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W-W maintains educational choices, fund equity in new budget year

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Wayne-Westland Community Schools will continue to offer a full complement of educational programs for students and add to its fund balance in fiscal year 2015-2016. That was the message delivered by Deputy Superintendent

Jim Larson-Shidler in presenting the amended 2014-2015 and proposed 2015-2016 budgets to the school board last week.

"It's important to know that the district is still funded at the lowest rate in the state and is the company of 300 other school districts," said Larson-Shidler, referring to the \$7,392

per student the district will receive in State School Aid.

The district finished the 2014-2015 budget year with a lower than projected fund balance due in large part to a \$783,376 mid-year reduction in money it receives to cover increased retirement costs. It had revenues of \$102.838 million, down \$1.897 million from

its January projection, and expenditures of \$103.357 million, also down \$1.416 million.

The district expects to take in more than \$104 million in revenue in fiscal 2015-2016 and spend just under that amount, allowing it to add \$85,538 to this year's fund balance of \$3.287 million.

Larson-Shidler also is pro-

jecting a continuing drop in student enrollment; however, due to a change in how the student count is done, the loss will be 276 students. The \$140 per-pupil increase in state school aid will bring in an additional \$1.6 million, based on a projected enrollment of

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Volunteers helped paint over graffiti and planted flowers at Cayley Park.

Cayley Park is getting spruced up

Broken parts replaced, shrubs cleared, hoop coming

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Thanks to volunteers and the Department of Public Services, improvements are underway at Westland's Cayley Park.

"We're using a donation from the Cayley family and Community Development Block Grant funds," Westland Community Development Director Joanne Campbell

said.

The park was named for the late Charles Cayley, who was a Nankin Township trustee.

Cayley Park East/West is two acres located on Grand Traverse, just east and west of Everett, in Norwayne. The park has a picnic shelter, grills, picnic tables and play equipment.

"We're not getting new equipment, but we will re-

place the broken parts," Campbell said. "DPS cleared the shrubs for a walking path on the east side of the park."

A basketball net is being installed on a vacated section of street adjoining the park.

"We are creating parking on one of the vacant lots where we demolished a quadplex," Campbell said. "The budget is tight, so we will put down wood chips for the parking. That will be fine."

A group of volunteers recently painted over graffiti at the park and planted flow-

ers. The park also includes a Little Library, donated by the Westland Rotary Club and constructed by William D. Ford Career Technical Center building trades students. Vic Barra of the Wayne-Ford Civic League helped with the installation.

The volunteers came from the youth group at Sts. Simon and Jude Catholic Church and the Norwayne Boxing Club.

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Murder charges filed in boy's death

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Bond was revoked for a Romulus woman after she was charged with second-degree murder in the death of a Westland boy who was struck by a vehicle.

Kimberly Jean Garrett, 39, was arraigned Monday on charges of second-degree murder, operating while intoxicated resulting in death, reckless driving resulting in death, failure to stop at an accident causing serious injury or death and operating while under the influence second offense.

Kayale Fruge, 8, was hit June 20 on Darwin near Delton Court after a vehicle left the roadway and struck him. The vehicle reportedly didn't stop, but a witness followed a vehicle to a home in the 8800 block of Cromwell in Romulus and called police.

The criminal complaint filed against Garrett was

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Submitted by Kayale Fruge, 8, with his mother Sequoia.

Man charged with using phone to take photo under skirt at store

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A Garden City man has been arraigned on a felony charge that he used his cell phone to take a photo looking up a woman's skirt outside a Westland business.

Arthur McCauley, 44, was arraigned Monday in Westland 18th District Court on a felony charge of using a computer to



McCauley

commit a crime and a misdemeanor capturing/distributing the image of an unclothed person, which includes someone in their underwear. A not guilty plea was entered for McCauley, who was released on a \$10,000/10 percent bond.

Westland Police identified a suspect after receiving tips following the release of still photos and video surveillance footage.

Reported at 8:55 p.m. Wednesday, June 24, the alleged incident took place at Mickey's Dairy Twist, 32785 Cherry Hill at Venoy. Police said the suspect was standing in line when he spotted a woman with small children also

waiting in line.

The suspect made his way toward the woman, police said, placed his cellular phone camera under the victim's skirt and took a picture. The suspect was caught in the act by the victim's brother who was also waiting in line, according to police.

The brother demanded the cell phone from the suspect but he refused and walked

away from the location on foot, police said.

McCauley's residence is listed as a home nearby on Cherry Hill in Garden City.

A probable causing hearing for McCauley is set for July 9 with a preliminary examination scheduled for July 16.

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Rain, storms slow Ford Road construction

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Heavy rains and storms in June have hindered construction crews working to improve Ford Road in Canton, washing out a new sidewalk near the I-275 interchange and hindering progress, officials said.

"We're a little behind schedule because of all the rains," said Bill Erben, Michigan Department of Transportation project manager.

After the Fourth of July holiday weekend, work crews are hopeful they can regain momentum amid hopes of finishing the project by early August, he said.

The \$3.7 million project involves lengthening turn lanes; adding a third continuous westbound lane from Lotz toward Lilley; resurfacing a stretch of Ford Road from the interchange to



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Construction workers are continuing their efforts on Ford Road in Canton.

Marlowe; improving exit and entrance ramps; and installing sidewalks along Ford where none existed, among other measures.

Some businesses say the project has caused a temporary slowdown in their customer base, while others say they haven't noticed a change. All are hopeful the construction work will improve traffic bottlenecks

along Ford.

James Zampas, assistant manager of Zax Auto Wash near Ford and Haggerty, said he hasn't noticed a slowdown in business.

"We had one of our busiest days yesterday in awhile," Zampas said Monday.

He said he believes efforts to lengthen turn lanes could provide at

least some relief for Ford Road motorists.

Ray Piasecki, manager of Chet's Rent All, an equipment rental business on Ford, said Chet's has had to give homeowners, contractors and companies more time to return rental items because of Ford Road traffic problems.

"We have to give our customers extra time to

get the equipment back to us, so actually we're losing money," Piasecki said, because it slows the turnaround time to rent it to the next customer.

Chet's also has been running a road-construction special by dropping from \$21 to \$16 the cost of refilling a 20-pound propane tank for summer grilling.

"Traffic gets backed up and customers have to wait in line to get here," Piasecki said.

He and Chet's employee Brian Kroenke have seen cars pull off Ford Road after being involved in accidents.

"It's like the worst road in the United States," Kroenke said.

He said Ford Road's original design appears flawed because too many business driveways are directly across from each other on the north and south sides of the road.

Chet's employees are

hopeful the work on Ford Road will at least help the traffic problem.

Motorists also have had to find detours on weekends as work crews closed I-275 ramps to fix deteriorating pavement.

Canton has three of Wayne County's top 10 most crash-prone intersections outside of Detroit, with Ford-Haggerty claiming the top spot.

MDOT engineer Mike Bellini has said the work being done this summer is "going to help alleviate the problem short-term." However, MDOT has said the long-term solution, whenever funding becomes available, will involve transforming Ford Road into a boulevard from the I-275 area toward Canton Center.

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Three Wayne Lions Club members recognized for service

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Fifty years – a half-century – is a long time, but that's how long Bud Hillyard has been member of the Wayne Lions Club.

"We're a 100-percent club. Whenever we did anything – selling cider and pumpkins and stuff like that – any money we generated was used 100 percent for charity," Hillyard said. "That's one of the things that kept me in the club."

The club recently recognized Hillyard for his 50 years of service.

Two other Lions members, Barney Lockwood and Tom Lynch, were each recognized for 20 years of service.

Along with raising money for Leader Dogs for the Blind and the Penrickton Center for the Blind, Hillyard recalled a time when the club paid for all the eye examinations and glasses for Wayne-Westland Schools students who couldn't afford those services.

"There we so many things we did. A big thing for me was that I saw the Leader Dogs start from a few dogs and a system

that wasn't very sophisticated," he said. "Today, they are one of the most advanced facilities for dogs. It doesn't cost the blind anything."

When the now-closed Eloise Hospital had blind patients, Hillyard said Lions Club members would visit and provide personal care items.

Needing a job after the bomber plant where he worked during World War II closed, Hillyard's father and a friend built a service station on Michigan Avenue at Winifred. A 1953 Wayne High School graduate, Hillyard started working at the service station as a teen and eventually took over the business.

Joining the club

"After I left the Jaycees – after a certain time, you're exhausted – I joined the Lions Club," Hillyard said. "It was a night-time meeting club. Rotary and the other clubs had lunch meetings. I worked with autos. I needed to shower and change clothes for the lunch meeting, then go back to work."

Over the years,

Hillyard said he particularly enjoyed Lions fundraising events that allowed him to interact with folks around town, whether it was selling white canes in front of Northside Hardware or going door-to-door selling pumpkins from a trailer.

One member had a farm, so the club would annually auction a steer to raise money, Hillyard said.

At 80, Hillyard has retired from the Lions Club.

"It's been fun. I enjoyed it. I met a lot of good people," said Hillyard, who will keep busy serving as a member of the Wayne Housing Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals.

20-year member

Lockwood, 90, is also retiring from the Wayne Lions, having been a member for 20 years.

"I had other things to do, I still have more to do," said Lockwood, who didn't join the group until he was 70. "I had both knees replaced eight years ago. They are kicking up a bit. It was time to quit. It is affecting my



Lions Club District Governor Sharon Jordan-Drowly recognizes the combined 90 years of service of Wayne Lions Club members Tom Lynch (left), Bud Hillyard and Barney Lockwood.

swing. I play golf once a week, if it doesn't rain."

Lockwood is technically a Canton resident – he lives on the township side of Hannan Road. "I can spit to Wayne from my driveway," he said. "I have a lot of friends in the Lions. They do good; it's a good charity. Leader Dogs is a big project for us. We care, we do care."

Although he recently retired from full-time work at Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Wayne, Lynch is continuing with the Lions.

"I think Bud Hillyard originally recruited me

and was my sponsor in the Lions," Lynch said. "Community service is a good thing. It was a good opportunity to gather with others in fellowship."

A main commitment for Lynch has been the club's scholarship program, which awards three scholarships annually.

