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Wayne hopes community center will remain open after July 1

By **LeAnne Rogers**
Staff Writer

Wayne is continuing to work on finalizing contract language with HYPE Athletics to take over management of the community center and expects the facility to remain open.

While details of the negotiation have not been made public yet, Wayne Mayor James Hawley and council members want

ed to have an agenda item, largely to let the community know they expect the center to remain open after July 1.

That's when the new fiscal year begins, and funding to subsidize the center was not included as part of the effort to deal with a deficit. The ice arena and aquatic center had already been closed.

"HYPE wants the community center to remain open and

not close before they take it over. We want to keep it open," Hawley said. "There is no money to keep it open without a contract with HYPE."

Vern Amos was among residents expressing concern that current community center members would be moving to new facilities, being under the impression the center is closing June 30.

"When we approved the

budget, we had to tell staff (the center would be closing),"

Hawley said. "We've been in discussion about this (HYPE) for some time. It's not been in the dark or secret. If we can't work out an agreement, we have to close it."

Interim City Manager Lisa Nocerini agreed that it didn't make sense to close the community center and then reopen it, if an agreement is reached

with HYPE to operate the facility.

"I'm cautiously optimistic that we could end up with a better program than we offered," Councilman John Rhasesa said. "I'm optimistic we could have a win/win."

"I'm very optimistic. The program they (HYPE) offer is very unique and something the

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Yards featured on the Wayne Garden Walk are likely to cause some yard envy. SUBMITTED

Wayne club's walk shows off green thumbs of local gardeners

By **LeAnne Rogers**
Staff Writer

Local gardeners will show off their yards when the Wayne Garden Club hosts its Thru the Garden Gate Garden Walk on Saturday, June 27.

If you miss the opportunity to go on the garden walk,

you'll have a long wait until the next time it comes around. The club, which includes Westland residents, only holds a garden walk every other year.

"We've done garden walks since I've been with the club, which is 1985," said club treasurer Beverly Woodard, who is co-chairing the garden

walk with Maureen Davidson. "We've had as many as 14 gardens one year. Usually it's seven to 14 gardens."

This year, there will be seven homes on the walk, including one in Westland.

"One year, we had the homes all on the tree streets so it was all walkable. It really was a walk," Woodard said.

"This year it is a drive."

The garden walk booklet, which serves as the admission ticket, lists the participating homes, background information provided by the homeowners and a route for visiting each home.

There are yards with but-

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Residents in W-W will see 'miniscule' tax levy increase

By **Sue Mason**
Staff Writer

Wayne-Westland Community Schools residents will see a "miniscule" tax increase collected for the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

Normally handled in conjunction with the approval of the new budget, the school board set the tax levy last week so that it can be on the tax rolls. The budget will be taken up at a special meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

The district will continue to levy the non-homestead tax on 18 mills on business and non-residential property and the 6-mill property tax collected for the state to finance school aid payments. The district currently receives \$7,252 per pupil from the state; that is expected to increase to \$7,391 in fiscal 2015-2016.

The district also will levy .9922 mill for its sinking fund and 5.56 mills for debt payment. The latter is the only levy that will increase in fiscal 2015-2016. It covers payment on \$108 million in bonds issued in the late 1990s to finance the renovation of district buildings. The bonds expire in 2019.

"The 5.56 mills are set on the assessed value of property and is the amount needed to satisfy the annual debt payment," Deputy Superintendent Jim Larson-Shidler said. "The increase is one-tenth of a mill; it's a very small percentage of 5.56 mills. Going forward the debt levy will be about the same next year, but the last two years will go down considerably because of refunding."

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Man charged with criminal sexual conduct involving minor from Westland

By **LeAnne Rogers**
Staff Writer

A Ypsilanti man, whose attorney argued for a bond reduction based on his past military service, is facing charges that he had sex with an underage girl.

Matthew Louis Allen, 27, is facing six counts of third-degree criminal sexual conduct, which would carry a sentence of up to 15 years in prison, if convicted. A not guilty plea was entered on his behalf.

At the preliminary examination in Westland 18th District

Court on Thursday, the 14-year-old girl, who isn't being identified, testified that she met Allen at a bowling alley earlier this year.

"He is my boyfriend. I do love him," said the girl, who added that she didn't want to testify against Allen.

The girl testified that she would sneak out of her home to meet Allen in his car. The two would have sex in the car at a parking lot at Palmer and Venoy, the girl testified.

"I walked there. I wanted to — nobody made me. Things got sexual," said the girl, who testi-

fied that she had told Allen she was 14. The age of consent in Michigan is 16.

The girl testified that the pair had sex at least six times during 2015, although she wasn't sure of the exact num-

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ber. Defense attorney Sanford Schulman argued against Allen being bound over for trial on all six counts. He said all but one count would be a question of fact.

Judge Mark McConnell disagreed and ordered Allen bound over on all six counts.

Allen is currently jailed in lieu of \$20,000 bond. Noting he had no prior criminal record and lives with his father, Schulman said Allen wasn't a flight risk or a danger to the community.

"He is a high school graduate. He was a Marine and honorably discharged. He was willing to give his life serving his country,"

Schulman said. "He has family members who will let him stay with them. He could have a tether."

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Lora Weingarden responded that Allen was certainly a flight risk because he would be facing mandatory prison time if convicted and in light of a videotaped confession made to police.

"As a Marine, he certainly should know better to do what he is accused of doing," said McConnell, who denied the bond reduction but agreed to refer Allen for defendant pre-screening at Wayne County Circuit Court.

Allen is scheduled for circuit court arraignment Thursday, June 25.

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Man charged with robbing store twice

A Westland man was arraigned on two charges of armed robbery. Larry Gene Burke, 42, is charged with robbing Dollar General, 37376 Glenwood, on June 13 and June 14.

Westland police June 14 located a suspect walking who matched the description of the robber. Burke was arraigned Thursday. A not guilty plea was entered; bond was set at \$100,000.

Police arrested a sec-

ond man on suspicion of aiding Burke. Police investigated and found the second man, a 40-year-old Westland resident who arrived in a vehicle to pick up the suspected robber, did not know he was assisting the commission of a robbery.



Burke WLND

By LeAnne Rogers

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community needs badly," Hawley said. "I hope we can pull it off and succeed as soon as possible. The community will appreciate what takes place."

HYPE operates a sports and fitness facility in Dearborn Heights that also offers education and social service programs.

Councilwoman Susan Rowe questioned wheth-

er Westland partnering with the YMCA for a facility would impact HYPE's plans. The Westland Council recently had a presentation from YMCA officials about a fitness center feasibility study.

"That absolutely throws a wrench into our work. We looked forward to serving Westland residents," HYPE CEO Ali Sayed said. "It's premature to look at that."

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terfly gardens, water features, garden rooms, annuals and perennials.

Garden Club members will drive around the community and approach potential candidates for the garden walk to see if they would be willing to

participate.

"We had a gentleman who had done the garden walk before, he called and offered to do it again," Woodard said. "We look for things that are different — ponds. There was a house that had four different fountains."

The garden walk is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 27, rain or

shine. Advance tickets are \$8 from garden club members, at the Wayne Public Library, Barson's Greenhouse on Merriam at Maplewood, the Wayne Community Center and the Wayne Farmers Market or \$10 on the day at the First Congregation Church, 2 Town Square, Wayne.

In addition to the seven homes, there will be a

vendors and white elephant sale featuring garden items. Guests are also invited to visit Brenda's Butterfly House at Barson's.

Refreshments will be provided. For more information, call Woodard at 734-722-9666.

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Assessed property

The debt millage is assessed on the value of property in the district to satisfy the annual debt payment, about \$9.7 million for the new fiscal year. The final two years the amount will drop to about \$6.5 million, Larson-Shidler said.

He added the debt levy will not affect the part of the Inkster School District that Wayne-Westland received when it was dissolved in 2013.

They won't have to pay it because it's not a voted debt for them; however, they still have to pay on the debt the Inkster schools had, he said.

"There's a slight increase in the bond issue and the reason is because

of the lower SEV (state equalized value)," Trustee Charles Trav Griffin said. "The good news is the SEV is on the rise in the community, so the amount could be less next year. The SEV is going up but not as fast as it came down, but it is going up. This is such a slight deviation that people won't even notice. It's miniscule."

The school board also authorized an \$8 million line of credit to cover school operations. Larson-Shidler said the state makes 11 state aid payments, leaving no money coming in during September.

"You can get a line of credit through the state or a financial institution," he said. "The state note requires that you take it out for the full year. If you take out a note of \$8 million you have to pay interest on it for the full

year. A line of credit you draw on as you need it."

He added that a \$4 million draw on a line of credit with a financial institution costs the district about \$17,500 in interest and a \$2,000 borrowing fee, while the district would have had to pay \$82,000 in interest if borrowed from the state. He said the current interest rate on the line of credit is 2.05 percent. Next year's rate will be 1.75 percent.

'Convenience of state'

"The schedule of (school aid) payments is pretty much at the convenience of the state," board President Thomas Buckalew said. "The money isn't that much of a concern for the state, but it probably means millions of dollars to school districts across the state. It's too bad we

can't get a more agreeable payout from the state. It certainly would help the matter, but that's how business is done."

"It's a sad commentary that we have had to spend down all of the fund equity that we have because we've been put in this position by the state that we can no longer be our own banker," board secretary Carol Middel said.

Larson-Shidler said the issue isn't necessarily the fund balance, it's cash flow. The district's fund equity is low but stable.

"Just because we have a \$4 million fund equity doesn't mean we have \$4 million in cash," he said. "The added cost of borrowing is a burden to the district. That's \$20,000 we shouldn't have to pay."

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Swimmers splashed into YMCA pools to set new world record

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

As if kids needed a reason to jump in the pool on a warm summer day, metro Detroit YMCAs, including the one in Livonia, gave them another one on Thursday — a chance to set a Guinness World Record.

The YMCAs joined with organizations across the world Thursday to participate in the World's Largest Swim Lesson, and attempt to set a new record for the largest simultaneous swimming lesson.

Team World's Largest Swim Lesson set the record last year with 35,564 participants representing 22 different countries, and that same organization was looking

to up its number Thursday. But a Guinness World Record wasn't the only goal.

Michelle Robinson, regional director of aquatics for the YMCA of metro Detroit, said the main objective is to make people more aware of water safety.

"We are surrounded by water, especially in Michigan with all the lakes we have," she said. "So it's important for everyone to be aware of what an excellent opportunity it is to be in water because swimming is a lifelong skill, but also the dangers associated with it."

"It only takes a few seconds for someone to slip under, and it's not like you see on television where everyone is yell-

ing 'help me' and waving their arms. It happens quickly and quietly, so people need to be aware."

About 30 kids participated in the lesson at the Farmington Family YMCA. The Birmingham Family YMCA, Carls Family YMCA in Milford, Livonia Family YMCA, and South Oakland Family YMCA also took part in the event.

According to the YMCA, drowning is the leading cause of unintended, injury-related death for children ages 1-5, and the second leading cause of accidental death for children under 14. Tragically, that lesson hit home last Sunday, when a 4-year-old Lake Orion boy fell into a swimming pool at a home in Sterling Heights

and drowned. There also is research that shows swimming lessons can reduce the risk of drowning by 88 percent among children ages 1-4.

Jeff Norris, aquatics director at the Farmington Family YMCA, said swimming provides a lot of "transferable skills" that are "highly valuable." And the YMCA offers lessons for people of all ages and abilities.

"Swimming is very disciplined," he said. "And while not everyone does it the same way, it takes that same discipline and concentration you can put to any other sport."

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Emma Turkmani and T'Lania Harvey give some tips to kids during the World's Largest Swim Lesson.

Dad: Son's murder was family's second loss to gun violence

By LeAnne Rogers
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A week after Joseph McClendon was murdered in March, notice came that he had been offered a job he was seeking at Chrysler.

"He was one of the kindest young people you'll ever meet," said his father Brian McClendon. "Joe and I did many things together — sports and motorcycles."

McClendon, a Redford resident, talked about his son after a competency hearing in Westland 18th District Court for Arlandus Nolen II (Jr.), one of the defendants charged with fatally shooting Joseph McClendon, 21.

"He was tight-knit with his family and a big brother to his sisters," said McClendon, noting twins Autumn and Jordan have been having a difficult time since their brother's death.

It's not the first loss to gun violence for the family. Brian McClendon Jr. was fatally shot in Detroit at age 20 on Christmas Eve 2007.

