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# Man not competent for trial in killing

LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

A man charged with killing a Wayne man with an ax has been found not competent to stand trial at this time.

Currently held in the Wayne County Jail without bond, Jesse Wayne Gunderson, 26, appeared via video for the competency hearing in Wayne 29th

District Court on Tuesday morning.

The Center for Forensic Psychiatry submitted a report finding Gunderson not competent to stand trial, meaning he isn't able to understand the proceedings



Gunderson

and assist with his defense. The report also found that Gunderson might be competent at a future date and requested that he be treated at the center.

Accepting the report, Judge Laura Mack agreed that Gunderson would be assigned to the custody of the Michigan Department of Community Health for treatment at the

Center for Forensic Psychiatry.

If Gunderson become legally competent in the future, the first-degree murder charge pending against him would be prosecuted. A conviction for first-degree murder carries a mandatory sentence of life in prison without chance for parole.

Gunderson is charged in the

Sept. 28 death of Danny Dart, 58. The charge is that Gunderson used an ax to kill Dart, his step-grandfather.

A retired Ford Motor Company employee, Dart was killed by a blow to the head with an ax while in the backyard of his home in the 4500 block of Chamberlain.

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Kalese Clayton and Sgt. Joe Bobby browse the items at Meijer during the Shop With a Hero event.

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## Goodfellows making a merrier Christmas

LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

There are at least 660 youngsters who will have a merrier Christmas this year thanks to the Westland Goodfellows.

"Our count is a little lower — it's still a huge number. It takes a tremendous commitment," said Heather Hatfield-Clear, Westland Goodfellows co-president.

Volunteers turned out at the Friendship Center over three days recently to sort and pack donated items for Goodfellows to distribute to needy Westland families. The families also received gift vouchers for Heartland Market, Meijer and Target, with restrictions against purchasing items like alcohol and tobacco.

Goodfellows sends a solicitation letter seeking donations to every address in Westland. The group also receives support from UAW Local 900 at the Wayne Ford Assembly Plant, which annually hosts a large bowling fundraiser — this year, it's Saturday, Dec. 12, at Wayne Bowl.

While the number of youngsters requesting assistance is down, Hatfield-Clear is pleased to see one number jump this year.

"We had 130 kids adopted this year. We have never had that many adopted before," Hatfield-Clear said. "It has been more like 50 kids adopted. I think the economy is better — people have a higher sense of having disposable charity funds."

The Goodfellows have been hearing from families adopting youngster for the first time, some asking for two children to sponsor, she said.

"They spend \$100 per child. We try to encourage a relation with those families. We would like to turn it into a 100-percent adoption program," Hatfield-Clear said.

When someone adopts a youngster for the holiday, she said they receive a Christmas gift list provided by the youngster.

"They often go above and beyond the \$100. I've picked up packages and I'm overwhelmed. I'm not sure they will all fit into my car," Hatfield-Clear said. "They wrap the gifts and put the kids' names on it. They will often buy stuff for

## Kids do holiday shopping with heroes

LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

Armed with a \$100 gift card, Elijah Hines walked up and down the toy aisles at Meijer, carefully checking out what was available before making any selections.

"I had no clue what they had. Usually, we buy food and candles when I come with my mom," said Elijah, 11.

The youngster was shopping with Westland Police Officer Jeff Kropodra at the Shop With a Hero event. Police officers and firefighters were paired with 20 kids referred by the Westland Goodfellows. The children shopped for their own holiday gifts.

Along with the gift card, the Westland Meijer provided sub sandwiches and

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Elijah Hines and Officer Jeff Kropodra head for the Meijer toy department.

## New facades proposed for Wayne buildings

LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

Three buildings in downtown Wayne recently received free design services for proposed facade improvements through the Wayne Main Street Program.

"There is no monetary award. We are allowed three facade design services per year," Wayne Main Street

Executive Director Lindsey Wooten said. "It's part of the services that come straight from Michigan Main Street."

Two of the buildings, located at 35122 and 35118 W. Michigan Ave., are home to Greater Dreams Church. Those are viewed as key buildings in Wayne's efforts toward revitalizing the downtown, Wooten said.

The other building, at 3127

S. Wayne Road, is home to the recently opened artist market Helium Studio, where some elements of the design have already been implemented.

"We are extremely thrilled with the services that Greater Dreams Church and Helium Studio have received. We are equally excited to work with the property owners to implement the suggested improvements and will encourage

them to apply for our Facade Grant Incentive program to assist with project expenses," she said.

The renderings for the facade improvements were created by Debra Ball Johnson, an architect and design specialist for the State Historic Preservation Office. Johnson created the renderings

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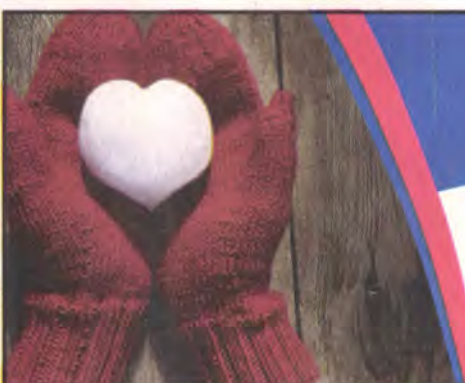
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Gunderson was reported to have been staying at Dart's home for several weeks before Dart was killed. Dart and his wife, Gunderson's grandmother, had taken in Gunderson when he showed up unannounced at their home.

Prior to turning up at the Wayne home, Gunderson was reported to have been living in Fresno, Calif., and working at a medical facility.

Gunderson reported being unable to recall the attack on Dart.

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**DONATIONS**

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mom, which isn't expected. You get a really good sense about giving back directly to the community."

The adopters are encouraged to deliver their gifts to the adopted family — to the parents, not the youngsters because the gifts are from Santa Claus. Many people wish to remain anonymous, Hatfield-

Clear said.

Monetary donations, new toys and non-perishable food are still being collected by the Goodfellows. Goodfellows also provides emergency assistance throughout the year and school supplies to the Wayne-Westland Schools Family Resource Center.

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**Vandals damage veterans memorial**

**LeAnne Rogers**  
Staff Writer

Vandals destroyed a concrete table and threw trash around the Veterans Memorial Garden of Westland last weekend.

A witness notified staff at the William P. Faust Library of Westland — located east across the parking lot from the memorial gar-

den — about the damage Saturday morning. The library staffer told police there was no problem when he left work Friday evening.

Westland Police responded, finding the concrete table tipped over and broken in several places, a marble bench tipped over but undamaged and a full trash can turned over with the

contents scattered on the ground.

Officers noted several fresh bicycle tire tracks across the grass leading toward Dowling Avenue.

"They destroyed a cement picnic table — we cleared that up. The library folks had picked up the trash," said Mike Williams, president of the Westland Veterans Association, which devel-

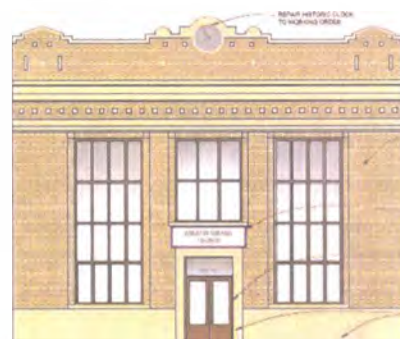
oped the memorial.

Within 10 minutes of being notified of the damage, Williams said Westland Mayor William Wild had help on scene and arrived himself within 20 minutes.

"That shows what kind of person he is, and I wanted to thank the mayor for the quick response," Williams said.



Wayne Main Street  
Rendering of a proposed facade improvements to Helium Studio in Wayne.



Wayne Main Street  
Proposed improvements to the Greater Dream Church building.



Wayne Main Street  
Proposed upgrades for the office part of the Greater Dreams Church.

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after meeting with the property owners to discuss ways to address the needs of their business while considering the historic character of the buildings.

"The intent of the proposed design is to outline a long-term vision for the building that will return the facade of the building back to its original appearance, improve the visibility and appearance of the business, and retain and enhance Wayne's identity as a

historic community," Johnson said.

Three businesses also received facade improvement designs last year. In the case of the Wayne Dairy Queen, the plans were useful but not necessarily as expected.

"Our design seems nothing close to what they did at Dairy Queen, but it still benefited them," Wooten said. "They had corporate pressure. They were a

ble to show them the renderings. They didn't want to have to paint their brick."

In the end, the Wayne Dairy Queen got spruced

up with a new awning and other upgrades, but kept its traditional brick building.

The facade design services are provided at no cost to the business or to Wayne Main Street. However, businesses can separately apply for a grant to help fund facade improvements on a reimbursement basis.

"There seems to be a lot of confusion about this. We did give design services for a vacant building on Wayne Road. They also got a facade grant," Wooten said. "Sometimes it goes hand-in-hand. It is easier to use the design service —

they know exactly what our requirements are."

The facade improvement grant, which business owners must apply for before beginning their project, is locally funded and will provide 50 percent reimbursement for the project up to \$10,000. Because it is a reimbursement program, Wooten noted that business owners need to have obtained financing for their project.

For more information, visit [downtownwayne.org](http://downtownwayne.org).

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other food for a pre-shopping dinner in the store cafe. After shopping, a wrapped gift and a gender-specific gift bag were given to each child.

Originally a program partnering the kids with the firefighters for shopping, police officers have joined in recent years.

"The fire department has done this for many years. I've had kids who buy things for their family but nothing for themselves," Wayne-Westland

Assistant Fire Chief Michael Stradtner said. "We can't have that. This always costs me money."

When asked to pick who they'd like to shop with, Elijah was the first one to head to the toy department after picking Kropodra, who pushed the cart. The pair dis-

cussed what type of toys Elijah might like while going up and down each aisle.

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The Garden City Police Department hockey team lines up for the annual charity hockey game held this Saturday.

The Garden City Fire Department is up to the challenge Saturday afternoon as the Guns and Hoses hockey game gets ready to begin.

# Police, firefighters enjoy 'friendly rivalry' for good cause

**Julie Brown**  
Staff Writer

The annual Guns and Hoses hockey benefit, pitting the Garden City Fire Department against the Garden City Police Department, isn't really about the score. Even so

... "Six to 3," said police Officer Bruce Shippe, co-chair with Tom Wincel of the Fire Department. "The police won."

The fifth annual benefit supporting the H.O.M.E. Food Pantry in Garden City took place Saturday, Dec. 5, at the Garden City Ice Arena. Shippe attributed the police victory to "Just good teamwork and a lot of hard work on the part of the police. It's a friendly rivalry, and it's all brought together on the ice."

Later Saturday evening, some \$1,100 had been collected with more still coming in. "The charities vary through the years," Shippe said. Fans donated cash for the food bank this year as well as bringing in nonperishable food.

"We had a pretty decent amount of canned goods," Shippe said.

State Sen. David Knezek took to the ice with



Patti and Debbie Knapp, with Debbie Hill, watch the game.



Mayor Randy Walker (center) conducts the puck drop at the start of the game as Tom Wincel and Micah Hull face off.

the Fire Department while new Garden City

Councilman Mark Jacobs helped the police cause.



Chairperson Garden City Police Officer Bruce Shippe shakes hands with Joe Churn from Gordon Chevrolet as they stand next to the big-screen TV that Gordon donated for the event.

"We each had a ringer," Shippe said.

The series over the years was tied at 2-2 going into this past Saturday, so now the police are up 3-2. There's minimal sports "trash talk," however.

"Since it's a charity game we keep it low-key. Everybody goes out and has fun," Shippe said.

About 12 businesses, including smaller ones, contributed prizes for the charity raffle that day. Kmart, O'Reilly Auto Parts, Gordon Chevrolet and Kroger were among business supporters.

"I think this charity event is going to go on. I'm sure the Fire Department will want to redeem itself" with a win, Shippe

said. Said Fire Chief Catherine Harman, "It was an awesome game, a lot of fun. We'll do it again but we'll get the trophy back." Harman added she's pleased there were no injuries in Saturday's benefit game.

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## Suspects arraigned in reported bus stop robbery

Three suspects arrested in connection with robbing two Clarenceville High School students of their backpacks at a school bus stop last week were arraigned Saturday in 47th District Court.

The three were arrested shortly after the Dec. 3 incident in which they allegedly stole the backpacks and going through the pockets of a third student while they were waiting for their bus near Sedalia Avenue and Ontaga Street.

Shortly after the incident, the three were taken into cus-

tody while fueling the vehicle they used in the robbery at a nearby gas station.

The three suspects — Ronnie Lapere of Farmington Hills, Andrew Depa of Redford and Taylor Beaty of Wayne — were arraigned on three counts each of unarmed robbery in front of 47th District Court Magistrate Michael Sawicki and were given bonds of



Lapere



Depa



Beaty

\$200,000, \$250,000 and \$100,000, respectively.

The three are due back in court for a pre-examination conference 8:30 a.m. Dec. 23.

According to a release from Farmington Hills Police Chief

Chuck Nebus, the students, two girls and a boy, were waiting for their bus near Sedalia Avenue and Ontaga Street when a car pulled up, two people got out and approached them.

One suspect patted down the boy and went through his pockets looking for valuables, but found nothing. The two girls were robbed of their backpacks, and the suspects fled the scene in their car. Two of the victims went home to tell their parents of the incident while the other stayed at the bus stop.

Moments later, the suspects returned to the scene and dropped off the backpacks with the student that had remained there. Nothing was reported missing.

Farmington Hills Police Lt. Paul Nicholas noted that no weapon was used and there were no injuries reported in the incident, which is believed to be isolated. Southfield, Livonia and Redford Township police departments were contacted, he said, and have had nothing like this occurring recently at bus stops.

### WESTLAND COP CALLS

#### Larceny

An employee of a subcontractor working at a bank-owned home in the 30000 block of Birchwood told police Dec. 4 that someone stole the air conditioning unit from the home. The theft was reported to have taken place in November.

#### Decorations stolen

Two residents in the 30000 and 31000 blocks of Avondale told police Nov. 30 that overnight someone stole outdoor Christmas decorations. In the 30000 block, the

homeowner reported two Charlie Brown inflatables valued at \$140 were stolen.

Two wire-frame lighted deer and a wire-frame lighted angel, valued at \$100, were reported stolen at the home in the 31000 block of Avondale.

#### Larceny from a vehicle

A Northville man told police that someone stole his work laptop from his work vehicle while he was visiting friends in the 30000 block of Lacy Court on Dec. 2. The computer, in a nylon case and with a cell phone charger, was valued at

\$500.

#### Larceny

A resident of the Willow Creek Apartments, 37594 Willow Lane, told police Nov. 30 that someone stole a package of Nike Air Max shoes valued at \$190 after it was delivered to her apartment. She said the U.S. Postal Service confirmed making the delivery.