The Wayne Lions are always looking for new members. Contact Lion John Goci at 734-637-1430 for information.

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amended after the youngster died June 24 following several days on life support. Garrett is scheduled for a probable cause hearing Thursday with a preliminary examination set for July 9.

An only child, Kayale had just completed second grade at Thorne Intermediate Elementary School in Dearborn

Heights. He lived with his mother Sequoia in the neighborhood where he was killed.

A crowd gathered Sunday evening for a vigil to remember Kayale.

The family has established a Go Fund Me account to raise money to pay for the child's funeral and uncovered medical expenses. Visit gofundme.com/xu5w8f8 to make donations.

"There was an excellent turnout at the vigil. There were family,

neighbors and people who didn't know him. The mayor (William Wild) came. It was overwhelming to Sequoia and her mother," said Kayle's great-aunt Alesia Whiting.

"His little friends all spoke. We had balloons in his favorite colors – black and blue. He was a really sweet little boy."

A visitation for Kayale has been scheduled for 1-6 p.m. Monday, July 6, at Husband Funeral Home, 2401 S. Wayne Road, Westland. The funeral will be held

at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 6, at New Hope Church, 33640 Michigan Ave., Wayne.

In the wake of Kayale's death, Whiting said Norwayne needs sidewalks and guard rails to be installed.

"So this will never take place again," she said. "And people need to speak up to get those drug houses out of the neighborhood."

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11,603 students; however, the elimination of the \$50 per pupil Best Practices money from the state will be a \$600,000 loss.

2015-2016 projections

Larson-Shidler is projecting local tax revenue of \$15.740 million, which includes \$288,000 in delinquent property taxes and \$82.324 million in state money – \$63.559 million in school aid and more than \$8 million to offset an increase in retirement costs.

The percentage the district pays in retirement costs is based on payroll and the amount will jump from 33.41 percent in 2014-2015 to 36.31 percent on 2015-2016. The state has capped the increase at 25.78 percent and provides funding to cover the difference.

"What we receive from the state we send back," he said. "It's an in-and-out. It's based on our payroll for 2014-2015."

Health insurance will increase 3 percent under that state hard cap; however, the actual increase from MESSA, the district's insurance provider, will be 2.2 percent. The district has a high-deductible plan and as a result will be able to deposit more into employees Health Savings Accounts this budget year.

The school board put off acting on the budget until later in the month. In the past, it has approved the amended and new budgets at its regular monthly meeting. However, the special meeting allowed Larson-Shidler to "get much more information and have a pretty accurate forecast."

Trustee Charles Trav Griffin pointed out that both the City of Westland and the Wayne-Westland School District are not in the financial trouble of other districts and communities.

"If you look at the city, it's not in financial difficulty; the school district isn't in financial difficulty," he said. "That creates stability in a community, and stability

is important to a community. This district made the tough decisions, the administration made the tough decisions, so people can move into a stable community. That's important to the vitality of a school district."

Board Vice-President Frederick Weaver expressed concern about the fund balance dropping below 5 percent, referring to a decision several years ago to keep it above that mark.

"I'm very much concerned to have that number drop," he said. "We need to look at ways to affect the budget so that we have this fund equity."

'Allocation of resources'

"This fund equity only covers two weeks of operations," added Board President Thomas Buckalew. "The issue isn't that we're not doing enough, the issue is we're not receiving enough. Have school districts and school boards been negligent? I hardly think so. The problem is with the allocation of resources. They're there but they're

being sent in other directions. We deserve better from the state."

Legislation being considered by state lawmakers would require a certain percentage of fund balance of school districts. The current bill, if enacted, would require school districts and public school academies to have a fund balance of 5 percent or greater in two most recent school years, School Superintendent Michele Harmala said.

"Districts would have to file budget assumptions with the state and the state would have the ability to determine that you're not a district in financial distress," she said. "While the fund balance is not the 5 percent the legislation requires, our work would be enhanced reporting to state. Wayne-Westland has not presented a deficit budget and we did not do that tonight. This administrative team will continue to not give you and the community a deficit budget."

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Livonia Library wins national award for 2014 summer reading video

By David Veselenak
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The Livonia library system is known for its collection of books and computers. Staffers can now say they're known for their video-making skills, too.

The library will be recognized later this month with an award by the PR Xchange for its 2014 Summer Reading Promo Video, made last year. It received the award for libraries with a budget of under \$5 million for promoting reading programs for children and families, beating out many other libraries.

The video, currently on the library's homepage, features assistant librarian Carl Katafiasz discussing the various



"Super Joel" Tacey puts on a magic show for participants in the Livonia Public Library's summer reading program.

programs last summer and patrons running out of the library as a mock science experiment goes wrong and "blows up" the Civic Center library, a

testament to that year's theme promoting science. The idea for a promotional video came while librarian Julie Novak

contemplated ways to promote the library's program. Because many people attend the summer movie showings that take place, the idea came up to do the video as a sort of "preview ad" before the films began.

"So that's how this started," she said. "We had to find ways to promote ourselves."

It was put together beginning in March and shot with the assistance of employees in Livonia Public Television. The Livonia library will be recognized during the American Library Association national conference June 28 in San Francisco, though Novak said no Livonia librarian will be able to be there in person to accept it.

The video may have played a factor in the

program last year, said children's librarian Karen Smith: Attendance last summer saw double-digit percentage increases from previous years.

"Our summer reading attendance was up 12 percent," she said.

This year's summer reading program

While the library will get recognized for work done for last year's summer reading program, this year's program has kicked off and includes a variety of new events and activities.

This year's theme, "Every Hero has a Story," kicked off May 30 and continues until Aug. 8.

In addition to possible prizes and awards for reading this summer, participants can attend

several programs, including "Rock n' Roll Heroes," a program geared toward teaching children about the legends and heroes of rock, which will take place at 11 a.m. July 27 at the Noble branch, 2 p.m. July 27 at the main Civic Center library and 2 p.m. July 28 at the Carl Sandberg branch.

Smith said more than 470 children have signed up for this year's summer program, which runs a little longer than previous years.

More information and registration for the summer reading program can be found at the city's library branches.

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City, DTE work out deal for Plymouth Road street lights

Livonia residents will notice improvements in the lighting along the Plymouth Road corridor.

Officials for the City of Livonia and DTE Energy have worked out a deal that will transfer ownership and maintenance responsibilities for some 470 street lights from the Plymouth Road Development Authority (PRDA) to DTE.

Beginning in the late '90s, the PRDA installed the decorative light poles as part of a larger streetscape improvement program to help the businesses along the corridor. Other improvements included masonry walls, plazas, fencing, mast arms for the traffic sig-

nal poles, benches, receptacles and street signs.

Under the agreement, DTE takes over all responsibility for maintaining and servicing the lights in the district.

"The PRDA felt that it should no longer be in the lighting business," said Mark Taormina, Livonia's director of planning and economic development. "(The deal) removes a growing burden from the PRDA and the city. This is what DTE does. We believe they can do it much more cost-effectively."

DTE will convert some 470 light fixtures to LED lighting, and will paint and repair the light poles throughout the district.

Taormina said DTE will attempt to get some of the work completed by the end of the year.

Taormina said that in a time when the PRDA's resources are limited, "it's clear having DTE do this" will be beneficial for everyone.

"With the financial difficulties the PRDA has seen the last couple of years, the best way to get these lights maintained was to enter into this agreement," Taormina said.

Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey said the agreement benefits all parties.

"It's a win-win," Kirksey said. "It's a deal that's good for both sides."

School discipline speech on tap

Bill Sower will report on "What's Happening with Restorative Practices in Michigan?" at the Citizens for Peace meeting at 7 p.m. July 14 at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road.

Sower is founder of The Christopher & Virginia Sower Center for Successful Schools, a consulting firm that helps schools improve discipline outcomes and learning climates using an alternative form of discipline called Restorative Practices. Beginning in 2001, the first Restorative Practices programs in Michigan were designed and guided by the Sower Center, in collaboration with the International Institute for Restorative Practices. The Sower Center

is now the leading provider of training and program support for Restorative Practices in Michigan.

Sower was a special education teacher who worked for 20 years with Michigan's most disturbed and delinquent youth at Maxey Boys Training School. He was an elementary school principal, the regional coordinator for the International Institute for Restorative Practices, and a police trainer for the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards. As a father and educator, Sower is



Sower

deeply concerned about the effects of disruptive and disrespectful behavior on learning outcomes in schools.

In his presentation he will discuss his work in local school districts like Hamtramck, Roseville, Saginaw, South Lyon, Dearborn, Livonia, as well as local universities, with a focus on the school-to-prison pipeline, using restorative practices. Along with his presentation, he has invited a recently trained Restorative Practices facilitator from Dearborn to discuss the impact the program is having on their school.

The presentation is free and open to the public. All are welcome. For more information, or visit citizens4peace.com

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Man arrested for Wayne store break-in

An Inkster man has been charged with breaking into a Wayne store in the early hours of June 25.

Michael Horning, 37, has been arraigned in Wayne 29th District Court on charges of breaking and entering with intent along with larceny.

Wayne Police were called to GI Surplus of Wayne, 34932 W. Michigan Avenue, just before 4 a.m. about a break-in in progress.

A witness told police that a man had been seen leaving the store. Horning was located a



Horning

short time later nearby. Police said merchandise from the store was recovered.

A not guilty plea was entered for Horning at his arraignment and bond set at \$10,000. He was jailed in lieu of bond. A probable causing hearing was set for July 7.

— By LeAnne Rogers

GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

Suspended license

A 59-year-old Detroit man was arrested for driving with a suspended license after being stopped by police around 2 a.m. June 30 at Middlebelt and Cherry Hill.

The man told police he didn't have a current license when he approached the car after it was stopped for driving without headlights. Officers saw the vehicle heading north on Middlebelt at the intersection where the traffic signal was out and stop signs had been posted.

A further check showed the man had four current license suspensions.

Larceny

A Garden City resident told police a pair of inline skates, valued at \$100, that she had been wearing were taken from a bench in Garden City Park sometime between 6 a.m. and 7 a.m. June 29.

The woman told police that had been skating in the park and stopped at a bench in the north end where she removed them. She then left for a walk, leaving the skates behind. When she returned, the skates were missing.

