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Westland residents don't like plan for fewer lanes, bike path on parkway

By LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

A proposal to reduce Central City Parkway to two lanes for vehicles with the addition of a bike path lane wasn't well received by neighbors. One thing everyone agreed upon was that the stretch of road between Ford and Warren needs to be reconstructed with some cleanup of the boulevard's island.

The city can turn its attention to Central City Parkway, located within the Tax Increment Finance Authority, now that two other TIFA projects the new city hall and fire station 1 — have been completed, Westland Mayor William Wild said.

"We spent a lot of time talk-

ing to stakeholders and getting input. We considered a lot of public comments," Wild said.

The two-phase project would remove and replace the existing roadway, fix up the median and, at a later time, refresh the landscaping and add a walking path around the William P. Faust Library. The latter would include a sidewalk to the Veterans Memorial Garden of Westland, located behind the library.

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Cathy Buchanan and Fran Francavilla of Independent Carpet One in Westland hold the plaque containing a piece of steel from the World Trade Center, presented by retired New York City battalion chief firefighter Ed Breen.

City manager hopeful invites residents to watch movie, talk

By LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

Wayne residents are invited to meet an applicant for the city manager job and enjoy a movie on him Saturday morning.

John Adams, one of the candidates who interviewed for Wayne city manager last month, has booked the 11 a.m. showing of *Minions* at the State Wayne Theater. The theater seats 75 people.

"There have been a couple of people who said things about me that have been inaccurate," Adams said. "I'm making myself available so other citizens can meet me and find out what I can do."

Rather than allow people to continue to say incorrect things about him, Adams said he decided to respond.

"I'm thinking outside the box, like I'd do for the City of Wayne. I would be more fiscally responsible for the city and staff but most importantly for the residents," said Adams, chief operating officer for the Inkster Fire Department. Many of the negative social media comments in Wayne regarding Adams stem from his previous position as assis-



Adams

tant fire chief/ fire marshal with the Wayne-Westland Fire Department and criticism over relations with Westland. Adams took the position with

Inkster after retiring as a Westland firefighter.

"When people say things that are inaccurate, I answer. I would be different in transparency and running the city like a business," Adams said.

Following the appointment of consultant Lisa Nocerini as interim city manager and the initial round of interviews, the council decided to allow more time for applications.

Initially, only a week was allowed to apply for the position. The application period was expanded with advertisements running with the Michigan Municipal League and the International City Manager Association.

FDNY brings piece of Ground Zero to Westland

By Sue Mason Staff Writer

Ed Breen stopped by Independent Carpet One in Westland last Wednesday, but he wasn't there to buy floor covering. The retired Fire Department of New York battalion chief was there to honor the store and its employees for their support of Building for America's Bravest program.

FDNY representatives are traversing the country, visiting more than 700 Carpet One stores around the country to present plaques containing a piece of steel from Ground Zero as a way of saying thank you for helping in the construction of hi-tech "smart homes" for service members returning from war who have been catastrophically injured.

Carpet One Floor and Home and its manufacturing partner, Mohawk, have committed to providing flooring



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Jeane Salter (from left), Cathy Buchanan, Fran Francavilla and retired New York firefighter Ed Breen talk about the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation's Building for America's Bravest program.

materials and installation for 46 "smart homes."

Employees of the Westland store recently installed flooring in a smart home built in Ludington for retired Sgt. Eric Lund who was severely injured in Afghanistan when a Humvee he was riding in was hit by an improvised explosive device. The explosion flipped the vehicle, pin-

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Man to be sentenced in Westland woman's murder

By LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

The former boyfriend of a Westland woman has pleaded guilty to murdering the mother of four inside her home last fall.

Jamie Pearson, 39, is scheduled to be sentenced July 16 in Wayne County Circuit Court on a charge of second-degree murder in the death of Rachel Watson, 30. He will be sentenced to 22½ to 40 years in prison under the plea agreement.

That is a reduced charge — Pearson had been charged with first-degree murder, which carries a mandatory sentence of life in prison without parole.

Family members testified that once Watson ended the relationship with Pearson, he had been coming to where she



worked, threatened to strangle her and that she had asked her father to change the locks on her home to keep him out. An autopsy

Pearson

found Watson had been killed Oct. 22 by strangulation. She had marks on her neck consistent with a choke hold.

During a videotaped interview with police played in court, Pearson commented that he was angry at Watson, the mother of his young son, for throwing out his belongings. He was no longer living with Watson and her four children at the home on Avondale, instead residing at an apartment

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in Detroit where he was arrested. At one point during a

video recorded interview, Pearson said, "She made me do it." He subsequently told detectives that he had been in love with Watson. Family members and co-workers testified they became concerned when Watson hadn't returned from work at her normal time and later that day didn't report for her next shift. However, Pearson

was at Watson's home and eventually went to

get fast food for the children before he left. When their mother couldn't be located, the father of Watson's three older children picked them up while a friend cared for the youngest child.

Watson's sister and a co-worker eventually located Watson's body in the basement of her home later the same day.

Pearson has been held without bail since his arrest in October 2014. He is scheduled to be sentenced by Judge Lawrence Talon.

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CORRECTION

A story in the Sunday, July 5, issue of the Observer should have stated that Dion Patterson of Westland is continuing to be held without bond after being bound over for trial in the death of Matt Green of Belleville.



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ning Lund's arms under it. He lost both arms and suffered additional injuries throughout his body in the incident.

'Normal life'

"Building for America's Bravest builds home to give these soldiers as close to a normal life as possible. This a way for us to say thank you," Breen said in presenting the shadowbox that contains a piece of steel from steel from Ground Zero to Carpet One manager Cathy Buchanan. "For me as a firefighter, it's nice to be able to thank them for what they did.

'The moment you meet these men you want to continue helping them," Buchanan said. "You ask when's the next house.'

BFAB is a program of the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation,

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Scott Emmons, senior project manager at OHM, presented the proposal, including a traffic analysis. Peak volume was 470 vehicles per hour or 42 percent of capacity for one lane or 21 percent capacity with the current road configuration.

Sufficient room

Based on those numbers, Emmons said there was sufficient room to maintain the existing 5-foot sidewalks with the additional 5-foot pedestrian/bike lane.

Residents, many from the condominium developments along that section of Central City Parkway, didn't like the idea of taking the traffic lanes to one in each direction and contended no one bikes or walks in the area.

Opposed to reducing

to play golf with his brothers when the ittacks occurred. He put on 65 pounds of gear and ended up running back to provide assistance. He lost his life when the second tower collar sed. The BFAB program builds hi-tech "smart homes" for service members returning fror war who have been cata strophically injure l. Carpet One Floo and Home stores are as king customers to make a

> the roadway to two lanes, resident Mary Mul phy said the poor condition of the road proved how heavily traveled it has

> been. "Try to exit or e iter Deerhurst. I can't i magine what will happen with one lane," Murphy said. "If you want a bike path, tear out the grass ly the sidewalk. Most cor imunities expand to mor lanes. I've never he ard of less lanes.'

> Newberry Estates resident Stephanie Klefman said the reduction of the number of lane would cause traffic back-

"The big proble n with the trees (in the me dian) is that they haven't been maintained well. P it the bike path next to tl e sidewalk," she said.

Another resider t who didn't give his name said there is very little like or pedestrian traffic n Central City Parky ay so the bike lane wasn needed.

"Westland is 10- 5

contribution of \$10 to build at least two more "smart homes." "We've done eight of

these; it's a pretty awesome thing," Breen said. "This has been life changing for me. Through my job, I've done events for wounded veterans. These guys are special.'

Breen also was at home in Queens and went to the station house in Brooklyn where he got a truck and drove to Ground Zero.

"I took the truck over the bridge and didn't get there until the towers were down," he said. "I had to fight my way through the crowds."

'Honor to do'

Following a stop in Westland, he was one his way to Flint. The plaques are being delivered to every Carpet One store in the country. Breen has done presentations along the East Coast and in Ohio and Michigan. He'll be back on the road in Texas in August.

"A retired chief coordinates this, it's an effort," he said. "There are 25 of us doing this, but there could be more. I'm a very small part of this, but it's an honor for me to do.'

"We are truly humbled and honored that the Tunnel to Towers Foundation and members of the FDNY are traveling all the way from their home base to visit us and express their gratitude to us," Buchanan said. "In fact, we are the ones who are thankful to them for their dedication and service. That's why we're so thrilled to be part of this impactful program that helps military heroes who have sustained the most devastating injuries."

For more information about Carpet One's involvement in the Building for America's Bravest program, visit carpetone.com/our-bravest.

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years behind other communities with walking and bike paths," Wild said. "You don't see people riding and walking because there is no bike path. We have to get started somewhere. The state asked cities to sign on 10 years ago.'

Pedestrian friendly

To attract residents. Wild said cities need to be the pedestrian/bike friendly community that is desired by younger home buyers. A bike path along Central City Parkway would connect from city hall and Westland Shopping Center to Tattan Park with the H20 Zone spray park and the **Farmers Market Pavilion** along the library and veterans garden.

"If we want to compete, we need to look at who will buy houses. We're trying to fix a problem," Wild said. "If we're not moving forward, we're moving backward."

The city was willing to

look at using the green belt area as a bike path, something the TIFA board would consider. **Council President James** Godbout said that because a combined path legally has to be 8 feet wide, that idea might be contingent on the city getting additional rightof-way.

The road project wouldn't be expected until 2016, but in the interim the Department of Public Services would make some temporary repairs.

"We've identified some locations where cold patch will not hold anymore," DPS Director Ramzi El-Gharib said. "Over the next few weeks, a contractor will mill it down, blow it out and put down asphalt to make it even."

Those repairs should be able to hold over the winter, he said.

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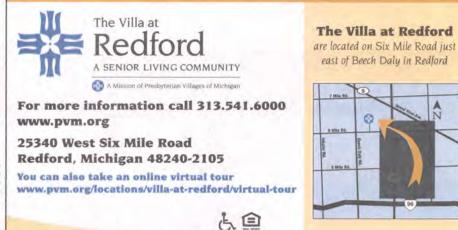


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Longtime Livonia restaurant worker takes the reins at Tin Cup Bar and Grill

By David Veselenak Staff Writer

After spending more than 30 years in the restaurant business, Beth Burr was ready to begin a new journey as the head of her own restaurant.

She was working at George Murphy's at The Creek near the Fox Creek Golf Course in Livonia for six years when she began exploring her options. That's when the opportunity to bid on and run the Tin Cup Bar and Grill at Livonia's Whispering Willows golf course came up.

"I was going to open up something," she said. "This opportunity just came up.

She put in her paperwork and was selected by the city earlier this year to run the restaurant, which was in need of a new manager. The previous owner's contract with the city was revoked after they could not meet rent and other bills. The restaurant closed at the end of 2014 and Burr reopened the Tin Cup earlier this spring.

The Livonia resident said she worked at a variety of other locales, including Mulligan's Irish Pub in Farmington Hills and Coach's Corner in Livonia before going to George Murphy's. After some friends heard about the bar closing, they contacted Burr and encouraged her to bid on the contract.

Burr, who began working in restaurants before she was a teenager, has incorporated a new menu and is also serving breakfast for those who golf early in the morning. She

and her staff have also trimmed down the menu and are in the process of adding a family specialty: fresh-cut french fries, something her family sold at the Michigan State Fair as Burr's French Fries for 50 years until the fair in Detroit closed in 2009.

"I was pretty disap-pointed that I couldn't start with them like I wanted to. I didn't have time," she said. "I'm going to incorporate my fresh-cut fries in the fall."

Burr hopes the restau-rant becomes a destination during the golf offseason as well. She plans on remaining open throughout the winter and hopes to bring in new customers from surrounding communities. She's hoping to get approval for several new signs on the outskirts of the golf course, because the restaurant is tucked off Newburgh Road and isn't highly visible from Eight Mile.

She plans to add a few more TV sets to bring in people during football season, as well as eventually working to enclose the patio on the east side of the building to offer more seating during the cold months.

For now, she's continuing to make improvements on the facility, working long hours to do

"You have to give it your all, you know what I mean?" she said. "You can't do any more than that.'

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Elizabeth Burr is the new owner of the Tin Cup. Terry Welsh is in charge of business operations.

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER New patio furniture sits outside the restaurant.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Mary Tullio, of Livonia, and Sue Check, of Northville, dine on the covered patio.

Livonia man, 48, dies in bicycle-vehicle crash

By Nathan Mueller Staff Writer

Farmington Hills Police are continuing to investigate an accident

Mile who did not see him, Fluhart said. "It was no fault of the motorist," said Fluhart, who noted the driver had a green light.

appear to be a factor in the crash, but they are awaiting the results from toxicology tests, which could take several weeks. Anyone who witnessed the accident is being asked to contact police at 248-871-2610.

Livonia man, 45, arrested in Redford, suspected of stealing tools from garage

By Karen Smith Staff Writer

Police responded to a burglary alarm on Brady south of Schoolcraft at 5 a.m. On their arrival they found a detached garage that had been broken into at an occupied residence. The garage had been locked and alarmed.

objects in both hands. The suspect ran from that officer and right past another officer who was processing the scene for fingerprints. After a brief foot chase the suspect was found hiding inside a neighboring garage and was arrested without further incident. Stolen tools were recovered.

between a vehicle and a bicycle on Friday night that killed a 48-year-old Livonia man.