#### Larceny from a vehicle

On Dec. 2, a resident in the 34000 block of Sequoia reported that someone stole the exhaust system from his vehicle

while it was parked in front of his home overnight. It was valued at \$200.

#### Larceny

A Garden City woman told police Dec. 2 that someone stole her credit card while she was shopping at Meijer, 37201 Warren Road, the previous day. She said she was shopping and turned around to find her cart missing with her purse in it. A man returned the cart and apologized for taking the wrong cart.

The woman said she didn't think anything of the incident

but later in the day checked to her purse and didn't notice anything missing. She decided to cancel the card and was told by her bank representative that someone tried to use the card for a charge in Virginia.

#### Vandalism

On Dec. 2, a resident in the 2000 block of Dryden Court called police after arriving home to find a living room window had been broken. Officers checked the home but found no sign anyone had entered the home.

LeAnne Rogers

### WAYNE COP CALLS

#### Larceny

A snow blower valued at \$800 was reported stolen from a garage in the 4100 block of Newberry overnight Dec. 3. Entry was made through a bay door, which the owner said isn't kept locked.

The resident told police she found the bay door open in the morning and checking, noticed the snow blower was gone.

#### Vandalism

The owner of a group home located in the 4100 block of Eastlawn told police Dec. 2 that overnight someone damaged a car parked in the drive-

way. The rear window was shattered after being hit with blunt object.

#### Larceny

The owner of AK Auto Parts, 4020 Second, told police Dec. 3 he arrived for work to find two tropical hibiscus plants, valued at \$800, missing from the south side of the building. He said the plants were in the ground and last seen the previous night.

#### Trailer stolen

A 2002 U.S. Cargo utility trailer valued at \$1,000 was reported stolen from a home in the 5100 block of Merriman on

Dec. 4. She said the trailer belongs to her son who lives in Belleville.

When she noticed the trailer was gone, the resident said she called her son to make sure he had taken it and found it had been stolen.

#### Attempted break-in

A resident of an apartment in the 35000 block of Brush told police that he returned from work to find someone had damaged the deadbolt to the front door. No access was made to the apartment and nothing was reported missing.

LeAnne Rogers

### GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

#### Fraud

A Westland woman told police Dec. 7 that one of her former roommates used her Bridge Card Nov. 15 to make purchases at CVS Pharmacy, 27435 Ford.

The woman said she once lived with the man and his mother at a Dearborn Heights home. When she was in the process of moving in October, the woman said the card was missing and she asked the mother several times if she knew what happened to the card. The mother denied any knowledge of the card.

The son reportedly admitted using the card to purchase pop and chips while working at CVS but denied the woman's allegation that he had spent \$200. He reportedly told the woman that he used the card several times but later gave it to his mother.

The mother told police that she had no knowledge of her son using the Bridge Card and that she had thrown it away. She also told police that she and her son used the Bridge Card several times with the Westland woman's permission prior to her moving out.

LeAnne Rogers

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# Seedlings rolls out new sponsorships for bowling fundraiser

Seedlings Braille Books for Children has rolled out new sponsorship opportunities for its 29th annual Bowling for Braille Books event, the Livonia-based nonprofit's major fundraiser of the year.

New this year is an exclusive bowling towel sponsorship for \$750. Just one sponsor will have their name/logo printed on an 11x18-

inch bowling towel, which will be given to every bowler at the March 12 event at Plaza Lanes in Plymouth.

Lunch sponsorships are now available for \$500 each and include the sponsors' names and logos on table tents at each team's table, event T-shirts, event program and Seedlings' 2016 Annual Report.

Headlining sponsorships, the top level, are

the same price as last year — \$1,000 each. Headlining sponsors are included in all bowling event materials, including T-shirts, all Seedlings' social media and Seedlings' 2016 Annual Report.

Also popular are Seedlings' \$500 program sponsorships, \$300 T-shirt sponsorships and \$175 lane sponsorships. Every \$10 raised

makes another braille book for a blind or visually impaired child.

The deadline for headlining sponsors is Dec. 20; all other sponsors have until Jan. 20.

Go to seedlings.org and click on Upcoming Events to download the Bowling Sponsor Info & Response Form, or contact Karen Smith at Seedlink7@ameritech.net or 734-427-8552, Ext. 301.



Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees, from left, Terry Gilligan, his wife Barbara, Gretchen Alaniz and Brian Broderick formed a team for the 2015 Bowling for Braille Books event.

# Priest who died in '04 now called a child sex abuser

Bill Laitner  
Michigan.com

More than a decade after the death of the popular Roman Catholic priest and pastor known as Father David West, church authorities said an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor has been "found to be credible" against West, who served in about 20 parishes across southeast Michigan.

The Rev. David West died in 2004 at age 65,

well before anyone came forward charging him with sexual abuse, according to the Archdiocese of Detroit.

But church officials "put no time limits on the reporting of sexual abuse of minors" by members of the priesthood or any other personnel connected with churches and



West

related institutions such as parochial schools and seminaries, said Joe Kohn, spokesman for the Archdiocese of Detroit.

"It doesn't matter when it happens or when it's reported. We try to determine if it's credible and, if it is, we notify every place" in which the perpetrator ever served because "that increases the likelihood that this might have occurred elsewhere," Kohn said.

The goal is to find other victims, if any, and

to offer them counseling services, he said, adding: "We do everything in our power to help every victim." In West's case, the abuse occurred in the 1970s and "the victim was male," Kohn said.

West was ordained in 1964 and served in many high-profile positions, including as church pastor at Our Lady Star of the Sea in Grosse Pointe Woods and St. James in Ferndale, St. Louise de Marillac in Warren; and West also was on the

faculty of Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit, a minister at Wayne State University and chaplain at Bishop Gallagher High School in Harper Woods, said a news release from the Archdiocese. He also served as administrator at churches in Temperance, Livonia, Eastpointe, Dearborn Heights and Rockwood. And according to a Free Press report, West was an instructor at St. Mary's College in Orchard Lake when he was chosen, in

1997, to be parish administrator of Detroit's Catholic Church of the Madonna upon the death of its pastor, Father William Cunningham, legendary co-founder of Focus: HOPE.

To report abuse committed by a priest or other person working for the Archdiocese of Detroit, email the victim assistance coordinator at the Archdiocese of Detroit via vac@aod.org or call 866-343-8055, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. any day.

# Westland, Garden City residents reportedly ripped off by phone scams

LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

Despite plenty of publicity about scam phone calls from fake IRS agents, area residents are still reporting getting ripped off.

» On Dec. 1, a Westland woman, 55, told police that she received a phone message Nov. 25 informing her that the IRS had a warrant for arrest because of back taxes. She said she called the number and was told the police would arrive to arrest her within 45 minutes if she did not pay.

The woman told police she sent \$2,350 plus fees via MoneyGram from a liquor store in the name of man in Texas. About 45 minutes later, she said she sent \$2,000 plus fees to the same man from a cash advance store. An hour later, she sent \$1,600 plus fees to the same man.

The suspect has continued calling the woman demanding more money. She said she filed a complaint with the IRS and was told it was likely the money was sent outside the country, making it unrecoverable. The phone number used by the suspect was identified as being in Delaware.

» A Garden City woman, 53, fell victim to a currently popular scam involving callers claiming to be IRS agents collecting overdue taxes. The woman contacted police Dec. 3 after being bilked of \$3,285.80.

The woman told police she was contacted Oct. 19 and Oct. 29 by subjects

claiming they were from the IRS. She said the subjects gave names like Robert James but had a foreign accent. She reported sending \$1,990, \$2,000 and \$1,220 to individuals in California.

The \$2,000 payment was returned due to problems with the MoneyGram service at the time she was sending it. The woman was also directed

to purchase two cell phones and supply the numbers to the "investigators" so they could contact her with further instructions.

The woman told police she wasn't aware of any problem until she received a letter from the IRS about her Social Security Number being used to acquire fraudulent tax returns.

According to its website, the IRS doesn't contact people about taxes over the telephone and never uses local police to arrest people for unpaid taxes.

» In a variation on the scam, a Westland woman, 68, told police Dec. 1 that she received a call Nov. 27 from someone claiming to be from Microsoft calling to help her with

her computer problems. The woman said she had been having computer problems and the caller eventually asked for her credit/debit card number to pay for a \$10 fee.

The woman provided the card number but she said she became suspicious when the caller began asking for personal information.

A few days later, the

woman said she checked her bank account online. She said she found unauthorized withdrawals from her account after she talked with the suspect. There was \$952 from Amazon, along with two charges to Paypal totaling over \$267.

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## Police: Play it safe when out holiday shopping

Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Shopping during the holidays, in search of just right gifts for loved ones, can be a lot of fun. Local police also encourage you to keep safety in mind when heading out to shop.

Chief Jeff Jedrusik of the Westland Police Department offers these safety tips for holiday shoppers:

» Avoid stashing shopping bags or valuables in your vehicle while visiting stores. If you must, use the trunk vs. the vehicle's interior, which is visible. This will reduce thieves' tempta-

tion.

» When possible, park near light poles. This will make your exit safer if it happens to take place after dark.

» When exiting into a dark parking lot, time your departure from the store with others.

» Have your keys in hand and ready when walking toward your vehicle.

» Once you are inside your vehicle, lock yourself in.

» If you need to utilize an ATM machine, choose to use the ATM located in the Westland Police Department's lobby. The police station is on Ford Road (south side) east of



Jedrusik

Newburgh.

Westland is home to the Westland Shopping Center at Wayne and Warren

roads, with anchors JC Penney, Sears, Macy's and Kohl's. Jedrusik agreed having a large mall in his community presents law enforcement issues.

"Yes, having a large mall does create some law enforcement challenges," Jedrusik wrote in an email. "Increased pedestrian and vehicle travel causes an increase

in the number of traffic crashes. With a higher traffic volume and wet/snowy roads, please take your time and be respectful to others.

"Thieves are attracted to crowded and busy malls. I encourage all of our visitors to be mindful of the listed safety tips. Most important, the holidays are supposed to be a time of happiness. Don't let the stress of the shopping season take our good decision making."

The Livonia Police Department also has common-sense holiday shopping safety tips, along with other crime prevention advice online. Here are some ideas that

may help you keep the Grinch from spoiling your holiday season from Livonia police:

» Do not leave an opening or a gap in any window for the Christmas lights extension cord. The smallest opening is the biggest opportunity!

» Do not advertise your newly acquired items by throwing out the boxes in the garbage. Make sure that they are flattened or torn down. Take them to the recycling depot, if possible.

» Do not throw out anything with your name, address, phone number, banking or personal information on it without

blacking out the personal information first. This also applies to magazines and boxes delivered to your home. Tear them, shred them, but do not throw them out intact.

» Do not leave keys under mats, in mailboxes or hanging on a hook around the corner. You might just as well leave your doors open.

» Do close all of your windows and blinds if you are going out so your Christmas tree and gifts are not on display.

» Do engrave your new items (with your driver's license number — i.e.: BCDL9876543) Putting it off until later may be too late.

## George's Senate Coney Island donates to Livonia Goodfellows

Local businessman George Dimopoulos made news several weeks ago with his promise, "If anyone is home alone, come eat with us for free."

It's the 10th year that the owner of George's Senate Coney Island has offered free Thanksgiving dinners so that no one has to dine alone, but it was the first year his generous offer was posted on social media.

Several local and national news outlets publicized his offer. In the past, George's Senate served around 80 Thanksgiving dinners each year. With all the news coverage, this year Dimopoulos and his group of volunteers served more than 400 Thanksgiving dinners.

And it appears that generosity is contagious. Many of George's



George's Senate Coney Island owner George Dimopoulos (left) presents Livonia Goodfellows treasurer Mike Smykowski with a \$2,000 check.

Thanksgiving customers not only paid for their meals but donated to help cover the cost of feeding those who couldn't afford to pay.

Dimopoulos donated their contributions,

along with additional funds from Dimopoulos himself, to the Livonia Goodfellows. On Dec. 5, Dimopoulos presented the Livonia Goodfellows with a check for \$2,000.

## Still time for holiday tech-savvy deals

Good news for procrastinators and last-minute shoppers: the best deals are yet to come. Even if you haven't yet purchased gifts for the tech geek on your list, you might be in luck.

Black Friday and Cyber Monday are just the beginning of the winter season sales and buyers can expect low prices on hot items such as DSLRs, GoPro Cameras, Parrot Drones, TVs and mobile devices into 2016.

If you are buying for someone close to you or even for yourself, patience may pay. Manufacturers are hitting the end of their production years, meaning it is time to sell off inventory to make way for the new equipment.

In the first week of January, tech giants like Samsung, Sony, Microsoft and many others will launch their newest products at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas. As the new products come to market, the



Jon Gunnels  
TECH SAVVY

old units typically reach unforeseen prices. And in this case, old doesn't mean bad.

Take HDTVs, for instance, which have steadily dropped in prices for a few years as newer 4K HDTV have hit shelves. Even 4K HDTV televisions have seen a sharp decline in price recently. Currently, a 4K HDTV in the 42-inch size range is going for \$350, whereas a model in the 50-inch range is about \$200 to \$250 more.

Just three short years ago, there were only two HDTVs available on the market and both retailed for more than \$20,000. So it is not surprising that the next big thing — the Ultra 4K HDTV from Vizio — is expected to hit shelves with a six-figure price tag. Of course, it will be a five-figure price

tag in a year or two and, in five years, who knows how cheap it can be.

Price drops are the norm for technology — especially for TVs and computers. In the '90s, a mid-line desktop computer would retail for \$1,000 or more. This holiday season, a portable Chromebook with Wi-Fi capabilities can be found for less than \$150.

If you need to have the presents wrapped and under the tree by Dec. 25, consider buying local. Internet deals with free shipping can be enticing, but a wrong product or a shipping mix-up could leave you in a bad spot. Local retailers may be able to price match and you also don't have to worry about an expensive tech toy sitting on your porch if you aren't home during delivery.

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Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey recently helped Jet's Pizza owners Bill and Ann Kozolwski and General Manager Tony Skluzak cut the ribbon on their new location (right next to their old location) at Five Mile and Middlebelt.

## More space means better service at Jet's Pizza

**Observer: Tell us about your business, including the types of services and/or products you feature.**

**Jet's:** We take a lot of pride in our business and what we produce here. It starts in our kitchen with our dough that we make here every morning, followed by all our fresh vegetables we hand-cut. We also grind all of our premium mozzarella cheese and, of course, we can't forget the ranch dressing that you can purchase in a bottle for the whole family to enjoy.