She also told police that a

witness she was familiar with had videotaped two men taking her skates.

Larceny from a vehicle

The owner of Dewey's Transmission, 28059 Ford, told police that sometime between June 26 and June 29, someone attempted to steal a 2006 Chevrolet from the lot.

He said the vehicle was locked and intact when he left at 6 p.m. June 26 but discovered that it was unlocked and its steering column was damaged.

Police found no damage to the doors to indicate how they were opened. The owner is checking a surveillance video.

Larceny

A customer at Kitty's Restaurant, 5652 Middlebelt, reportedly didn't bother to wait for his carry-out order June 26. Instead, he left with an employee's cell phone, according to a report.

The employee told police the man came in just before closing and placed a carryout order. She went to the back kitchen, where the cook who was watching the surveillance camera told her the man had stolen something.

Alarm call

Just before 4 a.m. June 26 police responded to an alarm call at Stockdale's on the Avenue, 32317 Michigan Ave. The officers found that the rear door to the business had been pried near the deadbolt. The door was still secured.

The manager arrived and was able to open the door, but it appeared nothing had been disturbed.

Attempted break-in

Police responded to an alarm at Muffler Dave's, 32216 Michigan Ave., at 3:42 a.m. June 27. Officers found the glass door on the south side of the business was shattered near the deadbolt. The tempered glass had not fallen out of the door frame and appeared to have been damaged from the inside, the officer noted. The door was unlocked.

The point of entry appeared to have been through a garage door that had been pried up using a jack. The

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door was bent and the wood molding was damaged. Officers had been unable to contact the business owner, so it was unknown at the time if anything had been stolen.

Officers were subsequently able to speak with the business owner who reported nothing was missing.

Larceny

A resident in the 31000 block of Taylor on June 22 reported a 16-inch Poulan chain saw, a Milwaukee circular saw, a Honda 3,500-watt generator, a Honda power washer and a Snap-On impact wrench, valued at \$2,050, stolen from the garage.

The side door had been pried open with a large prying tool, the officer noted, with significant damage to the door frame and locks.

Vehicle damaged

On June 27, police were called to Michigan Collision, 31657 Michigan Ave., after someone broke into a 1992 Toyota Camry owned by the

business.

The owner told police that nothing was missing from the car, but the area around the radio was damaged from someone attempting to remove it and the interior of the car was ransacked. The damage was set at \$1,000.

Police watched a surveillance video that showed two males riding bicycles along the sidewalk in front of the business just after 2:30 a.m. The pair got off their bikes and urinated near the dumpster, police said.

The pair start to leave when one suspect looks over and notices the vehicle, which was parked behind the dumpster. Both suspects can be seen trying the vehicle door handles before one breaks a vent window to reach in and unlock the door, police said.

The officer said the video showed both suspects being inside the vehicle at some point and opening the trunk before riding off on their bicycles.

By LeAnne Rogers

WESTLAND COP CALLS

Larceny

A resident in the 35000 block of Fairchild told police that someone stole coins and CDs from her unlocked vehicle while it was parked in the driveway June 26. She said her yellow mountain bike, valued at \$100, was also stolen from the driveway.

Vandalism

About 11:30 p.m. June 26, a resident in the 7400 block of Gilman told police that he heard someone on his front porch and then what sounded like something breaking in the driveway. He said his wife looked out to see people running northbound, but it was too dark to get a description.

Checking his yard, the resident said he found someone had pulled up some landscaping lights, breaking two and

leaving one in the driveway.

On June 26, a Westland woman told police she was driving with her mother and daughter on Central City Parkway when another vehicle cut her off and slammed on the brakes in front of her. The other driver then pulled next to her and began yelling obscenities, she said.

The woman said she continued into the parking lot at Sears, 35000 Warren Road, and parked. While walking into the store, she said she saw the other vehicle pull into the parking lot. When they returned to the car, she said the driver's side mirror was pulled off and there was a large scratch on the door.

Larceny

On June 25, a Garden City woman told police that she had been shopping at Kroger, 200

S. Merriman, the previous morning. When she got home, she said she realized her wallet was missing. She checked with the store but said it hadn't been turned in. She said wallet contained \$415 in cash, credit cards, identification and a cell phone charger.

Fraud

On June 25, a resident in the 900 block of Mitchell told police that he received a bill for a Verizon account that he had not opened. He said the company could only tell him the account was opened online using his information.

A Westland woman told police that she received a notice from the IRS detailing yearly income from 2013. She said she is disabled and had not earned any money or filed that paperwork.

By LeAnne Rogers

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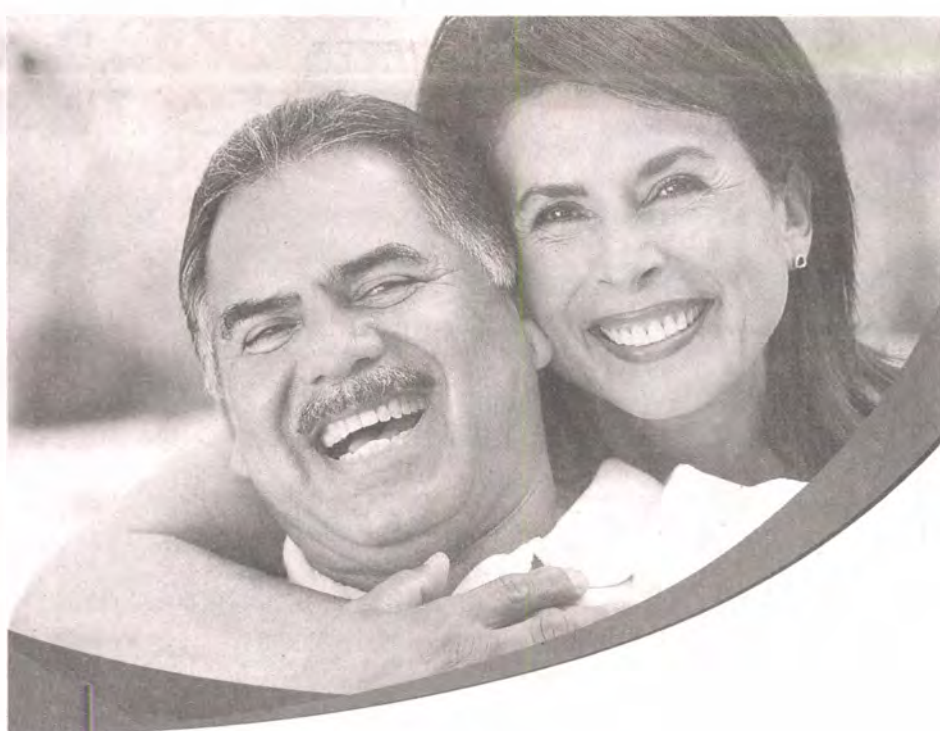


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Teacher seeks ways to get books to students

Milana King teaches 11th-grade English at Denby High School on the city's east side. She is very concerned the school's teachers are having trouble establishing a "culture of reading" because the school lacks the one thing necessary to get started: Books.

"We have passionate teachers, an incredibly competent and dedicated new administration and the best students of the east side," said King, in her second year of teaching after earning a degree from Northwestern University. "One thing our school severely lacks, however, is a culture of reading."

"How are we supposed to raise kids to be effective innovators, thinkers, and contributors, when we don't even have the resources to get them past a third grade level of reading?" she added.

King is the granddaughter of Livonia resident Joan Duggan, mother of Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan.

King is doing something about the problem, seeking groups or businesses willing to help her bring in the kinds of

resources she believes would help foster that culture of reading.

She's hoping to find partners who will help her by donating:

- books at a sixth-grade reading level and up;

- nonfiction, fiction, poetry, a wide variety of genres;

- diverse texts that feature characters from all walks of life;

- SAT, Technical School, and College Preparation material.

King believes this can also be accomplished if potential contributors are willing to host book drives, get donations from local libraries and help create a "Favorite Book" registry where citizens can sign up and send "their most-treasured stories" online to add to Denby's library.

Joan Duggan said she's proud that her granddaughter, the mayor's niece, is taking steps to help in a difficult situation.

"I never cease to be amazed at the challenges faced by children in Detroit," Duggan said. "My hope is that this effort will provide them with badly needed resources and also send a

message that there are a lot of people who care about them and their access to education."

Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey commended King's efforts, and said her project provides people a chance to help students in a very meaningful way.

"This is a chance for Livonians to help remedy a profound problem," Kirksey said. "It's an opportunity to help ensure a quality education for students who might not otherwise receive one."

King said she and other Denby staffers are "willing to supply all the man/woman-power for these feats."

"We will provide transportation, we will pick up the books, we can even send volunteers," King said. "We simply need ideas on how to materialize the books that can help our kids grow."

Denby High school is located at 12800 Kelly, Detroit, MI 48224.

Groups wishing to partner with Denby or who want more information can contact King at mking@detroitdenby.org.



Milana King, granddaughter of Livonia resident Joan Duggan and niece of Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan, works with students in her Denby High School classroom. King is looking for ways to bring more books into the school.



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Garden Walk paints portrait of nature

By Sue Buck
Staff Writer

The Garden City Garden Club had another successful Garden Walk on Saturday, June 20.

The walk is also a fundraiser for the many community projects the club does throughout the city.

Among them is Gardenville, the community garden that helps local food banks. It is located on the grounds of Lucky Dog Luxury Daycare on Middlebelt, north of Ford, which is co-owned by Stacy Karafotis, the club president.

"We had a very successful Walk," Karafotis said. "Even though we had some rain showers early in the afternoon we sold almost 70 tickets."

Walkers came from all over including Garden City, Canton, Livonia, Redford, Taylor, Westland, Dearborn and Dearborn Heights.

"We had several repeat visitors who attend out walk year after year because they know each house will be different and beautiful in its own way," Karafotis said. "Gardeners love sharing ideas and knowledge. The public also seemed to enjoy having three gardens that were certified as Monarch Way Stations and appreciated the information that the homeowners shared about butterfly gardening."

The butterfly garden at the Memorial 1-2 Campus was a surprise to everyone. This was the first year that it was featured on the Walk.