According to Far-mington Hills Police Sgt. Michael Fluhart, the Livonia man, identified as Scott Haas, was crossing the intersection of Eight Mile Road and Grand River Avenue on his bicycle around 10:50 p.m. He rode off the sidewalk "in a strange angle through the middle of the intersection" when he was hit by a motorist heading west on Eight

Witnesses told police Haas was on the sidewalk and cut left through the intersection when he was struck. A private ambulance provider happened to be in the area when the accident happened and was performing CPR when the Farmington Hills Fire Department arrived on the scene, Fluhart said. Haas was unresponsive and transported to Botsford Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

According to police, alcohol and drugs do not

ABSTRACT WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2015-19 June 30, 2015

A Special Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, June 30, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Wayne Activity & Banquet Center, 35000 Sims Ave. MEMBERS PRESENT: Hawley, Monit, Damitio, Rhaesa, James, Miller. MEMBERS ABSENT: Rowe. Presentation by Plante Moran regarding health insurance. APPROVED: begin discussions with unions re: health insurance; PSA with Kelly-Miller Circus; appointment of Interim City Mgr. as alt to CWCSA. Adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

> Jennifer A. Wagner Deputy City Clerk

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45-year-old Livonia man was arrested by Redford Police on July 4, after he was suspected of stealing tools from a garage.

Edward Paul Fisher was arraigned on charges of breaking and entering of a garage.

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Westland looking for emergency dispatchers

By LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

If you've ever wanted to be on the inside of local emergencies, here's your opportunity.

Westland is accepting applications for emergency dispatcher through Friday, July 24. Civil Service testing will be conducted to create a list of qualified applicants to fill future openings, including some anticipated later this vear.

The Westland Police Department is trying to get an expanded pool of applicants for the positions.

"We're not sure why we didn't get a better response (earlier). We don't know if we needed to advertise better or maybe the job market is better." Westland Deputy Police Chief Todd Adams said. "We hope to get the word out and get a better response."

The dispatch center, which is located at the Westland Police Department, handles emergency calls for police and fire in Westland, Wayne, Garden City and Inkster. Currently, there are 21 full-time dispatchers.

"There are some retirements on the horizon and some resignations," Adams said. "We are about to exhaust the current (eligibility) list."

Qualified individuals must complete a job application, submit a resume and meet minimum qualifications. Those minimum qualifications are successful completion of the 40-hour Basic Telecommunica-tions course (Module 1) and/or **Emergency Fire Dispatch** training as approved by the

State of Michigan preferred, or prior experience as an emergency services dispatcher or similar position; high school diploma or GED, type 35 words per minute, and speak and write English.

Applicants must be able to multitask, work in a highstress environment, work varying shifts, extended hours, overtime, weekends, nights and holidays. Convicted felons are prohibited from operation of LEIN system or systems that interface with the LEIN system.

The city will limit Civil Service testing to the first 50 applicants, based on date of submission of application and resume, who meet the minimum requirements.

Applications and resume along with five references are being accepted at the person-nel office in Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road. The deadline is 4 p.m. Friday, July 24.

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Welcome to the force

WLND **New Westland Police** Officer Jeffrey Garcia (center) is welcomed to the force by Chief Jeff Jedrusik and Mayor William Wild at his recent swearing in. Garcia is a Livonia native and has worked the past six months with the **Detroit Police** Department.



Break-in

» On July 2 a resident in the 3900 block of Mildred told police that someone kicked in the entry door to his garage. Nothing was reported stolen.

» A short time later, police were called to the 5100 block of Niagara on July 2 when a resident reported someone pried open the front entry door to the garage. The prying caused damage to the door and significant damage to the door frame

He said the break-in occurred sometime after 1 a.m. that day. Nothing was reported stolen at this garage either.

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WAYNE COP CALLS

Stolen trailer

A black 15-foot utility trailer with black rail sides and a wooden planked bottom was reported stolen July 3 from Glover Street.

A man who lives nearby in the 5400 block of Newberry told police he borrowed the trailer from a family member and left it parked in the street, unhitched, full of garbage and covered with a blue tarp.

The ball coupler was down, secured with a padlock, he said.

Surveillance footage from the resident's home showed three subjects near the trail

just after 2:30 a.m.

An SUV can be seen backing up to the trailer, which the subjects attached to the vehicle and drove away.

Vandalism

A Bloomfield Hills woman told police July 1 that someone broke the front driver's side window on her 2013 BMW while it was parked outside Venoy Medical Center, 4020 Venoy, where she works.

She said nothing was missing from the car. The damage was estimated at \$300. By LeAnne Rogers

WESTLAND COP CALLS

Attempted vehicle theft

A resident in the 30000 block of Hiveley told police that overnight July 4 someone smashed the rear window on his vehicle while it was parked in the street overnight.

Inside, he said the steering column plastic housing had been removed, the transmission shifter lever was forced into neutral and there was a large scratch/dent on the fender. The officer noted it appeared someone had unsuccessfully attempted to steal the 2014 Ford.

Suspicious circumstances

Police were called to a home in the 33000 block of Alamo Court on July 5 about a woman kicking a door to the home. Several people had been arrested for trespassing at the home July 3.

The officers found a door open and the house in disarray but no one was present.

Fraud

A Westland woman told police July 1 that someone used her identity to open a DTE energy account at a home on Artesian in Detroit. The account was \$1,723 overdue

The woman said she had

learned of the account June 29 when she attempted to get a new account opened. The fraudulent account dated back to 2010-11. The woman told police she never opened the account and never lived at the address in Detroit.

Larceny from a vehicle

A resident at the Willow Creek Apartments, 37436 Willow Lane, told police July 1 that someone stole the catalytic converter from her 1998 Oldsmobile while it was parked in the lot. She said it had been parked there since June 28.

Vandalism

Employees at Dynamic Diagnostics, 35400 Central City Parkway, told police June 30 about 12:30 p.m. that two teens were spray painting graffiti on the north end of the building. The pair were reported to have walked toward Wayne Road, but the officer was unable to locate them.

A worker told the officer he was returning from lunch when he saw the pair within a partially enclosed area. The teens were facing the wall, the witness said, so he could see them spray painting. The officer noted fresh paint on the walls, which had old existing graffiti. By LeAnne Rogers

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August 7	Хансуу	Super Bowl Ford between Canton Center & Sheldon	III.
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In the event of inclement weather, all concerts will be held indoors at Super Bowl 45100 Ford Rd.

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Bill Brown Ford hosting Wounded Warriors' High Five Tour to aid veterans

By Karen Smith Staff Writer

Those who want to help provide mobilityequipped Ford vehicles to combat-wounded veterans so they can have the freedom to live productive, quality lives are invited to a special event July 11 at Bill Brown Ford in Livonia.

The dealership will host Wounded Warriors Family Support's High Five Tour 2015, where attendees can sign a mobility-equipped 2015 Ford Explorer and 2015 Ford F-150 with messages of support for military families for their sacrifices in exchange for a donation.

The money raised will be used to help provide about 100 mobilityequipped vehicles to combat-wounded veterans, said Richard Palaikis, marketing director for Bill Brown Ford.

The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 3



Visitors to Bill Brown Ford in Livonia on July 11 can sign a mobility-equipped 2015 Ford Explorer and 2015 Ford F-150 with messages of support for military families for their sacrifices in exchange for a donation.

p.m. at the dealership, 32222 Plymouth Road. An American Red Cross blood drive will be held concurrently. It starts at 9 a.m. and goes until 2:45 p.m. To sign up for the blood drive, go to redcross.org and enter sponsor code billbrownford or go to billbrownford.net and click on the link.

Palaikis said the dealership was approached in February about being a host and it seemed like a good thing to be involved in. "The military has done so much for all of us, it's the least we can do for them," he said.

The event is not about Bill Brown Ford selling cars, but about helping veterans, he said.

Wounded Warriors Family Support's The High Five Tour 2015, themed "Mobility is Freedom," is visiting 65 cities across 48 states, stopping at car dealerships, community events, veterans organizations, military bases and race tracks so communities can show appreciation and support to military families for their sacrifices.

The program aims to enhance the freedom and independence of combat-wounded veterans by providing grants to purchase Ford vehicles adapted to suit their unique needs.

"We are excited to bring the High Five Tour 2015 to Livonia as part of our mission to say thanks to our country's military families," said Marine Col. John Folsom (ret.), founder and president of Wounded Warriors Family Support. "We also are eager to tell the nation about our new 'Mobility is Freedom' program. Our belief is that given the right vehicle for mobility, combatwounded veterans will have the freedom to live productive and quality lives with their fam-ilies."

Wounded Warriors Family Support is an independent nonprofit not affiliated with Wounded Warrior Project.

For more information on the High Five Tour 2015, go to www.High-FiveTour.com. For more information about Wounded Warriors Family Support, go to www.wwfs.org.

Time for a six-month personal financial checkup

hope you had a wonderful Fourth of July weekend. And wasn't it nice that the weather finally cooperated? It's hard to believe that we're halfway through 2015. It seems like yesterday we were celebrating the New Year. Because this is the midway part of 2015 there are some personal financial planning items that we all need to take care of in order to keep our financial house in order.

At the beginning of every year I encourage people to do a personal family balance sheet and a cash flow statement.

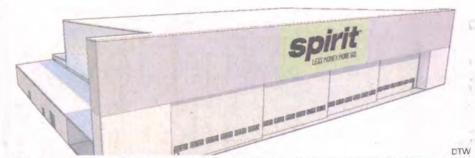


pencil and paper. The bottom line: you need to do it, and every six months is a good time frame. Remember when you look at your liabilities make sure you know what interest rate you are paying and whether it is tax deductible or not.

One of the most important numbers you can have is what it costs you to live a month. That is exactly what a cash flow statement allows you to do. A cash flow statement is nothing more than a listing of what came in and what went out. Knowing what it costs you to live a month is essential to determining such things as can you afford to retire, can you afford to stay retired or can you afford to take that trip or even to buy that house. It is essential that you know what it costs you to live a month, and no financial adviser can do that for you. You have to calculate it yourself. The reason I recommend that you do it at least every six months is so that you stay in touch with your expenses. In most situations, we cannot control our income but we can control our expenses. By doing a cash flow statement it lets you identify

your expenses and at the same time allows you to look for ways to be more efficient.

It would be nice if personal financial planning was easy and something that you didn't have to worry about. Unfortunately, it is not. Personal financial planning is something that you do throughout the year and something that you cannot afford to put on automatic pilot. Just think of the problems that can develop if you think that it only costs you \$4,000 a month to live but in reality, it costs you \$6,000 a month to live. You may not realize that you have a problem until it's too late. By staying informed of your situation, it allows you to have options and that is exactly what you want. I cannot stress enough the importance of doing a personal balance sheet and a cash flow statement. These documents will keep you informed about your individual situation and help you make better decisions with your money. Good luck!



Airlines Inc. is constructing a new maintenance hangar at Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

Spirit Airlines' new maintenance hangar adds 84 jobs

Spirit Airlines, Inc. is constructing a new maintenance hangar at Detroit Metropolitan Airport with support from the Michigan Strategic Fund and the Michigan Economic airline maintenance hangar at Metro Airport, investing approximately \$31.7 million and creating 84 jobs related to commercial airline maintenance and repair.

As a result, the project

aration costs at the site, as well as surrounding sites, to make it development ready.

"It is very gratifying to see the hard work of our team and the support of our local and state partners, come together to accomplish new devel-opment and job growth at our airport," Airport Authority CEO Thomas Naughton said. "This Spirit Airlines investment is another positive example of what we can achieve working together and the value and importance the business community places on our airport and region." The Michigan Business Development Program provides grants, loans and other economic assistance to qualified businesses that make investments or create jobs in Michigan, with preference given to businesses that need additional assistance for deal-closing and for second stage gap financing. For more on the MEDC and its initiatives, go to www.Michigan Business.org.

These documents help you do a personal financial checkup on your situation. That is why I believe it is a great time of year to redo your personal balance sheet and your cash flow statement. From a standpoint of your personal family balance sheet, it allows you to see how you are doing. Did you make progress over the first half of the year or not? Of course, that doesn't mean that if you didn't make progress you should radically change your portfolio, but it is a good idea to see how you have done.

Remember, a personal balance sheet is nothing more than a listing of all your assets and liabilities. This isn't something that you have to have professionally done; rather, you can do it the old-fashioned way with Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloom assetmanagement.com. If you would like Rick to respond to your questions, please email Rick at rick@bloom assetmanagement.com. Development Corp.

"Michigan's economy is soaring back and this new investment by Spirit Airlines underscores Michigan's greatly improved business climate and a talent pool that can compete with any place in the world," MEDC Chief Executive Officer Steve Arwood said. "It is through the efforts of the city of Romulus and the Wayne County Airport Authority that these well-paying jobs are coming to Michigan residents and we are pleased to sup-

port that collaboration." Spirit Airlines is an ultra-low-cost, low-fare airline based in Miramar, Fla. The company was founded in 1964 as Clippert Trucking Co., a Michigan company. The company plans to construct a new 126,000square-foot commercial

has been awarded a \$1 million Michigan Business Development Program performance-based grant. Michigan was chosen over a competing site in Texas. Romulus has offered support to the project in the form of property tax abatement.

