the association because I was hired by the developer and all we did was make recommendations to the developer who made the final decision on the elements of design and construction. Do you think I have any liability, because I haven't retained an attorney yet?

A: Based on a recent case out of the Supreme Court of California, you may have potential liability which is obviously dependent upon the facts of each case. The Supreme Court of California indicated that one has a common law duty, even though you were not in privity of contract with the Association. The Court noted that a declining significance of this privity requirement and indicated that third parties have recovered in contract and warranty claims against contractors and architects when their intended use was known and the injury or loss was foreseeable. In that particular case, the work was intended to benefit homeowners living in the units, a limited class of Plaintiffs, and because the principal architects were well compensated, there was a close connection between their conduct and the Plaintiffs' injuries, sufficient to attach moral blame. The Court also reasoned that because homeowners must rely on the architects' specialized services, a duty of care furthers the State's interests in preventing harm.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of "Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling and Operating a Condominium." He is also the author of "Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track," second edition. Visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 26-30, 2015, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
18924 Riverside Dr	\$350,000
32849 Robinhood Dr	\$270,000
30330 Woodhaven Ln	\$280,000
BIRMINGHAM	
1509 Chapin Ave	\$155,000
1231 E Lincoln St	\$440,000
1906 Graefield Rd	\$132,000
767 Hanna St	\$520,000
444 Pilgrim Ave	\$750,000
1207 Smith Ave	\$630,000
477 W Frank St	\$1,450,000
628 Watkins St	\$250,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
1520 Lone Pine Rd	\$400,000
1760 Wellington Ave	\$117,000
2645 Ayershire Dr	\$223,000
1550 Brandywine Dr	\$270,000
110 E Long Lake Rd	\$315,000
1885 Hillwood Dr	\$650,000
3645 Middlebury Ln	\$304,000
1671 Squirrel Rd	\$234,000
801 W Long Lake Rd # B1	\$109,000
40760 Woodward Ave	\$167,000
Unit 44	

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
2645 Ayershire Dr	\$199,000
1862 Chipping Way	\$365,000
301 Douglas Dr	\$131,000
880 E Long Lake Rd	\$417,000
1252 Indian Mound E	\$750,000
1190 Leinbach Ave	\$168,000
970 Lone Pine Rd	\$954,000
7236 Meadowlake Rd	\$470,000
3986 W Orchard Hill Dr	\$270,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
4957 Foothills Dr	\$260,000
2965 Ivy Hill Dr	\$370,000
5795 Strawberry Cir	\$60,000
5351 Weston Ct	\$200,000
FARMINGTON	
23175 Farmington Rd	\$164,000
31912 Lamar Dr	\$161,000
34105 State St	\$205,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
31645 Belmont St	\$250,000
35260 Blue Spruce Dr	\$262,000
34745 Bunker Hill Dr	\$225,000
27215 Cambridge Ln	\$485,000
21876 Colgate St	\$127,000
31164 Country Blf	\$130,000
29480 Cove Creek Ln	\$187,000
28511 Grayling Ave	\$68,000
25505 Hunt Club Blvd	\$265,000
31225 Leelane	\$163,000
21669 Middlebelt Rd	\$50,000
29115 Oak Point Dr	\$212,000

27997 Parkhill St	\$100,000
21046 Rensselaer St	\$125,000
37322 Timberview Ln	\$120,000
33719 W 9 Mile Rd	\$57,000
FRANKLIN	
32682 Inkster Rd	\$210,000
HIGHLAND	
651 Intervale Dr	\$63,000
3444 Oakridge Dr	\$91,000
2759 Overbrook	\$70,000
LATHRUP VILLAGE	
17578 Ramsgate Dr	\$145,000
MILFORD	
718 Bellevue	\$166,000
876 Panorama Ct	\$141,000
301 Riverbend St	\$363,000
3270 S Milford Rd	\$480,000
501 W Commerce St	\$120,000
NORTHVILLE	
789 Carpenter St	\$261,000
20853 W Glen Haven Cir	\$118,000
NOVI	
50584 Billenca Dr	\$664,000
22529 Cranbrooke Dr	\$94,000
27634 Cromwell Rd	\$308,000
44602 Ford Way Dr	\$335,000
45555 Freemont	\$320,000
46448 Galway Dr	\$656,000
22551 Halifax Ln	\$535,000
40135 Ladene	\$177,000
24801 Mallard Trail Ln	\$605,000
28027 Middleton Dr	\$234,000