**Observer: What makes your business unique?**

**Jet's:** I think Jet's pizza is different from the rest not only by our fresh dough made daily and our premium toppings and cheese, but we also strive to give you a smile and great experience when you come in for a pick-up or when we are on your door step. Customer service is very important to us and is something we take very seriously.

**Observer: Why did you decide to locate in**

### PIZZA PARTY

**Business name:** Jet's Pizza  
**Business address:** 29445 Five Mile, Livonia  
**Your name and title:** Tony Skluzak, general manager  
**Business opened:** Our original location in October 1996. We were fortunate enough to have a space open up next to our original location at (Five Mile and Middlebelt) with double the square footage to give us the space to better serve our valued customers.  
**Number of employees:** 36  
**Your business specialty:** Deep-dish pizza  
**Hours of operation:** Monday through Thursday, 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.  
**Business phone and/or website:** 734-266-9333; [www.jetspizza.com](http://www.jetspizza.com)

### Livonia?

**Jet's:** Livonia has been a great place to do business. We have a large residential zone that we service, including Redford. Catering is also another option we offer in which we have a great following, as well work luncheons, birthday parties, weddings, football games and more.

**Observer: Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with our readers about your experience so far as a small business owner?**

**Jet's:** One of the funniest stories is when we were still in our first

location and Jenny Craig was still located next to us. A lady had come in and as soon as she walked in she held her index finger to her mouth and said, "Shhhhhhhhh." I said, "Is there something wrong?" She replied with, "I'm supposed to be next door ordering food, but I just can't resist your great pizza." She then told me that she just ordered one slice. The funniest part of this whole story is that she came back five minutes later to get just one more.



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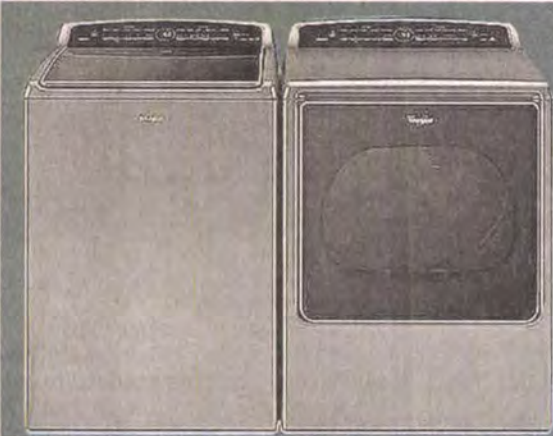
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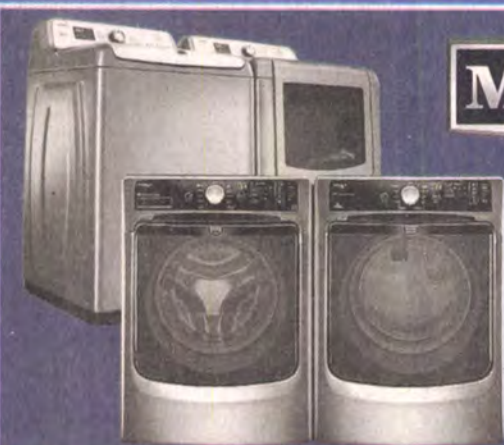


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# NO PARADE, NO PROBLEM

Wayne welcomes holidays with new tree lighting ceremony

**Brad Kadrich**  
Staff Writer

When the annual Christmas parade had to be canceled earlier this year because of budget concerns, City of Wayne officials were concerned about ringing in the holiday season.

On Saturday night, those concerns were allayed. Christmas was welcomed with open arms with the city's first tree-lighting ceremony at the Wayne Historical Museum.

The museum, recently decorated for the holidays by members of the Wayne Garden Club, was open for hot chocolate, coffee and cookies and, most importantly, for youngsters to visit with Santa Claus.

Wayne Rotary sponsored the annual Christmas parade for many years — an evening lighted parade for the past two years. The club was forced to regroup this year when city officials expressed safety concerns about not having enough police officers to handle such a large event.

Saturday's event was entirely donated, city manager Lisa Nocerini said, and featured sponsors including Wayne Main Street, the Wayne Chamber of Commerce, the Wayne Goodfellows, the Westland Area Jaycees, the Wayne Beautification Committee, the Wayne Garden Club and the Wayne Historical Museum.

City officials were happy the event went off so smoothly.

"It means a lot," City Councilman John Rhaesa

*"As we work together to move our community forward, it's going to take everyone working together."*

**JOHN RHAESA**  
city councilman

said. "We wanted to make sure Christmas was celebrated in Wayne."

The choir and marching band from Wayne Memorial High School performed, the evening featured a bounce house and petting zoo, and Santa Claus arrived by fire truck, accompanied by Lois VanStipdonk, Wayne's 2015 Diamond of the Community Award winner.

VanStipdonk threw the switch that lit the Christmas tree.

"It's a huge honor," VanStipdonk said. "Of all the people who do such good work in our community, they chose me."

Rhaesa said the event was more than just a celebration of Christmas, it was a way to bring everyone together in hard times.

"It's very important for us to have a community event," Rhaesa said. "In times like these, it's good to bring everyone together. As we work together to move our community forward, it's going to take everyone working together."

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Lights twinkle and holiday music plays for all during the City of Wayne Historical Museum's Tree Lighting Ceremony.

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Santa's helper, Ann Zimmerman of the City of Wayne Historical Society, greets Santa's visitors.

KELLY DOBSON



Santa's arrival in city of Wayne was received enthusiastically by sisters Victoria and Isabella Jolly, happily climbing onto Santa's lap while mom and dad, Heather and Chad Jolly, grab a few cell phone photos.

KELLY DOBSON



Evan Daggett, 6, having some fun at the Lego table, one of the many activities during Wayne's tree lighting ceremony.

KELLY DOBSON



Noah McCarren, 2, gets to go home with a new toy as one of the raffle winners.

KELLY DOBSON



John and Lois VanStipdonk offer some advice to Ann Zimmerman on exactly how to wear her elf hat.

KELLY DOBSON



Desiree Mayhew of Wayne shares a big smile with one of the stars of the petting zoo.

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Five-year-old Anna Rushlow of Romulus discovers quickly that all the animals at the petting zoo are friendly.

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**ABSTRACT**  
**WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2015-34**  
**December 1, 2015**

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at 8:00 p.m. at the Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Rd. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT: Presentation to Lorne Skip Monit and James R. Hawley of their portrait and certificate of service, from Ali Sayed, HYPE Athletics. APPROVED: reg. mtg. of Nov. 17; resignations of J. Hawley as councilman effective Dec. 4, 2015, Louise Steinhauer from Historical Comm.; appointment of Albert Damitio to Historical Comm. until July 2016; form committee to discuss guidelines for Council procedures & rules; purchase of 3 police radios paid by a grant; calling a Special Meeting for 12/10/15 at 6pm to interview City Council Candidates; extend deadline for letters of intent to Mon, Dec. 7 at 4:30 p.m.; budget amendment for the Library; consent calendar. Received and filed Communications and Reports. Adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

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# Ex-coach pleads guilty for stealing cheer squad funds

**Aileen Wingblad**  
Staff Writer

A former Farmington High School cheerleading coach has pleaded guilty to embezzling team funds last season. Westland resident Kandice Hernandez, 25, is scheduled for sentencing on Jan. 21, 2016 by Oakland County Circuit Judge Denise Langford Morris. She entered the plea on Dec. 2, five days before her trial was to start.



Hernandez

charged with one count of larceny by conversion over \$1,000, which carries a penalty of up to five years in prison. The cheer squad lost nearly \$10,000 accumulated through fundraisers intended for uniforms and other equipment, discovered missing last spring. During an interview

with police shortly after her arrest in June, Hernandez admitted to taking the money to pay bills and use for traveling and other personal reasons, according to Farmington Public Safety Deputy Director Ted Wartham.

Once word spread about the missing funds, the community responded by donating more than \$15,000 to the team.

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# Toys for charities reported stolen

**LeAnne Rogers**  
Staff Writer

A pair of larcenous grins reportedly made off with Toys for Tots and Goodfellows donation boxes in Westland on Friday.

Two men described as white males in their 50s wearing neon construction worker-style vests showed up at Independent Carpet One Floor & Home, 1400 N. Wayne Road, apparently masquerading as Toys for Tots representatives. Neither charity had scheduled a pickup for that day.

The men were driving a larger open bed truck, green with a logo on the side. A witness told police there were six other collection boxes in the truck when they took the toy collection boxes from Carpet One.

"Everything seemed as if they were legitimate to my 18-year-old receptionist who trusted them. How would she know otherwise?" Catherine Buchanan of Carpet One wrote in an email warning about the thefts. "I am so disturbed by this and I need the word to be spread. I am sickened by this. I have been collecting toys for over 15 years and have never experienced such a disgusting act."

A report about the incident was filed with the Westland Police Department.

The U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots Foundation in Quantico, Va., as well as the Toys for Tots program in the local areas are aware of collection boxes of donated toys being picked up by persons not authorized by the Toys for Tots

program, according to a press release. The most recent incidents occurred in Westland.

The Toys for Tots Program in Wayne and Oakland counties are working with local law enforcement officials to address this theft.

The Toys for Tots program also wanted supporters to know all representatives will have proper identification and a business card attached from one of the local coordinators. If there are any concerns about the representative picking up your collection box, please call Kim Felske at 734-363-7883 or Rebecca Yarbrough at 248-331-7433.

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# Human trafficking meeting offered

A free meeting about the dangers of human trafficking and its implications around the world and in our community is being held Monday, Dec. 14, at Westland City Hall.

who can be seen in the MSNBC documentaries *Sex Slaves: Motor City* and *Sex Slaves: Addiction*.

Michigan ranks second in the human trafficking trade, behind only Nevada. This awareness event will begin to provide the knowledge and insight to prevent

and identify potential human trafficking occurrences, victims and ways to help.

The public is invited to attend the event, sponsored by the Westland Area Jaycees. Westland City Hall is located at 36300 Warren Road, east of Central City Parkway.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Breakfast with Santa

Good Hope Lutheran Church will be hosting a Breakfast with Santa and a Scholastic Book Fair from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 12. Price will be \$3 per person for a pancake-and-sausage breakfast and to have your picture taken with Santa.

The Book Fair will be set up for guests to do some Christmas shopping for their favorite readers. All proceeds from the Book Fair will go to Vista Maria in the form of books for the girls that are residing there. This breakfast is for anyone who enjoys eating pancakes and sausage (not just the kids). Good Hope is located at 28680 Cherry Hill (between Inkster & Middlebelt) in Garden City.

### Christmas show

AMVETS Post 171 hosts a Rock & Roll Tribute Christmas show at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, at the post, which is located at 1217 Merriman in Westland.

The doors will open at 7 p.m., and the show is scheduled to start at 8 p.m. The event will feature free pizza and a cash bar. Cost is \$25 per person, \$45 per couple.

### Night in Bethlehem

Merriman Road Baptist Church sponsors "A Night in Bethlehem," a hands-on experience that aims to take grandpas, grandmas, moms, dads and kids on a sensory-rich Christmas adventure that fills them with enough joy to pack a million stockings.

Families will see, hear, taste, touch and smell the Bible-times town of Beth-

### Classic tale



The Livonia Civic Ballet Company brings the holiday classic, "The Nutcracker," to life this weekend. Performances feature local performers. Show times are 7 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday at Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh in Livonia. Tickets are \$14 for adults, \$12 for seniors/students, and \$10 for children. Call 248-474-8722 for tickets.

lehem. Through hands-on activities, games, stories and more, they'll experience firsthand the amazing impact of the miracle of Christmas.

The event takes place from 3-6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, and from 4-7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13. Merriman Road Baptist Church is located at 2055 Merriman in Garden City. Admission is free. For more information, call 734-421-0472.

### Widowed Friends

The Friends of Widowed Men and Women present the following events:

» Motor City Brass Band presents the Sounds of the Season at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, at the Michael A. Guido Theater at the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn.

Tickets are now on sale. Discounted when purchased from Craig Strain at 1-586-924-6866.

» Celebrate New Year's Eve at the Joy Manor Banquet Center, from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31. Cost is \$55 pre-paid includes Premium Buffet - Open bar, Champagne Toast at midnight. Doors open at 7 p.m. with dinner at 8 p.m. Dancing to Dr. Pock-et. RSVP with check and get email by calling Marie Nagy at 734-728-6967 by Dec. 5.

» New Year's Eve Dinner/Dancing \$33 pre-paid includes appetizers, plated dinner, dessert, tax and tip. Cash bar. Music/Dancing by the Showcasemen. RSVP with check by Dec. 21 and get mailing address by calling Carol Olsen at 313-562-3080.