"Spirit Airlines has a long and proud history with Michigan and specifically Detroit Metropolitan, Wayne County Airport," Spirit Airlines President and CEO Ben Baldanza said. "This new hangar will allow our maintenance technicians to more efficiently and more effectively service our planes in a controlled environment. We're also excited that Spirit will be bringing additional jobs to this community.

The Wayne County Airport Authority is supporting the project by investing in the site prep-





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Nine-year-old Bryson Snider of Wayne just barely keeps head above the mud.

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Mud lovers find plenty to like in Hines Park pit

By Sue Mason Staff Writer

Steady rain didn't deter mud aficionados who converged on the Nankin Mills area of Hines Park for the Wayne County Parks annual Mud Day.

For a second straight year, rain kept the crowd down. But those who showed up found the gooey muck to their lik-





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"My daughter loves playing in the mud, I knew she would love it," said Heather Espinoza of Westland who was part of a crowd of nine mudders that included daughter Belle, 7, and son Eli, 6.

For more than 25 years, Wayne County Parks has been turning a grassy area into a muddy pit and inviting kids to come and wallow. They also toss in a few races and mud limbo and select the muddiest boy and girl to be King and Queen of Mud Day.

The Wayne-Westland Fire Department provided the water that members of the Western Wayne Hazmat Team used to hose down people once they were done.

This was the first time the Espinozas attended Mud Day, and while Belle liked it, she decided not to try for the honor of being

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Their cousin, Reece

Easterling of Canton, who

was covered from head to

toe with mud, opted out of

the games played in the

pit. His reason: "It's too

muddy." However, "the

best part was my little

Three-year-old Jaxon McCauley is not too happy about the cleanup after the muddy fun. He's held by his uncle, Franco Moreno. Both are from Garden City.

Queen of Mud. Her brother was the cleanest member of the group. According to his mom, he "normally doesn't like getting dirty." "I don't think I'll do it

next year," he said.

cousins attacking me with mud," he said.

Also part of the group was 5-year-old Mya Cote of Farmington Hills who liked the idea of getting muddy without getting in trouble with her mother. "I liked sliding in the

mud," she said.

Looked like fun

Deborah Kidd of Taylor had seen photographs on Facebook of last year's event and decided she and son Caedan, 5, had to come.

'I saw the pictures of my friends all muddy and it looked like fun. I said

'we've got to do it,' " she said.

They chased after each other and played paddy cake in the mud. which Caedan thought felt like quicksand.

"He kept saying he felt like he was melting into the quicksand," Kidd said. "I think his favorite part was getting hosed down by the firefighters. He wants to be a fireman."

"I can get in mud at home, but this is more fun," Caedan said.

Elaina Carr of Allen Park was there with sons Kason, 5, and Avery, 8.

This also was their first time at Mud Day. She found out about it from a woman at work who does it every year.

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"I made sure to take the day off," Carr said. "I came prepared, too. I brought garbage bags."

Joining them was Mark Curtis of Allen Park. He and Kidd planned to join the kids in the mud pit.

'Oh, yes, we're going in; we can't let them have all the fun," Curtis said.

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Business Alliance

The Garden City Business Alliance meets on the second Friday of each month. Its next meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. Friday, July 10, at The Straight Farmhouse Museum, 6221 Merriman, Garden City.

For more information, visit gcbiz48135.org, email gcbusinessalliance@gmail.com or call 734-788-9319.

Christmas in July

The Westland Community Foundation All American Christmas in July event is scheduled for 6-9 p.m. Thursday, July 23, in the Grand Room at Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road.

The evening will feature Michigan craft beers and wines and local American cuisine. Schol-

arships for deserving high school students will be awarded at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. The Doo Wop band, Danny Albani and the Cruzzers, also will perform.

Tickets are \$30 per person and available at 734-595-7727.

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 visiting helpinghandsforhealth.com. Those who sign up will receive \$10 off of the \$149 fee and \$10 will be donated to Garden City Presbyterian Church. To learn more, watch a short video at lifelinescreening-

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blog.com/introduction. Garden City Presbyterian Church is at 1841 Middlebelt.

Vacation Bible School

Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City, will have a free vacation Bible school from 6-9 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 20-24. All children are welcome to attend. For more information, call the church office at 734-427-3660 or visit groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/ goodhope.

Rummage sale

Timothy Lutheran Church at 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia, will hold a rummage sale 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.

Jazz at the Avenue

Tickets are still available for Jazz at the Avenue, an Evening with Wayne Main Street, set for 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 at jazzattheave.eventbrite-.com. Seating is limited. For more information, visit downtownwayne.org/jazz or call 734-629-6822.

Vendor shows

The auxiliary of AM-VETS Post 171 is looking for vendors and crafters for a vendor show set for 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 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.

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

LOCAL NEWS

Docent brings bit of DIA exhibit to Garden City Library

By Sue Mason Staff Writer

The question was what to do with the white plaster walls in the Garden Court of the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Edsel Ford and DIA Director William R. Valentiner talked about what to do, and their solution was to commission Diego Rivera to paint a mural for the museum concerning the development of industrialization.

More than 80 years later, the DIA has made Rivera and his artist wife Frida Kahlo the focus of a popular exhibit that closes this weekend. More than 100 pieces of work by the couple are on display as part of the "Diego and Frida Kahlo in Detroit" exhibition.

"They were all plaster walls, just white, with two paintings hanging on the big walls," said DIA docent Loretta Gates of Troy. "Dr. Valentiner took a trip to California and was introduced to Diego Rivera. He was asked to come to do the murals in Detroit."

According to Gates, Rivera asked Valentiner if his work would be available to the public; he would do nothing that "would be hidden in a wealthy person's house."

"He believed it should be public," said Gates who was at the Garden City Public Library last week to talk about the exhibit. "He was known for his Mexican folk art style and his modern style."

In Detroit

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Married, Rivera brought his wife to Detroit. Also an artist, Kahlo didn't start her career seriously until they were here, Gates said.

Her presentation focused on several pieces in the exhibit, including Kahlo's portrait of the



Loretta Gates of Troy talks about the "Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo in Detroit" exhibit, which is in its final days at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

couple, "Frieda and Diego Rivera," done in 1931. In the oil-on-canvas painting, Kahlo identifies Rivera as "her love and her man by holding his hand." She also identifies him as an artist with brushes and a palette in his hand, Gates said.

Also included in the exhibit are "cartoons," or drawings that are used to transfer the images to the walls. While he was commissioned to paint the north and south walls of the courtyard, Rivera asked and received permission to paint all of the surfaces.

"A muralist puts the drawing on thin paper and attaches it with wet plaster so the image is transferred to the wall," Gates said. "He painted on wet plaster and there was a reaction. The paint became the wall when it dried."

The choice of Rivera wasn't a popular one as people protested and picketed outside the museum.

"They didn't want a communist painting the murals," Gates said.

Gates pointed out that Kahlo was very graphic and her artwork had a hard look and depended on her state of mind. Her "Henry Ford Hospital," done in 1932 is a depiction of a miscarriage she suffered and shows her



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Adults like Carol Garrett (third from right) learn more about Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo at the Garden City Public Library.

laying on a hospital bed with bloody sheets and six floating images of a male fetus, orchid, snail, pelvis, machine and a woman's torso, all connected to her with red looking umbilical cords.

"She didn't like America, she hated Detroit," Gates said. "She couldn't wait to get back to Mexico."

Gates has been with the DIA for 17 years and admits that "the first 12 years every time I'd go into the courtyard, I'd see something new." Carol Garrett of Gar-

den City also loves looking at the murals. "I could spend hours

looking at all the detail," she said.

'Tremendous attendance'

Gates gave those in attendance an assignment: To find Rivera in the courtyard mural and gave them a place to start looking — the north wall.

"This exhibit has tremendous attendance," Gates said. "I've talked with hundreds and hundreds of people and only one person said they didn't like it, but they couldn't say why."

The presentation is one of several adult programs being offered at the library. Up next is the National Weather Service at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 21. A representative from the National Weather Service office in White Lake will be discussing Michigan's weather patterns.

And on Tuesday, July 28, Jerry Thorne of Party Animal Travel will do a George Perrot-style show, presenting images and sharing experiences from his travels.

The Garden City Public Library is in the Maplewood Center at 31735 Maplewood, Garden City. It's accessible through the building's Balmoral entrance. For more information, call 734-793-1830 or visit gardencity.org.

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GOING TO THE SHOW

"Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo in Detroit" is entering its final days, and the Detroit Institute of Arts is extending hours for the popular exhibition to accommodate the last-minute rush. The exhibition will remain open until 10 p.m. Saturday and even later on Sunday, the show's official closing day, if demand is great enough.

In addition to extended hours for the Rivera and Kahlo exhibit, the entire DIA will stay open until 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. After 7 p.m. most galleries will close, but the Impressionist galleries will remain open until 10 p.m. Admission to the DIA is free for residents of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties, however, tickets for "Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo in Detroit" are \$14 Thursday-Friday and \$19 Saturday-Sunday for adults and \$9 for those age 6-17. The DIA is at 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. For more information, call 313-833-4005 or go online to www.dia.org.

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The Livonia Public Schools Board of Education, Livonia, Michigan, hereby invites the submission of **sealed bids** for the purchase of:

SCHOOL BUS Bid for the 2015-2016 School Year (See Attached Specifications)

Request for Proposal (RFP) documents can be obtained at the Livonia Public School Website, <u>www.livoniapublicschools.org</u> under the section titled DISTRICT, Purchasing Bids, 2015-2016 school year, open bids OR Buy4Michigan Website, <u>www.buy4michigan.com</u>. Please feel free to include additional pages of information if necessary. For bids to be considered they must meet or exceed all specifications herein.

Sealed bids marked <u>"SCHOOL BUS BID</u>" will be received until 9:00 A.M. on the 15th day July, 2015, in the Business Office at the Board of Education complex, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan. Mailed bids should be sent to the attention of Nick Armelagos, Administrator of Finance, Livonia Public Schools, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan, 48154. Livonia Public Schools is not liable for any delivery or postal delays.

The Bid Opening will take place at **9:00 A.M.** on the **15th** day of **July**. **2015**, at the Livonia Public Schools Board of Education Complex, at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read. No bids will be accepted after the date and time specified and will not be opened. Oral, telephone, fax or electronic mail bids are invalid and will not receive consideration.

All bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement of disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner and any employee of the bidder and any member of the Livonia Board of Education, the Livonia Public Schools Superintendent or Director of Business Services, any member of the Wayne RESA Board of Education or the Superintendent of Wayne RESA. No bid shall be accepted that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.

All bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized Affidavit of Compliance- Iran Economic Sanctions Act. No bid shall be accepted that does not include this sworn and notarized statement.

All bids must be accompanied by the Equal Opportunity Statement. No bid shall be accepted that does not include this statement.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, either in whole or in part: to award to other than the low bidder: to waive any irregularities and/ or informalities: and in general to make awards in any manner deemed to be in the best interests of the district, including awarding by line item, with rationale to support such a decision. Livonia Public Schools local preference resolution will be followed for all proposals.

Prices bid are to be **F.O.B. Destination.** All purchases are to be exempt from all taxes, including state and federal taxes. Exemption certificates will be furnished upon request.

Any bid submitted will be binding for ninety (90) days subsequent to the date of the bid submission. All bids must be submitted on the attached bid form and signed by the bidder. Two (2) signed copies of the bid package are to be addressed to the attention of:

Nick Armelagos Administrator of Finance Livonia Public Schools 15125 Farmington Road Livonia, MI 48154-5474 "School Bus Bid"

One (1) copy of the bid package should be retained for your files. Any questions **regarding bid specifications** should be referred to Todd Dickson, Transportation Supervisor,

tdickson@livoniapublicschools.org, 734.776-1806, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. EST.

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OPINION

Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

Inspiring words settle fight over same-sex marriage

The ink was barely dry on the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling June 26 in Obergefell v. Hodges when reactionaries were beginning to hyperventilate.

The justices were accused of "judicial activism." Several contenders for the next year's presidential contest claimed the ruling was the work of five "unelected and unaccountable" justices. One candidate called the ruling "judicial tyranny."

Both political and religious leaders vowed that the fight was not over.

Really, it should be. The Supreme Court, appointed by the president and confirmed by the U.S. Senate, did exactly what it was supposed to do. The justices looked at the law, in this case, Michigan's voted amendment in the state constitution banning same-sex marriage, as well as other state bans, to see if they pass muster with the U.S. Constitution.

And the court concluded they just did not. The 14th Amendment and its equal pro-



Protesters and supporters of same-sex marriage stand on the steps of the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington, D.C.

tection clause make it very clear, the court said, that you cannot use the law or even state constitutions to block gays or lesbians from participating in this tradition.

The court also made it clear that religions may still disapprove of same-sex marriage – and that's fine. But government, by law, has to recognize same-sex marriage.

Here's what the majority said: "Finally, it must be emphasized that religions, and those who adhere to religious doctrines, may continue to advocate with utmost, sincere conviction that, by divine precepts, same-sex marriage should not be condoned.

"The First Amendment en-

sures that religious organizations and persons are given proper protection as they seek to teach the principles that are so fulfilling and so central to their lives and faiths, and to their own deep aspirations to continue the family structure they have long revered.