"My oldest son was killed the same way. He was home for Christmas from Lansing," McClendon said. "The target was the brother of my son's best friend. They hit my son — he gave them a ride. Joseph was broken about that."

More mature

In response to his brother's death, McClendon said Joseph became mature and more responsible. Joseph McClendon was working for a moving company and active in the Brian McClendon Jr. Memorial Foundation. "The foundation helps young people find work and mentors them. Joe would dress up as McGruff the Crime Dog," McClendon recalled.

That's why it was such a shock that Joseph McClendon was shot during what police called at least in part an illegal gun sale that went bad.

"I was shocked that he even tried to purchase a gun," McClendon said. "He was the last person you would think would buy a gun."

The rest of the story, however, comes from text messages between Nolen Jr. and co-defendant Daveion Dix, who has already been bound over for trial. Testimony and evidence at the earlier hearings was that several days before the murder, Nolen Jr. had texted messages that in slang terms said that he wanted to kill someone.

Other text exchanges were about watching television news coverage of Joseph McClendon's murder with Nolen Jr. texting LMAO.

"He (Joseph) knew

those two guys (Nolen Jr. and Dix) but they were just acquaintances," McClendon said. "They lured him there."

Found in SUV

Shot a dozen times, Joseph McClendon was found dead in his Ford Explorer near Henry Ruff and Annapolis on the night of March 28.

Nolen Jr. was found competent for the criminal case to move forward. A preliminary examination that was also scheduled for Thursday was adjourned until July 9.

Inkster residents Nolen II (Jr.), 18, and Daveion Dix, 19, are both charged with first-degree murder, armed robbery and felony firearm. Dix also is charged as a habitual offender as the result of a December 2014 conviction for carrying a concealed weapon.

Dix and Nolen's father, Arlandus Nolen Sr., 39, of

Roseville, have both already been ordered to stand trial on charges related to Joseph McClendon's death. Nolen Sr. is charged with felony accessory after the fact, being a felon in possession of a firearm, felony firearm and being

a habitual offender. All three defendants, who have entered not guilty pleas, are jailed in lieu of bond.

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Grandmother, YouTube sensation, coach are heroes to students

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Morgan Prater believes she's a "loving, compassionate young lady" because of her grandmother Linda Prater.

She wrote about her grandmother in an essay that landed her first place in the local Farm Bureau Insurance 46th annual America and Me essay contest.

"My mom died when I was little," said Morgan, a Stevenson Middle School student. "She has her own house, but she came and lived with us and raised me. It meant a lot to my dad to have someone there to take care of me."

Morgan received her award from ELA teacher Mary Guerra during an honors assembly at the middle school. Also receiving certificates were second-place finisher Alicia Torres and Bryce Allen who placed third.

This was the second year Guerra has had her students enter the contest. They were among several thousand eighth-grade students from more than 400 Michigan schools who participated in the



Local winners of the annual America and Me essay contest are Alicia Torres (from left), second place, Morgan Pratter, first place, and Bryce Allen, third place.

2014-2015 essay contest. This year's theme was "My Personal Michigan Hero."

"To me, any person who plays a positive role in shaping a youth or adolescent is a hero," Guerra said. "The heroes I read about come in all forms. Some were siblings, local celebrities, parents, grandparents, neighbors, coaches, teachers and even perfect strangers."

According to Guerra, Prater takes academics seriously and is an excellent writer, although Morgan didn't think her essay

was that good.

Shows feelings

"There are a lot of good writers in the class," she said. "It wasn't written to win. It was written about my grandmother; it was written to show my feelings about her."

Morgan began writing two years ago. She likes to write fiction pieces but also likes writing about herself.

"I'm thinking about being an author or an English teacher and working with younger kids," she said.

Torres wrote about Michigan YouTube celebrity Tyler Oakley. The Internet star "devotes his life to encouraging teens to live drama free, see people as they are and accept them for it, and most importantly love and be yourself," Guerra said.

"He's really a big supporter of the Trevor Project and raises money for the LGBT special suicide hotline," Torres said. "I went through a period where YouTube was all I did. Someone introduced me to him. I absolutely like his message."

English is the only subject she excels in and it has always been her "favorite subject."

"In fourth grade I was pulled aside and told not to let anything stop, you're really good at it," she said. "I like to write. People make me feel good with what they feel with my words. It's the way I feel with a good book."

Torres is thinking about doing something along the lines of being an editor. "I like to learn new words," she said.

Coach is her hero

Allen chose soccer coach Steve Griffith as her personal hero. He helped build her self-confidence, tolerance and teamwork both on and off the field.

"He taught me morals; you have to have morals to play soccer," she said. "You have to be a clean player to play to the best of your ability."

Allen was "kind of rushed" in writing her essay, and when she was done she discovered she was 100 words over the 500-word limit. She had to go back and edit it.

"It was harder than I thought," she said. "It wasn't until this year that I got into writing. I write my own pieces and do journaling when I can," she added.

She hopes to get a scholarship for college so she can study anesthesiology.

Prater's essay advanced to the state competition where the top 10 essays were selected. Top honors went to Madeleine Yang of Detroit Country Day School in Beverly Hills.

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Rotary scholarships presented to six Wayne-Westland graduates

By Julie Brown
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Scholarships from Westland Rotary will make attending college this fall easier for some Wayne-Westland graduates.

"This is always a great day in Rotary," said Rotarian Mark McConnell, a Westland district court judge who presented club scholarships at a recent luncheon at Joy Manor in Westland. Family members and educators joined the winners, sharing their pride at reaching this milestone.

This year's Westland Rotary scholarship winners are:

» Caroline Mahalak, a John Glenn High graduate and

daughter of Gerard and Jocelyn Mahalak. She'll study engineering at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

» Ashlyn Barnes, a Wayne Memorial High graduate and daughter of Michael Barnes and Rhonda Jones. She'll study psychology at Western Michigan University.

» Brianna Nolasco, a John Glenn High and William D. Ford Career Technical Center graduate and daughter of Maria Nolasco. She'll study film at Wayne State University.

» Summer Madison, a John Glenn High graduate and daughter of Ron and Sally Madison. She'll study occupational therapy at Eastern Michigan University. She received

her scholarship through Rotarian Don Douglass in memory of his late wife Arlene, a Wayne-Westland elementary teacher.

» Desmond Wheeler, a Tinkham Alternative High School graduate and son of Felicia Benson. He'll study culinary arts at Schoolcraft College.

» Dazon Adams-Chambers, a Tinkham Alternative High School graduate and son of Madelyn Chambers. He'll study at Henry Ford Community College in pursuit of a nursing career.

"The Wayne-Westland schools are doing a great job preparing these students for the future," McConnell said.



Scholarship winners are, left to right, Dazon Adams-Chambers, Desmond Wheeler, Westland Rotary President Lou Toarmina, Brianna Nolasco, Caroline Mahalak, Summer Madison and Ashlyn Barnes.

David Ingham, John Glenn principal and a Rotarian, noted the class of 2015 really stands out as special.

"They're just a great group of kids," Ingham said.

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Good luck.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

Concern for kids prompts program on human trafficking

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Linda Maylone can't stand the thought of any child being caught up in human trafficking.

United Methodist Women around the country have taken a strong stand against human trafficking, and as the president of UMW at the First United Methodist Church of Wayne-Westland, Maylone is bringing it to the forefront.

She's on a mission to make people — from parents and first responders to emergency room personnel — aware of who the victims are and how they can help identify them and put an end to such a "horrific condition."

To get the word out, she and Carol Thomas are hosting a program on human trafficking from 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesday at the First United Methodist Church, 3 Town Square, west of Wayne Road, in Wayne.

"I did some reading about it and I was so appalled that so many children are missing or have been lured into it," Maylone said. "It's not just the sex trade; they can be forced to work for no or little wages. It's a fair trade issue."

Children at risk

Human trafficking is the fastest growing branch of organized crime in America today. The U.S. government estimates 400,000 American children are currently at high risk of sexual exploitation. According to Maylone, the Detroit area is number two in the nation when it comes to human trafficking and it's in close proximity to Toledo, which is a "hot bed" for it.

Maylone hooked up with Thomas after talking to Wayne Police Chief Al Maciag at a community meeting he held at the McDonald's in Wayne. Thomas is in ministry



United Methodist Church of Wayne-Westland is hosting a program on human trafficking Tuesday.

with a group called Turn 180 that works with the tragedy of human trafficking. She will be the guest speaker along with representatives of the FBI and local police.

Handmade jewelry and accessories made by women who have been rescued from human trafficking will be available for purchase at the event. Proceeds will benefit Women at Risk

(WAR) programs.

Maylone is concerned that middle school and high school students are at risk of being dragged into human trafficking. The event will explain how human traffickers infiltrate schools and single out individuals who may need someone to listen to them.

"They lure them in differently in the United States," she said. "It is

especially important that our middle school and high school students, both males and females, understand how recruiting for prostitution rings can happen so easily in the school, with a 'new friend' who befriends them and starts giving them things, and slowly asking for small 'favors' in return."

A church in Texas has set up a curriculum, Traffick911 that educates adults and youth about the plight of sex trafficking in America and equips them with practical ways to keep themselves safe. Down the road, Maylone would like to bring the curriculum to the metro area and run classes.

For now she wants young people to be aware of their surroundings to avoid problems.

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Cadet takes command of Civil Air Patrol squadron

The Civil Air Patrol's MI-260 Willow Run Composite Squadron has a new cadet commander. Jacob Mason accepted the command on May 26.

The 17-year-old Belleville resident recently graduated from Milan High School and from Eastern Michigan University's Early College Alliance program. He also is employed by the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

Mason has been involved in Civil Air Patrol for 4 1/2 years. He joined for the experience of being involved in a mil-

itary setting to help further his career once he joined the Air Force.

"His passion is to excel in a leadership role," according to his father Dan.

MI-260 Willow Run Composite Squadron is a part of the Michigan Wing of the Civil Air Patrol, which is an official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force. CAP is a volunteer organization that performs three congressionally assigned key missions: emergency services, which includes search and rescue (by air and ground) and disaster

relief operations; aerospace education for youth; and the general public and cadet programs for teenage youth.

Mason plans to continue his education at EMU, pursuing a bachelor's degree in flight technology, while also earning his pilot license. After graduating from Eastern, he plans on enlisting in the U.S. Air Force where he will use his degree and training to work as a search-and-rescue pilot.

The son of Dan and Cheryl Mason, he said hard work and determi-

nation pushed him to excel. In the process, he earned the General Billy Mitchell Award, the Civil Air Patrol's most prestigious cadet honors.

"My parents and family were always behind me 100 percent and instilled a good, hard work ethic," he said. "A Christian home with a loving and supportive family helps, too."

His parents said that "although it's not always been easy, his drive and determination have been quite impressive. We can't wait to see what his future holds."



Jacob Mason received the Civil Air Patrol's most prestigious cadets honors: the General Billy Mitchell Award.

Knezek's senate bill protects veterans with service dogs

After earning a unanimous vote of the Michigan Senate, Senate Bill 298, sponsored by Sen. David Knezek, D-Dear-

born Heights, has taken a major step forward in the Michigan Legislature today.

SB 298 is part of a

bipartisan, bicameral effort aimed at increasing protections for Michigan veterans who use a service dog to help man-

age the effects of Post-Traumatic Stress (PTS) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). Current state laws do not offer any protections to these veterans.

"I am absolutely thrilled that my colleagues in the Senate have recognized the need to provide increased protections for our veterans who use service dogs," Knezek said.

"Many of our veterans are coming home with invisible wounds they sustained on the battlefield and a service dog can play a critical role in their ability to reintegrate and thrive in society."

Current Michigan law only provides protections for those individuals that use a service animal due their status of being hard of hearing or blind. Knezek's legislation expands these protections to veterans who suffer from Post-Traumatic Stress, Traumatic Brain Injury or any other service-connected disability to ensure that they can never be denied services or reasonable accommodations across the State of Michigan.

"Because they don't display any outward disability, veterans and their service dogs have been turned away from places of business across the state and across country," he said.

"Few people understand the challenges presented by Post Traumatic Stress, Traumatic Brain Injury, let alone the comfort that a service dog can provide."

Knezek is the first Iraq War veteran elected to the Michigan House of Representatives and Michigan Senate. He represents the 5th Senate District which includes Dearborn Heights, a portion of Detroit City, Garden City, Inkster City and Redford Township.