44470 Midway Dr	\$345,000
23644 N Rockledge	\$73,000
24839 Overlook	\$701,000
30764 Tanglewood Dr	\$215,000
41772 Webster Ct	\$180,000
43100 Westchester Ct	\$438,000
SOUTH LYON	
597 Covington St	\$135,000
1162 Horseshoe Dr	\$250,000
1011 Oxford Ave	\$171,000
24384 Ravine Dr	\$545,000
61261 Richfield St	\$180,000
58657 Winnowing Cir S	\$73,000
SOUTHFIELD	
19148 Hilton Dr	\$39,000
28170 Inkster Rd	\$220,000
24125 Martha	\$145,000
Washington Dr	
20850 Northome St	\$220,000
30200 Southfield Rd # A208	\$50,000
5000 Town Ctr # 2602	\$133,000
18304 Winterset Dr	\$145,000
WHITE LAKE	
1236 Clearwater St	\$57,000
8475 Trenton Dr	\$260,000
8350 Vanden Dr	\$168,000
1302 Waverly Dr	\$177,000
67 Wildrose Dr	\$261,000
520 Woodstone Ct	\$65,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Feb. 16-20, 2015, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
7765 Alton St	\$139,000
2581 Brookfield St	\$179,000
2647 Cleveland Way	\$235,000
50410 Coolidge St	\$345,000
4131 Cornerstone Dr	\$127,000
3540 Empire State Dr	\$282,000
41796 Glade Rd	\$198,000
49531 Great Falls Rd	\$75,000
50326 Hancock St	\$385,000
46473 Killarney Cir	\$230,000
46501 Killarney Cir	\$225,000
46502 Killarney Cir	\$235,000
48151 Nottingham Ln	\$199,000
6566 Paul Revere Ln	\$164,000
41665 Pocattello Dr	\$190,000
4552 Pond Run	\$235,000
2058 Preserve Cir W	\$170,000
3874 Radcliff Dr	\$135,000
47633 Scenic Circle Dr S	\$236,000
1238 W Crystal Cir	\$235,000
GARDEN CITY	
2015 Cardwell St	\$72,000
29554 Dawson St	\$50,000
6647 Deering St	\$74,000
31004 Florence St	\$80,000
33551 Kathryn St	\$98,000
33710 Leona St	\$77,000

556 N Leona Ave	\$52,000
LIVONIA	
34404 Ann Arbor Trl	\$160,000
14560 Arden St	\$120,000
15351 Auburndale St	\$155,000
14882 Brookfield St	\$180,000
11609 Cavell St	\$28,000
8885 Crown St	\$95,000
14481 Ellen Dr	\$188,000
27811 Five Mile Rd	\$275,000
15120 Garden St	\$120,000
18984 Gillman St	\$29,000
31331 Grandon St	\$120,000
15055 Hubbard St	\$21,000
37676 Mallory Dr	\$162,000
16505 Middlebelt Rd	\$58,000
30091 Munger Dr	\$265,000
29545 Nottingham Ct	\$106,000
20358 Oporto Ave	\$265,000
18324 Pershing St	\$152,000
18797 Purlingbrook St	\$102,000
15381 Richfield St	\$155,000
38285 Roycroft Ct	\$203,000
31005 Roycroft St	\$155,000
14407 Sunbury St	\$138,000
32023 W Chicago St	\$205,000
19009 Wayne Rd	\$336,000
18280 Whitby St	\$129,000
15444 Williams St	\$185,000
NORTHVILLE	
15913 Morningside	\$166,000
49462 N Glacier	\$375,000
20636 Silver Spring Dr	\$265,000
45948 Tournament Dr	\$675,000
47035 W Main St	\$970,000

42024 Waterfall Rd	\$345,000
17766 Wildflower Dr	\$536,000
PLYMOUTH	
50439 Beechwood Ct	\$199,000
50492 Beechwood Ct	\$210,000
10110 Dorian Dr	\$355,000
8860 Elmhurst Ave	\$56,000
8880 Elmhurst Ave	\$125,000
444 Irvin St	\$504,000
49980 Joy Rd	\$440,000
14919 Lakewood Dr	\$215,000
1530 Nantucket Rd	\$185,000
11580 Napier Rd	\$80,000
49471 Pine Ridge Ct	\$670,000
9028 Rocker Ave	\$199,000
101 S Union St	\$300,000
1396 Sheridan St	\$300,000
14972 Thornridge Dr	\$192,000
50255 Top Of Hill Dr	\$561,000
REDFORD	
27207 S Mile Rd	\$90,000
16637 Beech Daly Rd	\$63,000
9060 Columbia	\$66,000
10007 Crosley	\$72,000
8873 Dixie	\$55,000
25396 Donald	\$78,000
17422 Gaylord	\$62,000
19601 Imperial Hwy	\$80,000
26740 Joy Rd	\$20,000
9652 Lucerne	\$59,000
11747 Nathaline	\$66,000
27010 Plymouth Rd	\$95,000
27010 Plymouth Rd	\$100,000
27010 Plymouth Rd	\$100,000
14332 Salem	\$63,000