"The same is true of those who oppose same-sex marriage for other reasons. In turn, those who believe allowing same-sex marriage is proper or indeed essential, whether as a matter of religious conviction or secular belief, may engage those who disagree with their view in an open and searching debate.

"The Constitution, however, does not permit the State to bar same-sex couples from marriage on the same terms as accorded to couples of the opposite sex."

The justices did hear all the arguments that have been made both for and against same-sex marriage. They simply concluded that there is no good argument for not allowing gays and lesbians to get married in the same way that heterosexual couples do.

Here's how they put it: "No union is more profound than marriage, for it embodies the highest ideals of love, fidelity, devotion, sacrifice, and family.

ily. "In forming a marital union, two people become something greater than once they were. As some of the petitioners in these cases demonstrate, marriage embodies a love that may endure even past death. "It would misunderstand

"It would misunderstand these men and women to say they disrespect the idea of marriage. Their plea is that they do respect it, respect it so deeply that they seek to find its fulfillment for themselves. Their hope is not to be condemned to live in loneliness, excluded from one of civilization's oldest institutions.

"They ask for equal dignity in the eyes of the law. The Constitution grants them that right."

Inspiring words – ones which should settle this particular argument.

GUEST COLUMNIST

Solid foundation helps improve Wayne-Westland district

s I am concluding my first year in Wayne-Westland Community Schools, I'd like to thank students, parents, community members and school personnel for your support and the encouragement to lead and work with all of you to move our school district to the next level.

There is a solid foundation of excellent programs and services, as well as personnel in our district. That foundation is not accidental; rather it was a result of the hard work and leadership by the employees and administration of this district throughout the previous years. Given that solid foundation, however, we have



continued to improve our school district and to achieve goals that demonstrate a successful first year. Some of our successes this year include:

» The connections I have made and the relationships established with our students and our staff during meetings and school and event visits, as well as the relationships with the cities, business leaders and various community groups. » The growth and success of our students in academics and career-technical education, athletics and the arts as demonstrated in student assessment data, scholarship awards, and other recognitions and honors.

» Our bond refunding, which saves money for our taxpayers.

» The improvement of schools and movement of six of our schools off of the Michigan Department of Education's Priority and Focus school lists.

» Progress by our schools on anti-bullying initiatives, many of which were developed and led by our students

and led by our students. » Improvements to our Teacher Evaluation model through collaboration with our teachers and administrators.

» While bittersweet, the demolition of our vacant buildings and the completion of a market analysis for each site.

» The engagement of our staff, teachers in particular, in numerous collaborative approaches to improving our educational services and processes including the narrowing of our instructional focus

» The convening of a Superintendent's Steering Committee to increase the voice of students, parents, community members and staff in the strategic direction setting for our district. » Completion of my 100 Day report to guide the further growth and excellence of WWCS.

» » Our collaborative work on the review and revision of our Board Policies.

» Collaboration with all of our legislative representatives to represent our need for adequate school funding.

» A balanced budget for the 2015-2016 school year.

» The celebration of many of our staff selected as teacher, social work and technology experts "of the year."

Michele Harmala is the superintendent of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

GUEST COLUMN

Raise the bar for racial understanding, respect

Recently, I became aware of a white locally elected official who, when engaging an African-American woman and her teenaged son, found her behavior disrespectful and let her know in a similarly disrespectful manner.

I called the official to arrange for a cup of coffee to talk about the broader implications of his encounter, which prompted his quick response: "I'm not racist!" This was followed by a defense of his behavior. I asked if he understood why the woman seemed disrespectful. Had he considered her anger and embarrassment as her son, in spite of all she did to make sure he never got into trouble, was in fact, in trouble? When it soon became clear the official did not want to talk further, I suggested he find someone to have an honest conversation with, one where he was safe to be honest, to be vulnerable. I hope he decided to do that, but I am not optimistic

I thought of this encounter

Steve Spreitzer GUEST COLUMNIST

while grieving the horror of Charleston, where nine people were gunned down by a person who has confessed to this act of hatred. This latest homegrown terrorist likely heard a litany of hateful rhetoric throughout his life. His beliefs allowed him to dehumanize his African-American neighbors to the point where he felt justified in his killings. Where were the people who could have stood up against these messages of hate and ignorance? Were they afraid to speak up? How many of them "weren't racist?"

Metro Detroit is not South Carolina. We don't have a Confederate flag flying in public. We do, however, have those flags flying in private. We have many citizens who have never had a meaningful conversation with someone of another race or religion, which puts them at risk of being unintentionally disrespectful — perhaps like that elected official.

I was one of those persons, raised by a bigoted parent in an all-white suburb of Detroit. To this day, I continue to be reminded of my racist thinking and the many unexamined layers of bias and privilege. As much as I work on this, I am still at risk of being insensitive and offending someone. So when I hear someone like the elected official, I do my best to reach out as so many have done and continue to do for me.

For the past 20 years, I have had the honor of working for the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity. Thanks to sponsors like DTE Energy and the Kresge, W.K. Kellogg and Ford foundations, we are able to provide the resources to help citizens make their communities places where all are welcome and treated fairly. We have discovered over the years that every community has challenges as a result of their local and our regional history of racial injustice.

We have also discovered that there is an abundance of good people who strive to be known as much more than simply not being a racist, but to be known as champions in building positive race relations in their communities. An example is the a group of 28 West Bloomfield Township residents who, at the request of township officials troubled by a series of hurtful racial actions of a few citizens, formed the West **Bloomfield Diversity Commit**tee this spring. After 120 days of work, the group made recommendations for a comprehensive diversity and inclusion program which will be available to the public at the reference desk of the West Bloomfield Public Library. What can you do in your local community? What can you do to go beyond simply saying you are not a racist?

If you wish to be part of change, we are here to help. I

encourage you to visit our website at www.miroundtable. org. There, you can learn about our Deconstructing our Differences series and "We Don't Want Them" Housing Exhibit, which could be brought to your community.

Like West Bloomfield, Plymouth, Canton, Warren, Livonia, Troy and Grosse Pointe, you could host a forum on the effect of race on every aspect of your community life. Later this summer, we will be hosting a free community meeting to help educate citizens about ways to interrupt prejudicial thinking, words and actions. We invite you to join us.

I recall a colleague once telling me guilt was only functional before we do something. Our tears for the victims of the Charleston shooting are hollow if not accompanied by action. Please let us know if we can help. The time is now.

Steve Spreitzer is president and CEO Michigan Roundtable for Diversity & Inclusion.

LETTERS

Thanks for loud July 4

Thanks again to the Michigan state legislature and the governor for providing us with another obnoxiously loud first two weeks of July.

Yes, we had fireworks before 2012 but not like this. Police departments do not have the resources nor should we expect them to spend their crime-fighting time on rude and irresponsible citizens who start their pyrotechnics at 7 p.m. and go all night every night. I feel sorry for the the poor working person who is trying to get some sleep before they start their next shift. And then there's the animals who are put through absolute terror.

I only hope that each and every member of the state legislature lives in a neighborhood like mine where every night is a war movie out of control. And, of course, you can see how all that extra tax money is being used. Oh wait, we can't. Don't worry Michigan, the new gas tax is coming so add that to the firework revenue and we may get I 96 to Lansing repaved with gold.

Skip Wehrle Garden City

Hold parents liable

Adults in this city know who is responsible for these actions and should speak up immediately before someone is seriously injured. Without correction or intervention, the people doing these things will continue until they run even further afoul of the law and lose their freedom.

A recent spate of violent activities have taken place in the City of Wayne. These include a roving band of teenagers accosting other teenagers, children and the elderly and willful destruction of property and vandalism in city parks.

In a sickening incident not only was a Little Library, set up by the City of Wayne Rotary broken, the books inside were torn apart.

Graffiti and other unwanted marks in the city are also

clearly the work of unsupervised children whose parents are ultimately responsible for them and their actions.

So when is a parent liable for a child's conduct in Michigan?

Michigan's parental responsibility law (which you'll find at Michigan Compiled Laws section 600.2913) can apply to hold a parent liable when an unemancipated minor, who still lives with his or her parent, has "maliciously or willfully destroyed real, personal, or mixed property" or has "maliciously or willfully caused bodily harm or injury to a person."

Alfred Brock Wayne

Don't ban fracking

The low natural gas and gasoline prices we see today are a result of hydraulic fracturing in U.S. shale formations. The U.S. Energy Information Administration has said as much in many news reports. This has led to a rebound for manufacturers and automakers. Michigan's unemployment rate has dropped two full percentage points in just one year. Consumers are paying the lowest natural gas prices in over a decade, a real savings for homeowners, schools and businesses.

But now, just as our state is getting back on its feet, a group has come up with a radical idea to ban hydraulic fracturing - even though our own DEQ says it is safe and the federal EPA recognizes that natural gas production is helping us achieve great emissions reductions. Why would we in Michigan want to go backwards? Don't be fooled when activists ask you to sign a petition to ban fracking. Tell them, "no thanks - I'd like to keep Michigan energy bills low and Michigan jobs strong.' Pam Westenberg

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Fred Hill Briefcase Drill Team goes out to thank-yous after 30 years

By Matt Jachman Staff Writer

The Fred Hill Briefcase Drill Team capped its career Saturday at the event that launched it 30 years ago — Plymouth's Independence Day parade.

Founder and drillmaster Hill, who announced the team's retirement last fall, led the squad of 16 men — outfitted with business suits and briefcases — down Main Street one last time during the Good Morning America Parade as hundreds cheered and thanked them for years of serious-looking silliness.

"It was emotional," said Hill on Monday. "We were handsomely acknowledged by cheers and screams and applause."

With crowd favorites like "Businessman's Shuffle" and "Boom-Chucka-Lucka," the team had been to parades and sporting events around the country, including Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City, the Fiesta Bowl in Arizona and, of course, America's Thanksgiving Parade in Detroit, where it racked up 25 appearances over the years.

"I think it would prob-

ably be fun to continue, but it's just time," Hill said.

Marchers are aging, and many have been on "injured reserve," Hill has said. Several have been on the team since its second year, he said.

"We're replacing hips and knees, and of course, as far as businessmen go, briefcases have been replaced," he said.

Trailing behind the drill team Saturday, in convertibles, were about dozen alumni, with one traveling from North Carolina to be with his ex-teammates.

"They were crazy when they joined and they're obviously still crazy," Hill joked.

Hill said he's been thanked, again and again, for the team's many years. "I've probably heard that 100 times," he said.

On Monday, he returned the thanks, saying he appreciated the community's "laughter, support, screams (and) applause."

"They enjoyed every minute of it," he said of the team. "We were stars."

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER In its final performance, the group marches away from their briefcases. It's the end of a 30-year run.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Fred Hill and the Briefcase Drill Team march down Main Street.



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FAMILY SWINGTIVE

Crosby mother-son duo gives tennis foes a kick in the grass

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

Marsha Crosby got to celebrate Mother's Day this year a second time with her son Brady.

dy. The duo from South Lyon teamed to capture the 2015 U.S. Tennis Association Mother Son National Grass Court Championship held at the newly constructed Wessen Lawn Tennis Club in Pontiac. Marsha Crosby, 63, and

Marsha Crosby, 63, and Brady, 30, were seeded third, but dominated all three of their matches in the nine-team field, capped by 6-2, 6-2 victory in the finals against Jacob Jensen (Northridge, Calif.) and Nancy Jensen (Salt Lake City, Utah). "It was pretty exciting,"

"It was pretty exciting," said Marsha, a retired school teacher from West Bloomfield. "It was a really good memory to form with him. At my age, I was kind of surprised really to win that, but he's such a really good player. That always helps."

Brady Crosby, a teaching pro at the Novi Sports Club, was an accomplished threesport athlete at Livonia Stevenson High School, where he made all-state in tennis. He was the MHSAA Division 1 No. 1 singles runner-up in 2003.

Three-sport star

In soccer. Crosby was an





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JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO Connor Sherman of Canton.

Sunshine's football clinic

The second annual Sunshine's Skills & Drills Football Clinic is just around the corner, set for 6-8 p.m. Friday, July 24 at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's junior varsity football field (near Beck Road). Registration ends Monday, go to sunshinesfootballclinic.org.

So far, more than 50 youngsters have signed up to participate in the event — where Plymouth Wildcats and Our Lady of Good Counsel players and coaches help kids with special needs enjoy football fun and instruction.

Last year's debut clinic was a smash success. The concept to combine football and humanitarianism was cooked up in 2014 by then-fourth grader Connor Sherman during a school project at Workman Elementary School in Canton. He also played quarterback last season at OLGC.

Summer hockey

all-state player as well — scoring 30-plus goals — in addition to being an all-conference basketball player.

At the end of his senior year at Stevenson, Brady was named the 2003 Tomorrow's Winner Award recipient as the Male High School Athlete of the Year by the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame.

He went on to play four

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Marsha and Brady Crosby teamed to win the USTA Mother Son Grass Court National Tennis Championship in B3 Pontiac. He is a Livonia Stevenson alum.

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

READY TO LAUNCH AT SCHOOLCRAFT

Ex-Melvindale coach Linares already recruiting area players for Ocelots' first softball team

By Tim Smith Staff Writer

Building a softball program up from the ground is something Rey Linares at which already has a lot of success.

The 51-year-old Linares turned a "perennial bottom feeder" at Melvindale High School — the team only had three wins combined the two seasons before he began coaching there — into a program that won six district championships in seven seasons after taking over the reins.