"After hearing these stories, I knew I had to step up to the plate and find a solution," he said. "By working across the aisle and across the Capitol, we were able to do just that."

In addition to Knezek's legislation that seeks to

expand protections for Michigan Veterans and their service dogs, three other bills have been introduced to provide a comprehensive solution to this issue. Senate Bill 299, introduced by Sen. Margaret O'Brien, R-Portage, exempts veterans from having to pay licensing fees on their service animals; House Bill 4521, introduced by Rep. Tom Barrett, R-Pottersville, creates a standardized, voluntary ID card, dog tag, and vest for veterans and their service animals; and House Bill 4527, introduced by Rep. David Rutledge, D-Superior Township, increases the penalties on those who falsify their claim of needing a service animal.

"Ensuring Michigan veterans are able to make a smooth transition home after their service in Iraq and Afghanistan remains one of my highest priorities," Knezek said. "Today was a great example of what we can accomplish when we set aside partisan politics and put people first. I'm so proud of the example that we're setting for the rest of the country."



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Madonna University signs agreement to become seventh partner of WCCCD

While it's not uncommon for students to transfer credits from a two-year college to a four-year college to earn a bachelor's degree, in many cases they have to attend classes at the four-year college. Thanks to agreements signed June 15 by leaders of Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD) and Madonna University, WCCCD students will be able to complete a bachelor's degree, in aging studies or business administration, from Madonna University, and do so right at the WCCCD campus in Belleville. These articulation agreements make credit transfer seamless and eliminate any questions as to which courses apply to the higher degree.

Beginning fall semester, WCCCD students may apply an Associate of Arts with Certificate in Gerontology to a Bachelor of Science in Aging Studies from Madonna, or an Associate of Applied Science or Associate of Arts in Business Administration to a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration - Human Resource Management. Both programs will be offered at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center - West, in Belleville.

Madonna President Sister Rose Marie Kujawa, Ph.D., said one of the core values of the Felician Sisters, who founded the university, is respect for the dignity of all people, including honoring each other's values — drawing a parallel between the two educational institutions working together.



After signing the agreement for two Madonna bachelor's degrees, WCCCD Chancellor Curtis Ivery and Madonna President Sister Rose Marie Kujawa seal the partnership with a handshake.

"We will make every effort to make sure these are enriching experiences for WCCCD students as they continue in their educational progress. We don't educate just one student at a time," she said. "We educate a family; we educate a neighborhood."

Curtis Ivery, Ph.D., Chancellor of WCCCD, acknowledged that the partnership would benefit students and their education. "Thank you for this honor, privilege and opportunity," he said. "We have such respect for Madonna. You've

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House bills aimed at protecting firefighters introduced by Cox

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House Bill 4740 requires that commercial and multi-unit apartment buildings maintain a placard to notify firefighters that they were constructed with a lightweight structure because it is important that firefighters know how stable a building is, Cox said.

"This legislation aims to provide an additional layer of protection and safety for firefighters across the state," said Cox, R-Livonia. "These local heroes put their lives on the line every day, and it is our duty to ensure

that they are provided every tool possible to maintain their safety."

Livonia constituent Paul DeNapoli, who retired from Livonia Fire & Rescue, brought this issue to the attention of Cox. DeNapoli currently serves as the director of Fire Science at Madonna University.

"Without placards to signify lightweight building structures, firefighters face a greater risk of falling through unstable floors and ceilings," Cox said. "This bill will give firefighters pertinent information to aid them as they proceed into a building to save lives."

HB 4740 has been referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform for further consideration.

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Westland Storm Conditions Assessment Project City of Westland June 15, 2015

Sealed Bids for Westland Storm Conditions Assessment Project will be received at the office of the City of Westland until 2:00 pm local time, on Thursday June 25, 2015, by the office of the City Clerk located at 36300 Warren Rd, Westland, MI 48185. The approximate quantities of major items of work involved are as follows:

The scope of the project is 120,400 ft of CCTV and NASSCO PACP coded storm sewers of pipes ranging from 12 inch to 66 inch diameter. The bid includes an additional add of 18,110 ft of storm sewer cleaning. The project has been set up with the philosophy of televise first and than clean sections of pipe as needed.

The Contract Documents for this project are on file and may be examined on and after 10:00 am, June 15, 2015, at the following locations: the office of the ENGINEER, OHM Advisors, 34000 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI 48150; and City of Westland, 36300 Warren Rd, Westland, MI 48185.

Copies thereof may be obtained on or after 10:00 am, local time, June 15, 2015, at the office of the ENGINEER, OHM Advisors, 34000 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI 48150. or via email by request nicholas.bayley@ohm-advisors.com. The bid package is free of charge.

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Sealed bids for the **SANITARY SEWER CLOSED CIRCUIT VIDEO INSPECTIONS, Contract 15-L** will be received at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154 until 2:00 p.m., Local Time, on **Wednesday, July 1, 2015** at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

A **mandatory pre-bid meeting** will be held in the West Conference Room at the Department of Public Works Building, 12973 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan (734) 466-2655 at **2:00 P.M. on Wednesday June 24, 2015**. **Bids will not be accepted from those bidders who do not attend.**

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Each bid 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. Electronic bids will not be accepted.

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 - SANITARY SEWER CLOSED CIRCUIT VIDEO INSPECTION, CONTRACT 15-L**" and received by the City Clerk on or before the time and date given above.

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Wayne County rape cases get suburban money boost

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A group of suburban women, moving to help Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy tackle thousands of rape cases, gathered inside a Canton home Wednesday evening in hopes they could reach a \$10,000 fundraising goal.

They beat it by collecting \$12,697, but Canton resident Natalie Mosher, who hosted the event that was attended by Worthy, said more money is expected to come in.

"We're going to keep working," Mosher said.

About 65 people from communities such as Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, Northville and Milford applauded Worthy for her efforts to finish testing 11,341 sexual assault kits found in 2009 in a Detroit Police Department storage room.

"I knew that we had to bring justice to as many victims as we could," Worthy told the Canton crowd.

An overwhelming majority of the rape kits have been tested, but Mosher and others say \$10 million is still needed as the project moves to stages of investigation and prosecution. A campaign called Enough SAID (Enough Sexual Assault in Detroit) has championed the cause by linking two nonprofit organizations: the Michigan Women's Foundation and the Detroit Crime Commission.

"Every dollar we raise

goes to this cause," Mosher said.

Partnership

Peg Tallet, chief community engagement officer for the Michigan Women's Foundation, said the public-private partnership has stepped up to address a problem facing cash-strapped Wayne County.

"If they're not going to do it," she said, "we're going to find well-meaning people to do as much as they can."

Tallet said the Canton-based fundraiser follows others, such as a Birmingham Athletic Club event that raised \$17,000. With each rape kit costing \$490 to process, Tallet said donations have come from across the nation and eight other countries to tackle the issue.

Worthy's office already has successfully prosecuted 18 cases, despite the challenges of tracking down victims and suspects from sexual assault incidents dating back 35 years. The crimes reach beyond Detroit — and Worthy said other U.S. cities also have had to deal with untested sexual assault kits.

Plymouth resident Andrea Hug was among the women — and a few men — who attended Wednesday's fundraising event because she felt a sense of duty to help victims who, for decades, have been ignored as rape kits sat on a shelf.

"Every one of these that get processed makes a difference for all the



Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy speaks about efforts to process, investigate and prosecute rape kits dating back 35 years. At right are event host Natalie Mosher, Sally Sziagyti and Nicole Beverly.

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women who were not validated," Hug said. "This situation just breaks my heart."

'Issue for all of us'

Worthy's office has about 65 cases in some stage of prosecution, with another 600 ready to go. Worthy said investigations already have indicated that 326 of the rapists linked to the rape kits are repeat offenders. She said the problem of

sexual assault also involves male and child victims.

"It's not just a women's issue," Worthy said. "It's an issue for all of us."

fundraising efforts by groups such as Mosher's team come after Worthy's office already has received help from sources such as the federal government — but more money is needed to finish the job.

To donate or to start a fundraising group, go to enoughsaiddetroit.org. Tallet said anyone interested in learning about hosting a fundraising house party may call the Michigan Women's Foundation at 313-962-1920.

Mosher said donations also may be made by going to www.crowdfunder.com/EnoughSaidNatalie.

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There is a reason for the click, the patient is correct stating that something is wrong with the knee. The question is how far to pursue looking for an answer?

Ordering a CT scan or ultrasound will bring additional images, but not much more information about the knee. As is well known, the more information the doctor gathers the greater the chance of obtaining an abnormal result that either is a mistake or irrelevant to the patient's problem.

Undertaking an exploratory laparoscopic examination of the knee is possible, but hardly reasonable as a surgical procedure carries many risks, and orthopedists, sensibly do not want to operate when they are uncertain if they will find a problem they can resolve.

Moreover, the fact that the click has not impaired the patient's activity or sleep means it is a viable option to wait and watch the patient through repeat examinations every 2-3 months. Either the problem will resolve itself or the click will worsen and in the process make its underlying nature known.

In medical practice, this policy of watchful waiting occurs often; it remains as useful an alternative today as it was hundred years ago.

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

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Westland, MI 48186

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Westland, MI 48186

Hoover Elementary
5400 Fourth
Wayne, MI 48184

Taft Elementary
4035 Gloria
Wayne, MI 48186

Wayne Memorial High School
3001 Fourth Street
Wayne, MI 48184

Marshall Upper Elementary
35100 Bayview
Westland, MI 48186

Adams Upper Elementary
33475 Palmer
Westland, MI 48186

Meal Service will start the week of June 22, 2015 at all locations*
*Days and hours vary by location
For hours, program end dates, and meals provided, please call the school.
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By: Curtis Card
Chief of Police

Published: June 21, 2015

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The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned in the Township of Redford by the Redford Township Police Department and are to be sold, as is, at open auction on Saturday, the 27th day of June, 2015, at North Redford Towing, 25215 Glendale, Redford, MI 48239. Vehicles can be viewed on the auction date. Registered owners will be allowed to pick up their vehicles prior to the start of the auction. Check www.nrtowing.com for the current list.

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1993	FORD	PU	1FTEE14Y9PHA84862	F-350	ABANDONED	1503124	3
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2002	FORD	4D	1FAHP53U42G132463	TAURUS	ARREST	1503566	7
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FARMERS MARKET

Time/date: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday through Oct. 10.
Location: Wilson Barn, 29350 W. Chicago, Livonia.

Details: Locally grown produce, honey, home-baked items and American-made crafts. Free activities this year include a Kids' Corner with special craft projects from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 27, July 25 and Aug. 29, and pony rides from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 8. The market will be closed for the holidays on July 3 and Sept. 5.

Contact: www.wilsonbarn.us.

FARMERS MARKET

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

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

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

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

GREENMEAD SUNDAY TOURS

Time/date: 1-4 p.m. Sunday, June 28, July 12, 19, 26; Aug. 9, 16, 23, 30.

Location: Greenmead Historical Park, Newburgh and Eight Mile roads, Livonia.

Details: All tours start at the Gift Shop, the building closest to the stop sign, about in the middle of the park. New this year, the last Sunday in June, July, August and September have been designated as "Ice Cream" Sundays. The Livonia Historical Commission will be treating guests to an ice-cream novelty at the AJ Geer Store; just show your paid admission pass. Cost is \$3 for adults, \$2 for students. Tours will also be held in the fall on Sept. 27, Oct. 4 and Dec. 6 and Dec. 13.

Contact: 248-477-7375.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/date: June 22-26.

Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

Details: Save the date! Registration starts April 12.

Contact: holytrinitylivonia.org; 734-464-0211.

LIVONIA GARDEN WALK

Time/date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 27.

Details: The 26th Annual Livonia Garden Walk benefiting Greenmead Historical Park will

feature five beautiful gardens in Livonia. Cost is \$9 in advance, \$10 the day of the event. Tickets are available at Greenmead, all city libraries and the Community Resources Department on the Fifth Floor of Livonia City Hall.

Contact: 248-477-7375.

AMATEUR RADIO FIELD DAY

Time/date: 2 p.m. Saturday, June 27, 2 p.m. Sunday, June 28.

Location: 37855 Lyndon St., Livonia.

Details: The Livonia Amateur Radio Club and the Ford Amateur Radio League will conduct Field Day exercises, setting up temporary operating stations and contacting other ham radio operators throughout North America who are also training to handle critical emergency communications. Watch them communicate via the same medium in use in the aftermath of the recent earthquakes in Nepal. They will be using a wide variety of operating modes, including Morse Code, Voice Mode, Digital Modes and Satellites. The event is open to ham radio operators as well as the general public. Admission is free. Come out and see how LARC and FARL are prepared to handle emergency communications if needed.