"We were glad to spread the word about this beautiful unknown garden," Karafotis said.

A few of the yards had vegetable gardens and walkers were surprised to see the unique way they can grow healthy food, even in a small space.



The Butterfly Garden at the Memorial 1-2 Campus in Garden City was a surprise to many Garden Walk visitors. It has been created and tended to by school staff, parents and students and is considered an outdoor classroom.



There's always a special Garden Walk Preview the night before the actual walk. Club members, home owners and a few friends all tour each yard. Visiting the Memorial 1-2 Campus are Eleanor Stirling (back row, from left), Rosanne Audritsch, Sue Orzel, Pam King, Judy Sheko, Stacy Karafotis, Carolynn Slyvestor, Cheryl Partin, John Shelton, Paula Relich, Barb Hernandez, Val Templeton, David Knezek, David Lysakowski, Caron Lysakowski, Debbie Barson, Roxanne Mueller, Pat McKarge (front row, from left), Bella King, Tina Wing and Deb Gabrio.



Butterfly gardening is in Sue Orzel's blood. She took a small yard on Elizabeth and renovated it into a favorite of butterflies, using food, nectar and host plants.



Garden City Councilwoman Pam King's garden on Henry Ruff features large raised bed vegetable gardens.



Garden City Councilwoman Pat McKarge's garden on West Rose is designed to attract butterflies, birds, bees and fellow gardeners. Her yard is also a certified Monarch Way Station. It was planted to provide interest in the spring, summer and fall and includes, annuals, perennials, bulbs, vegetables and garden art.

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Summer reading, Terrific Tuesdays on tap at Wayne library

Did you know that summer reading has officially begun? Here's how it works!

Readers and "Read-to-Me" readers keep track of their reading time and earn a point for every half hour they read. The points earned can be used to purchase prizes at our Summer Reading Store. Once you've earned 50 points you get a certificate of completion and are able to enter the grand prize drawing. Special events are held each week as we explore "Escaping the Ordinary: Every Hero has a Story" in our library.

And for teens, this year's theme is "Staying Cool like the Librarians," and we are looking for readers who are ready to prove just that to us. Stop by the Adult Services desk and pick up a sign-up sheet and a log for all of your reading now through July 31. Just for signing up, you receive a chance to guess the number of pieces of candy in the candy jar. The reader who comes closest to guessing the correct number without going over wins the entire jar of candy!

Next comes the hard work. All the reading ... But don't worry, because your efforts for growing that librarian-like brain of yours will be greatly rewarded. For every 100 pages you read, document in your log, and get signed by one of our librarians, you receive a chance to win one of three great prizes. Second prize is a

\$25 gift card to Amazon. First prize is a \$50 gift card to Amazon.

And the big grand prize raffle winner takes home a brand new Kindle!

But just wait. There's more. The librarians are counting all those pages that you read over the summer. And the participant who reads the most pages, puts them in their log, and has them signed by a librarian will win a \$25 gift card to Amazon.

We will have a chart up in the Young Adult section displaying how many pages our WPL Young Adults have read as a total throughout the summer. If you're not sure what to read, feel free to ask one of our cool librarians and search our online catalog.

Activity Pass

Did you know that you can get free access to hundreds of state parks, recreation and cultural destinations throughout Michigan from your library? Check out TLN's Michigan Activity Pass page for more information, or visit michiganactivitypass.info to request a pass.

Just type in your address and Wayne Public Library in the boxes and click search to see all the awesome options. When you've found something you're interested in, click "Get Pass." Pick a day you'd like to visit your destination, click "Request Pass" and fill in the form with your information.

PC Partners

PC Partners is back once again. Makia, a student from our neigh-

bor Dorsey Schools, will be providing free one-on-one computer tutoring in the library. Sessions are 45 minutes long and are available 2-7 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 1-4 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays and noon to 4 p.m. Saturdays.

You can come back for more instruction as needed. You can sign up by visiting the Adult Reference Desk, or by calling 734-721-7832, Ext. 630.

'Books & Brews'

The Friends of the Library are proud to present an evening beer tasting fundraiser, featuring craft beers from Liberty Street Brewing in Plymouth. Various types of beer will be made available for tasting while Liberty Street's brewing expert provides a discussion of the craft brewing process, as well as how the different types of beer are produced.

After the presentation there will be a question and answer session and an opportunity to enjoy more of your favorite Liberty Street beers. This event will be 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, at the Wayne Public Library. Tickets are \$15, and will soon be available at the library for purchase as well as through the Friends of the Wayne Public Library.

Information Central was compiled by Steve McGladdery, Library Co-Director. The Wayne Public Library is at 3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne. For more information, call 734-721-7832 or visit wayne.lib.mi.us.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Golf outing

AMVETS Post 171 is holding a golf outing Saturday, Aug. 29, at the Warren Valley Golf Course, 26116 Warren Road, Dearborn Heights.

Registration is from 7:30-8:30 a.m., with the full-course shotgun scramble starting at 9 a.m. The cost is \$80 per player and includes golf, cart and beverage cart. Lunch will be served at the turn, and dinner will be at 3 p.m. in the AMVETS Club Room. There also will be contests — skins, closest to the pin and longest drive.

The golf outing is a fundraiser for Veterans Haven, and sponsorship opportunities are available. Registration can be complete by Aug. 15 at the AMVETS Post, 1217 S. Merriman, Westland. For more information, contact Michele Nail at amvetsauxpost171@gmail.com.

Health screening

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

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

Garden City Presbyterian Church is at 1841 Middlebelt.

Mom 2 Mom sale

Ss. Simon and Jude Parish will have a Mom

2 Mom Sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, at the church, 32500 Palmer, east of Venoy, Westland.

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

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

Jazz at the Avenue

Tickets are still available for Jazz at the Avenue, an Evening with Wayne Main Street, 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, July 15, at the Avenue American Bistro 3632 Elizabeth S., Wayne.

Drink, dine and gather on The Avenue's newly finished outdoor patio while supporting Wayne Main Street's efforts to revitalize downtown Wayne. Sample craft beers and Michigan wines while enjoying local fare to the sounds of an acclaimed jazz trio. A silent auction highlighting local businesses and a complimentary photo booth will add to the fun.

Tickets are \$50 each and are all-inclusive and can be purchased online at jazzattheave.eventbrite.com. Seating is limited. For more information, go to downtownwayne.org/jazz or call 734-629-6822.

Vendor show

The auxiliary of AMVETS Post 171 is looking for vendors and crafters for a vendor show from noon to 5 p.m. July 18 at the post, 1217 S. Merriman, Westland. The cost is \$30 for a table. Contact amvetsauxpost171@gmail.com or

stop by the post for an application and full details.

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

Rummage sale

Timothy Lutheran Church at 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia, will hold a rummage sale in the lower level of the church from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 14, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 15. There will be an early bird sale from 5-7 p.m. Monday, July 13, for a charge and a special at the end of the sale.

For more information, call 734-427-2290.

Farmers markets

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

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

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

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

Observer & Eccentric now part of new Gannett

Parent company completes its split

By J.C. Reindl
Michigan.com

Gannett, the parent company of the *Observer & Eccentric* and *USA TODAY*, was officially spun off Monday as a new publicly traded company with a sharper focus on digital growth and innovation as a next-generation media company.

The old Gannett split into two distinct publicly traded companies: TEGNA, which holds more than 40 traditional broad-

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casting properties and several purely digital enterprises such as Cars.com. The new Gannett has news organizations that publish on print and digital platforms in 92 U.S. markets. It also owns 17 daily publications in the U.K.

Gannett's properties in Michigan also include the *Detroit Free Press*, *Battle Creek Enquirer*, *Lansing State Journal*, *Livingston Co. Press &*

Argus and Port Huron Times Herald.

"Great journalism, great storytelling and focus on community — including helping businesses grow — is really at the core of the new Gannett," said Joyce Jenereaux, president and publisher of the *Detroit Free Press*. "We are excited to be part of this beginning."

The new Gannett is starting out with minimal debt and a strong cash flow and it plans to acquire more media assets in the U.S. to boost local advertising and marketing revenue. It also seeks to enhance coordination

among journalists at its news outlets across the nation and place greater emphasis on social and mobile news distribution, according to executives and company memos.

Gannett recently purchased 11 media properties in New Mexico, Texas and Pennsylvania.

On the first day of trading Monday, TEGNA closed at \$31.63, up \$1.52, or about 5 percent. The new Gannett closed at \$14.13, down 77 cents, or about 5.1 percent.

"The new Gannett is a next-generation media company that exists to empower community," Bob Dickey, president

and CEO of Gannett, said in a recent call with analysts and investors. "We do this, in part, by informing the communities we serve, but also in new innovative ways to help those communities connect, act and thrive."

The old Gannett company has been renamed TEGNA and is keeping ownership or control of 46 TV stations nationwide, as well as Cars.com and CareerBuilder.com. The TEGNA name was derived from letters in Gannett.

Plans for Monday's split of the company were first announced last August. Both Gan-

nett and TEGNA share a headquarters in McLean, Va.

Executives laid out a vision this month to expand the company's roster of media properties and continue the transformation as a digital-first operation.

The company will shop for media properties that serve markets with a population between 500,000 and 3 million.

The new Gannett will pay an annual cash dividend of 64 cents per share and launch a \$150 million share buyback program.

Innovative technology without the cords

When people think about technology they think about cords, batteries, circuit boards and other components of electrical devices. But many of today's interesting and useful tech innovations don't involve anything electronic.

Here are three unique and convenient tools, chargers and gadgets that don't come with a cord.

» **Pluck:** This quirky egg-shaped kitchen utensil allows you to easily separate yolks from the egg whites. It's long overdue and at \$4.99, a device everyone could put in their kitchen.

» **EGO power mowers and yard tools.** Imagine cutting your lawn without having to buy gasoline or pulling cords. The EGO Power Mower is a fully-electric mower that operates with a 56-volt lithium battery. It offers 600 watts of powers which is comparable to a gas mower experience and can run for up to 45 minutes on a full charge.