And now, he looks to guide Schoolcraft College's first women's softball team, which begins play in the 2016 Michigan Community College Athletic Association season.

"My goal and expectations are to establish and lay a solid foundation from the get-go that will begin the building of a winning tradition and competitive women's collegiate softball program," Linares wrote in an email to the Observer.

According to Linares, his

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SCHOOLCRAFT ATHLETICS

Waterford Mott catcher Rebekah Mathers was one of Schoolcraft coach Rey Linares' first recruits. He already signed a number of athletes from the Observerland area.



Call 248-888-1400 to register by phone, or drop off the attached registration form at the arena office (23996 Freeway Drive, Farmington Hills; west of Halstead near Grand River). Spots are limited.

Bulls romp, 8-3

The holiday weekend was over Sunday, but the Michigan Rams (14-5-1) kept on celebrating Monday with an 8-3 victory over the Bulls (15-6) at Ford Field in Livonia.

Nolan Page led the Rams' attack with a 4-for-5 outing, including a double and triple. Also tallying two hits in the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League contest were Danny Kerr, Anthony DiPonio and Sean Winkelseth.

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OHL HOCKEY Plan ahead to catch former Whalers

Firebirds to include ex-Plymouth players

By Tim Smith Staff Write

The Plymouth Whalers are no more, but former players from that Ontario Hockey League team - such as Canton native Tyler Sensky - are gearing up for new life with the Flint Firebirds.

Sensky, Cullen Mercer, Mitch Jones and Bryce Yetman are a few of the players moving an hour north to continue their OHL careers, following the sale of the Peter Karmanos-owned Whalers to a Flint group.

Another ex-Whalers player who could see playing time in Flint is goalie Alex Nedeljkovic. But his situation is dif-



RENA LAVERTY Tyler Sensky, a Canton native, is shown playing during a 2014-15 Plymouth Whalers game. He will skate next season for the new Flint Firebirds.

ferent from the other four because he could make the National Hockey League's Caroli- he must be sent back to

na Hurricanes. If Nedelikovic does not make the NHL team's roster,

junior. Meanwhile, longtime fans of the Whalers — a team that excelled at Compuware Arena (to be renamed USA Hockey Arena) for the past two decades - thinking about following players such as defenseman Sensky might want to check out the Firebirds' just-released home schedule.

Flint's home opener at Perani Arena & Event Center is at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, against Saginaw. The first Perani ap-

pearances by Plymouth rivals Windsor and London are slated for 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 2, and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, respectively. Visit www.flintfire

birds.com for more information.

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YOUTH SPORTS

Riversharks devour foes in Meijer State Games

The Motor City Riversharks 14U travel baseball team went 6-0 to capture the championship in the Meijer State Games of Michigan tournament held June 25-28 in Rockford.

The Riversharks opened with a thrilling 3-2 victory over the Arlington (Illinois) Cardinals. They closed pool play with a 4-0 victory over the 84th Street Sliders and a 6-1 victory over the Livonia City Thunder.

The No. 1-seeded Sharks - whose roster consists of players from Canton, Plymouth and Redford — went 3-0 in the June 28 single-elimination bracket format

by toppling the Lakeshore Warriors, 14-4, in the quarterfinals before blanking the Precision Patriots, 8-0, in the semis.

In a rematch from the opening day of the tournament, the Riversharks mercied the Cardinals, 15-4, in Sunday's championship game.

The gold-medal performance added to the impressive resume the Riversharks have compiled this summer, which has included first-place showings in the Memorial Day Classic in Canton and the CABA State Championships in St. Clair Shores.

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The Motor City Riversharks are pictured with their championship medals after winning the Meijer State Games of Michigan June 28 in Rockford. Pictured are (bottom row from left) Jack Savage (Salem), Robbie Laird (Canton), Joe Watson (Canton), Ben Wright (Canton), Andrew Clarke (Salem), (back row from left) head coach Bill Boyd, Brandon Boyd (Plymouth), Adam Pitcole (Salem), Jason Cantrell (Livonia Stevenson), Jeremy Armstead (Salem), Liam Radomski (Canton) and assistant coach Greg Clarke. Not pictured is Justin Kuhn (Salem).

COACH

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connections over the past 20 years as a coach with high school, college and fast-pitch club teams has enabled him to get a leg up on filling the 2016 Schoolcraft roster.

"I am fortunate to know several of the area's high school head coaches," Linares noted. "And they have been extremely supportive and pleased that another opportunity has presented itself to allow some of the area's skilled players the ability to play collegiate ball while working toward their educa-tional and career goals."

Linares already has signed a number of players just out of high school, as well as tapped the reservoir of current Schoolcraft students for additional talent.

Local pipeline

In the former category are new recruits such as Megan Chapman and Alaina DeFrain (Livonia Franklin), Kassidy Lipinski (Livonia Stevenson), Rosie Garvin (Livonia Churchill), Kelsie Powell (Garden City), Riley McCardle (Allen Park), Rebekah Mathers (Waterford Mott), Caitlin Fitzpatrick (Melvindale), Mariah Coleman (Dearborn) and Savannah Mehi (Allen Park).

Also joining the first Schoolcraft softball team are others who attended classes at the college in 2014-15, but who did not have the opportunity to play as freshmen.

Those include Plymouth High School alum Elaine Gerou, Salem alum Megan Johnson and Garden City product Katlyn McIntosh.

"There are a few other players I have been in regular communication with that are still possibilities," Linares wrote.

Having another nearby college softball option is a plus for area high school players, veteran



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Elaine Gerou sends a pitch to the plate during her prep career at Plymouth High.

Salem coach Bonnie Southerland said.

'The great thing about Schoolcraft starting a softball program is that at (Plymouth-Canton Educational Park), we have three excellent softball programs and very talented teams," Southerland said. "This addition could afford many of the local softball players a chance to represent and fulfill their dreams.

"I think I can speak for all the coaches at the Park when I say we are very proud of our student-athletes and love to see them succeed and play at the next level, no matter what sport or what college they may attend."

The Schoolcraft softball program launches in 2016, as will a men's baseball team.

As of now, locations for a softball/baseball complex are being scouted by members of the college's athletic department.

Regardless of where the games are played, Southerland sees nothing but positives coming out of Schoolcraft's new program.

"Participating in ath-letics is so valuable to the development of this generation," Southerland said. "So if the opportunity is available, how can you not be excited about

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Kemp's Amateur experience 'awesome'

Tournament at Plum Hollow caps big week for North Farmington alum

By Marty Budner Staff Writer

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Chris Kemp was hoping for better results. Kemp, a 38-year-old Bloomfield Hills resi-

dent, was excited to par-ticipate in the 104th Michigan Amateur Championship on his home golf course – Plum Hollow Country Club. After all, he qualified for the Amateur as an exempt player by winning the club championship last summer.

The 1996 North Farmington High School graduate envisioned a strong stroke-play effort en route to match play competition. Unfortunately, the final showing didn't match Kemp's ultimate goal.

Kemp opened the tournament on a high note, finishing with a 3-over 73 on the challenging 6,613-yard, par-70 layout after the first day of competition.

Kemp's second round June 23 didn't go as well. He carded an 80 for a two-day total of 153. The final cut was 150.

The field of 156 golfers was reduced to 64 match-play qualifiers after 36 holes of stroke play, and Kemp found himself on the outside looking in. He finished tied for 84th place with 10 other golfers.

"My expectations were to make match play," said Kemp, once a caddie at Franklin Hills Country Club. "Being on the home course, it was a little disappointing (to not make the cut).

Bogey man hits

A Michigan State University graduate and former Observer newspaper boy, Kemp finished his first round Monday with a pair of birdies and five bogies. On Tuesday, the bogey man took over. Kemp had nine bogies

and one double-bogey and could only counter with one birdie.

While course familiarity was in Kemp's favor, it did not work to his

advantage. "I felt like I had an advantage, absolutely," said Kemp, one of two Plum Hollow Country Club members who played in the Amateur. "You know where to hit it and where to miss it.

"I finished strong (Monday) and, with the conditions we had with the rain and the delay, I thought it was a really good round. Then (Tuesday), I struggled a little bit and probably missed six putts under eight feet and bagged it in for 80. "I was just a hair off

on some of my shots and I just hit five or six lips from under eight feet. If I could have made half of them, it would have been better," he said. "It was wet and the rough around the greens is probably six inches high and the winds were gusting up to 30 miles per hour. So it was not an easy golf course.

Kemp is unlike many of the younger players who have a little more time to hone their games and play more compet-itive golf. He is assistant vice president of sales at Flagstar Bank and, when not busy at his work station, he prefers to spend time at home with his wife Suzanne and 19-month-old son Noah.

When he does get out on the course, it's at Plum Hollow, where he's been a member for the past 13 years. He's not a regular player on the statewide Golf Association of Michigan tournament circuit.

"I play golf two to three times a week. Three times a week is pretty good during the summer. I work quite a bit," Kemp said. "I don't even know if I would

have had time to run around town and try to qualify (for the Amateur). This was a nice exemption to have. I used to do a lot more, but I just don't have the time anymore.

"There are a lot of great players in this state and they're a heck of a lot younger than me," he added. "At 38, I bring up the average age of the tournament about a decade. I just go out and play golf when I have time."

Plum Hollow support

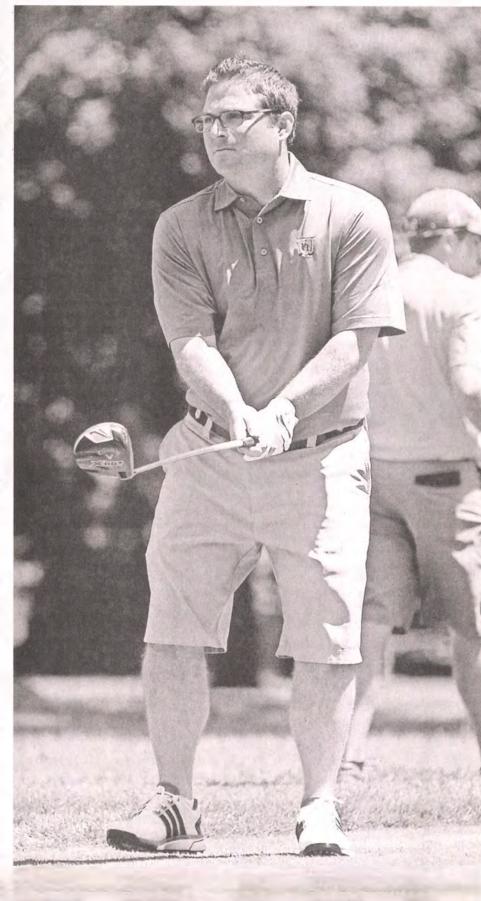
Kemp was grateful for all the support he received from his fellow club members along the course. Many of them were volunteering their time and rooting for him to make it to match play.

While his Amateur tournament ended pre-maturely, Kemp was glad for the opportunity to play on the Colt and Alli-son-designed course which he calls home.

"It's nice to see Plum Hollow in a positive light. The golf course is really, really good," Kemp said. "Plum Hollow is a great place where I have a lot of friends. I like it because it's understated, it's not fancy and it's not pretentious. It's kind of a hidden gem and it's one of the best places to play golf in the state.

"It's a golf course that really shines. It's one of the best golf courses around and every single day it stands up against some of the more renowned golf courses in the area. This is a tough, old-school, tree-lined course that wears out every club in your bag. You need every shot here. It's just a fantastic golf course and you nev-er get sick of playing it.

"Playing in this tournament was awesome. It was a really cool week," he added. "We had a great group and a great time and hopefully I represented Plum Hollow in a very positive way."



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Chris Kemp watches a drive fly down the fairway in the Michigan Amateur.

TENNIS

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seasons at Western Michigan University, where he ranks fifth all-time in wins and was rated as high as No. 52 in singles and No. 21 in doubles in the NCAA Division I ranks while leading the Broncos to a Mid-American Conference championship.

"He's been hitting with me about once a week for the last couple of months, but we hadn't played any doubles together whatsoever. Marsha Crosby said. "But we had a good strategy. He was going to cover as many balls as he could. If I had an overhead and he had enough time, he'd come in and take it. And he would because he could hit it because he's so much stronger. That strategy seemed to work pretty well."

Tough to return

Brady's left-handed, laser-like serves kept his doubles opponents on their heels.

"His serve is just

amazing," Marsha said. "Even the best men we played couldn't return his serve. He was definitely the best male player in the tournament.'

The Crosbys opened tourney play with a 6-0, 6-2 quarterfinal triumph over Julius and Nicole Stuhe of Ann Arbor, before ousting second seeds Parker and Lianna Jones of Decatur, Ga., 6-3, 6-4, in the semifinals The ones we played

in the (semifinals) were very good players and I had a lot of trouble with that guy's serve," Marsha said. "Both of them had trouble with Brady's serve, so ... we were able to break that guy. I was able to get it back, but just couldn't get it back hard.

The USTA stages four different mother-son national tournaments each year, and this was the first venture for the Crosbys.

New experience

"There's not too many opportunities to play other than a normal mixed doubles tournament, but even those are hard to come by," Brady said. "It's kind of a really cool idea. You really don't get the opportunity to play this type of tournament that often.