## CITY OF LIVONIA ADOPTED BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2015 - 2016

GENERAL FUND(101)	REVENUES	EXPENDITURES
PROPERTY TAXES	402-446	\$31,244,392
LICENCES & PERMITS	465-519	2,114,050
GRANTS	528	128,200
STATESBARED REVENUES	567-581	8,659,946
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	602-651	4,150,603
FINES & FORFEITS	656	4,312,000
INTEREST & RENTS	665-669	2,764,860
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS	680-698	1,804,409
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>		<b>\$55,178,460</b>
LEGISLATIVE		\$1,777,550
JUDICIAL		3,036,386
EXECUTIVE		446,628
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION		2,480,333
HUMAN RESOURCES		734,831
GENERAL GOVERNMENT		1,192,463
PUBLIC SAFETY - POLICE		22,942,875
PUBLIC SAFETY - FIRE		14,100,577
PROTECTIVE INSPECTION		1,168,735
OTHER PROTECTIVE		2,034
PUBLIC WORKS AND ENGINEERING		3,489,942
PARKS & RECREATION		537,567
CULTURAL		1,320,104
PLANNING		637,518
OTHER CITY FUNCTIONS		1,898,775
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>\$55,166,318</b>

#321-15 RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 5, Chapter VII and Section 1 of Chapter VIII of the Charter of the City of Livonia, the Council does hereby establish a tax levy of 4.0447 mills, of the taxable valuation of all real and personal property subject to taxation in the City of Livonia for the next fiscal year commencing December 1, 2015, and ending November 30, 2016, and in addition to the above amount which is authorized to be levied for general purposes by the Charter of the City of Livonia:

- (a) The Council does hereby establish a tax levy of .8088 mills, of the Taxable Valuation of all real and personal property subject to taxation in the City of Livonia for the fiscal year set out above, pursuant to Section 1 of Chapter VIII of the Charter of the City of Livonia, for the purpose of providing additional revenues for police protection and law enforcement personnel, equipment, supplies and facilities of the City of Livonia; in addition to the amount authorized to be levied for general municipal purposes;
- (b) The Council does hereby establish a tax levy of 1.2134 mills, of the Taxable Valuation of all real and personal property subject to taxation in the City of Livonia for the fiscal year set out above, pursuant to Section 1 of Chapter VIII of the Charter of the City of Livonia, for the purpose of providing additional revenues for fire, police and snow removal personnel, equipment, supplies and facilities of the City of Livonia; in addition to the amount authorized to be levied for general municipal purposes;
- (c) The Council does hereby establish a tax levy of 1.7000 mills, of the Taxable Valuation of all real and personal property subject to taxation in the City of Livonia for the fiscal year set out above, pursuant to Section 1 of Chapter VIII of the Charter of the City of Livonia, for the purpose of providing additional revenues for police and fire personnel and support costs in the City of Livonia, in addition to the amount authorized to be levied for general municipal purposes;
- (d) The Council does hereby establish a tax levy of .8088 mills, of the Taxable Valuation of all real and personal property subject to taxation in the City of Livonia for the fiscal year set out above, pursuant to Section 1 of Chapter VIII of the Charter of the City of Livonia, for the purpose of providing additional revenues for library services, supplies and facilities in the City of Livonia; in addition to the amount authorized to be levied for general municipal purposes;
- (e) The Council does hereby establish a tax levy of .0127 mills, of the Taxable Valuation of all real and personal property subject to taxation in the City of Livonia for the fiscal year set out above, pursuant to the provisions of Act 359 of the Public Acts of 1925, for the purpose of advertising, exploiting and making known the industrial and commercial advantages of the City of Livonia and to establish projects for the purpose of encouraging immigration to, and increasing the trade, business and industries of the City of Livonia; in addition to the amount which is authorized to be levied for general municipal purposes;
- (f) The Council does hereby establish a tax levy of .7855 mills, of the Taxable Valuation of all real and personal property subject to taxation in the City of Livonia for the fiscal year set out above, for the purpose of providing additional revenues for a community recreation center, recreation personnel, equipment, supplies, facilities and operations; in addition to the amount authorized to be levied for general municipal purposes;
- (g) The Council does hereby establish a tax levy of .8893 mills, of the Taxable Valuation of all real and personal property subject to taxation in the City of Livonia for the fiscal year set out above, for the purpose of providing additional revenues for repairing or replacing public roads, sidewalks and trees in the City of Livonia; in addition to the amount to be levied for general municipal purposes;
- (h) The Council does hereby establish a tax levy of .5000 mills, of the Taxable Valuation of all real and personal property subject to taxation in the City of Livonia for the fiscal year set out above, for the purpose of providing additional revenues for the City's community transit program and capital improvements within the City of Livonia; in addition to the amount to be levied for general municipal purposes;
- (i) The Council does hereby establish a tax levy of .2500 mills, of the Taxable Valuation of all ready and personal property subject to taxation in the City of Livonia for the fiscal year set out above, pursuant to Section 1 of Chapter VIII of the Charter of the City of Livonia, for the purpose of providing additional revenues for staff, maintenance, and; support costs for cultural and senior services in the City, including the Livonia Senior Center and Greenmead Historical, Village, in addition to the amount authorized to be levied for general municipal purposes;
- (j) The Council does hereby establish a tax levy of 2.4267 mills, of the Taxable Valuation of all real and personal property subject to taxation in the City of Livonia for the fiscal year commencing December 1, 2015 and ending November 30, 2016, pursuant to the provisions of Act 298 of the Public Acts of 1917, for the purpose of establishing, operating, maintaining and administering the Municipal Garbage Collection System and/or plant for the collection and disposal of garbage and refuse in the City of Livonia; in addition to the amount authorized to be levied for general municipal purposes;
- (k) The Council does hereby establish a tax levy of .4979 mills, of the Taxable Valuation of all real and personal property subject to taxation in the City of Livonia for the fiscal year commencing December 1, 2015 and ending November 30, 2016, for the purpose of defraying City expenses and liabilities for the collection and disposal activities required for curbside recycling and yard waste composting programs; in addition to the amount authorized to be levied for general municipal purposes;
- (l) The Council does hereby establish a tax levy of 2.0000 mills to be due and payable on July 1, 2016, of the Taxable Valuation of all real and personal property located within the Plymouth Road Development Authority, subject to taxation in the City of Livonia for the fiscal year commencing December 1, 2015 and ending November 30, 2016, pursuant to the provisions of Act 197 of the Public Acts of 1975, for the purpose of providing revenues for obligations and operations of the Plymouth Road Development Authority, in addition to the amount to be levied for general municipal purposes. This millage shall be effective provided that all residential properties are first removed from the Plymouth Road Development Authority district;

AND PROVIDED FURTHER, that the Wayne County Bureau of Taxation, City Assessor, City Treasurer and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary or incidental to the full performance of this resolution, and the City Clerk is hereby requested to immediately transmit copies of this resolution to each of the above offices.

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The City of Westland Board of Review will be conducting the 2015 December Board of Review and will convene in the Westland City Hall at 36300 Warren Road, Westland, Michigan 48185. The regular Board of Review schedule is as follows:

December 16, 2015 @ 10:30 AM

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## OUR VIEWS

# Giving matters: Offer help during holidays

This is the time of year when local Goodfellows and Salvation Army leaders rely on your generosity. Not all friends and neighbors can provide a merry Christmas or holiday season for their children.

Goodfellows have been hard at work in recent weeks selling their trademark newspapers or collecting to make sure there's "No Child Without a Christmas." Salvation Army volunteers and staffers have also been out in full force with their Red Kettle campaign, which supports not only Christmas endeavors, but also help with rent, utilities, prescriptions and other necessities all year.

The Salvation Army and Goodfellows are joined by many churches, other faith-based institutions, schools and businesses, all working hard to make the holidays brighter. Food and clothing drives teach even the very young that kindness counts and giving matters.

Many, including the Salvation Army and other churches, offer the opportunity to adopt a child or family and provide toys and clothing geared to specific needs. Involving your children in this shopping and giving can help teach them right from the start that not all have an easy road to walk.

Job loss, poor health and hard times are the reality for many and Christmas can exacerbate their feeling of separation from others who are shopping, celebrating and decking the halls. Remember them in this sea-



The Salvation Army depends largely on the generosity of the folks dropping money into their Red Kettles to help accomplish its mission.

son of giving, to the extent your resources and finances allow.

This season is also a good time to remind children that there's a difference between needs and wants. Sure, none of us wanted a Christmas or Hanukkah with only socks or underwear as gifts when we were

growing up.

It's only reasonable to try to accommodate children's wishes and holiday lists, but again that doesn't mean children should have free rein. One local boy was at Westland Shopping Center with his parents, who encouraged him to ask the volunteer Salvation Army bell ringers where the money raised goes.

The child understood the answers, especially those related to others his own age. It's a good time for parents to reinforce lessons of generosity and of deciding what gifts are "must haves" and what doesn't have to be purchased.

It's also a busy season. If you have the gift of time available, don't sell yourself short on that. The Salvation Army hires bell ringers and benefits greatly from the work of volunteers who don't require pay. The website [www.ringbell.org](http://www.ringbell.org) has details on bell ringing opportunities or you can call your local corps/citadel of the Salvation Army and ask for the volunteer coordinator if you're less tech-savvy, but still eager to contribute.

Let's make this season joyful for all, to the extent our resources allow. It's a good time to visit family, friends, neighbors and colleagues and to wish all the best for the coming year. It's also a good time to remember those without great blessings, such as warm housing, good food and decent clothing — and to extend the hand of friendship to them.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Hugs to officer

When my garage was broken into, Officer Mamrot came out to take my information, and he has to be one of Westland's finest.

I was so impressed the way he handled things. I was having a bad day, and when I went outside to find that someone too lazy to work, and just wanted to take what you have

worked for, did this to me made my day much worse.

By the time Officer Mamrot left my home I had calmed down. I am sure he got tired of hearing me vent, but he never showed it. He is a very caring person, and I pray he will always be safe in the job that some idiots think is easy.

Hugs to you, Officer Mamrot.

Shirley Heard

Westland

### 'Fruits' of abortion

While watching the news the other night, I heard Hillary Clinton ask, "How many more Americans must die before we take action?"

What a poignant question.

Well, for starters, lets stop aborting those tiny and vulnerable littlest Americans, the unborn, some of whom may have become doctors, lawyers, politicians or just plain good citizens. Years ago, abortion set the tone that life was not anything sacred.

All these mass killings are the fruits of abortion.

Dolores Kapanke  
Garden City

### Dangerous legislation

At the beginning of the summer, Gov. Rick Snyder announced the formation of a "Prescription Drug and Opioid Abuse Task Force." It was an important move and perhaps an even more important acknowledgment — Michigan is facing a prescription drug abuse crisis.

According to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, a record 1,533 people lost their lives to a drug overdose in Michigan in 2013 — with prescription pain killers resulting in more deaths than any other drug.

Now United States Attorney Barbara McQuade and law en-

forcement have weighed in, publicly calling out Michigan as a "drug pipeline" with pushers illegally pumping highly addictive prescription pain killers across the Midwest.

And it seems like every day we read another news story about prescription drug abuse claiming lives and tearing apart communities.

Unfortunately, lawmakers in Lansing are poised to pass a new bill that could make this crisis much worse.

Senate Bill 320, which could receive a vote from the Senate Health Policy Committee very soon, would for the first time ever give full prescribing authority to 3,000 certified registered nurse anesthetists,

without requiring any additional training.

What's more, it would remove all physician oversight of opioid prescription by nurse anesthetists, tossing away the common sense safety measures and oversight required of every other Michigan nurse with prescribing authority.

Gov. Snyder, Lt. Gov. Calley and Attorney General Bill Schuette are taking important steps to combat Michigan's prescription drug abuse crisis. And law enforcement is fighting back.

We strongly urge lawmakers to reject this dangerous legislation.

Dr. Fred Campbell  
president,  
Michigan Society of  
Anesthesiologists

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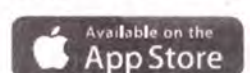


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COLLEGE SIGNING

# Ivy League competition awaits O'Dowd

Stevenson swimmer commits to University of Pennsylvania

Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

When it came time to select his next-level educational institution, Livonia Stevenson senior swimming standout Jackson O'Dowd continued his honorable habit of embracing challenging endeavors.

Earlier this month, O'Dowd signed a letter of intent to swim at the college level for the University of Pennsylvania, an Ivy League school located in Philadelphia that has one of the most-prestigious educa-

tional reputations in the country.

The Quakers men's swimming program isn't too bad either, O'Dowd found out quickly during his official visit to Penn's campus.

"I got along great right away with the guys on the team and the coach," said O'Dowd. "The swimming program there is up-and-coming and the school is one of the best in the country."

O'Dowd was also considering the University of Wisconsin and Penn State University

before he pledged the next four years of his life to Penn.

"I like Wisconsin and I was planning on visiting Penn State, but I canceled the trip after I visited Penn," he said.

O'Dowd got the recruiting process rolling when he filled out several online questionnaires at schools he was interested in attending.

"I still remember getting the first response from Penn," he said. "It as an email, with the subject line reading, 'Jack-



Livonia Stevenson senior swimmer Jackson O'Dowd was joined by his high school coach Jeff Shoemaker (left) and one of his club coaches, Steve Bruestley (right) as he signed a letter of intent to swim for the University of Pennsylvania.

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BOYS BASKETBALL TIPS OFF

# HERE WE GO!

Stevenson pulls away from Franklin in fourth quarter

Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

Through three quarters Tuesday night, the season-opening showdown between Livonia rivals Stevenson and Franklin appeared destined to be decided by a buzzer-beating jumper.

As it turned out, the Spartans decided not to follow the drama script, instead pulling away with a 66-57 triumph.

The outcome was decided during the first 4 minutes and 20 seconds of the fourth quarter when the Spartans reeled off a defense-charged 15-2 run that turned a 46-45 deficit into a 60-48 lead.

Stevenson junior guard Ian Knopf took full advantage of his go-to-guy opportunity by pouring in 23 points. The slender back-court dynamo also added six rebounds and three steals.

Senior forward Kyle Malkowski was also a force for the winners, especially during the opening quarter when he pumped in seven quick points, as he finished with 15 points.

Knopf said the Spartans' fourth-quarter success came down to fundamentals.

"We just had to keep our composure, get back to running our offense and sit down and play good defense," he said. "It all starts on the defensive end. We got a couple stops and converted them into points."

The 6-foot-1 junior, who backed up senior Noah Campbell the majority of last season, said he likes the expanded role he's been given this winter.

"I'm far more confident in myself this year than last," he said. "Just knowing



Stevenson's Ian Knopf gets a step on Franklin's Johnny Cantrell during the fourth quarter of Tuesday's game.

ED WRIGHT

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BOYS BASKETBALL

# Wildcats outlast spirited RU effort, 43-28

Panthers show spurts of promise during defeat

Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

Other than barely missing his single-game record for slam dunks, and tweaking his left calf while ascending for one of his three jams Monday night against visiting Redford Union, Plymouth senior guard Brent Davis had a pretty nice debut as "The Man" for the Wildcats.

Handed the keys to the Wildcats' offense in the wake of the graduation of three top players from last season's Class A district-championship squad, Davis netted a team-high 20 points and spearheaded a mid-third quarter defen-

sive surge that all but turned out the lights on the gutsy Panthers, who dropped a 43-28 decision.

Both teams were hit hard by graduation since last season — and it showed at times during a less-than-artistic first half that ended with Plymouth clinging to a 16-13 lead.

The Panthers, who return just one player who was on the varsity roster last winter, trailed 21-17 with four minutes left in the third quarter before the Wildcats switched on the defensive after-burners while ripping off an 11-2 spurt.

Davis, who has an amazing 41-inch vertical jump — 10 inches higher than the average person — put an exclamation point on the game-changing span just over a minute into the fourth quarter when his

crowd-pleasing throwdown upped Plymouth's lead to 32-19.

His final dunk came with 3:08 left in the game and gave his team a 40-26 cushion.

"I feel like coach has been preparing me for this role for two years now," said Davis, whose lower-left leg was wrapped with ice during a post-game interview. "It's a role I think I'm ready for. I like it because I don't have to be quite as cautious as before. I feel if I can drive the lane, the other team is going to focus on me, so that's when I can distribute to my teammates."

Senior guard Kevin Hogain led RU with 10 points. Eric McCarter added nine while first-year senior Caleb Moore



Redford Union's Eric McCarter squares up for a shot Monday night against Plymouth.

JOHN KEMSKI

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BOYS BOWLING

# Rockets open season with a bang



Pictured (from left) are coach Staples, Sr., Michael Pizzuti, Damien Strohschein, Kyle McCarthy, Jared Stevens, Matt Essa, Brian Martin, Ryan Brawdy and coach Staples.