8818 Sarasota	\$48,000
19749 Sumner	\$68,000
26419 W 6 Mile Rd	\$53,000
25701 W 7 Mile Rd	\$40,000
25701 W 7 Mile Rd	\$59,000
WAYNE	
4154 2nd St	\$60,000
4058 Carnegie St	\$91,000
35348 Chestnut St	\$105,000
36002 John R St	\$165,000
36002 John R St	\$90,000
4645 Moore St	\$64,000
WESTLAND	
718 Alvin St	\$38,000
37205 Booth Ave	\$160,000
35814 Canyon Dr	\$108,000
2009 Dryden St	\$32,000
33228 Hively St	\$103,000
39293 Huron Pkwy	\$185,000
5740 N Globe St	\$32,000
867 N Karle St	\$138,000
35129 Nancy St	\$60,000
1517 Norris St	\$66,000
32188 Palmer Rd	\$56,000
405 Ravencrest Ln	\$115,000
120 S Marrie St	\$109,000
807 S Merriman Rd	\$95,000
549 S Wildwood St	\$41,000
178 Surrey Hts	\$138,000
1806 Treadwell St	\$150,000
27518 Warren Rd	\$35,000
32615 Winona St	\$129,000

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Michigan Technical Academy will hold a public hearing on June 25, 2015, at 2:30 PM, Elmira, Redford, at 12:00 Noon for the purpose of reviewing the 2015-16 general operating budget. A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at this location. Individuals requiring special accommodations to attend this meeting should contact Stephanie Wagoner at 313-537-9311 prior to the meeting.

Health Nutrition & Weight Loss

LOSE UP TO 30 POUNDS IN 30 DAYS. 248-506-6703 billionton.firstfitness.com



Auction Sales

Baseball Training Facility Equipment Auction!

June 24th 1 p.m. SWAT Elite Sports 3600 E. Grand River. Howell Details at: MichiganAuctionCompany.com

AUCTION

Massive Life time collection Huge Engine Collection Inc 50+ Hit & Miss, 100+ Air Cooled Maytag, & other unusual, case 15-45 Steam Traction Engine Custom Built 1/2 Scale Rumley Oil Pull Engine, 12 Tractors. Tools, Equipment Farm Toys, Gun Collection, Antiques, Trailers, Lawn Mowers, Scrap Much More!

LIVONIA - GARAGE SALE

18712 Fleming Blvd Livonia, MI 48152 Thur., 6/18, Fri., 6/19, Sat., 6/20, 9am-4pm Items include but not limited to kids' and adults' clothes, soccer & football cleats, books, toys, and household items.

LIVONIA GARAGE SALE

19249 Oamus June 18-20, 10-4pm. Store displays, crystal/brass, shelving, home decor, antiques & collectibles, purses, MORE!

LIVONIA - FRIG. SALE

June 19 (Fri) 9-7pm Craft supplies, furn household items, clothes, misc. 37836 JOY RD. Owner: Bob Wudykr 10% Buyer Premium Complete details w pics@ BraunandHelmer.com David Helmer 734.368.1733 Braun and Helmer Auction Service Inc.

CANTON

7817 N Royal Ct Fri - Sun 9-5pm (E. off Morton Taylor Rd., N. of Warren Rd.) Collectibles, Furniture & More! pics @ actionestate.com 586-228-9090

FARMINGTON HILLS

22496 Heathersett, Fri., June 19, 10-5 pm. Sat., June 20, 10-3 pm. Furniture, piano, tools, garden, household, more! Go to wonderwomen.biz for more info and pics. WONDER WOMEN ESTATE SALES 517-256-0895

Highland Estate Sale

2477 Burwood Court Thur-Sat, June 18-20th 9-5 pm. Bikes, lawn edger, sofas, chairs, lamps, TV's, dishes, & much more! 1 1/2 Mile N of 59 off Hickory Ridge.