"It was kind of a mix of entrants in the tournament, too. There were quite a few younger kids with younger moms, then there were a couple of teams more like us where there was more of an experienced team. older son and older mom. It was a good mix of people in the tournament.

This was also the first one close enough so we didn't have to travel for. There's a lot of people that travel for them, but we've never traveled for it, so when I found one, we decided to sign up and go and wound up winning it."

The Wessen Lawn Tennis Club is the first major grass court tennis club to be built in the U.S. in more than 100 years. It features 24 perennial rye grass courts, an Olympic-sized pool and a clubhouse.

Different surface

"It was really the first time I played on grass and it was quite an adjustment," said Marsha. who also remains active

playing volleyball and softball. "I thought it was much more difficult than hard court, but it was an experience I was really good to have because the courts were in such really good shape. They were brand new and it was really cool because there's not many places in the United States that have grass courts.

Brady, meanwhile, had only hit once previously on grass, at the Philadelphia Cricket Club when, as a coach he took a junior player to a tournament.

The most we played on them was when they let us hit an hour before," Brady said of the Wessen Lawn Tennis Club. "But it's really a nice facility. Brand new last year. The courts were in really good shape. It was kind of cool, too, because it was hosted the weekend right before Wimbledon started. The bank of courts we played on was the first time anyone had played on those courts. It was a cool experience. There aren't many grass courts around.

And despite having all his junior and collegiate tennis experience, it was

an adjustment for Brady as well.

"It's just getting used to the bounces," Brady said. "They give you some bad bounces just because it's not a completely flat surface. And the ball is a little faster and it tends to skid on the grass and stays a little lower. Then it's just getting used to movement on the grass. The grass is pretty short, so you can still get some good traction, but it's a lot different compared to your normal hard courts, where the traction is very good.'

No issues

Marsha, who normally plays three times per week, said she was once a 5.0-minus player "and now I'm probably more like at 4.5 as I've gotten older." She was also recovering from an injury leading up to the tourney.

"I had shoulder surgery in December, had a couple of tears, a couple of pins," she said. "Then I had to have more surgery in April, too, because I had so much scarring in there because I wasn't getting my range of motion back. I

didn't even know if I'd be ready for this tournament, but it felt pretty good. No pain. Didn't have quite my full range of motion, but almost. I feel like I can serve fullout and everything. It felt good."

Meanwhile, things went smoothly on the court for the Crosbys.

"This tournament, we played pretty well," Brady said. "The matches weren't necessarily that close and it's easy to get along when your winning.

So will the Crosbys defend their title next year?

"I'm 63; I'm getting up there," Marsha said. "If the injuries hold off and Brady wants to ... it helped it was in Pontiac we didn't have to pay for traveling and he has a new baby, a new father as of January. It depends where it's at. We might, you never know."

But at least Mother's Day II will leave a lasting impression on Marsha.

'It was a really fun experience and I'm just so glad I didn't let Brady down," she said.

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Stevenson hockey

The Livonia Stevenson Summer Hockey Camp will be held through July 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@livoniapublic schools.org.

Salem wrestling

The Salem wrestling team will have an open skills camp for high school wrestlers and incoming freshmen 6-8 p.m. July 27-30 in the Salem wrestling room. The cost is \$40 and includes a T-shirt. Wrestlers should contact coach Henderson at 734-812-9588 to register.

SUMMER CAMPS

Churchill football

The Livonia Churchill summer football camp for kids entering grades 3-8 will be held 7-9:20 p.m. July 22-23 at the school's football stadium. The fee is \$50. All

participants will receive a T-shirt. All participants must

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

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

Churchill hockey

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

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

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 addi-

tional 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.

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Mike O'Brian, center, chief of the Brighton Area Fire Department, and chair of the Michigan Fire Sprinkler Coalition, attended the NFPA Fire Sprinkler Summit in Denver in May 2014. He is flanked by Joan Maisonneuve of Alberta and Brian Whitten of Ohio. Chief O'Brian joined fire service representatives and other safety advocates for the one-day home summit.

Firefighter coalition gets \$5,000 for sprinklers

The National Fire Protection Association's Fire Sprinkler Initiative has selected the Michigan Fire Sprinkler Coalition as one of the recipients of its Bringing Safety Home Grant. The funds will further local sprinkler advocacy and educational efforts in 2015. Visit the Fire Sprinkler Initiative blog throughout the year to read how sprinkler ad-vocates in Michigan and elsewhere are using the grant. See more at: http://www.firesprinklerinitiative.org/state-coalitions/michi-

In 2013, it is estimated that nearly 100 Michigan citizens died in non-sprinklered home fires. A key component of the Coalition has been to work to educate the code enforcement community on sprinklers in the Michigan Residential Code. This will help reduce the impact of fire on a community or meet the national standards for safety in homes.

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impact of home fire sprinklers, NFPA's Fire Sprinkler Initiative awarded grants to sixteen organizations in 2015 to fund sprinkler advocacy campaigns across North America.

array of sprinkler advocacy endeavors, including: » local sprinkler summits that aim to bring together key stakeholders to work on the acceptance of home fire sprinklers

» local advocacy programs to showcase the impact of home fire sprinklers at com-

by about 80 percent and direct property damage by about 70

research," said Lorraine Carli,

The grants will fund an

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vice president of Outreach and Advocacy at NFPA.

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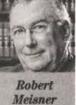
Q: I think Sedona and the Verde Valley of Arizona are beautiful and I am wondering what the market has been like there over the last year.

A: While the market there suffered during the recession, just as everyone did, things are slowly coming back. A threebedroom, three-bathroom, 2,256-square-foot home over-

mountain in the West Sedona corridor is selling for an asking price of \$449,000, whereas a three-bedroom home

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national forest with great views is selling for \$1.490 million. In every place else, the cost of homes varies depending upon the location and the view. Generally speaking, I observed that the properties have not come back to their pre-2007 levels and many of the homes remain winter vacation homes for the many of the residents. There are a host of high-end real estate brokers that can help you navigate the real estate environment in the area.

Q: I can't make up my mind whether I want to settle in Vail, Breckenridge or Aspen/Snowmass as a winter retreat. What do you suggest?

A: It all depends upon your socioeconomic situation. The gross amount of sales in Aspen/Snowmass have gone in the aggregate from \$200 million in 2011 to \$375 million in 2014 in the fourth quarter of both. It shows you that the price of housing around Aspen as well as the town itself is as expensive as any place in the country barring New York and San Francisco. Vail is more a ski resort where you can buy a condominium unit, but will not have that much of a town setting. Units tend to be more expensive there then would be the case in its adjoining communities. Breckenridge is bulging with popularity because of the uniqueness of the town setting as well as the skiing opportunities. Breckenridge is a hot community and you may expect to pay more per square foot then perhaps even in Vail. All of these communities have an abundance of real estate opportunities and the attendant real estate brokers and salespeople. I suggest that you get their brochures that outline the extent of the range of cost of residential availability of these units. However, beware of new construction because of potential defects and deficiencies which have amounted in many instances resulting in construction defect litigation.

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The Michigan Fire Sprinkler Coalition is dedicated to promoting the installation of fire sprinklers in future generations of homes. The Coalition is a resource for information about home fire sprinklers and, through a cooperative effort with stakeholders, works to identify and overcome barriers to the acceptance of sprinklers as a critical component of home fire safety.

In 2013, it is estimated that nearly 100 Michigan citizens died in non-sprinklered home fires. A key component of the Coalition has been to work to educate the code enforcement

the Michigan Residential Code. This will help reduce the impact of fire on a community or meet the national standards for safety in homes. Officials know that Michigan residents deserve the protection in their new homes and should be protected from fire with residential sprinklers.

For information, contact Coalition chair Chief Mike O'Brian, Brighton Area Fire Department. Coalition members are the Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs, Michigan Fire Inspectors Society, Michigan Professional Firefighter's Union, Michigan State Firemen's Association, and Underwriters Laboratories (UL).

To further the life-saving

The Bringing Safety Home Grant Program will assist the recipients, comprised of U.S. state sprinkler coalitions and other North American safety advocates, in supporting activities that showcase the importance of requiring home fire sprinklers in new, oneand two-family homes.

"Sprinklers are gaining momentum as more residents and policy-makers understand the value of them in new homes. Home fire sprinklers can reduce home fire deaths

munity events

» outreach programs for local officials and policy-makers

» efforts to assess a state's true cost of fire and how sprinklers can mitigate future risks

"The Fire Sprinkler Initiative's Grant Program set out to help sprinkler coalitions and other safety advocates implement strong ideas for sprinkler advocacy," said Carli. "The overall response to the program shows a great level of interest from organizations across North America that are working toward home fire sprinklers requirements to help save the lives of citizens and first responders."

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

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Short sales

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

Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. each Thursday at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon.

Please call the office at 248-782-7130 or email june.quantum@gmail.com for additional information.

Free foreclosure tours

Free foreclosure tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meet at Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96

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Email Georgia@addedvaluerealty.com or visit FreeForeclosureTour.com.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

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

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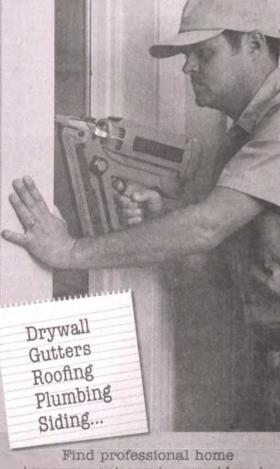


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» St. Andrew's Episcopal

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon

Location: 16360 Hubbard,

Contact: 734-421-8451

» St. Thomas a' Becket

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6:55 p.m.; support group 7 p.m.

Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton

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Contact: Margaret at 734-838-

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JULY **BAKE SALE/PET** ADOPTION

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Sunday, July 12

Location: Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Details: Bake sale with proceeds going to Providing for Paws, a local animal rescue that will be on hand with animals for adoption

Contact: Tina at 734-716-8986 COMMONGROUND

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. July 24 Location: Connection Church, 3855 Sheldon, Canton

Details: This girl's night out "with focus" draws women from throughout the metro area and includes worship, inspirational teaching, appetizers, giveaways, coffee bar, and book launch for a women's devotional. The group will collect \$5 coffee gift cards from Tim Hortons Starbucks, McDonald's and other restaurants, to give to parents of elementary school students on the first day of school

Contact: 734-397-1777 **HOSANNA PALOOZA**

Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, July 25

Location: Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Leverne, Redford

Details: Free Christian music festival and arts and crafts fair includes 10 musical acts in 10 hours, crafters and vendors will be on site 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; 3 p.m. gift drawings Contact: 313-937-2424

LECTURE SERIES

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, through July 28 Location: Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West

Bloomfield Details: Howard N. Lupovitch, director of the Cohn-Haddow Center for Judaic Studies at Wayne State University, will explore through video clips and readings what the Jewish presence on television reflects about the complex relationship between American Jews and American culture. Topics are Criminalizing Anti-Semitism, July 14; Laughing at Jews, Laughing with Jews, July 21 and Beyond the Yiddishe Mama, July 28. Free for Beth Ahm members. Cost is \$15 per lecture for nonmembers. Advance registration requested, but walk-ins accepted Contact: Alison Blau at 248-851-

6880 or email ablau@cbahm.org OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday, July 12-Aug. 23

Location: Grounds of the Cherry Hill Village Schoolhouse, at Ridge and Cherry Hill Roads, Canton

Details: St. Michael Lutheran Church holds worship services in a casual, outdoor setting. In case of inclement weather, service will be held at the church, 7000 N. Sheldon Road, Canton

Heights

Details: During "Son Spark Labs," kids listen to music, play games, hear about God, and more. Transportation available Contact: 313-274-3777 **VACATION BIBLE** SCHOOL

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. July 20-24 Location: Hosanna-Tabor Church, 9600 Leverne, Redford Details: Camp Discovery theme. with Bible stories, crafts, snacks, games and fun Contact: 313-937-2424

AUGUST DEMENTIA SERIES

Time/Date: 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26

Location: St. John Neumann Parish, 44800 Warren Road, Canton

Details: Fourth session on dementia in a series of educational meetings sponsored by the Northwest Wayne Vicariate, focuses on ending the negative social stigma and isolation of someone with dementia and empowering the person who still is there

Contact: Sue Massey at 734-455-5910; smassey@sjncanton.org FREE STUFF

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15 Location: Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia Details: Clothes, home and yard goods, pictures, jewelry, toys and more. Take what you need. No charge

Contact: 734-421-1760

SOCCER CAMP

Time/Date: 1-2:30 p.m., Aug. 3-7 Location: Crossroads Church, at Sacred Heart Conference Center, 29125 Six Mile, Livonia Details: Soccer Camp for boys and girls, 5 and up, any skill level. Nonrefundable fee is \$25 per student. Includes water bottle, instruction, snacks, and a T-shirt. Register at www.crossroadsnow.org. Contact: info@crossroadsnow.org or Pastor Steve at 248-890-5718

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 6-8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, Aug. 3-7 Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton Details: Theme is Market Place - Jerusalem AD; for kids age 4-grade five. Register at vbs.connectingwithGod.org Contact: 734-459-3333

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Our Lady of Loretto Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township Details: Scripture study Contact: 313-534-9000 Faith Community Wesleyan Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. every

Hills

Details: Free meal Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

HEALING SERVICE Time/Date: Arabic service, 3-4

p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month Location: The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia Details: The service includes prayers of petition and in-

tercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Offertory candles are available for a free will offering in the vestibule of the church. Contact: Rev. George Shalhoub at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey

Badeen at sbadeen@tbosm.com MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners

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

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays Location: 24800 W. Chicago

Road, Redford

Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope. Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.