## John Glenn earns crown at 20-team tournament

Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

Westland John Glenn's bowling team is on a roll — and it's only early December. On Saturday, the Rockets earned the first-place trophy at a 20-team tournament hosted by Drakeshire Lanes.

"The key was we made our spares and bowled well in the ninth and 10th frames," said head coach Ron Staples.

John Glenn knocked down 4,191 pins to out-distance runner-up Clarkston (4,063). The Rockets' top five bow-

lers averaged a solid 199. "This was a good test for us and I feel good about where we are right now," said Staples. "We must keep working hard because our league is so good. We cannot rest on our accomplishments."

### Season preview

The Rockets are coming off a 7-5 season in 2014-15. Among the team's losses to graduation were state-qualifiers Nick Bell and Jake Priess, and all-conference performer Zack Croft.

Leading the pack of returners are Matt Essa, Damien Strohschein, Brian Martin, Kyle McCarthy and Jared Stevens.

Staples listed junior Ryan Brawdy and Michael Pizzuti as promising new-comers.

"This year, after losing four starters from last year's team, we will have to rebuild and reload," said Staples. "Our emphasis will always be 'next man up.' Our team will consist of no seniors and little experience, and our league will always be tough from top to bottom."

"I have confidence that this team will be able to compete with anyone, but the lack of seniors will hurt us. I am excited to see where this team ends up at the end of the year."

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HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY

# All three Livonia puck teams post big victories

Stevenson, Franklin win late; Churchill never trailed

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Staff Writer

Nothing could be taken for granted when KLAA Central Division boys hockey rivals Livonia Stevenson and Novi stepped onto the ice Friday night at Edgar Arena.

And the two teams who squared off in last year's MHSAA Division 2 quarterfinal did not disappoint as host Stevenson needed a power play goal from senior defenseman Alec Allen with only 5:05 remaining to subdue the Wildcats, 4-3.

The Spartans, who improved to 4-2 overall and 3-0 in the Central, came out on top twice last year against Novi, including a 5-1 victory in the state tournament before reaching the finals.

"Battles with Novi are always tough," Stevenson coach David Mitchell said. "They're a well coached, disciplined hockey team. We met them in the state tournament last year in a quarterfinal game, so we knew this was going to be a scrap. Give them a lot of credit and give our guys credit, too, to be able to pull out the victory."

Allen's goal came just four seconds after Novi's Ryan Wexler was sent off for a cross-checking penalty.

"I think there was a scramble in front, one of our guys hit their guy and our goalie," Novi

coach Mark Vellucci said. "I thought there could have been a call right before on our guy getting hit from behind there, but those guys did it, they called it."

The Spartans then capitalized on the man-advantage.

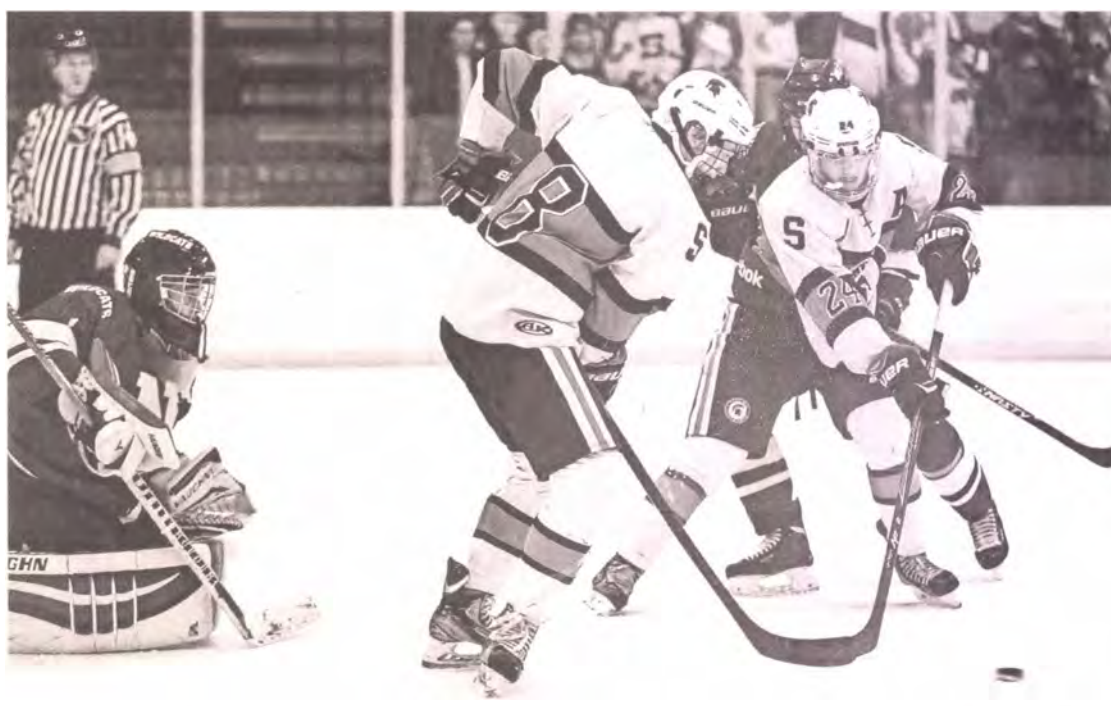
Nick Beers and Adam Olson assisted on Allen's game-winner, a power play that came just at the right time.

"It's something we've been working on and I'm happy for Alec Allen to get it," Mitchell said. "He's really been working on getting shots off quick and he was able to let a one-timer go and it just seemed like it had eyes. He just found the corner of the net. It was a good win for us, it's a league game. To get the two points like that and pull out the victory, we're happy with that."

### Franklin comeback stuns Salem

Livonia Franklin netted three goals during the final 3:48 of regulation Saturday night to draw even with host Salem, 4-4, before Zack Nelson deposited the game-winner into the net just under five minutes into the eight-minute overtime to give the Patriots an amazing 5-4 victory.

"You don't see comebacks like that very often," said Franklin head coach Dennis Gagnon. "That's a game that our guys will tell their grand



Stevenson's Ben Kowalske (8) and Shane Leonard (24) surround the puck during the Spartans' victory over Novi.

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kids about and, more importantly, they learned a life lesson to keep the faith and never give up, no matter how insurmountable the odds."

Salem's Marty Mills scored the game's lone first-period goal — a power-play lamp-lighter from Shawn Weldon.

Franklin scored the equalizer at the 13:52 mark of the middle period when Chase Wallis scored from Brendan Whitney.

The Rocks piled on three straight goals to seize what looked like an indestructible 4-1 lead before the Patriots constructed their remarkable rally.

After pulling goalie Brian Hubbard at the 3:48 mark, Wallis scored an unassisted goal to make it 4-2.

Kolby Dewhirst added an unassisted goal approximately one minute later to bring the Patriots to within 4-3. Wallis then completed his hat-trick (from Dewhirst and Jack Engel) at the 15:24 mark.

That set the stage for Nelson's overtime heroics.

### Churchill rolls

Andrew Broyles stopped all 25 shots he faced to help Livonia Churchill register an impressive 5-0 victory over host Milford on Saturday.

"Overall, I'm pleased with how our game got progressively better," said Churchill head coach Jason Reynolds. "I thought we allowed Milford to dictate the pace of the game in the first period, which isn't acceptable to us. We prefer to allow our speed and intensity to set the tone for every game we play. We reinforced that goal during the first intermission, and once we set our pace for the second period, I think that allowed us to pull away."

The shut-out was extra special given that the Chargers' defense has been decimated by injury and illness.

"We were shorthanded tonight on the blue line," Reynolds added. "Danny Carey hasn't returned from his pre-season wrist injury, and Matt

Giboney is down with the flu this weekend. Credit goes to some of our depth players, like Connor Craig and Daniel Dawes, for stepping up defensively to keep us in the game."

"Overall, we've really restored some team confidence over the last couple of games. The upcoming week will be challenging, with two strong conference opponents. Confidence will only carry us so far. We'll need to be ready to compete at a high level."

Five different Chargers scored goals. Connor Burnette led the balanced attack with the first net-finder of the night at the 9:09 mark of the first period. He was assisted by Josh Friend and Seth Kucharczyk.

The Chargers put a headlock on the result with three second-period goals. Nolan Cioch tallied a short-handed lamp-lighter (from Dawes), before Michael Papaioannou made it 3-zip off assists from Griffin Ahmet and Joe Wozniak.

## TIPOFF

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my coach has confidence in me and my teammates have confidence in me helps a lot."

The level to which Franklin battled the opening 24 minutes may have drained them a bit for the final stanza, observed head coach Jeremy Rheault, who also played without key senior Jackie Hughes for much of the game due to a first-quarter injury the 6-4 senior suffered.

"It's so difficult early in the season to find the five; you're rotating guys in and out and trying to learn about them," Rheault said. "But once we found the five, we started playing with a ton of energy, we were getting the loose balls and sharing the ball."

"Our biggest issue came with the fatigue we developed through that. Kids were subbing themselves out because they were fatigued, and that totally messed up the rotation."

A defensive strategy adjustment by Stevenson head coach Kareem Smartt also shaped the final eight minutes.

"Once we shifted to a match-up two-three zone, they started to float a few passes and we got some steals that turned into fast-break points," said Smartt. "Plus, with the zone, we were able to cut off the drives to the basket they were getting the first three quarters."

A Knopf triple 70 seconds into the fourth quarter gave the Spartans a 48-46 lead, and they never

trail again.

Devin Dunn followed with a driving layup before Knopf added to the onslaught with an and-one layup that started with his steal near mid-court.

Smartt also praised the play of reserve Jeremiah Easton, who scored five quick points — two free throws and a trey — and chalked up three steals all during a three-minute fourth-quarter stretch.

Fueling the Patriots' success were junior guard Johnny Cantrell, who tossed in 18 points, and senior Denzel Adams, who added 11 points and five thefts.

Also playing well for Franklin were Caleb Boyd, who scored nine points and grabbed six boards, and sophomore guard Paytin Harris, who chipped in six points and 10 rebounds.

Franklin 6-7 sophomore Mark Mettie scored five points and grabbed five caroms.

### Churchill wins

Led by its trio of senior guards, Livonia Churchill opened its season Tuesday night with a 69-58 victory at Dearborn High School.

Dayton Davis led the Chargers with 25 points while Joan Andoni (15) and Jon Hovermale (12) also delivered a spark to the winners' offense.

Hassan Beydoun paced the Pioneers with 16 points.

The Chargers shot well from the freethrow line, draining 10 of 12 attempts. Dearborn, on the other hand, was successful on just eight of 20 freebies.

Churchill led 33-26 at the half and 51-42 after three quarters.

"We played well; it was a nice opener," said Churchill coach Jimmy Solak. "We did a lot of things that we wanted to do and the boys played hard."

### Warriors triumphant

Lutheran Westland tipped off its season with an impressive 67-43 victory over Canton Preparatory.

The Warriors set the tone early by outscoring Canton Prep 14-2 in the first quarter. Host CP cut its deficit to 27-17 at the half, but Lutheran Westland regained control of the contest by outscoring their foes 21-11 in the third stanza.

Zach Burk was stellar for the winners, registering 18 points and 10 rebounds. Brent Croft added 13 points and two blocked shots while Corey Barikmo grabbed 13 boards and dished out eight assists.

Luke Smith helped LW control the glass by snatching 11 missed shots. Burk was on fire from the free-throw line, draining 10 of 13.

Jaimen Wiggins led Canton with 13 points.

"I was very pleased with our effort tonight," said Warriors coach Jim Hoelt. "We played great team defense. We controlled the paint on both ends of the floor all night."

"However, this game should have been over a lot earlier. We had some trouble finishing around the rim tonight. It was a physical game, but that's no excuse for not finishing. Regardless, I am excited about this season and the opportunities ahead of us."

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## O'DOWD

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son O'Dowd phone call. It was a little nerve-racking opening the email, but it said they wanted to call me and set up a visit. It was pretty exciting."

O'Dowd, who has been swimming since kindergarten, has enjoyed a golden career at Stevenson and with the Livonia Community Swim Club. A three-time state qualifier, he finished third in both the 50- and 100-yard freestyle events at last year's Division 1 state meet.

The only athletes to finish ahead of him last year have since graduated.

"I like the pressure and expectations that come with being kind of the one to beat in those events this year," he said. "I think it will push me to work even harder than I already do."

O'Dowd is a spectacular student, who owns a 4.1 cumulative grade-point average.

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## THE WEEK AHEAD

### BOYS BASKETBALL

Monday, Dec. 7  
Thursday, Dec. 10

Garden City at Churchill, 7 p.m.  
Friday, Dec. 11

Kettering at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.  
Stevenson at Thurston, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 12  
Wayne at Howell, 1 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL  
Thursday, Dec. 10

Edsel Ford at Franklin, 7 p.m.  
Thurston at Carlson, 7 p.m.

Churchill at Garden City, 7 p.m.  
Luth. Westland at Lutheran NW, 7 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 11  
Southgate at Ladywood, 7:30 p.m.

ABT at Wayne, 7 p.m.  
RU at Summit Academy, 5:30 p.m.

Oxford at John Glenn, 7 p.m.  
Stevenson at Farmington, 7 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY  
Saturday, Dec. 12

Churchill at Brighton, 5:30 p.m.  
Franklin at Howell, 7 p.m.  
Stevenson vs. Salem, noon

Mercy at Ladywood, 6:30 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING  
Saturday, Dec. 12

Churchill at Waterford Mott Invite, 9 a.m.  
Stevenson at Fraser Invite, 9 a.m.

Luth. Westland at Blissfield Invite, 9:30 a.m.

Churchill at Hawk Havoc, 9 a.m.  
GC Mike Howell Memorial Tournament, 9 a.m.

John Glenn Team Invitational, 9 a.m.  
Stevenson at Hawk Havoc, 9 a.m.

Luth. Westland at A.A. Pioneer JV Invite, 9 a.m.

HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING  
Friday, Dec. 11

John Glenn at Milford, 4 p.m.  
Wayne at Mott, 4 p.m.

BOYS SWIMMING  
Thursday, Dec. 10

Northville at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.  
Garden City at Franklin, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 12  
John Glenn Invite, noon

EMU Relays, 1 p.m.



BOYS BASKETBALL PREVIEW

# Spartans modest-sized, but super-athletic

'D' will make scoring tough for opponents

Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

This season's prototypical Livonia Stevenson basketball player is very athletic, stands 6-foot-1-ish and displays aggressive traits while defending.