LIVONIA - HUGE ESTATE SALE

FRI & SAT 9AM-3PM APRIL 19-20TH NEAT FURNITURE, LOTS OF GOODIES! 16146 ALPINE ACROSS FROM STEVENSON

Garage/Moving Sales

12th ANNUAL PLANT SALE! Over 40 Homegrown varieties of annuals, perennials, raspberries, tomatoes (including heirlooms), vines, veggies, shade and native plants, homemade bird houses and blooming baskets. 18600 Doris Street, S7 Mi., W/Middlebelt. Father's Day Weekend, June 18th, 19th and 20th. Thursday, 10a-6p. Fri. & Sat., 10a-4p.

Beverly Hills Garage Sale

21981 Riverview Dr. E. off Lahser S.13 mi. Th/Fr/Sa 8-5pm. Antique Trunks/ clock/Tete-a-tete, Stereos, Candles, Shelves, [20] Wood Chairs, toys, old tools, linens, dishes/silverware/glasses, small appliances, stuff.

Canton: 431 Patriot, Saturday 9-4

Nice sale! Yamaha Clavinova, Sofa & occasional chairs. Ethan Allen desk and hutch, Kitchenware, Mirrors, Lamps, Books, Golf clubs, Art & art supplies, Ludwig drum set, general household & more. Visit www.suchafindstatieliquidation.com for details & pictures

CANTON GARAGE SALE

2939 Doncaster Dr. June 18-19; 8-4pm. June 20, 9-3pm. Appl, area rugs, housewares, clothing, outdoor equipment.

FARMINGTON:

Chatham Hills Sub Wide Sale. Thurs.-Sat. June 18-20, 9am-5pm. S. of Grand River btwn. Drake & Halstead.

Garage/Moving Sales

Farmington Hills - Community Garage Sales Woodland Pines Condos Misty Pines Dr. off Orchard lake rd. S of 11 ml. rd. Fri June 19th - Sat June 20th 9a-4p.

Farmington Hills Subdivision Garage Sale!

Brule Hills Estates will be holding a garage sale June 18-20 from 8 am - 4 pm. Located off Inkster Road between 9 Mile and 10 Mile Roads. At least 4 homes will be offering up a variety of goods. Just some of the items available are: Baby clothes, baby/toddler toys, Antique tools, dishes, vases, women's clothing, shoes and purses, Books, Comics, Vinyl LPs, Bedroom and living room furniture, Kitchen utensils and small appliances.

FARMINGTON - New & used clothing, household & office items June 19-20 10-4pm. 21412 RANDALL

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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: 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

DEMENTIA SERIES

Time/Date: 6-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 24
Location: Our Lady of Victory Parish, 133 Orchard Street, Northville
Details: "A Caregiver's Travel Guide: the Alzheimer's Journey" will take an in-depth look at the cognitive symptoms of Alzheimer's, its treatment, including tips and aids for caregivers. The session is part of a 10-session educational series on dementia, held monthly at different churches in the Northwest Wayne Vicariate of the Archdiocese of Detroit

Contact: Nancy at 248-349-2621, Ext. 258, or email olvchristiansvs@olvnorthville.net

SUMMER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Sunday,

June 21
Location: Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington, 25301 Halsted, Farmington Hills
Details: The second annual service, celebrating the summer solstice, will be held outdoors weather permitting. Bernadette Kathryn, a local guitarist and vocalist, will provide music. The ritual also will include poetry, drumming and a nod to fathers
Contact: Rev. Leonetta at 248-202-1711; revleoneetta1@gmail.com

SUMMER WORSHIP

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday and 9:30 a.m. Sunday
Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford
Contact: 313-532-8655 or 734-968-3523

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@tbsm.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
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@Connec-

tionchurch.info or 248-787-5009

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday
Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202
Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems
Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

Farmington Hills Baptist Church

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August
Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills
Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group
Contact: 248-433-1011

Merriman Road Baptist Church

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday
Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City
Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations
Contact: www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519

Fireside Church of God

Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday
Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Fireside Adult Day Ministry activity-based program for dependent adults, specializing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center
Contact: 734-855-4056 or 734-464-0990; www.firesidechog.org; or email to adm@firesidechog.org

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday
Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available
Contact: 734-421-8451

St. Thomas a' Becket Church

Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group 7 p.m. Thursday
Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton
Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly
Contact: Margaret at 734-838-0322

Unity of Livonia

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday
Location: 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia
Details: Overeaters Anonymous
Contact: 248-559-7722; www.oa.org for additional information

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 6 p.m. dinner (optional); 7 p.m. worship; 8 p.m. small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/ desserts), Thursdays
Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township
Details: Celebrate Recovery helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hangups (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is free.
Contact: Child care, 248-374-7400; www.celebraterecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate

THRIFT STORE

St. James Presbyterian

Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford
Contact: 313-534-7730 for additional information

Way of Life Christian Church

Time/Date: 2-3:30 p.m. third Saturday from October through May
Location: 9401 General Drive, Lilley Executive Plaza, Suite 100, Plymouth
Details: Women's fellowship is designed for women with a question to know God more in their lives.
Contact: 734-637-7618

TOUR

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. to noon first Sunday of the month
Location: The Solanus Casey Center, a Capuchin ministry, at 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit
Details: Led by Capuchin friar Larry Webber, the director of the Solanus Casey Center, the tour focuses on the spirituality and holiness of Father Solanus, 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; faithcommunity-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 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

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Deadlines: Friday, 4:00 p.m. for Sunday papers • Tuesday, 4:00 p.m. for Thursday papers
 Holiday deadlines are subject to change.



GALL, DOROTHY

May 23, 2015, age 95, of Plymouth, formerly of Niagara Falls, passed away peacefully after a fourteen year struggle with Alzheimer's Disease. Beloved wife of the late Tibor. Dear mother of Robert (Theresa) Gall, Gary (Karen) Gall, Patricia Gall, and the late Carole Gall. Proud grandmother of David Gall, Michael (Susan) Gall, Robert (Jeanne) Reed, and William Reed. Great-grandmother of Jacqueline and John Michael Gall, Caitlin and Tamsen Reed. Memorial Service Sunday, June 21, 2015, 2:30 p.m. at Huron Woods Chapel, 5361 McCaully Drive, P.O. Box 995, Ann Arbor, MI 48106-0995. Memorial contributions may be made to Huron Woods at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital System. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfh.com.

VERMEULEN-SAJEWSKI FUNERAL HOMES CREMATION SERVICES



HEIEN, BARBARA JEAN (NEE MUNDT)

March 31, 1947 to June 11, 2015 After a courageous 12 year battle with cancer. Beloved wife of Bob, stepmother of Rob and Jason. Grandmother of three amazing grandchildren, Lexie, Laney, and Cole. Daughter of the late Gus and Loretta, sister of the late Walter (Diane). Will be missed by nieces, a nephew, cousins and many friends. Mother of several fur babies past and present. Taught in Clarenceville Schools for 21 years. Memorial service will be at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile Road, Livonia, on June 24th at 6pm, followed by a celebration of life dinner, at The One Under Banquet Hall, at 35780 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Memorial donations may be directed to the Michigan Humane Society or Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Livonia Michigan.



MOORE, WILLIAM ARTHUR

Age 83 of Howell, formerly of Plymouth, passed away June 15, 2015 at his home following a two-year cancer battle. Bill was born January 11, 1932 in Detroit, Michigan the youngest child of Grace (McCarthy) and William Moore. He graduated from Cass Technical High School in 1950 where he played baseball. He served as an airplane mechanic in the United States Air Force during the Korean War. After meeting on a basketball court, Bill married Barbara Ann Doran on June 19, 1954 in Detroit. He worked for General Motors for 30 years in the aircraft division retiring as maintenance superintendent of GM's corporate jets. He coached all seven of his children and countless others at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth. He coached and applauded his 14 grandchildren and their friends in their many endeavors. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, and their seven children: Kevin (Betsy), Colleen Paige (Randy), Daniel (Joanne), Peggy Gresko (John), Erin Wiley (Jeff), Patrick (Kara Cotton), and Eileen Wright (Patrick). Bill is also survived by 14 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, cousins, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, and friends. Mass of Christian Burial will be held Thursday, June 18, 2015 at 11 a.m. at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Howell. Family will welcome visitors in the church foyer beginning at 10 a.m. Interment will take place at a later date at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, MI. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are appreciated to Arbor Hospice Foundation, 2366 Oak Valley Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48103, or arborhospice.org.



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Army rock band bridges gap between the public, soldiers

The Volunteers is arguably one of the hardest-working rock bands in the country.

"We unload, set up and load back up 25,000 pounds of gear. We don't have roadies. We don't have a crew. We are the crew," said lead vocalist Sgt. First Class April Boucher. "We keep up with our physical fitness. We all take the army physical fitness test every six months.

"So, we have to learn to be a soldier, too. We're soldiers first. We like to say we are soldiers for life."

Members of this elite military band, based at Fort Mead in Maryland, are enlisted in the U.S. Army. That means they've at least taken basic training and know a thing or two about soldiering, in addition to being top-notch musicians who have honed their skills for years, both in and outside of the military.