The coolest feature of the mower, however, isn't even related to the battery. It has built-in LED lights so you can cut at night. And with 30 percent less noise than a conventional gas mower you are less likely to annoy your neighbors. Ego also offers a va-



Jon Gunnells
TECH SAVVY

riety of cordless trimmers, edgers, leaf blowers and other lawn tools. Nothing is worse than unraveling and repositioning those orange extension cords when you are trying to spruce up the yard.

» **LEGO Power Brick:** Phone charging has reached the next level with power pads that can charge devices that are placed on top of them. With the LEGO Power Brick you can also charge with a bit of nostalgia for your childhood toys. The charger can be customized and changed with LEGO pieces that are provided at purchase, but customers are encouraged to hit their basements or closets and add their own old LEGO pieces.

The Power Brick checks in at 20 amps which is enough to charge an iPad, Kindle or other tablets or small electronics. It weighs 15 grams which makes the charger ultra-portable and retails for \$49.

If you want a more sophisticated charging set up you can buy a charging station from a top phone manufacturer

like Samsung. Just be sure that your phone is compatible with the charger you select. Compatibility is the biggest concern facing wireless charging. But the technology is set for huge growth in the coming years which means more options, better compatibility and hopefully lower prices.

Buyer Beware

Not all wireless technologies are created equal. Recent research from *Popular Mechanics* uncovered lackluster components for the Beats By Dre line of headphones. Beats by Dre offers conventional and wireless headphones ranging from \$179 to more than \$340.

A dissection of the popular "Solo" headphone showed parts were glued together instead of being screwed and had non-functioning pieces of metal added to make the headphones appear stronger and more durable. The sound components also revealed to be standard and not in line with what the company portrays to be a premium product.

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The legal and financial consequences of marriage

The United States Supreme Court ruled last week that same sex marriages are legal throughout the country. Many couples may assume that they should automatically get married. However, before getting caught up in the excitement, it is important to understand the legal and tax consequences of marriage.

In many situations, a couple may find that purely from a financial or legal standpoint, marriage is not the way to go. Particularly for couples who have already been involved in a long-term relationship, it is important to review some of the legal and financial consequences before saying "I do."

From a tax standpoint, if a couple gets married, they no longer have the option of filing an individual return. They would either have to file a joint return or a married, filing separate return. In most cases, filing a joint return is preferable than filing married filing separately.

However, there are many cases where filing two individual returns is better than filing a joint return. For example, in a situation where both parties are highly paid



Rick Bloom
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individuals, the marriage penalty can be severe. For example, if both parties are making over \$300,000 a year, the top bracket individually is 33 percent. On the other hand, if they get married, the top bracket would be 39.6 percent.

Another issue that couples have to consider is government benefits. When someone is married, it boosts household income and as a result many find that they do not qualify for certain types of assistance. An example for older couples could be Medicaid, where household income may disqualify someone from benefits. An example for younger couples could be being disqualified for certain programs based on income designed to make it easier to pay off student loans.

Couples need to decide their estate planning wishes before they say, "I do." As a married couple, there are certain obligations each spouse has to each other. Those obligations don't exist unless a couple is mar-

ried. A couple may want to consider a prenuptial agreement. After all, we cannot forget that marriage is also an economic partnership.

As a reminder for individuals who do get married, if you have existing estate plans, those need to be changed. A will and trust would need adjustments and any powers of attorney that you have.

Many same sex couples have been in a committed relationship for years and now will face a decision as to whether they continue their relationship as is or legalize it. Obviously, whether it is a heterosexual couple or a same sex couple, love for each other should be the driving force. However, we all know that life has its complexities. Before entering into marriage, consider all the legal and financial implications and make an informed and educated decision.

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

In business, it's best to keep it simple

Life is complicated, but not every part of it has to be. In fact, we often make things more complicated than necessary. That's why I'm reminding us to: Keep It Simple.

In business, it's especially important to avoid over-complicating processes. Here's a pretty common scenario:

A process gets put in place, perhaps with the help of an industry expert. The process is relatively simple. Results improve. The people involved in the process think, "Wow, this simple



Clarity Patton Newhouse
A SUNNY NOTE

process is really helping. Let's add these additional steps to make it even better!"

Unfortunately the more complicated process doesn't yield improvement. Instead, results deteriorate and, lo-and-behold, it's time to bring back the expert who tells us to get back to basics and, sure enough, reinstates a

more simple — more effective — process.

Every industry has its "basics," those core practices that contribute to success. In our own work, we most likely know what those basics are. The key is to stick with them. Focusing on improvement is good. But watch out, because complicating something is not the same as improving it.

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FISCAL YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2014

A. Revenue			
Tax Capture			
Winter 2013		0	
Summer 2014		0	
Property Tax Revenue	895,916		
Special Assessment		0	
Interest		147	
Other Revenue		269	
Total Revenue			896,332
Proceeds from Issuance of Long-term Debt		0	0
B. Bond Reserve			
		0	0
C. Expenditures			
Operations	240,817		
Capital Projects		0	
Debt Service	584,769		
Total Expenditures			825,586
D. Outstanding Bonded Indebtedness			
Principal	2,150,000		
Interest		313,731	
Total Bonded Indebtedness			2,463,731
E. Initial Assessed Value (1994)			
Ad valorem homestead		0	
Ad valorem non-homestead	430,555,910		
ITF New (pre 1994)	268,333,300		
ITF New (post 1993)		0	
CTF New	2,458,180		
ITC		0	
IE3		0	
Total Initial Assessed Value			701,347,390
F. Captured Value			
Ad valorem homestead		0	
Ad valorem non-homestead	418,145,880		
IFT New (pre 1994)	62,401,050		
CFT New		0	
ITC		0	
IE3		0	
Total Captured Value			480,546,930
G. Tax Increment Revenue			
Received		0	
From local school district		0	
From ISD		0	
From SET		0	
From county		0	
From city		0	
From community college		0	
From other		0	
			0
H. Number of Jobs Created			
			Unknown
I. Additional Information			

OUR VIEWS

Motorists need to heed message of children: Slow down

A group of youngsters in the Norwayne community have two words for people driving through their neighborhood: slow down.

The youngsters were out with a homemade sign Monday afternoon, urging motorists to be cautious. In their neighborhood, there are children playing. The sign is the idea of Deborah S. Clark-Robine who put it out last week after 8-year-old Kayale Fruge died of injuries he suffered June 20 when he was struck by a car on Darwin near Delton Court in the Norwayne community.

A 39-year-old Romulus woman has been charged with second-degree murder in a hit-and-run accident.

Kayale's death is one of several involving children and motor vehicles in less than a week's time. Just four days after his death, a 6-year-old boy and his 3-year-old sister were

struck and killed during a high-speed chase in Detroit. The 29-year-old driver has been charged with murder in their deaths.

These two incidents aren't typical of most incidents in which youngsters are struck by motor vehicles. However, getting hit by a car is the third leading cause of death for kids ages 5-9, and kids up to age 15 make up a disproportionate number of pedestrian casualties worldwide, according to the Association for Psychological Science.

Another study presented at a 2012 American Academy of Pediatrics National Conference found that running unexpectedly into the street was the leading cause of kids under 6 years old being struck by vehicles.

How many times have you been driving down a residential street and saw a stray ball

roll out in front of you? Experience tells you there's probably a child chasing after it and you slow down, but sometimes it happens too quickly to react.

For older kids, crossing in the middle of the street is the top culprit. How many times have you been driving and saw a young person dash halfway across the road and wait for traffic to clear to make it to the other side? How many times has it been a close call?

Children are easily distracted and don't always pay attention. That's why drivers need to be more vigilant, especially on residential streets. Because the odometer says a car can do 120 mph doesn't mean it needs to be driven at that speed. Residential streets aren't Talladega or the set of *The Fast and Furious*. They are where people live and children play.

The drivers in these three children's deaths allegedly



DEBORAH S. CLARK-ROBINE
Youngsters have a message for motorists: Slow down in their Norwayne neighborhood.

made conscious decisions to ignore the law. One allegedly drove at high rates of speed to elude police; the other reportedly was impaired. They each will pay a price for their decisions, but it will not bring back

these three children. The youngsters of Norwayne have a message for all of us and we need to heed it not only in their neighborhood, but every other one: Caution. Children at play. Slow down.

OUR VIEWS

Show respect while flying our flag on the Fourth

There are a variety of times during the course of a given year the American flag moves front and center as citizens pay tribute to their country, its freedoms and the men and women who fight for them.

There's the recent Flag Day, Memorial Day, Veterans Day and, on Saturday, Independence Day—all designed to allow American citizens opportunities to pay their respects not only to their country, but to its most visible symbol.

And when they do, it's important they do it properly. If you're displaying an American flag, Public Law 94-344, The Federal Flag Code, contains guidelines (if you're worried about how deep the federal government is getting into our lives, know this: The code contains no penalties, though some states have their own codes and may impose penalties).

Traditional guidelines call for displaying the flag in public only from sunrise to sunset. However, the flag may be displayed at all times if it's illuminated during darkness. The flag should not be



FILE
The American flag with its red and white stripes and white stars on a field of blue was authorized June 14, 1777, by the Continental Congress.

subject to weather damage, so it should not be displayed during rain, snow and wind storms unless it is an all-weather flag.

It should be displayed often, but especially on national and state holidays and special occasions.

When flags of states, cities or organizations are flown on the same staff, the U.S. flag must be at the top.

This one seems to be "violated," for lack of a better term, more often. During the hoisting or lowering of the flag or when it passes in parade or review, Americans should stand at attention facing the flag and place their right hand over the heart. Men not in uniform should remove any headdress and hold it with their right hand at their left shoulder, the hand resting over the heart.

Here's one that gets violated occasionally in school gymnasiums or football fields: When the flag hangs from a staff in a church or public place, it should appear to the audience on the left, the speaker's right.

When the flag is worn out or otherwise no longer a fitting emblem for display, it should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.

Here are a couple of things not to do with the American flag:

Do not let the flag touch anything beneath it: ground, floor, water, merchandise.

Do not place anything on the flag, in-

cluding letters, insignia, or designs of any kind.

Do not use it as wearing apparel, bedding or drapery. It should not be used on a costume or athletic uniform. However, a flag patch may be attached to the uniform of patriotic organizations, military personnel, police officers and firefighters.