Contact: livoniaarc.com; k8uns@arrl.net.

NORTHVILLE ANNUAL GARDEN WALK

Time/date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 8.

Location: Seven private gardens in and around Northville and Northville Township.

Details: Included in the ticket price are the options to experience a garden market, live music, member plant sale and stroll through the 19th century village setting at the Historic Mill Race Village. Non-refundable tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from Gardenviews Garden Gallery, 117 E. Main St., 248-380-8881, after June 8 and on the day of the walk at the gate at Mill Race Village, 215 Griswold St. in downtown Northville. This year ticket holders will also be able to enter a free drawing for gift certificates and garden items donated by local greenhouses, florists and garden centers.

Contact: mjmandell2012@gmail.com; 248-478-3391.

CHARITY GOLF OUTING

Time/date: 7:30 a.m. Saturday, July 18.

Location: Fox Creek Golf Course, 36000 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia.

Details: The Society of Notre Dame de Bon Secours will hold its ninth annual Family Golf Outing with registration at 7:30 a.m. and a shotgun start at 8 a.m. Donation of \$75 per golfer includes 18 holes w/cart and meals. Foursomes and individual golfer registrations are wel-

come. Gift certificates, golf items and hole sponsorships. Funds raised will help local families in need.

Contact: Carrie Ryckman at 248-890-2872 or Paul Beaubien at 586-419-8955.

FUND-RAISER CAR WASH

Time/date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 18.

Location: Claude Alison Park, Redford.

Details: Money raised will benefit the Redford Township Sister City Organization. Any donation amount will be accepted.

VENDOR SHOW

Time/date: noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 18.

Location: AMVETS Post 171, 1217 S. Merriman, Westland.

Details: The post Auxiliary is looking for vendors and crafters for the show. In addition to a variety of vendors, there be will food and beverages available for purchase and raffle items. Proceeds will benefit veterans and such causes as Paws for a Cause, bingo at the VA hospitals and Stand Down. Tables cost \$30.

Contact: amvetsauxpost171@gmail.com.

MOM 2 MOM SALE

Time/date: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1.

Location: SS. Simon & Jude Parish, 32500 Palmer, east of Venoy, Westland.

Details: Table space is available for the Mom 2 Mom sale. Cost is \$15 for an 8-foot table and \$5 for a card table. Food, drink 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.

Contact: Carolyn G. at 734-728-1559 or cgregones@yahoo.com or Sandy K. at 734-721-4867 or sandrakopcak@gmail.com

CRAFT SHOW

Time/date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10.

Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

Details: Tables available for \$25 each. Sponsored by St. Theodore Confraternity of Christian Women.

Contact: Mary Allsteadt at 425 4421 (vm#10).

ONGOING WIDOWED MEN

Time/date: 9 a.m. Thursday, June 25.

Location: Steve's Family Restaurant, 15800 Middlebelt, Livonia.

Details: Widowed men only, meet for breakfast on the second and fourth Thursday every in Livonia. Learn about other widowed activities.

Contact: Call Dick at 313-534-0399.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS' SUPPORT GROUP

Time/date: noon to 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Location: The Angel House, 28441 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

Details: Free domestic violence/sexual assault group meetings.

Contact: 734-524-0380.

SENIOR CITIZEN BOARD GAMES

Time/date: 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Location: The Angel House, 28441 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

Details: Cost is \$5 per person. Angel House uses the money to give \$50 gift cards to a family in need weekly. Donations are also accepted via theangelhouse.org.

Contact: 734-524-0380.

FRIENDS OF ELOISE

Time/date: 7 p.m. third Tuesday of the months of February, April, June, September and November.

Location: Collins House in the Westland Historic Village Park, 857 N. Wayne Road, between Marquette and Cherry Hill.

Contact: Pat Ibbotson at 734-331-9291 or pibbotso@aol.com.

LIVING ON GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Time/date: 2-3:30 p.m. second Tuesday of the month.

Location: Oakwood Hospital-Wayne, 33155 Annapolis, Wayne.

Details: Hospice of Michigan grief groups provide a safe and supportive environment for participants to express their feelings and better understand the grief process. These services are offered at no charge to any member of the community mourning the loss of a loved one. The group meets in Conference Room 2 on second level. Park at West entrance.

Contact: To register, call Margie Martin, Grief Support Services manager, at 734-769-5821.

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ELECTORS ARE HEREBY GIVEN NOTICE that a special election regarding a School Operating Millage proposal for the Clarenceville School District will be held in the Charter Township of Redford, Wayne County, MI, on Tuesday, August 4, 2015.

Notice is hereby given that electors who wish to vote in the special election regarding the School Operating Millage proposal must be registered no later than **Monday, July 6, 2015.**

If you are not currently registered to vote or have changed your address, you may register to vote in the Clerk's office in the Redford Township Hall, 15145 Beech Daly Road, during the hours of 8:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday or at any Secretary of State office.

GARTH J. CHRISTIE, MMC
CLERK, CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, July 9, 2015 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan. At the hearing, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on a request to construct a new Dunkin Donuts restaurant with drive-thru at the property located at 28484 Ford Road. Drive-thru restaurants are a special land use in the C-3 General Business District.

Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and should be addressed to: The Office of Community Development, City of Garden City, 6000 Middlebelt Rd., Garden City, MI 48135.

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The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on a request to open a new child care facility at the property located at 5721, 5727 and 5731 Inkster Road. Child care centers are a special land use in the C-1 Local Business District.

Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and should be addressed to: The Office of Community Development, City of Garden City, 6000 Middlebelt Rd., Garden City, MI 48135.

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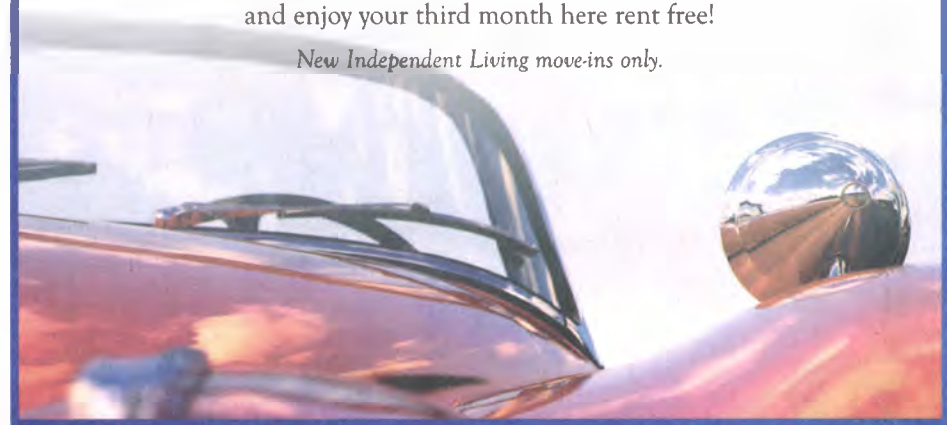
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HARD WORK PAYS OFF



Redford Thurston graduate Desmond Martin is pictured running a drill during Wednesday's Detroit Lions minicamp at the team's Allen Park headquarters. Martin was signed as a free agent after a stellar college career at Wayne State.

ED WRIGHT



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Division 1 state champion Maya Roberts will continue her track career in East Lansing, running for the MSU Spartans.

WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

Big Ten will be Roberts' next hurdle

Harrison state champ Maya Roberts prepares for next challenge with Spartans

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Maya Roberts of Farmington Hills is hoping the same drive and determination that made her a state champion will take her to the top of the Big Ten Conference, too.

The recent Harrison High School graduate, who captured the Division 1 crown in the 100-meter hurdles at the end of May, is headed to East Lansing and will join the Michigan State University team.

Roberts picked a winner, as the Spartans are the reigning Big Ten champions in women's track and field.

"There were a lot of other factors," Roberts said, adding she plans to study business and MSU has an excellent business school. "At first I wanted to go to the West Coast because of the weather. But I couldn't see myself going there."

"When I went to Michigan State, I thought, 'This is my school.' I liked the environment and it's a good school."

Roberts will continue to run the 100 hurdles, but she already

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THIS EAGLE HAS LANDED

Ex-Thurston gridiron star Martin on mission to make Lions' roster

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Here's where years and years of hard work landed former Redford Thurston football standout Desmond Martin on Wednesday afternoon: directly to the left of Detroit Lions quarterback Matthew Stafford and just a few yards away from wide receiver Calvin Johnson during a seven-on-seven passing drill.

"I realize it's every young

football player's dream to get to this point," Martin said, smiling and wearing a Honolulu blue No. 40 jersey, moments after the middle practice session of the Lions' three-day mandatory minicamp ended. "But I also realize I'm not where I want to be yet."

The former Eagle and Wayne State University record-breaking running back ultimately wants to be on the

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ED WRIGHT
Desmond Martin lines up in the backfield with Detroit Lions quarterback Matthew Stafford during Wednesday's minicamp session at the team's Allen Park headquarters.



PLYMOUTH GETS NEW COACH

All fired up to lead 'Cats

Ballard talks up challenges taking over girls hoop squad

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The first game plan Ryan Ballard drew up after being named Plymouth's varsity girls basketball coach was meet with every player for a 30-minute "get to know you" conversation.

"I was blown away by the high-character kids that the program has," the 31-year-old Ballard said during an interview Wednesday. "I'm talking 4.0 GPAs, they're all part of different organizations, they

get 30s on their ACTs, that's the thing."

"Winning's not the most important thing when you're running a program, it's what you develop those kids into. I'm really excited to see what these kids grow into once they leave Plymouth High School. They're going to be doing great things for our society."

Excuse the Plymouth resident for jumping ahead a few years, but he also is excited about what those players could accomplish on the basketball court.

Ballard, coach of now-closed Central Middle School's enormously successful girls basketball program in 2014-15 (the 'A'

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MEET RYAN BALLARD

Who: Ryan Ballard, 31, Plymouth resident.

What: He recently was named head coach of Plymouth's varsity girls basketball team. Over the past three seasons, he was an assistant coach on the Wildcats' varsity boys basketball squad.

Central: Ballard coached girls basketball the past two years at Central Middle School (which has now closed). His 'A' and 'B' teams, including eighth- and seventh-graders, won 24 straight games in 2014-15.

Misc: A former basketball and football player at Flushing High School, Ballard is moving over from Central to Liberty Middle School, where he will teach sixth-grade language arts.



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Ryan Ballard intends to bring the same coaching style he had success with at Central Middle School over to Plymouth High School.

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Blue Jays soar to title



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Livonia resident Andrew Kent threw a no-hitter in the championship game, an 8-0 victory over the Wildcats, to help lead the Michigan Blue Jays to the title at the 11U AA Memorial Day Classic USSSA Tournament hosted by Victory Park in Canton. Team members are (bottom row, from left) Matthew Williams, Drew Backus, Luke Brodde, Joshua Golab and Issac Smith, (middle row, from left) Connor Apligian, Alex Cardenas, Kent, Donovan Bergdoll and Mason McGuire and (top row, from left) coaches Mockeridge, Backus, Apligian and Brodde.

MARTIN

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Lions' 53-man roster, which won't be decided until the team's preseason schedule is completed in early September – but he's well on his way.

After piling up 2,791 rushing yards (fourth all-time in school history) during a brilliant four-year career with the Warriors, Martin acquired an agent, who hooked him up with a trainer, who worked the speedy 6-foot-1, 225-pound running back into the kind of shape that convinced the Lions to sign him to a free-agent contract in April.

It hasn't taken Martin long to decipher the biggest difference between the college level and the NFL level.

"Oh, it's definitely the learning curve that is involved," Martin said. "Everything is pretty short and limited in college, especially at the Division II level, so that everybody can understand it. At this level, the offenses are so advanced that you have to know this and you have to know that."

"Just one word in the play call can change a running back's assignment. There are about 30 different plays for every install. So you have to know the playbook and then go and regurgitate what you know when you go back out on the field."

Every move a Lions player makes – especially first-year free agents like Martin – are videotaped during every second of every session of practice, so missteps must be minimized to give yourself a fighting chance to make the roster, he noted.