The band travels 180 days a year and has performed nationwide, and in Puerto Rico, Canada, Mexico, Kuwait and Iraq. Its mission is to represent the U.S. Army, "bridging the gap between soldier and the community," through rock, pop, country and patriotic music.

Families, high school

"We have two different missions. Our formal shows are for the American public, for festivals, and the high school shows are specifically designed for the younger generation," Boucher noted, in a phone interview with the *Observer*. "It's a pleasure to give back to veterans who have served before us and to thank the American people for continuing to support the military.

"For the kids that are interested in music, it's rewarding to give them a chance to come up on stage and strap on a guitar, or sit behind a drum set. I've gotten to work with choirs and different vocalists along the way. You pass on some of your experience and wisdom. That is a big part of our mission, too, educating kids who are interested in music and showing them this could be a career path for you."

The eight-member group, with six performers and two audio/lighting technicians, will bring its message to Canton Monday, June 22. The free concert, designed for all ages, is from 7-8:30 p.m. in the amphitheater at Heritage Park, located just west of Canton Center Road, between Summit Parkway and Cherry Hill Road. Audience members may bring lawn chairs and blankets.



Sgt. First Class April Boucher is the lead vocalist and the only woman in The Volunteers, the U.S. Army Field Band's rock band.

Boucher said the group is focusing on Americana music during its current Midwest tour. Although some band members write original songs, The Volunteers' mission is to play music most people recognize.

"They can sing along and dance along with it and walk away feeling like they have

witnessed the excellence of the United States Army," Boucher said.

From baskets to bands

The Ohio native, who is married and has two daughters, began singing when she was 3 years old and took private lessons in middle school and high school. After high

school she worked in the Longaberger Baskets factory, but decided to "see the world, experience new things and new places and meet new people."

"The military just came out of nowhere. And this is where I am now. I can't believe the path it led me down."

She joined the U.S. Navy in 1995 and worked as a network

administrator and technician for a year before joining — through audition — the Navy Fleet Band in Hawaii and then the navy Band Southeast in Jacksonville, Fla.

"I did pretty much everything. I sang with the big band, the jazz combo, with the concert band," she said.

After 11 years in the Navy, Boucher auditioned for The Volunteers. She sent a photo, resume and audition CD and then was invited by the band to audition in person. After landing the assignment, she left the Navy and was sworn into the Army, an unusual career twist. She has been with The Volunteers for nine years.

"I actually auditioned with the band. It was pretty much their decision. It's more than just a talent thing. There has to be a chemistry there too because we spend so much time together," she said, adding that the band faces the same obstacles and personal differences as does any civilian rock band.

"But we serve together and it's permanent duty, so we have to work a little harder to work out our differences and stick together."

In addition to Boucher, The Volunteers are:

» Glenn Robertson, drummer, who has shared the stage with such acts as George Clinton, John Mayer and Soulive before joining the group.

» Randy Wight, keyboardist and vocalist, who as a civilian, sang and played piano at resorts in New York and who recorded in Las Vegas, Nev., working with Temptations lead vocalist Barrington Henderson.

» Thomas Lindsey, guitar, who has toured the country with such musicians as Charlie Daniels, Martina McBride and The Platters.

» Brandon Boron, guitar, who holds a bachelor of music degree from the University of Massachusetts. He was deployed to Iraq in 2010 with the 1st Armored Division Band.

» Peter Krasulski, bass, who holds an associate of arts degree in music and has performed with several Army bands and served in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

» James Little, lighting technician, studied theater arts at Miami-Dade Community College and directed the U.S. Army Soldier Show from 2007-09.

» John Lamirande, audio engineer, also has played electric bass, guitar, piano and sang vocals with several Army bands.

For more on the group, visit armyrockband.com.