Do not use the flag for advertising or promotion purposes or print it on paper napkins, boxes or anything else intended for temporary use and discard.

There are more, and you can find them on the website of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. But these guidelines give you a good idea of ways to treat the American flag with respect.

During ceremonies such as the recent Memorial Day activities, proper respect is paid to this country's military men and women, who have given so much in representing their nation.

As the Fourth of July arrives, it's important to remember the American flag, the symbol of our country, deserves the same respect.

LETTERS

NCCC response to Livability Award

The Norwayne Community Citizens Council expresses our deepest appreciation to the U.S. Conference of Mayors for their recognition of the Norwayne Historic District as they acknowledged the City of Westland with an honorable mention of their Livability Awards on June 20.

Since 2009, the Norwayne

Community was established as a priority rehabilitation program of Mayor William Wild and the Westland City Council. In that brief time, our renaissance has included State and National Historic Designation, the rehabilitation of appropriate housing stock, and the elimination of extremely blighted properties. We have increased green space, improved parks, supported the creation of the Norwayne Boxing Gym and, by

September, we will open the Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center, which will house government, nonprofits and community organizations.

I credit the mayor, the Norwayne Community Citizens Council, and all the community volunteers for the success of the redevelopment of the Norwayne Historic District. I consider myself very fortunate for having a chance to work with a dedicated team of people. It

has been a great learning experience for me. I am confident that we have been able to advance the project in such a proficient and timely manner largely due to the help of the faith community, community organizations, residents and the administration of the City of Westland.

I really value the knowledge and insight that Mayor William Wild and Joanne Campbell have provided, and their will-

ingness to share it with the Norwayne Community Citizens Council. They have truly inspired us to work with sincerity and dedication and we look forward to implementing our future goals, including the redevelopment of Cayley Park and the creation of the community library.

Hank Johnson
Chair
Norwayne Community Citizens Council

GUEST COLUMN

Senseless gun violence is killing our nation

An act of domestic terror. Nine people gunned down in a church. When is enough enough? A great civilization is not conquered from without until it has destroyed itself from within.

Yet another sad and tragic day in America. The country is in mourning.

We are also angry these mass murders continue, with little or no constructive response to prevent them going forward.

With a burst of gunfire in Charleston, S.C., the nation's innocence is once again shattered and nine people lie in their own blood dead, in their place of worship. Yet another twisted young man snuffed out innocent lives with a handgun.

If this mass murder of people of God in a church is not a wake-up call and shakes our moral sensibilities to our core, I am uncertain what will.

Today and for eternity, we are stuck with the memory of



Tom Watkins
GUEST COLUMNIST

this unimaginable massacre of innocence, as they prayed to their God.

As a nation, what will be our response?

Hopefully, doing nothing will no longer be tolerated.

Before the tears have dried, the dead are buried and the family and friends have had the time to absorb the magnitude of their loss, let alone grieve, the politicians are debating who is at fault. Let me make it easy on them—we all are at fault!

When will enough be enough of the senseless gun violence—be it on the streets of Detroit, L.A., Chicago, our nation's capital or the similar Newtown and Charleston massacres that have become all to

common?

Our national pain should not fade until our nation's leaders take decisive action on multiple fronts to address this horror in our midst.

If we do not come together now to address this madness, we are giving up on the very soul from which this great nation sprang.

A call to action

Our response needs to be grander than shrugging our shoulders. We need a collective call to stop the lunacy!

We need to de-claw the National Rifle Association with its nonsensical response that "People kill people—guns don't pull the trigger!" Assault rifles are meant to assault.

Guns do kill. *New York Times* columnist Nicholas D. Kristof points out that, according to David Hemenway, a public health specialist at Harvard who has written a book on gun violence, "Children ages 5-14 in America are 13 times more likely to be murdered with guns as children in other industrialized countries."

Finding a sensible policy, law or regulation that keeps these weapons off our streets and out of the hands of deranged people is not a violation of the Second Amendment and does not interfere with the rights of any legitimate gun

owner. It would stop people from hunting other people within our communities.

Legitimate gun ownership for sport, self-protection or collection purposes is not at issue. Making it easy for anyone to obtain assault weapons with ammunition clips capable of shooting dozens of high-powered bullets in seconds is pure lunacy.

Sensible people can develop laws that can help reduce, if not prevent, these senseless mass killing while protecting Second Amendment rights.

We need to challenge and eliminate the culture of violence we tolerate in movies and video games that is corrosive to a healthy and stable society.

When is enough enough?

When are we willing to recognize that senseless slaughter can be minimized and prevented if we mesh quality mental health services with sensible, enforceable, strong gun ownership laws and a demand that violence is not sold as entertainment?

President Obama has been relegated to "Commander In Grief" in yet another aftermath of senseless slaughter of innocent life after a disturbed person had access to guns. He expressed "sadness and anger" at the continued

violence, as well as impatience with the refusal of lawmakers to tighten the nation's gun laws.

Our national response must address easy access to guns and appropriate treatment for people with mental illness, at a minimum.

More deaths, more talk. Where is the outrage and action?

It was only a few short years ago where the country's moral outrage boiled over at Sandy Hook Elementary School, where 26 people, including 20 boys and girls just 6 or 7 years old, were murdered. Our leaders promised to act then. They did not. Their failure is killing us.

Congress and Mr. President—stop allowing people to die in vain. The innocence of our nation was gunned down in Charleston at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church, one of the oldest black churches in the nation.

As a nation, we are literally dying here. At Sandy Hook, we had 20 little reasons to act. Now we can add nine children of God to the death list.

For God's sake—do something!

Northville resident Tom Watkins is the president and CEO of the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority. Follow him on Twitter at [tdwatkins88](#).

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WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

Wade happy with decision to retire

Former heptathlete, U-M star to be inducted into Farmington Hall of Fame

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Bettie Wade is enjoying her retirement from the sport of track and field and has moved forward to do other things in her life.

The former Farmington High School and University of Michigan star rose to the level of being a world-class athlete

before calling it quits at the end of 2013.

Wade, who will turn 29 this year, just missed making the 2012 U.S. Olympic team in the heptathlon. She was fourth in qualifying and 170 points shy of the third and final roster spot.

After refocusing her mind and efforts for another major push, Wade rebounded in 2013,

made the U.S. team and competed at the IAAF World Championships in Moscow.

She had resumed her training late that year, but she was dealt a major setback when her contract with Nike was not renewed.

"Do I continue on without a contract?" Wade asked herself.

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ERROL ANDERSON | THE SPORTING IMAGE

Bettie Wade competes for the University of Michigan in the long jump as part of the heptathlon.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOCKEY

HOCKEY STAR ON THE RISE

Megan Keller of Farmington Hills hopes Olympic Games are in her future

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Megan Keller has a definite goal in mind for the not-too-distant future in her budding hockey career.

The 19-year-old defenseman from Farmington Hills hopes to play for the U.S. women's Olympic team at the 2018 Winter Games in Pyeongchang, South Korea.



Keller

That's a very real possibility, considering Keller's years of experience in the sport and her rise to prominence on the national scene.

She was a member of the U.S. Women's National Team that won the International Ice Hockey Federation world championship in April with a 7-5 victory over Canada.

"It was awesome," Keller said. "We were coming in as the underdog to Canada and to be able to compete with them and beat such a great team was amazing."

That was the second international competition for Keller, who completed her freshman season with Boston College shortly before joining the



JOHN QUACKENBOS | BOSTON COLLEGE

See KELLER, Page B3 Boston College's Megan Keller of Farmington Hills (middle) is one of the top young defensive players in U.S. women's hockey.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL

Summer gig has MU's Tibbits on comeback trail

Plymouth player on the rebound from shoulder surgery in Southern Collegiate Baseball League

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

With a chance to play this summer in the Southern Collegiate Baseball League, Madonna University outfielder Mike Tibbits hopes to prove he can literally shoulder more of a load.

The Plymouth native and 2011 Novi Detroit Catholic Central High grad is trying to bounce back from a pair of surgeries performed on his right shoulder, which kept him out for a majority of the 2014 season with the Crusaders.

Two separate surgeries were performed by Dr. Sean



Tibbits

May 2014 to repair the same labrum.

Tibbits returned this spring to appear in 42 games (33 starts), batting .253 as MU

made the NAIA national tournament after going 37-17 overall and 26-6 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

"This spring it was a little sore; it was tight," Tibbits said. "There were some days where I had to take throwing off, just get back into throwing every day, just trying to strengthen it. It was pretty sore, but it's a lot better now."

In 21 games (through Monday), the 6-foot-2, 170-pound

Tibbits is batting .313, while alternating between right and center field for the Statesville (N.C.) Owls, who lead the Northern Division of the SCBL with a 10-11 record.

There are total of six teams in the Southern Collegiate, which attracts some of the top college players from across the country.

"The caliber is real good,"

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ATHLETICS

Senior Olympics slated for August

Area seniors are invited to enter the 11th annual Western Wayne County Senior Olympics scheduled for Aug. 10-14 in various communities.

A variety of fun and challenging activities for Wayne County men and women age 50 and older will be available throughout the week of competition.

This year's events include five- and 10-mile bike races, Wii bowling, creative writing, photography, euchre, tennis, horseshoes, basketball shoot, volleyball, shuffleboard, billiards, bocce ball, bean-bag toss, football throw, pellet-rifle marksmanship, soccer kick, golf, pickle ball, pinocle, scrabble, trivia and more.

These challenging events, which showcase seniors' active and healthy lifestyles, will be held at various locations in Wayne County. Equipment will be provided for all events with the exception of golf, bowling, tennis, pickle ball and biking.

Participants must register no later than Thursday, July 2.

Canton will host the basketball shoot event at 2:30 p.m. Aug. 10 and the Wii bowling event Aug. 12 at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway.

In addition, Canton will host the singles and doubles tennis competition at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Aug. 12 at Belleville High School, 501 W. Columbia Ave.

This year's banquet and medals presentation will take place at noon Aug. 14 at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia.

For those who wish to attend the final banquet, there is a \$15 fee per person. For more information or to confirm event times and locations, call the Canton Senior Center at 734-394-5485.