"That's what this level is all about – evaluation



ED WRIGHT

Desmond Martin displays his cutting ability during a drill Wednesday afternoon at the Detroit Lions mandatory minicamp.

and performance; they go hand-in-hand," Martin said. "Their evaluations of you can be good, but if you don't go out and perform, well ..."

The turning point for Martin arrived during a mid-April indoor workout for the Lions at the team's Allen Park headquarters. "It was on a tryout basis, so the pressure was on," he said. "But I like being in a position where I have to prove myself."

"Now, it's like when I was a freshman at Wayne State – I'm at the bottom of the totem pole, having to prove to the coaches that I can perform."

Martin doesn't have to

look far to find a perfect mentor during his summer workouts with the Lions. Former WSU running back Joique Bell went through a lot of what Martin is enduring these days before ultimately earning No. 1 running back status during the team's playoff run last season.

The undrafted Bell was cut by two teams before catching on with Detroit, with whom he's thrived.

"I talked to Joique in January and he kind of explained the whole NFL process to me," Martin said. "The number one thing he told me was no

matter what happens, don't get discouraged. Things are going to happen, but if you keep working, eventually it will work out for you."

"That's means a lot coming from him, because he's been through it all, getting cut, bouncing back, becoming a starter."

Like many current professional players, Martin's path to the NFL has been filled with hardships and obstacles, but those have only made him stronger, he said.

"I wanted to play Division I football coming out of high school, but I had a few grade issues," he said. "I saw Joique was leaving Wayne State to go to the pros, so I liked that opportunity because there was an opening and I thought I'd have a chance to play right away."

"But I ended up red-shirting my first year there, which turned out to be a blessing because that's when I started transforming my body and getting it to where it is today."

Amazingly, Martin played running back for only one season at Thurston, where he rushed for 1,500 yards as a senior.

Among the honors he earned at WSU were the Serxho Guralec Ultimate Warrior Award, which goes to the program's top performers in the weight room, and an academic award that is presented to athletes with grade-point averages between 3.0 and 3.5.

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ROBERTS

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has begun transitioning to the 200 dash from the 100.

At the Midwest Meet of Champions on June 13 in Ohio, Roberts won the hurdles in 14.3 seconds and was second in the 200 with a time of 25.1. She was slated to run the same events Saturday at the New Balance Outdoor Nationals in North Carolina.

"I think I'm a little better at the 200 than the 100, because I have more time between events," Roberts said. "I'm going to do that (combination) in college. I wanted to do (the 200) at the state meet, but that would have been too many events that day."

A new challenge?

With her ability in the hurdles and dashes, Roberts seems a potential candidate for the heptathlon, but that would mean greatly expanding her repertoire of events.

"No, they have the mile in there," she said. "Right now, I just want to work on my sprints. Maybe I'll do that later on."

"I'd have to learn more about the field events and I haven't done any of those. It might be a little late to try, but we'll see."

Roberts' athletic background includes eight years of gymnastics, which she gave up in middle school, and one year of figure skating as a freshman at Mercy High School.

"When I got into track, I realized, 'Oh, I'm good at this,' so I started to do track instead," she said.

Long-term objective

Roberts set her sights on being a state champion in the 100 hurdles and her victory May 30 at Rockford High School was the culmination of three years of dedication to that goal.

She was a state qualifier as a sophomore and finished third as a junior, though she went into the meet with the fastest time. That served as motivation for the past year.

"I did summer track and took a couple months off; then I did winter track," Roberts said. "At the start of the high school season, I had been preparing almost the whole year for it. During the high school season, I practiced six days a week, so I was prepared."

After a prolonged and focused effort, Roberts wasn't nervous when she finally lined up to run her last race in a Harrison uniform.

It helped knowing she had beaten many of her fellow competitors.

"Usually, I'm nervous at big meets, a little," she said. "At this one, I was really calm. I knew the girls I was running against. I had run against them lots of times, so I was familiar with the people who were tops in the state. I think that made me a little more calm."

Really fast time

The one thing Roberts could not have prepared for was the weather. It was raining and chilly. She was hoping for 80 degrees and sunshine like the day of the Algonac Relays.

That day, Roberts ran the hurdles in 13.55 seconds, which would have been a state record if it had happened in a regional or state meet. She also ran 11.6 in the 100.

At the state meet, Roberts won the hurdles in 13.95, which is still the third-fastest time ever recorded in a state meet. The record is 13.66, set by Ann Arbor Pioneer's Candice Davis in 2003.

"I did my best," she said. "It was good, but I was hoping for better. I actually wanted the state record. It was too cold and rainy to do that. I don't think anybody (performed that well)."

One more race to run

Roberts didn't have long to celebrate her hurdles victory. That had to wait, since she also was in the final heat of the next event – the 100 dash.

"I had to go and get my head right, because I had another race five minutes later," she said. "It kind of helped me in the 100. I was happy and had a feeling of winning and I wanted to bring it to my 100."

"After I did the hurdles, I made sure I stayed down there (at the finish line) to stretch and get my breathing together, so I wasn't out of breath by the time I got back. I did my best to recover, so I wasn't tired when I got in the blocks again."

Roberts was all-state in the 100, too. She finished fifth with a time of 12.47. She would have liked to run the 200.

That event was near the end of the meet, but she couldn't stay.

"I had to drive home and get ready for the school prom," she said.

Roberts' goals for her first year at MSU are to make the Big Ten final and run a time of 13.3 in the 100 hurdles. A conference championship and a qualifying berth in the NCAA national outdoor meet would be a bonus.

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One of Maya Roberts' practice drills involves "snapping" the trail leg down to clear the hurdle as quickly as possible.

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ALL-AREA GIRLS TENNIS

'Game, set, match' favors stellar players

SINGLES PLAYERS

Arti Vaishnav, N. Farmington: Vaishnav played No. 1 singles for the Raiders and earned a place on the all-area first team for the third consecutive year.



Arti Vaishnav North Farm.

The junior standout was a Division 2 regional champion. She was a quarterfinalist at the state meet and received an all-state honorable mention.

"Arti never has an easy match at the flight she plays, with the schedule she has," coach Whitney Wasielewski said. "Yet she still managed to finish the season with 12 wins.

"Arti is a competitive and athletic player whom I can count on as a solid young lady to lead our team again next season."

Kathryn Dunleavy, Mercy: Dunleavy had another fine season for the Marlins at No. 1 singles and is a repeat member of the all-area first team.



Kathryn Dunleavy Mercy

She was a finalist in the Catholic League and Division 1 regional tournaments. She compiled a 15-10 record and advanced to the second round of the state meet, losing to the top seed and eventual finalist, Ava Thielman of Utica Eisenhower.

Dunleavy is ranked 22nd among 58 players listed in the Southeast Michigan Tennis Association's Girls 18 Division.

"Kathryn has a great all-court game," coach Joe Stafford said. "She was our most committed player on and off the court.

"She takes the ball early and looks to put a big hit on the ball each and every time. She has great strokes and looks to pressure her

opponent. "She was a captain as a junior and set the tone for us. She was our best player all year. She went out there and played everybody tough. We're really proud of her and we look forward to her senior year."

Chelsea Yu, Salem: All season long, the junior was a force at No. 1 singles for the Rocks, winning 85 percent of her matches.



Chelsea Yu Salem

Yu, who will be a co-captain in 2016, was the top seed in the KLAAC Conference 'B' tournament and won her flight.

Another highlight included winning the No. 1 singles flight at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Invitational.

"She was also seeded No. 4 in the regional conference tournament, but lost in the semifinals to the No. 1 seed from (Ann Arbor) Huron," coach Ty Moss said.

Kendall Payne, Franklin: The junior chalked up a fantastic 16-5 record playing No. 1 singles.



Kendall Payne Franklin

Armed with a serve that has been clocked in the 90 mph range, Payne barely missed qualifying for the Division 1 state meet as an individual. She is an extraordinary student, as well, as her 3.5 grade-point average testifies.

"Kendall had a fantastic season," coach Rick Clack said. "She has an all-around tennis game with no weak spots for an opponent to key on. Her serve is one of her major weapons and she can locate it anywhere in the box.

"The good news for Franklin is that she has another year to make her

game even stronger and that is exciting for us."

Kaitlyn Rogosch, Churchill: Only a freshman, Rogosch enjoyed a successful season as the Chargers' No. 1 singles player.



Kaitlyn Rogosch Churchill

In addition to winning her flight at the Division 1 regional, Rogosch registered victories against tough foes from Brighton (Maddie Miller), Farmington Hills Mercy (Kathryn Dunleavy), Novi (Erin Day) and Stevenson (Sam Cyrus), all of whom were fellow state qualifiers. She finished her first year of high school tennis with a 20-4 record.

"Kaitlyn is only going to continue to get stronger and has only just begun to start reaching her potential as a tennis player," coach Denise Berg-Grant said. "She is a combination of natural talent, athleticism and intelligence. I am excited to coach her and to be around to see just how good of player she will become."

Sheryl Carter, Harrison: Carter is a repeat member of the all-area first team. The junior co-captain played No. 1 singles and compiled a 6-3 record.



Sheryl Carter Harrison

Carter was a Division 2 regional semifinalist. She didn't have the opportunity to compete for an OAA championship since the White Division tournament was rained out.

"It was a pleasure to coach her," coach Joe Ludwig said. "She really managed the girls well (as co-captain) and was responsible in her position. She took the role very seriously. I look forward to having her on the team again next year.

"Sheryl has a really good

serve and she managed her points well. A strong forehand allows her to stay in an offensive-minded position. She usually moves her opponent around to find that opening to win the point."

DOUBLES TEAMS

Mackenzie Zierau and Bridgette Conniff, Mercy: Zierau (senior) and Conniff (junior) combined talents to become a formidable doubles team this year.



Mackenzie Zierau Mercy

While posting an 11-6 record against quality competition, they were Division 1 regional champions and Catholic League finalists. In the state tournament, they lost a three-set match to Ann Arbor

Pioneer in the first round. Zierau was a state champion at No. 2 doubles in 2013, while Conniff was a state quarterfinalist the past two years at No. 3 singles.

"Mackenzie and Bridgette were the second- and third-best players on the team," Stafford said. "I decided to pair them up this year to give us a top-tier No. 1 doubles team.

"They gave us a force at the top of our doubles lineup and they gave us two of the best ball strikers in girls doubles. They had a lot of great wins against top teams.

"They gave us the strength at the top of our doubles lineup, pushed other girls into good spots and created a strong lineup for us.

"I thought we had one of the best doubles lineups in the state. That's where you make the big run at state, through the doubles."

Maura Ehrlich and Eva

Pitts-Rakowska, N. Farmington: The all-senior No. 1 doubles team was a regional finalist and quarterfinalist at the Division 2 state meet.



Maura Ehrlich N. Farm.



Eva Pitts-Rakowska N. Farm.

Ehrlich and Pitts-Rakowska won the Allegan tournament and posted a 12-10 record. They were named to the all-state first team by the coaches association.

"Maura and Eva had a very good season and finished with a very respectable record," Wasielewski said. "We have a very tough schedule, so a winning record is impressive.

"Maura and Eva were the sixth-seeded team at the state tournament, where they earned two points before losing in the quarterfinals to the third-seeded team from Forest Hills Northern.

"Both girls were four-year varsity players and will be truly missed in our program next year."

Arryn Dochenetz and Sam DiGiovanni, Stevenson: The senior duo proved tough to beat this spring, racking up a 20-3 record that included first-place finishes in the Livonia City Tournament, the Plymouth Invitational and the Howell Invitational.



Arryn Dochenetz Stevenson



Sam DiGiovanni Stevenson

Dochenetz and DiGiovanni helped Stevenson advance to the Division 1 state meet by reaching the semifinal round at the regional tournament. They capped an outstanding season by winning their opening match at the state meet in Midland.

"Sam and Arryn really enjoyed playing together as their skills matched up beautifully," coach Don McEachney said. "They both enjoyed their last season of playing and it was very much evident in the way they played. They had a lot of fun on the court as they competed in every match."