Contact: 313-563-0162 PRAYER

St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday

Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1223

Contact: 734-464-1223

St. Michael Lutheran Church Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday

Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed. Contact: 734-459-3333 for

additional information SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Hebrew Contact: 248-737-1931 or email nancyellen879@att.net.

SUPPORT **Apostolic Christian Church** Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily

Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act. Contact: 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

Connection Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday Location: 3855 Sheldon, Canton Details: Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery for all hurts, habits and hang-ups. Child care is available for free Contact: Jonathan@Connectionchurch.info or 248-787-5009 **Detroit World Outreach** Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202

Details: Addiction No More

» Farmington Hills Baptist Church

Tuesday of the month except January, July and August

between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Contact: 248-433-1011

» Merriman Road Baptist Church

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. second and

Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City

Details: Metro Fibromyalgia » Fireside Church of God

Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

Location: 11771 Newburgh,

offers support for addictive behavior problems Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second

Location: 28301 Middlebelt,

Farmington Hills Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group

fourth Thursday

support group meets; donations Contact: www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519

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TEMPLIN

SR. M. WINIFRED OSF

1922 - 2015

Winifred Templin died on July 2, 2015 at Rosary Care Center at the motherhouse of the Sisters of

St. Francis of Sylvania, Ohio.

Sister Winifred entered the convent in 1941 from Gilman,

Minnesota, made her first profes-

and her final vows in 1948. Sister earned a B.A. in Education

and Social Science from Mary

Manse College, Toledo, Ohio

and a M.A. in Education from St.

Thomas College, St. Paul, Minnesota. Sister Winifred was

the principal of St. Raphael

Elementary School in Garden City, Michigan from 1969 to 1975. She taught and adminis-

tered in Catholic schools for 42

years in Louisiana, Michigan,

Minnesota and Ohio. Sister was

a member of the Leadership

Council of the Sisters of St

Francis for four years, spent three years as a "house mother"

AIDS in Houston, Texas, and

spent 10 years as a patient visitor

and spiritual care coordinator at

home for children with

sion of religious vows in 1945

Franciscan Sister M.

Sylvania

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



How to reach us:

JUDD, EDMOND

Age 87, North Oaks, Minnesota. formerly of Plymouth, Michigan. Passed away June 25, 2015. , 2015 parents, and Predeceased by brother sister. Curtis. Survived by loving wife of 63 years Ruth; daughter Polly (Robb) LaChappelle; grandsons, Curtis, Jackson, and Joel of St. Paul, MN; nieces, nephews and many friends. Born and raised in Bristol, CT. Graduate of Bristol High School 1945, Enlisted in the US Navy June 1945. Graduate of WPI (Worcester Polytechnic Institute) 1950 with BSME. Worked for Associated Spring Corp (now Barnes Group, Inc.) for 40 years in 5 different locations; Bristol, CT; Mattoon, IL; Dayton, OH; Plymouth and Livonia, MI. After residing Plymouth, MI for 42 years, Ruth and Ed moved to be closer to Polly and her family. Ed enjoyed golf in his younger years, gardening, traveling, watching Big 10 football and basketball and his grandsons' activities. Memorial Service to be held Thursday, July 9 at Waverly Gardens in North Oaks, MN. First



PHYLLIS J.

Passed away Tuesday evening,

June 30, 2015. Phyllis was born January 14, 1929 in Detroit, Michigan to Charles and Mary

Detweiler) Hayward. She had

been a Kalamazoo area resident

since 2011, relocating from Farmington, MI, Phyllis taught

for the Livonia Public Schools

for 28 years, retiring in 1984 be-

fore beginning a successful sec-

Sunshine" as a child, she was

known for her cheerful disposi-

tion, creativity, generosity, and

kindness. Her unswerving opti-

mism, empathy and compassion

earned her the love and alle-

giance of her family and count-less friends. She was preceded in

death by her parents; her hus-

band, Burt Knighton; a brother,

Bruce Hayward; and a sister,

Helen Womack. She is survived

by her 3 children, David (Mi-

chele Estebon) Livingstone of Farmington, MI, and Laura (Pe-

ter) Livingstone-McNelis and

John "Jack" Livingstone of Kala-

mazoo; a God-daughter, Patricia

of Fairbanks

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Contact: 734-459-3333 SINGLES

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Saturday,

July 11 Location: New Peking Chinese Restaurant, 29106 Ford Road, Garden City

Details: Faith Uniting Neighbors, the F.U.N., a new group for Catholic singles, ages 30-60, meets for dinner and mini-golf. There is no pre-payment required for dinner. Golf will cost \$5 per person. F.U.N. is a yearround group, sponsored by St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church and the Northwest Wayne Vicariate of the Archdiocese of Detroit, for single Catholics

Contact: catholicsingles@livoniastmichael.org

SOCCER CAMP

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m. July 27-30

Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: For boys and girls, 5-12, of any skill level. Cost is \$25 per students and includes water bottle, instruction, snacks and a soccer ball to take home. Register at christoursavior.org Contact: 734-522-6830

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 8:45 a.m. to noon, July 13-16

Location: Faith Baptist Church, 26305 Ford Road, Dearborn

Saturday Location: 14560 Merriman,

Livonia Details: This informal class

includes fellowship, discussion and question and answers. All ages welcome. Bibles available if you don't have one

Contact: pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

CLOTHING BANK

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. last Saturday of the month Location: Canton Christian

Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton Details: No documentation

needed

Contact: info@cantoncf.org EXERCISE

Time/Date: 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday

Location: Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia

Details: Instructor Wendy Motta, a seven-year Zumba practitioner, teaches Zumba through drop-in classes. Each costs \$3. Participants should bring water, a towel and wear athletic shoes. For more information, email Motta through zumba.com

Contact: 313-408-3364 FAMILY MEAL

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday

Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Redford, Room 304

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

313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org **First Presbyterian Church**

Time/Date: 7-7:15 p.m., social time; 7:30 p.m., announcements; 7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9 p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays. Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville

Details: Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5

Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

Steve's Family Restaurant Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and

fourth Thursday Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.

Contact: 313-534-0399

SONG CIRCLE

Congregation Beth Ahm Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in transliteration as well as the original

Memorials preferred to: Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 Church Street, Plymouth, MI 48170 or donor's choice.



grandchildren: former her David (Reta) spouse, Livingstone of Grand Rapids; and several nieces and nephews. Services were held 11 am on Tuesday, July 7th at Langeland Family Funeral Homes, Memorial Chapel, 622 Burdick St. Visitation was 6-8pm Monday and one hour prior to the service at the chapel Private interment will occur at a later date. Memorials in honor of Phyllis may be directed to the family for the benefit of her granddaughter Mary Lee McNelis. Please visit Phyllis' personalized webpage for directions, online guestbook, or

to leave a condolence www.langelands.com.

NITCHMAN, EARL W.

July 6, 2015, age 86. Beloved husband of Marilyn. Dear father of Brady (Barbara) Nitchman, Carrie (Karl) Majeske and Sally (Kevin) Smith. Grandfather of Joel (Piper) Nitchman, Amelia (Michael) Schmeding, Susan (Michael) Martinchek, Michael Nitchman, Hattie, Blair and Zeke Majeske, Marilyn and Lily Smith. Also leaves four great grandchildren. Brother of Jean Sullivan, Catherine Quinn and Bernadine Miles. Visitation Friday 4p.m. - 8p.m. at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street. Plymouth. Visitation will continue on Saturday from 9a.m. until time of the Funeral Mass at 9:30a.m. at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty Road, Plymouth. Read the full obituary at www.schrader-howell.com

hospitals in Ohio and Texas. Her final years were spent in prayer ministry on the campus of the Sylvania Franciscans. Sister was a very active Companion Sister in the Associates process. Sister Winifred is survived by many nieces and nephews who continued a close relationship with her. She was a very family-oriented woman and loved to hear from her closely connected family members. To know Sister Winifred was to love her. Her warm smile, gracious personality, contagious sense of humor and spiritual presence were immediate and evident to all she met. She gave of herself generously whether it was caring for children in grade school, babies with AIDS or the elders in the hospital and nursing home. "Winnie" was loved by all and loved all the people she met. She will be dearly missed by her Sisters in Community and the family members and many friends she has touched along the way. There was a Welcoming Home Liturgy for Sister Wi-nifred on July 8 in Our Lady Queen of Peace Chapel at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Francis in Sylvania. The funeral will be at 4:30 p.m., July 9. Interment will be in Porta Coeli Cemetery on the campus of the Sisters. Memorial contributions may be made to the Sisters of St. Francis, Sylvania, Ohio.

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BB (WGRL) THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2015 ENTERTAINMENT BESERVER & Get lost in a little smooth jazz at Art in the Park this weekend

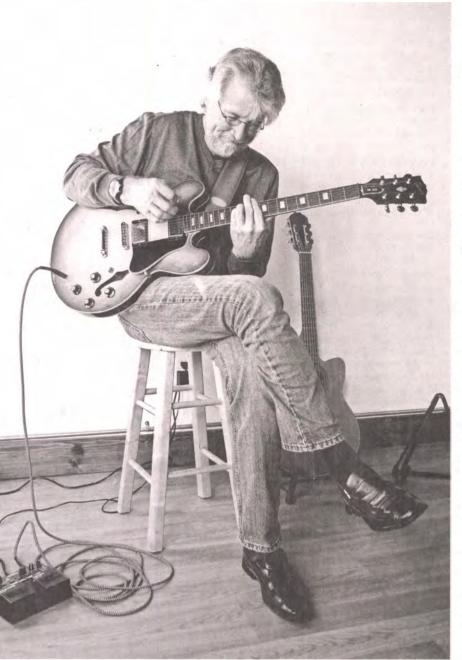
By Sharon Dargay Staff Writer

Ron Hark will slow the pace and send out cool vibes this weekend from his little corner of Art in the Park in downtown Plymouth.

Hark, a guitarist, will play smooth jazz arrangements of familiar pop, rock, and country tunes at noon each day at the bustling fair, which draws thousands of art lovers and more than 400 artists each year. Hours are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, July 10, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, July 11, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 12, in Kellogg Park and on nearby streets.

"In the music I do, you'll recognize the melodic thread and hopefully what I've done to it you'll like. It's not in-your-face jazz," said Hark, who will make his Art in the Park debut at the 36th annual event. "I've only been a jazz guy for about four or five years. I really like the melancholy, nice, sophisticated jazz tunes, but you can't do too many of those in a row or people start throwing things."

Hark, 68, who lives about a block from Kellogg Park, frequently plays as a jazz solo artist at the Plymouth Farmers Market, around town in restaurants and occasionally for seniors in assisted living facilities. He played bass guitar in bands for years, performing in bars and clubs throughout Michigan and has shared the stage with Chuck Berry, Joe Cocker, and Rascal Flatts.



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Ron Hark warms up before a show. He'll perform July 10-12 at Art in the Park in downtown Plymouth.

"It's a tough business and if you don't love it you won't last, I don't care what the magnitude of success is. You have to have some ego to stick yourself in front of people and then there is the love of music part of it. I'm the love of music kind of guy."

Hark, whose full name is Harkrader, said he played for 12,000 music fans when he opened for Rascal Flatts in Grand Rapids, but did a better job performing for six listeners in a Kalamazoo coffee house the next day.

"I didn't execute as well on that gig as I did in the coffee shop. I was more satisfied playing the in the coffee shop. Its not about how many people there area or how much money there is. It's about the music. I play most of the time with my eyes shut. I like to play what I feel."

He also enjoys talking with audience members and considers himself "very approachable."

"That's the great part about music. You get to know all these people and entertainers."

Young performer

Hark taught himself to play guitar by reading books and watching his father play. He was 12 when he began to accompany his father to gigs in Midland-area bars and 15 when he started taking on his own jobs.

Hark said his earnings went into the "family kitty," but he was allowed to borrow his dad's car for the performance.

to borrow his dad's car for the performance. "I was making about 80 bucks a week," Hark recalled. "Back in the '60s and '70s every bar had to have music on the weekend. There were a lot more bands and musicians."

He continued performing at night and on weekends after taking a job with General Motors in 1967. He spent nearly 40 years with GM, starting as a draftsman and moving into troubleshooting, innovation and design before retiring in 2005. While working for the company, he earned a doctoral degree in mechanical engineering and was granted 11 international patents.

"It was a great career. I had a wonderful time. I've been around the world at least 20 times," he said, adding that he worked with vehicle steering for the first 10 years of his career.

years of his career. "The Chevy division of GM got to know my work and made an offer to come to Detroit. Finally after three offers, the money was so good I couldn't refuse."

He left mid-Michigan for Detroit in 1988 and then moved into the GM truck division in 1991 where he finished his career.

He has since traded his truck for an RV, which he drives to music gigs beyond southeastern Michigan. He often sets out a collection cup for Last Chance Rescue.

"I like to support the Last Chance folks out in Howell. The money I get I tend to give to them. The more money they get, the longer they can keep the dogs there. Most of the time I have a cup out for the dogs."

He'll have copies of his CD, *Gentle Gelato*, for sale at Art in the Park, too.