To learn more about this and other competitive sports and recreational events scheduled for this year's Western Wayne County Senior Olympics, go to www.wwcso.org.

Participating communities include Belleville, Canton Township, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Northville, Northville Township, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Redford Township, Sumpter Township, Van Buren Township and Wayne/Westland.

Cobras post 13-0 record



The North Farmington-West Bloomfield Cobras won the regular-season championship in the Western Suburban Baseball League's 9-and-under travel division with a 13-0 record. The players are (front row, from left) Jack Stifter, Will Friedrich, Jake Catlett, Truan Conrad, Ryan Hanks, Hunter Tengler, (middle row) Andrew Bertman, Jason Bedol, Brody Pikur, Ethan Baker and Levi Shanker. The coaches are (back row) Dan Jakubiak, John Pikur, Todd Shanker and Matt Friedrich. The Cobras competed against the Livonia Hawks, South Farmington Bombers, Livonia Cardinals and Canton Predators.

Bronze medalist



Livonia's Nick Joseph (right), a rising senior at Novi Detroit Catholic Central High School, captured a bronze medal June 20 in the IFJ Division (ages 18-20) at the USA Judo National Championships in Irving, Tex. The 17-year-old Joseph, who trains under coach Noboru Saito out of the Birmingham YMCA, posted a 3-2 record, including three ippons (major wins). Last year, Joseph was ranked No. 1 in the Junior B Division (ages 15-17) at 66 kilograms before moving up to the 73-kilogram class. Joseph is also a member of CC's varsity wrestling team.

SUMMER CAMPS

Madonna volleyball

The third of three Madonna University volleyball camps will be held July 6-9. The camp will emphasize hitting and defense.

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, visit madonnacrusaders.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.livoniapublicschools.org.

Churchill hockey

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

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

Harrison volleyball

Harrison High School will host a girls volleyball 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, contact Mitchell at dmitchel@livoniapublicschools.org.

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Madonna University student launches Italian American chorale



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Viviana Garabello conducts fellow students in a performance at Madonna University.



Viviana Garabello, left, listens to Natalie Cappella audition for the Italian American Chorale of Livonia. Cappella became the group's ninth singer.

Change of scenery, change of sounds, her true passion comes to life

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Viviana Garabello quit her job, left her country and followed her passion for music last summer.

Now the Livonia woman is hitting all the right notes both on and off the stage.

"I have been all my life in Italy. I was working there as a quality systems engineer," said Garabello, 34, a soprano who sang with chorales in her spare time back home in the Asti region, in northwestern Italy. "After 13 years, I totally decided to change my life. I just wanted to bloom and I couldn't do it there."

She headed to Michigan, where she has friends, with dreams of singing, composing, conducting chorales and teaching music.

"I have 20 years experience

in Italy and I know I can do it. I had the opportunity to direct two or three chorales over there, too. But it was always a secondary thing. This is what I really wanted to change. I wanted music to become my first job."

Garabello said she had a "very good salary" before she quit her day job in her native country, but money alone wasn't reason enough to stay. She's a sophomore at Madonna University where she is working toward a bachelor's degree in music education. She performs with Madonna's Lyric Theatre, the Madonna University Chorale, and recently started the Italian American Chorale of Livonia. The Italian American Club of Livonia's Charitable Foundation sponsors the new chorale.

"They have been very nice and we have a beautiful (re-

hearsal) room with a piano and big windows."

The group meets 2:30-4:30 p.m. Friday, at the Italian American Club of Livonia, 39200 Five Mile, Livonia. Eight singers attended the first rehearsal on June 26, but Garabello hopes to expand the chorale and plans to keep auditions open.

"I want to reach big dreams, so I want to have a big group," she said. The group's ninth member joined last week.

Membership is open to anyone who can sing. Prospective singers can meet with her directly after a Friday rehearsal. Foreign language skills are not required, al-

though the group may sing some songs in Italian or Latin, in addition to English.

Writing music

Garabello sees the chorale as a vehicle for performing her compositions. She began composing when she was 15, but put her work aside as her job and other demands took priority. She wrote her first composition "in many years" last October, and directed a quartet of classmates in singing the piece in February at Madonna's international festival.

She describes her music as "between classical and modern" in choral style.

"I have heard a lot of classi-

cal music. My ear is trained for that. But I also like to explore new harmonies. I like to play major and minor chords. You feel happy in one moment and sad in another," she said. "I use a lot of modulation. You always seem to arrive and then it goes another way. That is what I like. You continue to be surprised and you don't get bored."

Garabello hopes the Italian American Chorale of Livonia will be ready to perform its first concert in early fall.

Check out her compositions, including *Alleluia Pop*, *Daydream in Traffic*, and more at her website, giviv81.wix.com.

Call her at 313-690-1093 or email gvivi81@gmail.com.

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Wild Summer Nights: iHeart Family Fun Night runs, 6:30-8 p.m. Starfarm, July 15; Michigan Opera Theatre, July 22; Mr. Seley and the Troublemakers, July 29; Taylor Taylor, Aug. 5; The Verve Pipe, Aug. 12; Detroit Children's Choir, Aug. 19; Candy Band, Aug. 26
Contact: 248-541-5717

ARTS AND CRAFTS

JANICE CHARACH GALLERY

Time/Date: The exhibition runs 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, through July 16
Location: Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
Details: 68th annual Michigan Water Color Society Annual Exhibition
Contact: 248-661-1000

VILLAGE THEATER

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday and during public performances, through July 30
Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton
Details: "Healing Art," includes works by photographers Michelle Malloch and Amy Lockard and fiber work combined with painting by Kelly Darke
Contact: 734-394-5300

AUDITIONS

SPOTLIGHT PLAYERS

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. July 20-21
Location: Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton
Details: Auditions for *The Producers*, by Mel Brooks will consist of selected songs, cold reading and a choreographed dance. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes for audition. Everyone cast in the show must become a Spotlight member.
Contact: spotlightplayersmi.org

CAR EVENTS

AMERICAN LEGION

Time/Date: 5-8 p.m. Thursday, July 2
Location: American Legion Post 32, 9316 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Classic, antique, collectible cars on display; steak dinner available for \$12, along with hot dogs, brats, sloppy joes and burgers, beverages and desserts. Raffles, giveaways, door prizes and other special events. Admission is free
Contact: American Legion at 734-427-5630

CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE PREVIEW

Time/Date: Noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 25
Location: Downtown Northville
Details: Rare, vintage car exhibition features approximately 30 pre-war vehicles and a Ford Thunderbird exhibit. Performers are Boogie Woogie Kid, noon to 1:45 p.m., and The Dave Bennett Quartet, 2-4 p.m.
Contact: downtownnorthville.com



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Dal Buoy kicks off the Canton Color Tour jazz series on July 10.

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PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, July 9; 7 p.m. and 9:05 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 10-11; 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, July 12
Location: 760 Penniman, Plymouth
Details: *The Age of Adaline*; admission \$3
Contact: 734-453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. July 10 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. July 11
Location: 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Avenue in Detroit
Details: *Jurassic Park*; \$5
Contact: 313-898-1481

SUMMER DRIVE-IN

Time/Date: Films screen at dusk, nightly through Sept. 6
Location: USA Hockey Arena, 14900 Beck, Plymouth
Details: Double features on three screens. Visit summerdrivein.com weekly for updated film list. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for children, 4-12 and free for children, 3 and under.
Contact: 734-927-3284

HISTORY

KELSEY MUSEUM

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, and 1-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, through July 26
Location: 434 State St., Ann Arbor
Details: "Rocks, Paper, Memory: Wendy Artin's Watercolor Paintings of Ancient Sculptures" features paintings of ancient Greek and Roman sculptures along with objects from the Kelsey's collection
Contact: 734-764-9304

GET OUT

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PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday-Sunday
Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth
Details: Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for ages 6-17. Free museum admission for active duty military personnel, including National Guard and Reserve and their families, from Memorial Day through Labor Day
Exhibit: The Fair That Changed America runs to Nov. 1, and focuses on the 1893 World's Fair in Chicago, Ill. Many contemporary, commonplace objects were introduced at this World's Fair, including the Ferris wheel.
Contact: 734-455-8940

MUSIC BLUES@THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month
Location: Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth
Details: Bring your dancing shoes. \$5 donation
Contact: 734-453-1780

CANTON COLOR TOUR

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Friday, July 10-Aug. 21
Location: A different parking lot each week along Ford Road in Canton
Details: Dal Bouey kicks off the series at JC Penney, located between Morton Taylor and Sheldon. Herbie Russ is up the following week, performing at IKEA, located at Ford Road and Haggerty
Contact: shopcanton.org

CANTON CONCERTS

Time/Date: 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, through Aug. 13
Location: Heritage Park, adjacent to the Canton Public Library on the campus of Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton
Details: Remedy, July 9; Howlin Mercy, July 16; The Phoenix Theory, July 23; Allen as Tim and the Dance Hall Rockers, July 30; Greg Jaqua with an Elvis Presley Tribute, Aug. 6; and The Dan Rafferty Band, Aug. 13
Contact: cantonfun.org

CONCERT IN THE PARK

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, through Aug. 11
Location: Handy Park, 26650 Capitol at Hemingway, Redford Township
Details: Concerts at Handy Park include All Directions, July 7; The Jam Rocks, July 14; Leaky Tiki's, July 21; Stardusters Big Band, July 28; Terry Bar & No Left Turn, Aug. 4; Persuasion, Aug. 11
Contact: 313-387-2650

JAZZ@THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month
Location: Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks



Farmington Community Big Band kicks off Stars in the Park music series July 9 in Farmington Hills.

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Folk artist Hayley Reardon performs July 24 at Trinity House Theatre in Livonia.

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Lodge 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: \$10 donation at the door includes hors d'oeuvres
Contact: 734-453-1780 or email plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com

JAZZ IN THE PARK

Time/Date: 4-7 p.m. Sunday, July-August
Location: Band shell at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth

Details: Three different jazz acts perform each week at this free concert

Contact: jazzinthepark.org
MICHIGAN PHILHARMONIC
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. July 11, and 6:15 p.m. Aug. 29

Location: Kensington Metropark in Milford in July; and Grand Circus Park in Detroit in August

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Dave Bennett and his quartet will perform at the Concours d'Elegance preview July 25 in Northville.