No, wait, that is the description of practically every member of Stevenson's 2015-16 hoops roster, which won't win many slam-dunk contests, but should give most of its opponents all they can handle right down to the final buzzer.

"We're small, but athletic," said Stevenson head coach Kareem Smartt, sizing up this year's squad. "We don't have a player over 6-2 or maybe 6-3, so we're guard heavy. But we're pretty quick and we have some relentless guys on this team."

The Spartans will be led by co-captains Sam Davidek, a 6-2 senior, and Ian Knopf, a 6-1 junior.

When asked if Davidek would be a point or shooting guard, Smartt replied (with a

chuckle), "He's our center. Defensively, Sam is relentless. He can cover bigger guys because he's smart and tough. And leadership-wise, he's the voice of our team."

Knopf is a sharp-shooting perimeter threat who more than proved his toughness and athleticism while serving as a dependable wide receiver on the Spartans' football team this fall.

"Ian can play the '1' or '2' spots for us," said Smartt. "He is a really hard worker and great shooter. He had a great summer. He played behind Noah (Campbell) last year, so he knows how much I'll demand from him."

Sophomore Devon Dunn is a 6-foot point guard who led the Spartans' junior-varsity squad in scoring as a freshman. Like the two captains, he also enjoyed a stellar varsity football season.

"Devon is very athletic and an excellent defender," said Smartt.

Junior Nader Kandalast is a 6-1 small forward who shines brightest on the defensive end of the hardwood, Smartt said.

"He's one of those players who can do a little bit of everything," said Smartt. "He

can really fill up the stat sheet."

Senior Kyle Malkowski (who stands 6-2) has earned the team's starting power-forward role.

"Kyle has a good outside shot, so he's a stretch four," said Smartt. "Last year, whenever I put him in the game, he rebounded well."

The Spartans' most-athletic player may be senior shooting guard Gino D'Agostino, who stands (surprise!) 6-1.

"Gino is an athletic, wiry kind of player who can get off — and make — every kind of shot," Smartt said. "He can play whatever position we need him to play and he's probably our best defender."

Senior 6-1 hybrid Jacob Cremen is a flat-out hustler who is productive around the glass.

The Spartans' strong crop of juniors consists of (in addition to Knopf) 6-foot Chris Tanderys, who is a two-year starter at quarterback for the football team; 6-2 Spencer Eddings, who is one of the team's top offensive post players; small forward Michael Grisa, and Brendan Sanders.

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Senior co-captain Sam Davidek is a high-energy post player for Stevenson's modest-sized but talented basketball team.



Livonia Stevenson's Kait Pence lays in a shot during Tuesday night's victory over Livonia Franklin.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

# Stevenson overwhelms Franklin by 40 points

Spartans bounce back from 34-point loss

Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

Eventually, Livonia Stevenson's girls basketball team will play in a game decided by less than 34 points — even though early-season analytics are trending the other way.

On Tuesday night at home, the Spartans overwhelmed Livonia Franklin, 57-17, to even their record at 1-1.

Last week, Stevenson was on the short end of a 60-26 decision at Farmington Hills Harrison.

"Everybody got the opportunity to score tonight, which was nice," said Stevenson head coach Tim Newman. "We shot the ball well. Livonia Franklin is young, but they play hard, so they're going to get better. We know the feeling (of getting beat by a significant number of points). We were there last Tuesday."

Stevenson got to the chase immediately, building a 21-3 lead after the first eight minutes. The Spartans expanded their advantage to 36-10 at the half before outscoring the Patriots 13-2 in the third quarter.

Jackie Green led the way with 10 points. Sarah Tanderys and Diane Senkowski both chipped in with seven points.

Churchill defeated

Livonia Churchill dropped its season opener to Dearborn

High, 40-21. No details were available as of Tuesday night's deadline.

Warriors win

Lutheran Westland guard Taylor Jones had a night to remember during her team's 53-26 victory over Canton Preparatory Tuesday night.

In addition to scoring 12 points, Jones dished out seven assists and finished with eight steals.

Rachel Reddman led the Warriors with 13 points and nine rebounds.

Other key contributors included Eleanor Storck (10 points) and Bethan Hoenhe, who canned both of her three-point shots to finish with six points.

"We started off tough and stayed in control the entire game," said Lutheran Westland head coach Sandi Wade. "We've been working hard on our defense and rebounding, and tonight it was better. We missed a lot of easy shots that we need to make sure we hit on Thursday when we play at Lutheran Northwest."

"We had all-around scoring, but Taylor Jones played well for us. We just keep improving every game and keep learning how to play with one another."

RU toppled

St. Catherine improved to 3-1 Tuesday night with a 46-22 victory over visiting Redford Union (0-3).

Kelly Liszewski led the winners with 11 points and seven

rebounds. Becca Wyeth also enjoyed a solid night, adding 11 points and six boards.

Cliffangela Stafford paced the Panthers with seven points.

GC falls in OT

Visiting New Boston Huron outscored host Garden City 9-2 in overtime Monday night to notch an exciting 51-44 decision over the Cougars.

It was the second overtime loss of the season for Garden City, which slipped to 1-2.

"I thought our girls played very hard against a very good team," said GC head coach Michele Tyree. "We knew they were good coming in because they beat the first two teams they played by 30 and 50 points. I was impressed by how our players raised the bar against a high-level of competition."

GC was led by junior Alea Montgomery, who posted a 12-point/17-rebound double-double. Also shining for the Cougars were Cassie Leleniewski (nine points, seven rebounds), Brittany Radtke (nine points, two triples), Kayley Hewer (seven points) and Lindsey Michalak, who scored three points and grabbed 10 boards.

The Chiefs were led by Elizabeth Stockert's 18 points.

NBH put on a dazzling long-range shooting demonstration as it knocked down eight threes compared to GC's four.

The game was knotted at 21-all at the half before the Cougars inched ahead, 32-29, after three quarters.

BOYS BASKETBALL

# Garden City topples New Boston, 71-57

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Staff Writer

The best word to describe Garden City's season-opening victory over host New Boston Huron was "Graceful."

Scoring from just about every spot on the court, senior Branden Grace poured in 24 points to lead the Cougars to a 71-57 triumph over the Chiefs.

A linebacker on the GC football team, Grace was expected to fill the role of a power forward or center heading into the season, but he showed Monday night that he may be more of a threat around the perimeter.

"He's really trimmed down, and now he's looking like he might be more of a two (shooting guard) or three (small forward)," GC head coach Ron Pummill noted. "Branden made four threes, four twos and four free throws, so he did it all."

"Branden hit a couple threes early and scored our first eight points, so he definitely got us going."

The Cougars made life miserable for the Chiefs' shooters in the first half, holding NBH to just nine points over the opening 14 minutes.

"We played really, really good team defense," Pummill said. "The guys were helping well and communicating."



Senior guard Robbie Moyers, pictured last year, scored 11 points and dished out six assists.

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Senior guard Vinnie Bakerian sparked at both ends of the court, notching a few steals while scoring 12 points (seven at the free-throw line).

Senior guard Robbie Moyers contributed 11 points and six assists from the point, and Tony Van Dooren scored seven.

Sophomore Cameron Walter was relentless around the glass, pulling down a team-high 10 rebounds.

Adam Regoire led NBH with 14 points.

The Cougars swished 20 of 34 free throws. GC led 39-17 at the half and 52-34 with eight minutes to play.

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## HOOPS

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contributed five points and eight rebounds.

"I like how we defended tonight, especially with how young we are," said RU head coach Randall Taylor. "One of our goals going into every game is to hold the other team to 45 points or less, and we did that tonight, so that was good. We just have to figure out a way to score the basketball more. We'll get better, I'll tell you that."

Senior forward Pete Carravallah scored seven points and snatched five rebounds for the winners, while sophomore guard A.J. Neal added six points in his varsity debut.

Along with scoring five points, Plymouth senior guard Frank Brown was a beast on the boards, grabbing a team-high nine rebounds.

"I loved our effort level tonight," said Plymouth head coach Mike Soukup. "We did a great job of getting up into people tonight and making them uncomfortable. Our communication on defense was good tonight and our rebounding got a lot better in

the second half.

"They came out in a 3-2 zone defense, which we don't see a lot; that was a great coaching decision by Randall because it forced us to adjust."

Plymouth exploded out of the game and led 7-0 after Davis completed an and-one play at the 4:47 mark of the first quarter.

Slowly but surely, however, the Panthers chipped away their deficit and trailed just 16-13 at the half.

After Carravallah opened the third quarter with a long three from the right wing, Moore scored four quick points to tighten things up again.

The pivotal sequence of the night unfolded with exactly three minutes left in the third quarter when Brown tipped in a rebound while getting fouled. He made the free throw to extend the hosts' lead to 26-17.

On Plymouth's next possession, Carravallah hit the floor hard while getting fouled as he attacked the basket. He had to leave the game, but his replacement, Julian LeDoux, drained both free shots to make it 28-17.

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BOYS BASKETBALL PREVIEW

# Youthful Panthers to rely on grit, hustle, defense

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Redford Union's boys basketball team doesn't just have one returning starter from last year's roster, it has one returning player. Period.

But with the lack of experience that challenges this year's squad comes great opportunity for the new players.

"This is a young team, no doubt about it, but it's a gritty, enthusiastic group," said RU head coach Randall Taylor, who watched his hustling squad battle Plymouth dribble-for-dribble Monday night for three quarters before eventually falling by 15.

"Our junior-varsity team was solid last year; they won about 11 games, so we'll rely on some of those players to help out this year."

The lone returning varsity player is senior guard Kevin Hogain, who Taylor will rely on to provide leadership and scoring.

"He's our senior leader, the only guy back," Taylor said. "Kevin is a good ballhandler and he can shoot. He's a little streaky, but when he gets hot, he can score in a hurry."

Hogain will be joined in the back-court by junior guard Eric McCarter, who showed stretches of promising potential during Monday night's season-opener against Plymouth.

"Eric is a strong, physical guard," Taylor said. "He's kind of quiet, but he comes to practice every day ready to work."

Junior Jacob Gagnon can play just about anywhere on the court Taylor needs him to play.

"Jacob will play a lot of forward, but he can handle the ball well enough — and he knows the game well enough — that he can play some guard, too."

The most intriguing player on RU's roster may be 6-foot-6, 285-pound sophomore Jeremy Flax, who was a two-way lineman on the Panthers' football



Kevin Hogain, launching a three-point shot Monday night at Plymouth, is the lone returner to Redford Union's roster.

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team. "Jeremy is a good rebounder and he's probably our best shot-blocker," Taylor noted.

Senior Caleb Moore is another first-year Panther who shone in Monday's opener. A transfer from West Bloomfield, Moore missed last season with a torn anterior cruciate ligament, but he's healthy now, as the Wildcats found out Monday.

"Caleb is very agile for a big guy and he knows how to rebound score around the rim," Taylor said.

Sophomore forward Marcus Evans (6-3) gets after it at both ends of the court.

Taylor likes the potential 5-11 guard Levon Hudson has displayed during preseason scrimmages. Other juniors who will be counted on as the Panthers' rotation evolves over the next few weeks will be Antonio Boswell, Eric Hurst, Dominic Slaughter, William Mapp, Brandon Pratt and Justin White.

The future rests on the shoulders of sophomores Flax, Evans and James Gresham, a 5-8 guard.

The Panthers return to action Tuesday against Livonia Clarenceville.

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HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING PREVIEW

# Patriots will follow Atienza's lead

Quartet of captains will guide Stevenson

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An influx of talented ninth-graders bodes well for the Livonia Franklin wrestling program's future ... and present.

So does the return of state runner-up Nathan Atienza, Joe Fortin and Josh Retting.

"This year's team has a lot of youth," said Franklin coach Dave Chiola. "We have as many freshmen as we do all the other three classes combined. We may be filling in some varsity spots with freshmen, but we have a lot of quality kids."

"Not everyone came back from last year's team, for whatever reason. A couple moved, some just lost interest. I like the team we have right now. It's a good mix of experience and youth. I think we'll see big improvements as the season progresses."

Atienza is a two-time state all-state performer who chalked up 49 victories last season. Retting won 34 times last winter while Fortin's right arm was lifted 33 times.

Another key returner is Jeremy Nelson, who was a state qualifier last year while racking up 36 wins.

"Both Joe and Josh are very solid, smart wrestlers," said Chiola. "Jeremy has a lot of experience and he'll be in our middle weights."

"Johnny DiPonio had a successful freshman year and will be anchoring our lightweights. We have a few more kids that may not be big names, but I think they'll turn some heads this year."

"The freshmen have some

middle-school experience. They'll be asked to grow up a lot quicker than we normally like. This will probably be more freshmen that we've wrestled on varsity in over a decade."

"Overall I think this will be an exciting year. All I really want to see is improvement from week to week and have everyone ready for the post-season."

### Livonia Stevenson

The Spartans' nucleus of returning starters/captains Trevor Demers, Tarik Alcodray, Taylor Droste and Devlen Kuschel will be strong and relentless in the wake of a considerable loss of talent to graduation.

"Every year expectations are high and goals are set to get the most from every team member," said Stevenson head coach Dan Vaughan. "This year we want to improve in tournaments and in the KLAAC Central Division standings."

"A heavy graduating class last season has left us with some work to do, but our upperclassmen have been good role models so far. We are excited about the start of the season."

Along with the quartet of captains, the Spartans' returning letter winners include John Gusmano, Jack Sullivan, Spencer Pianga, Ryan Baldwin and Parker Nowak.

Promising new-comers include Logan Shoppert, Jared Wilkinson, Collin Bowersox, Dante Lamb, Dennis Austel and Tyler Whiteside.

"We want to get better every practice," Vaughan concluded. "If we do that, we will see positive results in competition."

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## Realtor group: Student loan debt impedes millennial home buys

Following the housing market's best year since the recession, existing-home sales are expected to increase in 2016 at a moderate pace; although affordability pressures from inventory shortages and rising mortgage rates could slow the potential for even stronger sales momentum, according to an economic forecast forum in San Diego, Calif., at the 2015 REALTORS® Conference & Expo.

Lawrence Yun, chief economist of the National Association of Realtors, presented his 2016 economic and housing forecast and was joined on-stage by Cris deRitis, senior director of credit analytics at Moody's Analytics, who also shared his insights on the housing market and U.S. economy, and Jonathan Corr, president and CEO at Ellie Mae, who discussed issues impacting the mortgage industry and how real estate professionals can adjust to the upcoming wave of new millennial buyers.

According to Yun, the pent-up demand for buying in recent years finally broke out in a meaningful way in 2015, fueled by sustained job growth in many parts of the country and rising home values giving more homeowners the incentive to sell—a trend that he expects to continue next year.