GET OUT! CALENDAR

ANIMALS

DETROIT ZOO

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily
Location: 1-696 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

Photo exhibit: National Geographic's The Hidden Life of Wolves photo exhibit includes 21 images by Jim and Jamie Dutcher, who observed wolves for six years in Idaho. It's on display through Oct. 24 and is free with zoo admission.
Contact: 248-541-5717

ARTS AND CRAFTS

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: Runs through June 27
Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: West of Center, an all-media show

Contact: 248-344-0497

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Time/Date: Runs through June

Location: 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: Denise Cassidy solo show of paintings
Contact: 734-416-4278

VILLAGE THEATER

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday and during public performances, through July 30

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: "Healing Art," includes works by photographers Michelle Malloch and Amy Lockard and fiber work combined with painting by Kelly Darke
Contact: 734-394-5300

VISUAL ARTS ASSOCIATION OF LIVONIA

Time/Date: 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

AUDITIONS

BAREFOOT PRODUCTIONS

Time/Date: 2-5 p.m. June 21, 7-9:30 p.m. June 22-23

Location: 240 N. Main, Plymouth

Details: *Man of La Mancha*, with roles for 14 males, ages 18-60, five to six females, ages 19-60. Group singing is required and eight principal actors sing solos. Prepare a Broadway-type song for the audition and be prepared for cold

readings from the script

Contact: 734-560-1493; justgobarefoot.com

COMEDY

EMERGENT ARTS

Time/Date: 9 p.m. June 19

Location: The Mix Studio Theater, 8 N. Washington Street, Ypsilanti

Details: The Laugh Riot Dolls present a cabaret-style comedy show. Admission \$10. Buy tickets online at emergentarts.com or call to reserve and pay at the door
Contact: 734-985-0875

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 second annual Northville Art House Chalk Festival; and a variety of festival food and drink. Live entertainment is Toppermost Beatles tribute band, 3-5 p.m. Saturday, June 20; Ben Sharkey with jazz and R&B, 7 p.m. Saturday, June 20; Those Delta Rhythm Kinds, 2 p.m. Sunday, June 21
Contact: 248-344-0497; northvillearthouse.org

CANTON LIBERTY FEST

Time/Date: 1-11 p.m. Thursday-Friday, June 18-19; 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, June 20

Location: Heritage Park, behind the

Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton

Details: Carnival rides, midway games, Taste of Canton,

fireworks, car show, Saturday morning Liberty Run, and more. Live entertainment includes Midwest Dueling Pianos, 7:30 p.m. Thursday; Sonic Freeway, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Friday; Captured Detroit, a Journey tribute band, 8-10 p.m. Friday; Scott Martin Band, rock/country band, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Saturday; and The Hype Syndicate, performing top hits, 8-10 p.m. Saturday. Catch singers Madeline Harts, Dorian Dillard and Laura Reaper of the Verdi Opera Theatre, 1:30 p.m. Saturday, June 20.

Contact: cantonlibertyfest.com

FILM

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 19-20, 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, June 21; 7 p.m. Thursday, June 25

Location: 760 Penniman, Plymouth
Details: *Little Boy*; admission \$3

Coming up: *Avengers: Age of Ultron*, 7 p.m. June 26 and July 2; 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. June 27-28 and July 5

Contact: 734-453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. June 26 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. June 27

Location: 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Avenue in Detroit
Details: *The Goonies*; \$5

Contact: 313-898-1481

SUMMER DRIVE-IN

Time/Date: Films screen at dusk, night-

ly through Sept. 6

Location: USA Hockey Arena, 14900 Beck, Plymouth

Details: Double features on three screens. Visit summerdrivein.com weekly for updated film list. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for children, 4-12 and free for children, 3 and under.
Contact: 734-927-3284

HISTORY

KELSEY MUSEUM

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, and 1-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, through 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
Contact: 734-764-9304

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday-Sunday

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth
Details: 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

Contact: 734-455-8940

YANKEE AIR MUSEUM

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, June 27

Location: Willow Run Airport, Ypsilanti Township. Hangar 1 Bay 8 at the end of Kirk Profit Drive.

Details: Open house for the museum's World War II B-24 bomber plant. Visitors will see some concepts of the stories planned for exhibits. Free
Contact: yankeemuseum.org



Laura Reaper

SUMMER GET AWAY

A TROPICAL PICNIC IN YOUR OWN BACK YARD

Summer picnics are the perfect opportunity for a getaway in your own back yard, filled with a bounty of food, laughter and fun.

Create this summer's tropical picnic to remember with these tips:

» Transform your back yard into a beach-side cabana. From grass table skirts to brightly colored beach balls to flaming tiki torches, the options are nearly endless for establishing an island ambiance.

» Set the mood with music. Steel drums and lively rhythms are

the perfect backdrop to a festive beach-style party.

» Greet guests with leis and umbrella-capped beverages. These simple touches go a long way to enhance the festive spirit.

» Whether guests include kids, or simply the young at heart, add some interactive beach-inspired activities, such as a volleyball net or sandbox for building sand castles.

» Serve up your own island-inspired recipes, such as a Pineapple Coconut Cake and Aloha Chicken Wings

For more recipes with a tropical twist, visit www.dole.com.