For more about Hark, visit ronhark.com. For more about Art in the Park, visit artinthepark. .com.

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GET OUT! CALENDAR

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

ANIMALS

DETROIT ZOO

Monday-Friday and during public performances, through July 30

VILLAGE THEATER

Wonka and the Chocolate Factory, Aug. 13; The Goonies, Aug. 20; The Muppets Take Manhattan, Aug. 27 Contact: 734-453-0870; www.penntheatre.com POPCORN TUESDAY

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Location: I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak Details: Admission is \$14 for adults 15-61, \$10 for senior citizens 62 and older, and for children ages 2-14; children under 2 are free. Parking for cars and vans is \$5. Detroit Zoological Society members get free admission and parking

Wild Summer Nights: Concerts run 6:30-8 p.m. and include 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

ART IN THE PARK

Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, July 10, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, July 11, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 12

Location: Downtown Plymouth Details: More than 400 artists show and sell their works. Kids' activities include face painting, glitter tattoos, sandy candy art, candle making and more. Guitarist Ron Hark and One Love Reggae Band perform throughout the weekend. George Tait's Living Statue will be on hand. Local artists will create a chalk masterpiece and Kristen Dillenbeck-Anderson of New York, a Canton native, will combine body painting and live models to create a "living mural." A shuttle bus will run between Plymouth City Hall and the ACH plant, 14425 N. Sheldon, Plymouth. Free parking at ACH; shuttle costs \$3 round trip for adults. Kids 12 and under ride for free

Contact: 734-454-1314; artinthepark.com 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

com

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: spotlight playersmi.org

CAR EVENTS

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

FILM

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

Coming up: Far From The Madding Crowd, 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 17-18, and 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, July 19; Pitch Perfect 2, 7 p.m. and 9:10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 24-25, and 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, July 26

Summer Cinema: Films screen at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. all seats are \$3. The Wizard of Oz, July 16; Raiders of the Lost Ark, July 23; The Sound of Music, July 30; Back to the Future, Aug. 6; Willy Time/Date: Tuesday through Aug. 25

Location: MJR Digital Cinemas, including Westland Grand Digital Cinema 16, 6800 N. Wayne Road, Westland Details: Any size popcorn is free; includes one refill Contact: mjrtheatres.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

Coming up: Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory, 8 p.m. July 17, 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. July 18 and 1 p.m. July 19, with appearances by Peter Ostrum (Charlie Bucket) and Paris Themmen (Mike Teevee); \$7 A meet-andgreet event at 5 p.m. July 18 costs \$30 and includes desserts, seating for the Saturday evening show and an opportunity to meet Ostrum and Themmen Contact: 313-898-1481

ROCK HARD FILM FEST

Time/Date: Doors open at 7 p.m. July 16

Location: Tangent Gallery, 715 Milwaukee, Detroit

Details: Local and international music videos, short music documentaries and mockumentaries. Includes six videos that competed last month in the Rock Hard FAST timed film making competition. Live performance by the Orbitsuns. Admission is \$10 at the door

Contact: rockhardfilmfast.com 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

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GET OUT

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Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-, and 1-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, gh July 26

tion: 434 State St., Ann Arbor ils: "Rocks, Paper, Memory: Wenrtin's Watercolor Paintings of ent Sculptures" features paintings ncient Greek and Roman sculptures ig with objects from the Kelsey's ection

ntact: 734-764-9304 YMOUTH HISTORICAL USEUM

me/Date: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, iday-Sunday

ocation: 155 S. Main, Plymouth letails: Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 or ages 6-17. Free museum admission or active duty military personnel, ncluding 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, July 17, 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 Elivs Presley Tribute, Aug. 6; and The Dan Rafferty Band, Aug. 13 Contact: cantonfun.org

CONCERT IN THE PARK



Portraying crows in Spotlight on Youth's production of "The Wizard of Oz" are Ivy Davis, left, of Wayne, Sophia Young of Canton, Alison Bradley of Canton and Abby Anderson of Plymouth.

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 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 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

Details: Mowtown, Mamma Mia and More! will celebrate the music of the 1960s-'70s by such artists as The Supremes, Stevie Wonder, The Rolling Stones and The Temptations. Local vocalists, Kathryn Calzone, Lauren Norris and Taylor Wallis, will join the Michigan Philharmonic on the Mamma Mia finale. Concerts are free.

Contact: 734-451-2112; michiganphil.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 Contact: ci.livonia.mi.us MUSIC IN THE AIR

Time/Date: 7-9:30 p.m. Friday through Sept. 4

Location: Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth Details: 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

Contact: plymouthmich.org 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: 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 RHYTHMS IN RILEY PARK

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Friday, through Aug. 28

Location: Downtown Farmington Details: The Paisley Fogg, July 10; 2 Dayz Gone, July 24; The Luddites, July 31; Allie Louise, Aug. 7; Hullabaloo, Aug. 14; Twisted Root Revival, Aug. 21; Thiurd Coast Kings, Aug. 28 Contact: downtownfarmington.org



Mr. Seley & the Troublemakers perform July 22 in Kellogg Park, in Plymouth.

Details: The Doobie Brothers kicks off this free Friday music series that runs through Aug. 21. Viewing space is on a first come first served basis. Parking is available for \$5 per vehicle, starting at 5 p.m. in the GM surface lot at St. Antoine and Atwater

Contact: facebook.com/RockinontheRiverfront

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 Tall Trees featuring Tim Grimm, Ben Bedford and Diederek Van Wassenaer, July 16; Rachel Zylstra, July 17; Open Stage, July 21; Hayley Reardon, July 24. Most tickets \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks accepted

Contact: 734-464-6302 for additional information

THEATER

MOTOR CITY YOUTH THEATRE

tickets for \$14, three tickets for \$20 Contact: mcyt.org PAUL'S PLAYERS

Time/Date: 3 p.m. July 19 Location: St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia Details: High school students involved in the community theater troupe's Baggage and Backpacks summer camp perform dance, poetry, visual arts or music to express ideas sparked by discussion of such topics as drug abuse, teen pregnancy, refugee children, social media, the death penalty and war. Free admission, although donations will be accepted

Contact: 248-347-4134; paulsplayers@gmail.com 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

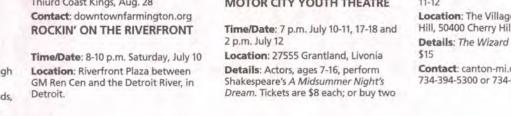
Arbor Details: The Complete Works of William Shakespeare [Abridged], features Matt Cameron of Plymouth, Artun Kircali of Ann Arbor; and Leanne Young of South Lyon as three actors who perform - or at least mention - every Shakespearean work in 90 minutes. Tickets are \$10

Contact: pennyseats.org; 734-926-5346 SPOTLIGHT ON YOUTH

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday-Sunday. July 9-12; 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, July 11-12

Location: The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton Details: The Wizard of Oz; tickets are

Contact: canton-mi.org/villagetheater, 734-394-5300 or 734-394-5460



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All entries must be received by August 3rd, 2015.

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NUTTY MONKEY GRANOLA

Breakfast or Brunch? Winner by Christine Yang, Garnerville, N.Y.

- 2 cups old-fashioned oats
- 1 teaspoon baking powder 1/4 cup coconut flakes
- %cup chopped peanuts
- 1/4 cup sunflower seeds
- ¼ cup pumpkin seeds 3 tablespoons ground flax
- 2 tablespoons chia seeds
- 1 banana
- 1 egg white
- 1/4 cup peanut butter
- 1/2 cup dried cranberries
- ¼ cup chocolate chips

Heat oven to 375°F and line large baking sheet with parchment paper. Combine first 8 ingredients in large mixing bowl.

Use blender to combine banana, egg white and peanut butter until smooth. Pour peanut butter mixture over oat mixture and stir until incorporated. Pour mixture in even layer on baking pan.

Bake until crisp (about 20-30 minutes), removing from oven and stirring every 10 minutes to allow granola to brown evenly and break up into smaller pieces. When granola is golden and crisp, remove from oven and stir in cranberries and chocolate chips (chocolate chips should melt a little). Allow to cool completely before storing in air-tight container.

PEANUT BUTTER **STARS IN THESE WINNING RECIPES**

From classic recipes passed down through generations to new creations you wouldn't expect to find on grandma's table, there's no shortage of ways to pack peanut butter into deliciously diverse dishes. Celebrate your enduring love for this sticky staple with these winning entries from Southern Peanut Growers' annual PB My Way recipe contest showcasing PB lovers' all-time favorite peanut butter dishes.

Find more inspiration for cooking with peanut butter at www.peanutbutterlovers.com.

Courtesy of Family Features



PEANUT BUTTER NOODLE NESTS WITH SPICY ORANGE SHRIMP

Grand Prize Winner from Darlene Buerger, Peoria, Ariz.

1 tablespoon Sriracha sauce

- 1/4 cup orange marmalade
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon rice vinegar
- 1 tablespoon grated ginger
- 8 ounces shrimp, peeled, de-veined
- 1/4 cup onion, diced
- 1/4 cup red pepper, diced
- 2 tablespoons peanut oil 2 cloves minced garlic
- 1/4 cup coconut milk, plus extra
- 1/4 cup creamy peanut butter
- 1/4 cup island teriyaki sauce
- 2 teaspoons crystalized ginger
- 1 teaspoon hot pepper flakes (or to taste)
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 2 (12-ounce) packages ramen noodles, cooked according to package directions
- 1 cup coleslaw mix

Peanuts and scallions, for garnish

In medium bowl, combine Sriracha, marmalade, soy sauce, vinegar and grated ginger. Stir to combine and add shrimp. Refrigerate 20 minutes.

In large skillet over medium heat, saute onion and pepper in peanut oil until tender. Add garlic and cook an additional minute. Reduce heat and add coconut milk, peanut butter, teriyaki sauce, crystalized ginger, hot pepper flakes and brown sugar. Simmer sauce 2 to 3 minutes, adding additional coconut milk as needed. Pour off ¼ cup of sauce and add ramen noodles to remaining sauce.

In large skillet over medium heat, cook shrimp 2 to 3 minutes on each side until tender. Move shrimp to outer edge of pan and cook coleslaw mix in center just until it starts to wilt. Add wilted slaw mix to ramen sauce mixture.

Divide ramen among four plates and top with 4 or 5 shrimp. Garnish with reserved sauce, peanuts and scallions, if desired.



SPICY PEANUT BUTTER GLAZED SALMON SKEWERS WITH WARM **RICE SLAW**

Family Favorite Winner from Janice Elder, Charlotte, N.C.

- 1 (20-ounce) can pineapple chunks in juice, divided
- 1 ½ pound salmon fillet, skin removed
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1 ½ cups packaged broccoli slaw mix
- 2 cups hot cooked rice
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 1/2 cup creamy peanut butter
- 2 tablespoons Asian chili sauce (such as Sriracha)
- Juice and grated zest of 1 fresh lime
- 1/4 cup chopped salted peanuts
- Fresh lime slices, cilantro leaves and chopped
- peanuts, for garnish

Drain pineapple chunks, reserving juice.

Cut salmon into 1-inch cubes. Place ¼ cup pineapple juice into bowl with soy sauce; add salmon, tossing to coat. Let stand about 15 minutes.

Gently stir ¼cup pineapple juice and broccoli slaw into hot rice, blending well. Season to taste with salt and black pepper, then cover and keep warm. Whisk peanut butter with remaining pineapple juice, chili sauce and lime juice, and zest, blending well. Set aside.

Heat oven broiler; place oven rack 6 inches from broiler element. Line broiler pan with foil and spray with nonstick spray. Thread salmon cubes and pineapple chunks onto 8 metal (or soaked bamboo) skewers, dividing equally. Place on broiler pan. Cook 2 minutes, then brush with peanut butter mixture. Repeat brushing and broiling until salmon is flaky, turning as needed to brown evenly, about 8 minutes total. Divide warm rice mixture evenly among four serving plates; top with skewers. Sprinkle skewers lightly with chopped peanuts and serve while warm. May be garnished with additional lime slices and cilantro leaves, if desired.



ORANGE-KISSED PEANUT BUTTER BUNDT

Dreamy Desserts Winner from Sally Sibthrope, Shelby Township

- 6 tablespoons butter, melted 1 cup creamy peanut butter 1/2 cup orange juice 1 tablespoon orange zest 2 cups brown sugar, packed 2 eggs 1 teaspoon vanilla extract 2 cups all-purpose flour 1 ½ teaspoons baking soda 1 teaspoon salt 1 cup buttermilk Frosting: 1/2 cup creamy peanut butter 3 tablespoons orange juice 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract 1 ½ cups powdered sugar ½ cup whipped cream Chopped peanuts, for garnish

Heat oven to 350°F. Generously grease and flour Bundt pan. Set aside.

In large bowl mix together butter, peanut butter, orange juice and orange zest until well combined and creamy. Beat in sugar, eggs and vanilla. Combine flour, baking soda and salt, then stir half into peanut butter mixture. Stir in half of buttermilk. Add remaining flour and buttermilk, mixing until just blended. (Don't overmix or cake will be tough.) Pour batter into prepared pan.

Bake 45-50 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Let cool in pan for about 5-10 minutes, then remove cake from pan and let cool completely.

For frosting, beat all ingredients together to pourable consistency. Pour over cake, and sprinkle with chopped peanuts.