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Arti Vaishnav, jr., N. Farmington
Kathryn Dunleavy, jr., Mercy
Chelsea Yu, jr., Salem
Kendall Payne, jr., Franklin
Kaitlyn Rogosch, jr., Churchill
Sheryl Carter, jr., Harrison
- FIRST-TEAM DOUBLES**
Mackenzie Zierau, sr., Mercy
Bridgette Conniff, jr., Mercy
Maura Ehrlich, sr., N. Farmington
Eva Pitts-Rakowska, sr., N. Farmington
Arryn Dochenetz, sr., Stevenson
Sam DiGiovanni, jr., Stevenson
- SECOND-TEAM SINGLES**
Myra Visser, sr., N. Farmington
Bianca Ghita, soph., Salem
Amber Tseng, jr., Plymouth
Krissy Jackson, fr., Mercy
Hannah Pierce, jr., Farmington
Madison Markwardt, jr., Ladywood
Sarah Gamble, sr., Plymouth
Sam Cyrus, jr., Stevenson
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Abby Bush, jr., Mercy
Teahn Horton, sr., Plymouth
Alexa Earls, sr., Plymouth
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Kaelyn Poirier, soph., N. Farmington
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Salem: Madison Kulik, Kylie Enright, Ashley Henderson, Grace Martin;
Canton: Jasmine Najm-Henry, Lily Pita;
Farmington: Isha Nadgouda, Samantha Miller;
N. Farmington: Shannon Kenny, Louise Clarke, Pooja Kapadia;
Mercy: Carly Demkowicz, Kaela Brown, Emmie McCann, Chanel Taylor, Nicole Meek, Megan Haase;
John Glenn: Malaysia Martin;
Wayne: Janae Strickland, Kendelle Hood;
Garden City: Jessica Liske, Courtney Cameron, Kaylee Tucker, Deana Hasimilari;
Redford Union: Abigail Walters.

SUMMER CAMPS

Lions youth football

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 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.

Madonna volleyball

Madonna University will host a series of volleyball camps in the next three weeks.

The first is an advanced (elite) and gener-

al all-skills camp June 22-25. That will be followed by a setters and hitters session 1 camp June 29-July 2 and a hitters session 2 and defensive camp July 6-9.

For camp information and registration, contact Madonna head coach and camp director Jerry Abraham at 734-432-5612 (office), 734-748-3128 (evening) or jabraham@madonna.edu.

To view or print a camp brochure, go online to madonnacrusers.com.

Churchill football

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.livonia-publicschools.org.

Churchill boys hoops

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

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

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

Churchill soccer

The Livonia Churchill soccer camp for boys and girls will be 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@livonia-publicschools.org or rfriedri@livoniapublicschools.org.

Titans lacrosse

The University of Detroit Mercy men's lacrosse team will host the Titan Elite Camp June 29 through 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.

Harrison volleyball

Harrison High School will host a girls volley-

ball camp July 21-23 in the school gym.

The cost is \$55 at the door. There is a family discount of \$50 per child for families with two or more attending the camp. A camp T-shirt is included.

The first session is 12:15-2:15 p.m. each day for girls who will be in grades 4-6. The second session will follow at 2:30-4:45 p.m. for girls in grades 7-9.

There will be an extra session 5-6 p.m. for additional instruction in hitting or setting. The fee is \$20 at the door.

A completed and signed concussion form is required. Go to www.farmington.k12.mi.us to find and print the form. Click on "Athletics" on the left and scroll down to "Concussion Info."

For more information, contact coaches Mike Love at 313-758-1185 or Sue Kendall at 248-505-7261.

Stevenson hockey

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 Mitchell at dmitchel@livoniapublicschools.org.

'Future Stars' baseball

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.

PLYMOUTH FAMILY YMCA SUMMERS CAMPS

Summer is upon us and so are a number of camps and clinics offered by the Plymouth YMCA, for youngsters of all ages.

Following is a breakdown of what's on tap:

YMCA Co-Ed Baseball leagues are forming for ages 3-11. YMCA baseball is a great opportunity for children to learn the fundamental skills of baseball in a safe and fun environment. Practices will be held one night during the week, with games each Sat-

urday at Farrand Elementary. Summer session begins the week of July 6. Y rate is \$85 or \$117 for community participants.

YMCA Co-ed Basketball Camp registration is open for ages 6-12. The Plymouth YMCA is hosting two sessions of basketball camp the week of July 20. Camp runs from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday at Risen Christ Lutheran Church. All players receive a free T-shirt, along with learning and improving upon

basketball skills using drills, scrimmages and games. Each session is \$75.

YMCA Girls Volleyball Camp registration is open for ages 8-12. The YMCA is hosting two sessions of volleyball camp, the weeks of July 13 and 27. Camp runs from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday at Risen Christ Lutheran Church. All players receive a free T-shirt, along with learning and improving upon volleyball skills using drills and games. Each session is \$75.

YMCA Sports Sampler registration is open for ages 3-5. Sports sampler is a great introduction to the various sports and breaks down the basics of every sport every offered through the Plymouth YMCA. Sport Sampler session runs from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday at Risen Christ Lutheran Church the week of Aug. 3. Each session is \$75.

YMCA Indoor Soccer Camp registration is open for ages 6-12. The Plymouth

YMCA is hosting one week of camp this summer, the week of Aug. 10. Camp runs from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday at Risen Christ Lutheran Church. All players receive a free T-shirt, along with learning and improving upon soccer skills using drills and games. Each session is \$75.

For more information, contact the YMCA at 734-453-2904 or go to www.ymcadetroit.org/plymouth.

BALLARD

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and 'B' teams combined to win 24 straight games), takes the Plymouth reins from Nick Brandon (who took an administrative position in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools).

Bright future

The Wildcats had their best season in history in 2014-15, but Ballard doesn't see any reason why the program can't continue to shine under his watch.

"My biggest compliment to Nick Brandon is he's a mastermind of team culture," Ballard said. "I've watched him from afar and really admired the job he did with the program."

"Obviously, walking in it's an easier transition than most places because Nick did such a great job."

Ballard conceded, however, that the 2015-16 season will be an interesting one because anytime there's a coaching change, a period of transition ensues.

"I don't think it's going to be seamless; with any transition there's challenges ahead," Ballard said. "Different style of play ... I don't exactly coach the same way as coach Brandon or say things (the same way)."

"It's all new terminology for the kids. But that's what summer's for. We're going to get better, we're going to practice. It's a process."

The Plymouth varsity is getting in some summer league games and will travel to Boyne City for a weekend tournament.

Joining him on the staff will be former Livonia Franklin and Grand Valley State University standout Brittany Taylor. Another assistant is Evan Paputa, while Ballard is still hand-picking who will coach the junior varsity and freshman teams.

No stranger

Change is coming, yet Ballard is a familiar face around the Plymouth gym. For the past three years, in addition to his Central duties, he was coach Mike Soukup's right-hand man with the Wildcats' varsity boys basketball team.



MICHAEL VASILNEK

Intensity, accountability and hard work are just a few of the things basketball coach Ryan Ballard brings to the sideline.

"Leaving the Plymouth boys program was very difficult, because I love those kids so much," said Ballard, who like Soukup doesn't need coffee or energy drinks to bubble over with enthusiasm. "I love those seniors coming back, Brent Davis, Armani Tate, Frank Brown, Pete Carravallah. It was hard for me to walk away from them."

Ballard said he picked up some tendencies from Soukup, including being a "gym rat" who spent endless hours breaking down film in "the lab" and working as hard as possible to bring about improvement to the team.

"I know people always talk about (how) coaching boys and coaching girls is way different," Ballard said. "To me, you have to be who you are. I can't change who I am as a coach. I

think coaching's coaching."

And Ballard's Ballard — a basketball guy who is "passionate, enthusiastic. I will attack this job and try to make the kids better every day. That's all you can ask for."

Yes, there might be some growing pains in making the jump from middle school to high school varsity. Ballard intends to learn from any mistakes and he expects his players to buy in to that mindset.

"The girls always say I'm relentless about being relentless, that's how we're going to play," he said. "That's something I'm big on. If you're going to be in the gym practicing, you got to bring it every day. We want great effort and great attitude."

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MICHIGAN AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

Plum Hollow ready for state's top amateurs

By Marty Budner

Staff Writer

John Jawor is eager to show off his precious jewel.

Jawor, head pro at historic Plum Hollow Country Club, can't wait for the 104th Michigan Amateur Golf Championship to tee off Monday. He believes players will find his course challenging and the public will find it appealing.

"This is a great golf course," said Jawor, who started as assistant pro in 1986 and became head pro in 2005. "It's hidden in the heart of the city and it's just a beautiful traditional course that not many people have played. It's like an undiscovered treasure."

"We have such rolling terrain that you wouldn't anticipate in a city like this," he added. "The greens are fantastic. It's a very straightforward golf course that competitors tend to like. They will enjoy playing the golf course and it's fun to play every day."

Plum Hollow has hosted many prestigious tournaments since its founding in 1921.

The PGA Championship, for instance, was held at the Southfield course in 1947. It was the site of the 1943 Ryder Cup matches and played host to three Michigan PGA Championships (1929, 1937, 1939), as well as the 1957 Western Open.

The Colt and Alison-designed layout over the picturesque terrain was the site of the 2004 GAM Championship, plus many more GAM and USGA events.

However, this is the first Michigan Amateur to be played at Plum Hollow.

"It is exciting. It's the biggest amateur tournament we've held to date," Jawor said. "It's a great course for skilled competitors or members alike."

The 6,775-yard, par-70 traditional layout is in pristine shape.

Contestants should be wary of high rough, dangerous runoffs and fast greens on the plush private course which includes five par-3 holes. Two of the par-5 holes (Nos. 1 and 18) that club members play will be scaled down to par-4 for the Amateur.

Jawor cautions that while it's not extremely long, participants must be very careful with shot selection.

"Even though it's shorter than some of the modern-day courses, it will hold its own as far as scoring," Jawor said. "Length always helps, but you have to hit it straight because the rough is so healthy that if you get it just a little ways off the fairways, it's tough to control the distance with your irons because the grass is so long."

"So if you're hitting real short irons in, it doesn't affect it as much as if you're hitting something longer. You just can't control the flight of the ball," he added.

Jawor eagerly awaits what figures to be a big week at Plum Hollow, a club with some 200 active members.

"I'm just anxious to see if people think as much of this place as I do and the members do," Jawor said. "Because whenever we have qualifiers or other tournaments, the players rave about the course. It will be fun to see how well they play."

The field of 162 golfers begins 36 holes of stroke play Monday morning. The low 64 individuals advance to match play, which begins Wednesday morning and continues Thursday.

The semifinal and final rounds of match play are scheduled for Friday morning and afternoon, respectively. The public is invited to watch the action free of charge.



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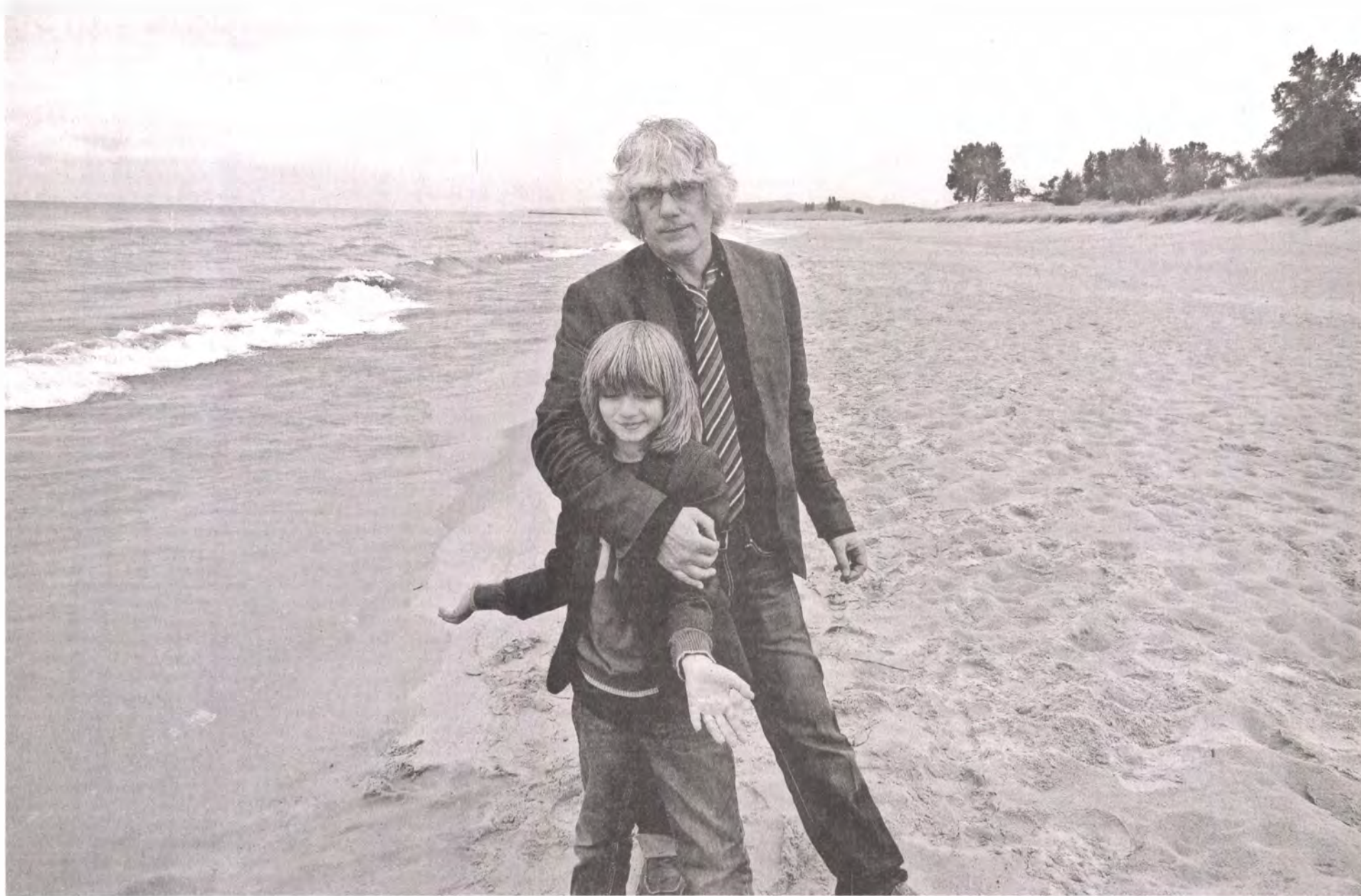
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Mike Malott and his son, Zachary, take a stroll along the beach. The Plymouth resident is founder of the Jazz in the Park concert series that starts July 5 in Kellogg Park.