Courtesy of Family Features



PINEAPPLE COCONUT CAKE

Prep time: 10 minutes
Bake time: 35 minutes
Servings: 12-16

1 can (20 ounces) Dole Crushed Pineapple, divided
1 box (2-layer) yellow cake mix
1 tablespoon coconut extract
1 package (4 serving size) instant vanilla pudding
1 cup cold low-fat milk
1 tub (8 ounces) frozen whipped topping, thawed
2 cups sweetened flake coconut

Heat oven to 350°F. Spray two 9-inch cake pans with cooking spray. Drain pineapple; reserve juice. Divide crushed pineapple in half; set aside.

Prepare cake mix according to package directions, replacing water with reserved juice and adding coconut extract; beat two minutes. Fold half of crushed pineapple into cake batter.

Pour cake batter into prepared cake pans. Bake 30 to 35 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.

Cool in pan 10 minutes. Transfer from pan to wire rack; cool completely.

Stir together instant vanilla pudding and cold milk until smooth, about two minutes; fold in whipped topping. Combine remaining pineapple with mixture.

Place one cake layer on plate; spread pineapple frosting over top. Place second cake layer over top. Frost top and sides of cake with remaining pudding frosting. Garnish with coconut.

Refrigerate for one hour before serving.



TROPICAL SPINACH TOSS

Servings: 6
Total prep time: 15 minutes

1 bag (6 ounces) baby spinach leaves
1 papaya, peeled and cut into chunks
1 cup fresh Dole Tropical Gold Pineapple, cut into chunks
2 large bananas, sliced
1/4 cup red onion, chopped
2 teaspoons grated orange peel
1/2 cup light Italian salad dressing

Combine spinach, papaya, pineapple, banana and onion together in large bowl. Combine orange peel and dressing in small bowl. Pour dressing over salad and toss to evenly coat.

TROPICAL SMOOTHIE PUNCH

Servings: 25
Total prep time: 15 minutes

1 can (46 ounces) pineapple juice
1 package (12 ounces) frozen raspberries, partially thawed, divided
1 liter sugar-free lemon-lime soda
1/2 can (12 ounces) frozen limeade concentrate, thawed
1 package (16 ounces) frozen sliced peaches, partially thawed
2 bananas, peeled and sliced
2 oranges, peeled, sliced

Combine 1-1/2 cups pineapple juice and 1/2 of the raspberries in blender. Cover; blend until smooth. Combine all remaining ingredients in punch bowl. Stir to combine.



ALOHA CHICKEN WINGS

Servings: 25
Total prep time: 1 hour

25 individual chicken wings
vegetable cooking spray
3 tablespoons cider vinegar
2 tablespoons garlic salt
1 tablespoon onion powder
1 teaspoon ground ginger
1 teaspoon paprika
1 can (20 ounces) crushed pineapple, undrained
1 cup ketchup
1/4 cup packed brown sugar
1/4 cup soy sauce

Split chicken wings at joints; discard wing tip. Place chicken in single layer in two baking pans sprayed with vegetable cooking spray. Pierce skin with fork. Combine vinegar, garlic salt, onion powder, ginger and paprika; brush over chicken. Bake at 400°F, 30 minutes, turning chicken over halfway through cooking.

Combine undrained crushed pineapple, ketchup, brown sugar and soy sauce in small bowl. Spoon half of sauce over wings. Bake chicken 15 minutes more. Turn wings over; spoon remaining sauce over wings. Bake 15 minutes more or until chicken is no longer pink in center. Serve warm.

Tip: Wings can be made ahead and reheated in oven or over grill.



CARIBBEAN JERK SHRIMP AND BANANA KABOBS

Servings: 6-8
Total prep time: 80 minutes

2 pounds (13-15 count) large shrimp, peeled and deveined
2 cups Caribbean-style jerk marinade, divided
1/4 cup olive oil, divided
3 green tipped bananas, cut in 2-inch pieces
1 red bell pepper, seeded, chunked
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1 red onion, cut into chunks

Place shrimp in large bowl and add 1 cup marinade and 2 tablespoons olive oil. Cover; refrigerate at least 1 hour.

Combine bananas, bell peppers and red onion in medium bowl; add remaining marinade and olive oil. Allow to marinate at least 20 minutes.

Skewer shrimp, bananas, bell peppers and onions alternately on metal skewers or pre-soaked wooden skewers; discard remaining sauce.

Grill kabobs 4 to 5 minutes on each side or until desired doneness.