"Sales activity in 2016 will once again be primarily driven by the ongoing release of more pent-up sellers finally realizing their equity gains and using it towards the down payment on their next home," said Yun.

With demand expected to remain stable through the final two months of the year, Yun forecasts home sales to finish 2015 at a pace of 5.30 million and then expand 3% to



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around 5.45 million in 2016. The national median existing-home price is expected to rise to around 6% this year before slightly moderating to around 5% in 2016.

Although Yun anticipates further expansion in existing-sales next year, rising mortgage rates and supply constraints are two likely roadblocks that have the potential to slow the pace of sales from being even more robust.

"Rents and home prices are expected to exceed income growth into next year because of the insufficient creation of new home construction and the detrimental impact its inadequacy continues to have on housing costs in several markets," said Yun. "The real solution to preserving affordability is a substantial ramp-up in housing starts and more homeowners listing their home for sale."

Yun forecasts single-family

housing starts to close out around 1.1 million this year and reach 1.3 million in 2016, which is still below the 1.5 million he says is needed each year to keep up with current demand. New-home sales are likely to total 505,000 this year, and increase to 590,000 next year.

deRitis, who also expects ongoing affordability pressures in some areas as builders slowly respond to current housing shortages, said there's still an above-average share of young adults living with their parents. He predicted a burst of activity in new construction and home sales coming to fruition in upcoming years, backed by a labor market at full employment, and pent-up demand from delayed household formation and rising rents will encourage more renters to consider buying.

A portion of Yun's presen-

tation focused on the difficulty facing first-time buyers, whose participation in the market was reported by NAR earlier and fell to its lowest share in nearly 30 years. Surprised by the underperforming percent share, he highlighted a few of the reasons behind their hardships, including a meager amount of affordable inventory, competition from vacation buyers and investors buying similarly priced homes and repaying student loan debt.

"Even among recently successful first-time buyers, 41% have student debt and the typical amount is \$25,000. Repaying this debt amidst flat wage growth and sharp rent increases only makes it more difficult to come up with the cash needed for a down payment," said Yun. "Their emergence back into the market will be a gradual one, but our data does show that young adults view homeownership as a good financial investment and part of their personal American dream."

Yun anticipates the homeownership rate declining slightly further as the number of new renter households exceeds the share of new homebuyers—as it has at least since 2008. He said the pendulum will likely swing towards a balance of more new homeowners as early 2017.

"Millennials outnumber baby boomers by almost 10%, and they're collectively just entering their homebuying years with marriage and children on the horizon," added Corr. "The good news is that most surveys are finding that millennials still want to engage directly with mortgage loan professionals and Realtors at key times in the buying process."

## Heed 2014 legislation on sheriff's sale buy

**Q: We are foreclosing on a mortgage on a house that we obtained at a sheriff sale, but we are concerned about the homeowner neglecting or intentionally damaging the home during the redemption period. What can we do?**

A: Legislation was enacted in 2014 to allow a purchaser at a sheriff's sale which, in this case, would presumably be you, to perform periodic interior and exterior inspections of the property to ensure that it is being kept up and not stripped of its valuables. The purchaser may proceed with eviction if an inspection is unreasonably refused or damage to the property is imminent or has already occurred. You should check with an attorney to find out what your rights are before entering the premises as there were updates to clarify the legislation in 2014 which should be reviewed by you and your legal counsel.

**Q: Our next door neighbor had some kids over who drank alcohol and then got into a car accident. Our neighbor is concerned about being sued. What is your view on that?**

A: More than likely, if he were to be sued, it would be based on the fact that he knowingly allowed his children to possess or consume alcohol in their residence and had control over the residence. The plaintiff would also have to show actual knowledge, not constructive knowledge, that they were drinking. Based on a recent case from the Court of Appeals of Michigan, he may well have a difficult time being held accountable, but, of course, it depends on the facts.



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### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 20-24, 2015, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

City/Address	Sales Price
BEVERLY HILLS	
16275 Beechwood Ave	\$225,000
20241 Conyell Dr	\$240,000
31239 E Rutland St	\$255,000
32530 Eastlady Dr	\$497,000
16080 Kinross Ave	\$384,000
20345 Plantation Ln	\$470,000
32840 Robinhood Dr	\$387,000
20160 Village Dr	\$590,000
31200 W Rutland St	\$248,000
BIRMINGHAM	
1402 Cedar Dr	\$630,000
996 Chester St	\$930,000
1275 Davis Ave	\$418,000
2072 Derby Rd	\$215,000
2275 Dorchester Rd	\$246,000
1171 Emmors Ave	\$175,000
712 Fairfax St	\$769,000
1367 Fainway Dr	\$515,000
1364 Holland St	\$580,000
879 Lake Park Dr	\$2,850,000
2195 Pembroke Rd	\$200,000
1523 Ruffner Ave	\$220,000
400 Southfield Rd # 8	\$306,000
2209 Windemere Rd	\$314,000
1150 Yorkshire Rd	\$390,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
3830 Brookside Dr	\$445,000
3537 Halla Ln	\$444,000
1944 Klingensmith Rd Unit 41	\$113,000
6433 Maple Hills Dr	\$200,000
6804 Spruce Dr	\$350,000
801 W Long Lake Rd # 88	\$56,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
1877 Chipping Way	\$340,000
1909 Eagle Pointe	\$235,000
448 Fox Hills Dr N # A-5	\$70,000
4691 Haddington Ln	\$310,000
2927 Heather Ct	\$1,187,000
490 Laurelwood Ct	\$1,150,000
1997 Meadow Ct	\$585,000
2943 Middlebury Ln	\$335,000

659 N Glengarry Rd	\$825,000
3673 Quail Hollow Dr	\$410,000
854 Shady Hollow Cir	\$550,000
942 Wagner Ave	\$89,000
5380 Wing Lake Rd	\$535,000
5271 Woodview Dr	\$308,000
182 N Glengarry Rd	\$555,000
COMMERCER TOWNSHIP	
2739 Alorington Ct	\$326,000
3101 Arbutus St	\$134,000
9403 Chaumont Dr	\$70,000
9403 Chaumont Dr	\$145,000
3341 Fox Blvd	\$102,000
8368 Hummingbird	\$305,000
1576 Huron Springs Ln	\$325,000
2372 Ivy Hill Dr	\$320,000
5130 Joe Dr	\$280,000
1825 Luneta Ct	\$166,000
2254 Palmetto	\$251,000
2308 Palmetto	\$280,000
FARMINGTON	
23251 Farmington Rd	\$195,000
33103 Orchard St	\$95,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
21300 Albion Ave	\$129,000
23110 Albion Ave	\$77,000
23235 Albion Ave	\$131,000
27820 Berrywood Ln	\$92,000
37450 Chesterfield Ct	\$278,000
33717 Colony Park Dr	\$250,000
23906 Cora Ave	\$209,000
38930 Country Cir	\$20,000
31118 Country Ridge Cir	\$363,000
28631 Cumberland Dr	\$237,000
3853 Darbyshire	\$150,000
29797 Deer Run	\$313,000
34021 Edmontown St	\$85,000
28717 Hidden Trl	\$380,000
35170 Hillside Dr	\$190,000
30886 Huntsman Dr E	\$347,000
29524 Kings Pointe Ct	\$352,000
21649 Mayfield St	\$196,000
28801 Millbrook Rd	\$238,000
28237 New Castle Rd	\$188,000
21033 Ontaga St	\$125,000
29105 Ramblewood Dr	\$280,000
28857 Salem Rd	\$278,000
39311 Silverthorne Bnd	\$325,000
39312 Silverthorne Bnd	\$380,000
30176 Southampton Ln	\$265,000
29951 Sunbrook St	\$221,000
23615 Tuck Rd	\$240,000

29201 Valley Bend Ct	\$354,000
24740 Westmoreland Dr	\$115,000
27264 Winterset Cir	\$297,000
35457 Woodfield Dr	\$213,000
FRANKLIN	
32667 Haverford Rd	\$424,000
HIGHLAND	
3171 Beaumont Dr	\$315,000
2897 Blue Briar Trl	\$243,000
2191 Canterbury	\$445,000
3342 Chevron Dr	\$215,000
2143 Davista Dr	\$230,000
3420 E Clarice Ave	\$450,000
3320 Harvey Lake Rd	\$194,000
3484 Highland Blvd	\$108,000
2283 N Millford Rd	\$35,000
4744 Strathcona	\$185,000
MILFORD	
1757 Bristol Dr	\$530,000
883 Byron Dr	\$191,000
266 E Canyon Dr	\$280,000
335 E Summit St	\$235,000
1466 Hunters Lake Cir	\$885,000
811 Millford Glen Ct	\$327,000
971 Panorama Dr	\$122,000
1475 Ring O Kerry	\$475,000
3100 S Hill Rd	\$313,000
623 Tower Ridge Ct	\$108,000
304 W Commerce St	\$270,000
626 Woodside Dr	\$240,000
NORTHVILLE	
43609 9 Mile Rd	\$200,000
21064 Boulder Cir	\$183,000
42122 Gladwin St	\$125,000
48990 Veneto Dr	\$259,000
NOVI	
22360 Barclay Dr	\$470,000
41968 Cherry Hill Rd	\$185,000
24633 Christina Ln	\$310,000
22727 Cranbrooke Dr	\$147,000
27950 Declaration Rd	\$146,000
44717 Ellery Ln	\$150,000
225 Faywood St	\$80,000
51100 Glades Ct W	\$645,000
24263 Redwing Hill St	\$210,000
44602 Huntington Dr	\$233,000
25922 Island Lake Dr	\$548,000
26306 Island Lake Dr	\$369,000
40963 Kingsley Ln	\$370,000
24507 Olde Orchard St	\$113,000
41786 Primrose Dr	\$175,000
24438 Redwing Dr	\$390,000

41425 Reindeer Dr	\$440,000
22808 Renford St	\$115,000
44898 Roundview Dr	\$341,000
27436 Sloan St	\$339,000
44240 W 11 Mile Rd	\$220,000
48772 W 9 Mile Rd	\$135,000
24570 Waxom Rd	\$324,000
SOUTH LYON	
23762 Copperwood Dr W	\$385,000
487 Lyon Blvd	\$151,000
25713 McCrory Ln	\$315,000
23655 Millwood	\$543,000
23724 Millwood	\$436,000
23758 Millwood	\$450,000
61051 Mustang Dr	\$399,000
61110 Mustang Dr	\$425,000
401 Princeton Dr	\$200,000
1114 Surrey Ln	\$410,000
53013 Trailwood Dr	\$530,000
313 W Lake St	\$292,000
58939 Winningway Cir S	\$103,000
SOUTHFIELD	
30561 Balesford St	\$198,000
22431 Chatsford Circuit St	\$300,000
19692 Coral Gables St	\$59,000
21931 Duns Scotus St	\$160,000
16039 E Bedford St	\$172,000
28135 Marshall St	\$116,000
29292 Marshall St	\$111,000
17179 Melrose St	\$145,000
18255 Midway Ave	\$95,000
18313 New Jersey Dr	\$140,000
18313 New Jersey Dr	\$135,000
29968 Sparkleberry Dr	\$370,000
15886 W 11 Mile Rd	\$57,000
19660 W 8 Mile Rd	\$525,000
30100 Westbrook Pkwy	\$220,000
WHITE LAKE	
1420 Caprice St	\$130,000
8498 Carpathian Dr	\$235,000
8252 Coople Beach Dr	\$185,000
204 Decca Dr	\$177,000
10126 Elizabeth Lake Rd	\$205,000
11152 Fieldcrest Meadows Ct	\$262,000
9199 Holmes St	\$43,000
252 Horizon Rd	\$170,000
831 Pembroke Ct	\$295,000
634 Ranveea St	\$455,000
939 Suchawa Dr	\$438,000
8741 Trenton Dr	\$285,000

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Aug. 10-14, 2015, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

City/Address	Sales Price
CANTON	
1499 Aberdeen St	\$233,000
45884 Bartlett Dr	\$240,000
46998 Bartlett Dr	\$250,000
1607 Brookline St	\$197,000
1577 Brookview Dr	\$181,000
7597 Capri Dr	\$237,000
42522 Castle Ct	\$173,000
42151 Cheryllawn Ct	\$183,000
6682 Edgewood Rd	\$267,000
41445 Elsa Ct	\$205,000
7653 Embassy Dr	\$285,000
42135 Fairview Dr	\$183,000
43131 Fernwood St	\$210,000
46011 Graystone Ln	\$197,000
7431 Green Meadow Ln	\$208,000
42278 Hanford Rd	\$110,000
44619 Hanford Rd	\$191,000
51163 High Meadow Crossing St	\$370,000
44410 James Ct	\$235,000
226 Kings Way	\$153,000
46512 Maidstone Rd	\$220,000
49123 Manhattan Cir	\$315,000
48958 Marrett Ct	\$380,000
50477 Monroe St	\$267,000
6879 Montfort Dr	\$225,000
43295 Pepperwood St	\$237,000
210 Phasent Woods Dr	\$341,000
6030 Preserve Cir W	\$183,000
45182 Proctor Rd	\$215,000
42429 Prestry Rd	\$195,000
43060 Providence Ln	\$171,000
44251 Richmond St	\$242,000
7752 S Royal Ct	\$239,000
45874 S Stonewood Rd	\$163,000
346 Savannah Dr	\$355,000
205 Shana St	\$221,000

44108 Vassar St	\$206,000
43692 Westminster Way	\$223,000
42355 White Hart Blvd	\$295,000
41488 Wild Turkey Ln	\$170,000
41536 Willow Creek Ln	\$184,000
5777 Willow Creek Dr	\$195,000
2698 Woodmont Dr W	\$155,000
43661 Yorkville Ct	\$121,000
GARDEN CITY	
6811 Burnly St	\$190,000
30510 Florence St	\$60,000
30761 Florence St	\$96,000
32522 Hennepin St	\$170,000
31003 John Hawk St	\$103,000
32260 Kathryn St	\$190,000
971 Radcliff St	\$105,000
LIVONIA	
33448 6 Mile Rd	\$220,000
20216 Antago St	\$160,000
14340 Antago St	\$135,000
14678 Auburndale St	\$159,000
36177 Barkley St	\$243,000
10255 Bassett St	\$157,000
17361 Bell Creek Ln	\$195,000
17762 Bell Creek Ln	\$270,000
31510 Borlich St	\$175,000
11313 Brookfield St	\$170,000
14950 Cavell St	\$150,000
14667 Country Club Dr	\$171,000
34237 Coventry Dr	\$195,000
20222 Dearing St	\$105,000
32033 Delaware St	\$142,000
15963 Doris St	\$141,000
33719 Elmira Ct	\$259,000
35135 Elmira Ct	\$140,000
34021 Fairfax Dr	\$258,000
30328 Fairfax Dr	\$130,000
15389 Garden St	\$158,000
30425 Greenland St	\$240,000
30260 Hillbrook St	\$147,000
29617 Hillbrook St	\$165,000
15562 Hubbard St	\$155,000
17391 Louise St	\$160,000
27735 Lyndon St	\$149,000
14715 Melrose St	\$133,000