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LISTEN TO COOL JAZZ IN KELLOGG PARK THIS SUMMER

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Plymouth resident Mike Malott will jazz up Kellogg Park this summer with a new concert series.

"I'm doing it because I want to bring something to Plymouth I think will be unique. I'm bringing live jazz to hometown USA park," said Malott, 51, who moved into the Old Village neighborhood last September with his son, Zachary, 10.

"We happened to clip the tail end of the Friday night events last year. It's so cool to get the community out into the park, but there wasn't any jazz, really. Plymouth fit that model for something I thought jazz would work in. I thought, if it's not here, I should bring it here."

Alex Colista Quartet, Chris Rose Trio and Trio Reenactment kick off Jazz in the Park, 4-7 p.m. Sunday, July 5, in downtown Plymouth. Next up is Nathan Haddock Trio, Ellie Epstein with Latin jazz, and Corey Allen Trio on July 19, and Gene-n-Tonics, Nicole New, Imari Jendayi and In The Tradition, along with Isis Damlil and Zion Yisrael on July 26.

Melanie Rutherford, All Directions Band, Epic Movement, Gary Greenfelder Quintet and more are planned for August. The series runs Sun-

day, July 5 through Aug. 30. No concerts are scheduled July 12, during Art in the Park, or Aug. 16, during Heartbeat of Plymouth.

Malott lined up sponsors — Jaguar of Novi, Nicholas Palls AAA Insurance, DJL Builders Inc., and Dearborn Jewelers of Plymouth — and created a donation page on the Jazz in the Park website. Friends of Jazz in the Park supporters are recognized in the weekly program. They also receive a T-shirt, meet and greet opportunities and admission to a VIP event, if they donate \$100 or more. The first 100 Friends to donate at least \$100 will receive a CD produced by Malott, who led recording projects and live shows, promoted and managed musicians for more than 25 years. That included producing live shows for Willie Nelson and Pat Metheny and recordings involving Eric Clapton, Slash and Jerry Garcia, among others.

Funding

Malott said he's "still struggling" to raise the funds for some of the concerts in August, but he's confident he'll find the cash, even if it means dipping into his own bank account to the tune of \$5,000-\$6,000.

"I have a history with larger sponsors. Some of the events I've produced are of the mag-



Alex Colista Quartet kicks off the Jazz in the Park music series in Plymouth.

nitude that sponsors naturally fell into place. The exposure level is more grand and the volume consistently larger," he said, adding that funding for a smaller-scale concert series, like Jazz in the Park, is harder to find.

"I hate starting an event without having it paid for. That's not the best way to do things, but I know it's going to work. I think once people have an opportunity to get a taste of the event and see the kind of cool thing it is, that will help us."

Malott entered fatherhood and started a writing career with the same whatever-it-takes attitude. Zach's mother was a member of a rock band



Mike Malott

and was not in a position to raise a child. Malott took charge and father and son have been together ever since.

"I had Zach since the beginning. I did everything but breastfeed him," he said, adding that he learned to change a diaper faster than a pit crew member.

New direction

Malott quit the music industry when Zach was 2, determined not to raise his child on a rock band tour bus. Four years later, Zach was diagnosed with autism and a severe separation anxiety.

"I literally went from flying on private jets and staying at resort hotels and hobnobbing with rock stars to oh my God, we're headed to the food stamp line," he said, with a laugh. "Luckily I had invested a lot of money in art."

Malott, a Northville native, also held a law degree, which helped lead to tutoring jobs at Harvard and Boston College after the pair moved to Boston, Mass., where Zach entered the Harvard Mass General Leaders Program for autistic children.

At Harvard, Zach regularly watched the football team practice and ended up becoming its unofficial water boy and lucky charm. Malott created a scrapbook of his son's summer experience with the team and then turned it into a book.

"That's how writing books and a new career came out of nowhere," he said.

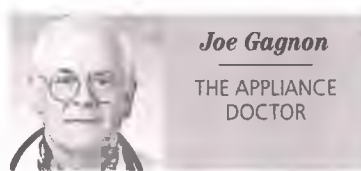
A *Let's Explore* children's book series followed, with Zach taking photos and his dad writing the copy as they traveled throughout the country. Each book focuses on a different city. Zach wrote the copy for their latest book and *A Let's Explore Plymouth* book is planned for release this year. Malott has written several other books on his own, including a collection of humorous spam emails.

He also created an Internet jazz radio station that will launch later this month. WPJZ will play prerecorded continuous traditional, classic and modern jazz music via Live365.com. Visit the radio web page at jazzinthepark.org.

Some homeowners love to mix appliance colors

The American Association of University Women, Novi Northville Chapter would like to thank Bill & Rod's Appliance in Livonia for hosting a recent cooking demonstration and fundraiser at their local retail store. It proved to be a great success and afforded me the pleasure of meeting several readers and talking with store employees who always educate me in the world of major home appliances.

It brings to attention a recent addition to the color scheme of appliances like refrigerators. For many years when the color consul in Washington decided to offer new colors on appliances, the whole lot of manufacturers copied one another. Remember pink, harvest gold, avocado, almond and others and how I used to criticize their method of forcing customers to purchase a



Joe Gagnon
THE APPLIANCE
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product they may not have needed? Who would ever want a brown refrigerator and a gold dishwasher in the same kitchen? Now I am told the opposite of that sort of thinking as many homeowners are mixing and matching colors of their appliances. The newest of colors being offered is the color Slate, only available with the purchase of a General Electric appliance. That's a bit strange that it's only available on a G.E. And why is it that other manufacturers don't have the slate color yet? In talking with my darling Valorie, she would like a new kitchen range for the cottage in maybe a light-colored blue

or dark red. One manufacturer offers some 77 colors in the kitchen range department and they must feel that the standard one color décor of kitchen appliances is coming to an end. It just goes to show how things can change.

Hot water needed

While talking with a young man at Bill & Rod's I was informed that he had a new baby in the family and that they don't use those throw-away diapers. They use the cloth ones that existed when I was a little tyke and they wash them like my mother did. I don't know for sure but I think this method is kind of rare today. Anyways, we were talking about the importance of using hot water wash to kill the bacteria and keep the baby safe. I told him of the many emails I have received from consumers who are not at all pleased to

find out that their recently purchased washer only allows 104 degree temperature water into the machine. Not able to return and exchange the washer, they hook up a short hose to the laundry faucet on the hot water line and fill the washer directly from the plumbing. This is not what I call an automatic clothes washer and shame on any salesperson who doesn't explain these facts to a customer who spends money at a retail appliance store. Again, this is just another step by the Energy Department in Washington to save energy consumption by consumers by mandating guidelines that have a negative effect on customer satisfaction. If only they were smart enough to recognize the consequence of their actions.

While talking with another appliance guy who was barbecuing a few hundred hamburg-

ers we talked about cleaning the grate on the barbecue. I mentioned the new article I read about a person who used the standard wire brush and died as a result. A small particle of the wire brush came off and lay on the grate and was consumed by that person. The end result was that it pierced his intestines and caused him great pain and he passed away. My suggestion was to take a handful of paper towel and wipe off the grill before placing a food on it. By the way, the chef who put on this cooking display at Bill & Rod's cooked me up four cabbage rolls which were absolutely delicious and I thank him. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m. Saturdays on WAAM 1600. You can email your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@twm1.rr.com.

See four free 'Terminator' movies

Here are four reasons to celebrate if you're a fan of the Terminator series:

1. *The Terminator*, 7 p.m. Monday, June 22
2. *Terminator 2: Judgment Day*, 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 23
3. *Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines*, 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 24
4. *Terminator Salvation*, 7 p.m. Thursday, June 25

All screenings are free and will be shown at Emagine Novi, 44425 W. 12 Mile. Free tickets will be available at the box office one hour before show times.

Attendees also will get a chance to win passes to an advance screening of the new film, *Terminator Genisys*, which opens in theaters Wednesday, July 1. For more info, call the Emagine Novi at 248-468-2990.



"Terminator Genisys" opens July 1.

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Doing good can be as simple as planting a tree

My daughter is almost 8 months old now. It really is true what everyone tells you as a new mother, time goes so fast! I am sometimes amazed at how much she has learned and how quickly she has grown. Raising a child is an awesome opportunity and an experience I am so grateful for having.

One thing that is very important for me to teach my daughter about is doing good things for the world and giving back. I want her to grow up believing that there are people always in worse shape than us, and that no matter our situation we should always find a way to help other people or do something good. I want her to know that greed is bad and that helping others is good and that there is always a way to make a difference.

Recently, we were given an opportunity to help change the community. My elementary school was torn down years ago, and the lot was sold to a building company that plans to build new homes in the neighborhood. This is great for



Sarah Davies
THEN THERE WERE TWO

the community to have new homes built and bring in new families, but sadly a tree that stood on the lot had to be taken down to make way for the new construction. I know, big deal, it is one tree and the building company certainly will add more landscaping when they are complete. But this tree had a special place in my heart, so I decided to do something about it. This tree was planted by my second-third-grade split class, and we had won an award for it for keeping Michigan beautiful. How sad that what once was recognized for its beauty is gone.

New tree

I want my daughter to know that she is capable of doing anything she sets her mind to, and what better way to teach her than to lead by example. So I set out to get a new tree planted in place of the old one, and in memory of the alumni

of the elementary school that once stood at the lot. A few emails and phone calls, and I was scheduled to meet with the City of Farmington employee who would be able to assist me in getting something done. He was quick to react and was able to get a new tree, a bench by the tree, and a lovely plaque to mark the memories of so many people in our community.

As it turns out, many people I know were excited to hear I had done this. A whole lot of people went to that school—Flanders Elementary—during its time, and many people live in the neighborhood there and have spent countless days at the playground and the school. It was touching to me that a simple task like this would affect so many people. It was just another reminder of how important it is to do good things. One of my favorite quotes says it better than I could: "Be the change you wish to see in the world."

Sarah Davies of Livonia writes about the ups and downs of motherhood. Contact her at sarahmariadavies@gmail.com.

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CROUSE, LEONA P.