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Contact: 734-451-2112; michigan-phil.org

MUSIC FROM THE HEART

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Thursday, through Aug. 27

Location: Livonia Civic Center grounds, Five Mile and Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Dean Martin and Friends, July 9; Dan Rafferty Band, July 16; The Millionaires, July 23; Steve King and the

Dittilies, July 30; Motor City Soul, Aug. 6; Billy Mack & the Juke Joint Johnnies, Aug. 13; Cosmic Groove Band, Aug. 20; Thomas & Kentucky Strait, Aug. 27

MUSIC IN THE AIR

Time/Date: 7-9:30 p.m. Friday through Sept. 4
Location: Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth

Details: Lady Sunshine & The X Band, July 3; Cosmic Groove, July 17; Global Village, July 24; Mainstreet Soul, July 31; The Dan Rafferty Band, Aug. 7; Phoenix Theory, Aug. 14; The Randy Brock Band, Aug. 21; Magic Bus, Aug. 28; Steve King & The Dittilies, Sept. 4

MUSIC IN THE PARK CHILDREN'S SERIES

Time/Date: Noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, through Aug. 26
Location: Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth

Details: The Music Lady, Beverly Meyer, July 8; Nessa, July 15; Mr. Seley & The Troublemakers, July 22; The Chautauqua Express, July 29; Joel Tacey's Tip Top Entertainment, Aug. 5; Gemini, Aug. 12; Barbara Bailey Hutchinson, Aug. 19; Saline Fiddlers Philharmonic, Aug. 26
Contact: plymoutharts.com

STARS IN THE PARK

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday through Aug. 27, excluding July 2 and 16
Location: Heritage Park, 24915 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills

Details: Farmington Community Big Band, July 9; Howlin Mercy, July 23; Kari Holmes & The Modern Day Drifters, July 30; Sonic Freeway, Aug. 6; Farmington Community Chorus, Aug. 13; Kathy Kosins, Aug. 20; L'USA, Aug. 27
Contact: 248-473-1848

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

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

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia
Details: The Hummingbirds, July 3; Open Stage at Trinity House Theatre, July 7 and 21; The Tall Trees featuring Tim Grimm, Ben Bedford and Diederek Van Wassenaer, July 16; Rachel Zylstra, July 17; Hayley Reardon, July 24. Most tickets \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks accepted
Contact: 734-464-6302 for additional information

THEATER PENNY SEATS THEATRE COMPANY

Time/Date: 7 p.m. July 9-11; 16-17; and 13-15; and 2 p.m. July 19
Location: West Park, 215 Chapin, Ann Arbor

Details: *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare [Abridged]*, features Matt Cameron of Plymouth, Artun Kiricali of Ann Arbor; and Leanne Young of South Lyon as three actors who perform — or at least mention — every Shakespearean work in 90 minutes. Tickets are \$10
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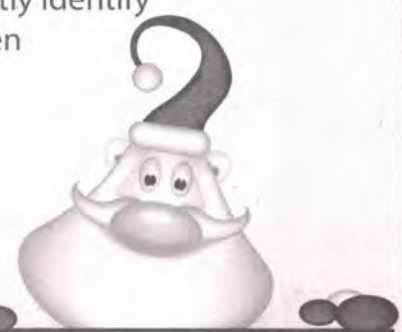
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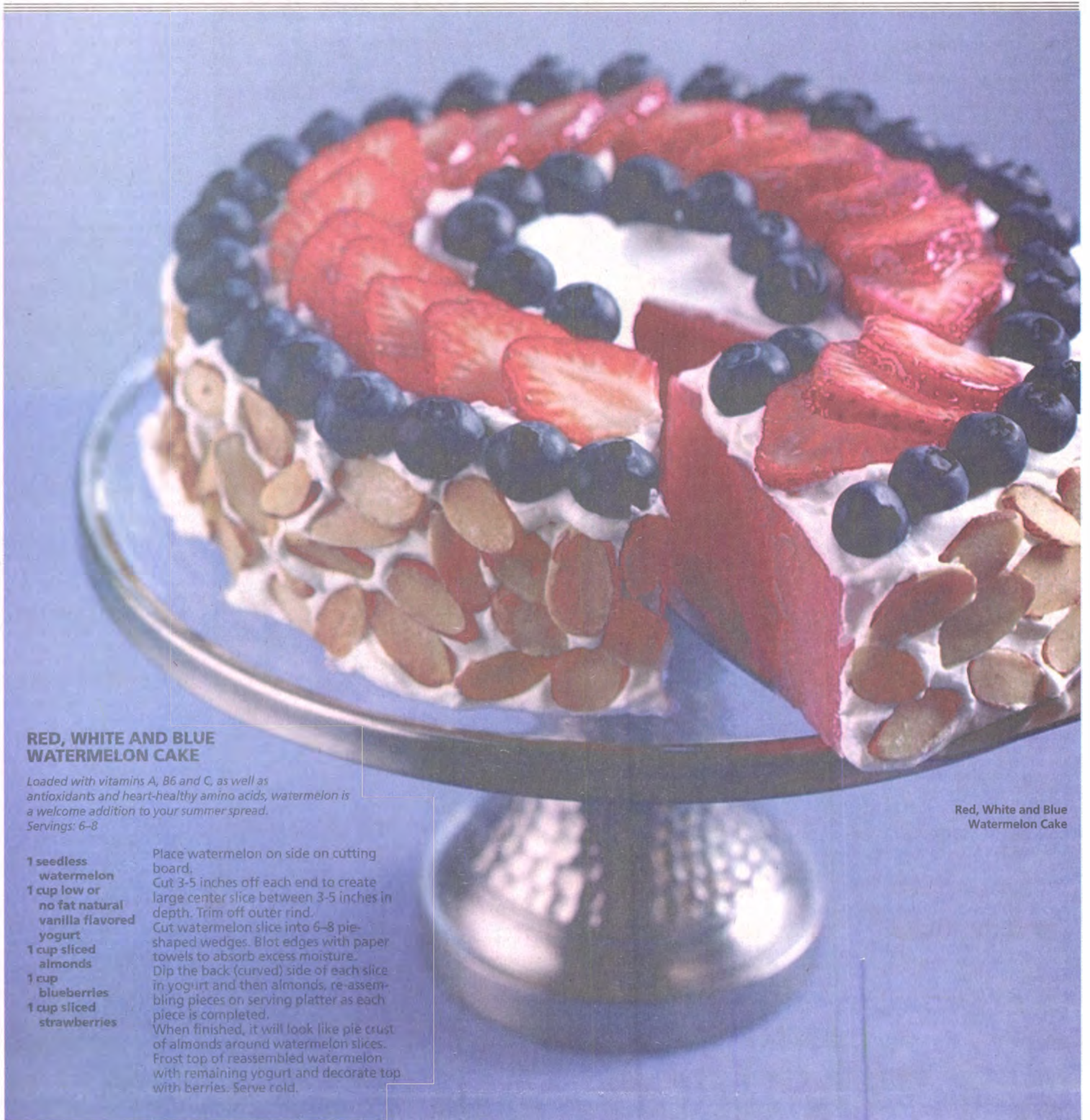
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Red, White and Blue Watermelon Cake

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Celebrate warm weather, abundant outdoor activities and all the fun of July 4 with a flavorful and festive gathering. Independence Day only comes once a year, so make it count and invite your favorite guests over for a memorable event. You'll go out with a bang when you serve up these palate-pleasing dishes at your patriotic party.

Courtesy of Family Features



Bison Burger with Blue Cheese

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Grilled Sweet Tea & Soy Pork Tenderloin

BISON BURGER WITH BLUE CHEESE

Recipe courtesy of Michael Symon
Servings: 4

- Kosher Salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 pound ground bison, loosely packed into burger patties
- 4 slices Castello Burger Blue cheese
- 4 brioche-style soft hamburger buns, toasted
- 1 small red onion, very thinly sliced into rings
- 1 cup arugula

Heat grill to medium-high heat. Season burgers with salt and freshly ground black pepper on both sides. Drizzle with olive oil, then place on grill. Cook 3 minutes, then flip. Add slices of blue cheese (1 slice per burger), and let cook another 1-2 minutes. Remove burgers from grill and place patties on toasted buns. Top each burger with slice of red onion and 1/2 of arugula. Serve.

RED, WHITE AND BLUE MOUSSE PARFAITS

Serves: 12
Serving size: 1 parfait

- 3 1/2 cups heavy cream divided
- 1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1/2 cup plus 2 tablespoons sugar divided
- 2 teaspoons McCormick Extra Rich Pure Vanilla Extract
- 2 teaspoons red food color
- 1 teaspoon pure lemon extract
- McCormick Assorted NEON! Food Colors & Egg Dye
- 2 tablespoons white chocolate chips

Beat 1 1/2 cups of the heavy cream, cocoa powder, 2 tablespoons of the sugar and vanilla in large bowl with electric mixer on medium speed until stiff peaks form. Add red food color; stir gently with spatula until evenly tinted. Beat remaining 2 cups heavy cream, remaining 1/2 cup sugar and lemon extract in large bowl with electric mixer on high speed until stiff peaks form. Remove 1 cup. Add 3/4 teaspoon neon blue and 5 drops neon purple food colors; stir gently with spatula until evenly tinted. To assemble parfait, alternately layer red and white mousses in dessert glasses. Top with blue mousse and white chocolate chips. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

GRILLED SWEET TEA & SOY PORK TENDERLOIN

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 30 minutes
Serves: 8

- 1 package McCormick Grill Mates Smokin' Sweet Tea Marinade
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons cider vinegar
- 1 tablespoon sesame seeds
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 2 pork tenderloins about 1 pound each

Mix all ingredients except pork in small bowl. Reserve 2 tablespoons marinade for brushing. Place pork in large resealable plastic bag. Add remaining marinade; turn to coat well. Massage pork and marinade for 4 to 5 minutes. Remove pork from marinade. Discard any remaining marinade. Grill pork over medium heat 25 to 30 minutes or until desired doneness, turning occasionally and brushing with reserved marinade. Discard any remaining marinade.