Age 98 of Farmington died Friday, June 5, 2015 in Brighton. Born to Irving and Mildred (Garlick) Pugh on January 31, 1917 in Unadilla Forks, N.Y. She married Basil Crouse in Plainfield, Michigan. Leona was a teacher for many years with the Farmington Area School District. Her favorite hobby was entertaining family and friends, baking cookies, sewing and playing the organ. Preceding her in death were her parents, husband, two brothers John and Robert, two sisters, Betty and Margaret. She is survived by; two sons, David (Judi) of Traverse City, Donald of Palm Springs CA, 1 daughter, Jackie (Gene) Dahlgren of Fowlerville, 10 grandchildren and many great grandchildren. Cremation has taken place. Leona will be taken back to her childhood home in Unadilla Forks, N.Y. for burial. Memorial contributions are suggested to: Great Lakes Hospice. Arrangements by: Herrmann Funeral Home, Niblack Chapel. 517.223.8656



HYDUK, LILLY SANDY

was born on February 19, 1960 and passed away on June 13, 2015 at the age of 55. Sandy was the cherished wife of the late Darin. She is loving daughter of Eileen Hyduk and the late Richard Hyduk. The loving mom to Andrew and Amy Lilly, beloved sister to Barb (Pete) Nagarah, Kathy Glapa, Carol (Greg) Truesdell. She will be missed dearly by friend Kellie Compton. A visitation for Sandy was held on Thursday, June 18 from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., and Friday June 19 from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. with a scripture service that began at 7:00 p.m. A funeral service was held at St. Colette Catholic Church on Saturday, June 20. An in state time held at the church from 9:30 a.m. until the time of mass at 10:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Andrew and Amy Lilly on the direct link to their go fund me page at <http://www.gofundme.com/mx8g2i78z>.

JUDD, THOMAS C.

Age 63, a resident of Northville, passed away on June 17, 2015, with his family by his side. He is survived by his son, Tom (Nicole); daughter, Erika; daughter-in-law, Lily; grandchildren, Leore, Eden, Israel and Savannah; former spouse, Dolores; mother, Sylvia; sisters, Judy Doring, Diane (Rick) Herman; brother, David (Lisa) and extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Herbert Thomas Curtiss Judd (Donna) and son, Jon Judd. A Memorial Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 600 E. Main St. Brighton on Monday, June 22 at 2 p.m. with gathering beginning at 12 p.m. Pastor Tim Hozerland to officiate. Memorial contributions may be made in his name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, PO Box 1893, Memphis, TN 38101-9950 For further information phone Lynch & Sons, Brighton at 810-229-2905 or visit LynchFuneralDirectors.com



MULLETT, DONALD

Age 82, June 16, 2015. Beloved husband of the late Justine. Loving father of Donald W. (Wendy), Michele (Wayne) Woodard, Margie (Charlie) Henry, John (Diane), Marilyn (John) Estrada, Justine (Ron) Pummill, and the late Joseph. Dearest grandfather of 33 and great-grandfather of 17. Dear brother of Mary Jo Vandervennet and Barbara Richards and was preceded in death by six brothers and one sister. He was a retired elevator constructor of Local 36. He was a graduate of St. Leo High School. Funeral services were held Friday, at 12 Noon at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church (formerly St. Raphael) 31530 Beechwood, Garden City. Please sign the on-line guestbook at www.rgrharris.com

SEENEY, WILLIAM DAVID

January 9, 1929 - June 17, 2015 William David Seeneey, 86, resided in Redford, MI and passed away Wednesday, June 17, 2015 in Memorial Hospital, South Bend, IN. He retired from O'Keller Tool, Livonia, MI where he served as a tool and die maker. William was born January 9, 1929 in Detroit, MI. On August 5, 1950 William married Joyce Elaine (Henry) Seeneey in Highland Park Presbyterian Church. Mr. Seeneey is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Joyce Seeneey; son Kevin (Betty) Seeneey of Berkeley, MI, daughter Wendy Smith of Prosper, TX, and son Brian (Jennifer) Seeneey of Farmington Hills, MI; eight grandchildren, Christopher (Kay) Seeneey, Ryan Seeneey, Andrea Seeneey, Patrick (Gillian) Seeneey, Jeffrey Seeneey, Jacob Smith, Andrew Smith and Adam Smith; and two great-grandchildren, Jackson Seeneey and Norah Seeneey. Memorial Services will be held at First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 East Main Street in Northville, MI on Tuesday, June 23 at 11:00 am. Mr. Seeneey served in the United States Navy during World War II. Interment will take place in Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, MI (date to be announced). Palmer Funeral Home-River Park, South Bend and Southlawn Cremation Services are assisting the family. Online condolences may be sent to the Seeneey family at www.palmerfuneralhomes.com

SUMMERLEE, RICHARD A.

Of Plymouth. Age 62, September 7, 1952 - April 25, 2015. Rick graduated from Bentley High School in 1970 and enlisted in the U.S. Navy shortly after. He served aboard the U.S.S. Long Beach and was awarded the National Defense Service Medal before joining the U.S. Naval Reserve following his honorable discharge in 1975. He subsequently worked for the U.S. Postal Service as a mail carrier for 32 years before retiring in 2008 to care for his mother. Rick maintained lifelong friendships with many postal customers and co-workers. He shared a special bond with senior citizens. After retiring, he called BINGO at American House in Westland and Livonia. He provided compassion, companionship and a sense of family to many residents, especially those who were alone. He enjoyed an extensive network of friends and loved nature, animals and spending time maintaining his extensive gardens. Rick was predeceased by his parents, Harold Summerlee and Jayne (Allmayer) Wilson. He is survived by best friend, Patricia Zielke; siblings, Susan (Michael) Magel, and Harold Summerlee; step-brothers, Tom (Debbie) Wilson and John (Carol) Wilson; uncle, Bruce Allmayer; nieces, Keri Thill, Melinda Thill and Whittni Yurk; nephew, Buck Summerlee; pets, Carla, Tao, Lucky, and Stanley; and many other family and friends. Those who knew Rick will be forever grateful for his keen wit and generosity. In memory of Rick, please spend time with an elderly family member or friend; or make a donation to your local Humane Society. A memorial service is scheduled for Sunday, August 16, at the Red Olive Restaurant, 1051 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170, from 1-4 p.m.

REUNIONS



ARCHIVE PHOTO

Time to reminisce with classmates at a high school reunion.

DETROIT COOLEY

CLASS OF 1965

Looking for classmates from January and June for 50th reunion on Oct. 3 at Livonia Marriott Hotel. For information, email reunioncooley65@aol.com or call 734-397-3308.

GARDEN CITY WEST

CLASS OF 1973

A 60th birthday party is set for July 25 at Garden City Park Pavilion, east of Merriman, north of Cherry Hill Road in Garden City. Tickets are \$10 at the location. Participants should bring their own food and beverages.

Grill will be provided. Bring a gag birthday gift. For info, call 734-776-0024 or Billy Brooks: blybe7@aol.com.

NOVI HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1995

Seeking classmates for a 20-year reunion Saturday, Aug. 22, at the Embassy Sites in Livonia. For more information, email melissacohn8@gmail.com or visit facebook.com/groups/Noviclassof95/.

OAK PARK HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1975

Save the date, Saturday, July 25, at Embas-

sy Suites Livonia, 19525 Victor Parkway, Livonia. Classmates will send their contact information to oakpark1975reunion@gmail.com, and to join the Reunion Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/events/810805715636204/>.

ALL CLASSES

6-10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at The American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple, Troy; \$45 per person. For more information call Rose Ann Filar at 248-770-1271.

ENGAGEMENT



Joshua Favaro and Torey Wiebell

WIEBELL-FAVARO

Torey Elizabeth Wiebell and Joshua James Favaro, both of Royal Oak, announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Thomas Wiebell of Marco Island, Fla., and Gena Meyer of

Thornville, Ohio, is a 2010 graduate of Oxford High School. She is the manager of The Body Shop at Twelve Oaks Mall, in Novi.

Her fiance, son of Jim and Tracy Favaro of Livonia, is a 2008 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. He is com-

pleting a manufacturing degree at Schoolcraft College and is employed by Exel North America Inc.

A November 2015 wedding is planned at Mt. Hope Church in Livonia.

Paying tribute to the life of your loved one.

American Red Cross says hats off to donors

The American Red Cross hopes to encourage more blood donations during the week of the July 4 holiday, by giving away hats.

Anyone who donates blood from July 2-6 will receive an embroidered Red Cross hat, while supplies last.

Summer vacations and travel sometimes cause donation activity to slow, but the Red Cross wants to ensure a sufficient blood supply through the summer.

Donors of all types, especially those with O negative blood, are needed. Make an appointment to give blood by calling 800-733-2767 going online at redcrossblood.org or visiting a local blood drive.

» Canton — 1-6:45 p.m.,

July 1, bd's Mongolian Grill, 42089 Ford Road; 1-6:45 p.m. July 3, Resurrection Catholic Church, 48755 Warren Road
» Garden City — 7 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. July 9, Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman

» Livonia — 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. July 7, Madonna University, 14221 Levan; 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. July 11, Brown New Cars, 32222 Plymouth Road; 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh

» Plymouth — 2-5:45 p.m. July 6, Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon; 1-8:45 p.m. July 6, Church of Christ Plymouth, 9301 Sheldon

Healthy aging



Alma Skillon talks with St. Mary Mercy Livonia's Yassir Sirajeldin, M.D., internal medicine resident, during an "Ask the Doctor" segment of the hospital's recent Health Aging Conference. Skillon was among 120 adults who attended the conference, held June 6. Attendees listened to local clinical experts on a variety of health topics, visited with exhibitors, participated in free health screenings and watched a cooking demonstration.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Birthing class

The class focuses on various techniques for breathing, pain management options, relaxation and massage, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 27, in Classrooms 1 and 2 of the Allan Breakie Medical Office Building, located on the campus of Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. Register by calling 734-458-4330.

Diabetes management

A free diabetes seminar including information on meal planning, blood sugar control and medication management will be held 5-7 p.m. June 24 in the Oakwood Physical Therapy and Wellness Center, 17101 Rotunda Drive in Dearborn. To register, call 800-543-9355 or visit Oakwood.org under the Classes & Events tab.

Exercise for arthritis

St. Mary Mercy Livonia, in collaboration with the Arthritis Foundation, will offer exercise classes beginning in July for adults with arthritis and other related diseases. A general

exercise program will run 10-11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 14 through Sept. 3. Tai Chi classes are set for 11 a.m. to noon and advanced exercises, for those who have taken the general exercise program, will run 1-2 p.m. Classes will be held at the Wellness Center at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, located at Five Mile and Levan, in Livonia. The general exercise and Tai Chi classes are free but registration is required. The advanced exercise program costs \$5 per session. Register by calling 734-655-1310.

Lunch and Learn

Join an open-ended lunch discussion on health and wellness in southeast Michigan, with Lila Lazarus, health reporter, Rob Casalou, St. Joseph Mercy Health System president and CEO, hospital leaders and local officials, noon June 30, at St. Joseph Mercy, 1600 S. Canton Center Road, Canton. Register at stjoeshealth.org/classes

Weight management

Oakwood Healthcare offers a program on weight loss 5-7 p.m. June 24 at Oakwood Hospital - Dearborn, 18101 Oakwood Blvd., in Dearborn. To register, call 800-543-9355 or visit Oakwood.org under the Classes & Events tab.

Ongoing

Ab-Anon

Twelve-step program and weekly group to help those suffering with eating disorders such as anorexia, bulimia, and exercise compulsion is held 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, at the Friendship Circle, 6892 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. An Ab-Anon meeting group is available for families and loved ones, 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, also at the Friendship Circle. For more information, contact Mindy at 248-672-9776.

Aquatic classes

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to

ease arthritis. Classes are held 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch and 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch. Visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

Bipolar support

Depression Bipolar Support Alliance meets 6-7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday at Lincoln Behavioral Services Center, 14500 Sheldon, Suite 160B, Plymouth. It is accessed through the Plymouth Executive Park driveway north of M-14. Meetings open to families. Call Nancy at 734-536-3457 for directions.

Blood pressure

Garden City Hospital offers free blood pressure testing, lipid panel (\$15) testing, 10 a.m. to noon Sept. 2 and Dec. 2, in the main lobby of the hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. No registration is required. For more information, call 734-458-4330.

Breast cancer support

Meets from 6:30-8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan), Livonia. Call 734-655-1100 or visit www.stmarymercy.org.

Choir therapy

The Therapy Choirs of Michigan extend an invitation to individuals with any kind of special needs or disabilities and their able-bodied family and friends, to participate in singing. Call Len McCulloch at 248-474-2763, Ext. 22, or visit www.therapychoirs.org for additional information.

CPAP/BIPAP

The Sleep Disorders Center of Michigan offers a free CPAP/BIPAP mask fitting clinic, 5-6 p.m. each Wednesday at 35600 Central City Parkway, Suite 103, Westland. Most insurances cover new supplies. No appointment needed. 734-458-7251.

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