18277 Myron St	\$173,000
19635 Norwich Rd	\$225,000
16362 Parklane St	\$260,000
17419 Rexwood St	\$175,000
9611 Roseland St	\$172,000
18550 Stamford St	\$250,000
14157 Sunbury St	\$152,000
34302 Trillium Ct	\$283,000
323 Deer St	\$35,000
18801 Vandenhaven Ln	\$180,000
14040 Warner Ct	\$180,000
19531 Westmore St	\$180,000
32419 Wisconsin St	\$167,000
15008 Yale St	\$170,000
NORTHVILLE	
16731 Carriage Way	\$153,000
300 E Cady St	\$405,000
19001 Heather Ridge Dr	\$597,000
19663 Ironwood Ct	\$128,000
18220 Laraugh Dr	\$875,000
49602 S Glacier	\$420,000
39463 Village Run Dr	\$282,000
46556 W Main St	\$515,000
16461 Weatherfield Dr	\$314,000
16445 Winchester Dr	\$360,000
PLYMOUTH	
50510 Beechwood Ct	\$200,000
11433 Cedar Ln	\$210,000
11040 Chestnut Dr	\$215,000
523 Deer St	\$65,000
39564 E Ann Arbor Trl	\$215,000
48738 E Hillcrest Dr	\$415,000
960 Fairground St	\$298,000
42431 Hammill Ln	\$155,000
48269 Hilltop Dr E	\$425,000
14445 Huntington Dr	\$260,000
41813 Lindsay Dr	\$229,000











RELIGION CALENDAR

DECEMBER

ADVENT CANTATA

**Time/Date:** 8:30 a.m., and 11:30 a.m. worship services, Dec. 13  
**Location:** Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Adult and children's choirs, handbells, brass and string instruments, along with scripture  
**Contact:** christsaviors.org; 734-522-6830

ADVENT PROGRAM

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. Dec. 16  
**Location:** St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia  
**Details:** Gary Michuta, author and Catholic apologist, will explain the Sacrifice of the Mass and its meaning  
**Contact:** 734-261-1455, ext. 200; livoniastmichael.org

ADVENT SERVICE

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Dec. 16  
**Location:** Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford  
**Details:** The theme for meditation is "Advent Means Coming"  
**Contact:** 313-532-8655; 734-968-3523

BLUE CHRISTMAS

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Dec. 16  
**Location:** St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, located on Five Mile, one block west of Inkster Road, Livonia  
**Details:** This service is for individuals who struggle with the holidays, including those who are grieving or dealing with a job loss. A coffee reception with care ministers will follow the service  
**Contact:** 734-422-1470

BREAKFAST

**Time/Date:** 8:30-11:30 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 20  
**Location:** St. Thodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland  
**Details:** French toast, pancakes, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, team milk, juice and a visit with Santa; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children, 2-10  
**Contact:** 734-425-4421

CANDLELIGHT CEREMONY

**Time/Date:** Check-in, 5 p.m., incense ceremony, 5:30 p.m., reception, 6-7 p.m., candlelight program, 7:15-9:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 12  
**Location:** Michigan Zhong Shu Temple, 23845 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Theme is "One Light, Many Flames, Bringing Hope." Includes music, food and fellowship at this Tao temple. Must RSVP for dinner by Dec. 10, by emailing michigantemple@yahoo.com or texting to 734-890-2307  
**Contact:** michigantemple@yahoo.com; 734-890-2307

CHRISTMAS SERVICE

**Time/Date:** Blue Christmas

service, 7 p.m. Dec. 21, Christmas Eve services, 7 p.m. and 11 p.m.  
**Location:** Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City  
**Contact:** 734-427-3660

COOKIE WALK

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Dec. 12, early bird sale at 9:30 a.m.  
**Location:** Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Christmas cookies cost \$7.50 per pound. Other baked goods are individually priced. \$2 admission for early bird sale  
**Contact:** 734-427-2290

COOKIE WALK

**Time/Date:** Doors open at 7:30 a.m., sale starts at 9 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 12  
**Location:** Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, 36075 Seven Mile, between Farmington Road and Newburgh, Livonia  
**Details:** European cookies, nut, poppy seed and apricot rolls, perogies, stuffed cabbage, and sweet bread  
**Contact:** 248-476-3432

CONCERT

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11  
**Location:** St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon, Canton  
**Details:** Detroit Lutheran Singers sing selections from the *Christmas Oratorio* by Saint-Saens, *The Magnificat* by Finzi, and other seasonal music. Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$10 for seniors and students over 12, available at the door or in advance online  
**Contact:** detroitluthersingers.com

HYMN FESTIVAL

**Time/Date:** 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13  
**Location:** Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 W. Five Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** The choirs of Holy Trinity and St. John Lutheran Church in Farmington present a Christmas hymn festival, "Holy Light." Directors Ann Buland and Troy Nelson will lead the mass choir, supported by Dale Love and Lisa Hartge, accompanists. A free will offering will be accepted and a reception will follow the concert  
**Contact:** 734-464-0211

WINTER SOLSTICE

**Time/Date:** 7:15 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19  
**Location:** The Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington, 25301 Halsted, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Rev. Leonetta Bugleisi leads a color-themed solstice ritual that celebrates "the longest night." The story theme is "Silver-Blue Solstice: A Walk in Nature Across Time." The celebration includes soloists, story, meditation, ritual, dance and visuals  
**Contact:** 248-478-7272; uuFarmington.org

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

**St. Michael the Archangel Parish**  
**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursday, through May  
**Location:** 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Gary Michuta, author and Catholic apologist, leads a study of Isaiah. Bring your own Bible  
**Contact:** 734-261-1455, ext 200 or on line at www.livoniastmichael.org

**Faith Community Wesleyan**  
**Time/Date:** 4-5 p.m. every Saturday  
**Location:** 14560 Merriman, Livonia  
**Details:** This informal class includes fellowship, discussion and question and answers. All ages welcome. Bibles available if you don't have one  
**Contact:** pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

**EXERCISE**  
**Time/Date:** 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday  
**Location:** Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** Instructor Wendy Motta, a seven-year Zumba practitioner, teaches Zumba through drop-in classes. Each costs \$3. Participants should bring water, a towel and wear athletic shoes. For more information, email Motta through zumba.com  
**Contact:** 313-408-3364

**FAMILY MEAL**  
**Time/Date:** 5-6 p.m. every Thursday  
**Location:** Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Free meal  
**Contact:** 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

**HEALING SERVICE**  
**Time/Date:** Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month  
**Location:** The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia  
**Details:** The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Offertory candles are available for a free will offering in the vestibule of the church  
**Contact:** Rev. George Shalhoub at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey Baadeen at sbadeen@tbosm.com

**MOMS**  
**Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church**  
**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May  
**Location:** 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners  
**Contact:** Ethanie Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

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

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

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

**St. Michael Lutheran Church**  
**Time/Date:** 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday  
**Location:** 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton  
**Details:** Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.  
**Contact:** 734-459-3333 for additional information

**RECYCLING**  
**RISEN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Time/Date:** 1-4 p.m. third Saturday of the month  
**Location:** 46250 Ann Arbor Road, between Sheldon and Beck roads, Plymouth  
**Details:** Recycle your cell phones, laser cartridges, inkjet cartridges, laptops, iPods, iPads, tablets, eReaders on the third Saturday of each month. Use the doors on east side of church.  
**Contact:** Lynn Hapman at 734-466-9023

**SINGLES**  
**Detroit World Outreach**  
**Time/Date:** 4-6 p.m. Sunday  
**Location:** 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304  
**Details:** Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.  
**Contact:** The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**  
**Time/Date:** 10-11 a.m. Saturday  
**Location:** 16360 Hubbard, Livonia  
**Details:** A twice-monthly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available  
**Contact:** 734-421-8451

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

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

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

**THRIFT STORE**  
**St. James Presbyterian**  
**Location:** 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford  
**Contact:** 313-534-7730 for additional information

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

**TOUR**  
**Time/Date:** 10:30 a.m. to noon first Sunday of the month  
**Location:** The Solanus Casey Center, a Capuchin ministry, at 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit  
**Details:** Led by Capuchin friar Larry Webber, the director of the Solanus Casey Center, the tour focuses on the spirituality and holiness of Father Solanus, a humble Capuchin friar credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. No reservations are needed, although the center requests an advance phone call for groups of five or more. No cost for the tour, although donations are accepted.  
**Contact:** 313-579-2100, Ext. 149; www.solanuscenter.org

**WORSHIP**  
**Adat Shalom Synagogue**  
**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday; 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Sunday; and 6 p.m. weekdays  
**Location:** 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills  
**Contact:** 248-851-5100

**Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church**  
**Time/Date:** 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services; 9:45 a.m. Sunday school and youth and adult Bible classes  
**Location:** 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia  
**Contact:** 734-522-6830

**Congregation Bet Chaverim**  
**Time/Date:** Services are held 7 p.m. the third Friday of the month  
**Location:** At the shared facilities of Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge, Canton  
**Details:** Reformed Jewish Congregation with Rabbi Peter Gluck and Cantorial soloist Robin Liberatore  
**Contact:** www.Facebook.com/betchaverim or email to betchaverim@yahoo.com

**Due Season Christian Church**  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. Sunday, with 7:15 p.m. Tuesday Bible study  
**Location:** Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, in Livonia  
**Details:** Nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church services.  
**Contact:** 248-960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org

**Faith Community Presbyterian Church**  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. Sunday worship; 9 a.m. Bible study  
**Location:** 44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi  
**Details:** Women's group meets 12:30 p.m. third Thursday of the month. Vacation Bible School runs Aug. 10-14  
**Contact:** 248-349-2345; faithcommunity-novi.org

**Faith Community Wesleyan Church**  
**Time/Date:** Prayer service, 9 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., Sunday school, 12:30 p.m., contemporary service, 1:30 p.m., Bible study, 6 p.m., Sundays  
**Location:** 14560 Merriman, Livonia  
**Contact:** pastor Roger Wright at 313-682-7491

**Garden City Presbyterian Church**  
**Time/Date:** Adult Bible study at 8:15 a.m.; traditional worship service, youth Sunday school and child care at 10 a.m. Large print order of service is available. Refreshments in the church fellowship hall immediately after service. Elevator and handicap parking  
**Location:** Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Road  
**Contact:** 734-421-7620

**Good Hope Lutheran Church**  
**Time/Date:** 9:30 a.m. Sunday school followed by 10:30 a.m. worship service with Communion each Sunday; Bible study 10 a.m. Wednesday  
**Location:** 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City  
**Contact:** 734-427-3660

**Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)**  
**Time/Date:** 8:45 a.m. Sunday school/adult Bible study; 10 a.m. Sunday service  
**Location:** 4145 W. Nine Mile, Novi  
**Contact:** Rev. Thomas E. Schroeder at 248-349-0565; GoodShepherdNovi.org

**Grace Lutheran Church**  
**Time/Date:** 8 a.m. traditional Sunday service and 10:30 a.m. contemporary; Sunday school and adult Bible study at 9:15 a.m.  
**Location:** 46001 Warren Road, between Canton Center and Beck, Canton Township  
**Contact:** 734-637-8160

**His Church Anglican**  
**Time/Date:** 7:45 a.m. at Trinity and 10 a.m. at Madonna University  
**Location:** Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia, and Kresge Hall on the Madonna University campus, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia  
**Contact:** www.HisChurchAnglican.org; 248-442-0HCA

**Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Time/Date:** 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Faith Forum; 10 a.m. Sunday school; 7:30 p.m. Wednesday worship in the chapel.  
**Location:** 30650 Six Mile, Livonia  
**Contact:** 734-427-1414

**Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church**  
**Time/Date:** 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday  
**Location:** 9600 Leverage, west of Beech Daly, north off West Chicago Road, Redford  
**Contact:** 313-937-2424

**In His Presence Ministries**  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. Sunday  
**Location:** 26500 Grand River Ave., Redford  
**Contact:** 313-533-1956; detroitinhispresence.org

**St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church**  
**Time/Date:** 7:00 p.m. First Friday Mass; 7:00 p.m. Saturday Mass; 11:00 a.m. Sunday Masses; 7:30 & 10:00 a.m. Confessions Heard Prior to Each Mass; Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions Tuesdays at 7:00 P.M.  
**Location:** 38100 Five Mile Road, Livonia, MI 48154 • (734) 462-3200

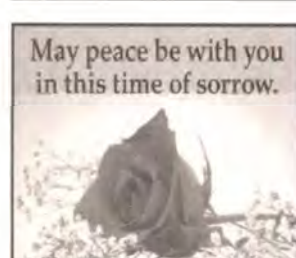
**Ward Church**  
**Time/Date:** 4:00-5:00 p.m. Sunday Worship Services  
**Location:** 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168, 248.374.7400  
**Details:** A different music style from classic to modern  
**Contact:** www.wardchurch.org

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**STANFIELD, MARY VIRGINIA**  
 Passed away after a lengthy, well fought battle with cancer. She passed at age 84 with her daughter Dian Flesher and son David Stanfield holding her hands on December 1, 2015. Her grandson Scott Flesher and granddaughter Kerry Remington were with her, as well. She was preceded in death by her husband, of 40 years, Winford "Pete" Stanfield in 1988. She is survived by 2 children, 4 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandson. Please share a memory of Mary at www.cremationmichigan.com.

**MELNIK VIVIENNE MAE**  
 Age 82, passed away on December 6, 2015 after a long courageous battle with Breast Cancer. Beloved wife of the late Norbert, dearest loving mother of Marcia (Dr. Peter) Mason, Rene'e (Gerald) D'Ortenzio and Gail (Dwayne) McLachlan. Proud grandmother of seven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. There will be a memorial mass on December 12, 2015, at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church 27101 W. Chicago in Redford Twp., MI. The family will receive guests beginning at 10:00 am, the memorial mass begins at 10:30 am. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to Toys For Tots.



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Trumpet players during the Winter Wonders jazz concert last year at Schoolcraft College, Livonia

# LIFT YOUR SPIRITS AT WINTER WONDERS CONCERT

**Sharon Dargay**  
Staff Writer

Expect to hear joyous and jazzy sounds at Schoolcraft College's annual Winter Wonders concert on Monday, Dec. 14.

Riccardo Selva, Ph.D., director of the jazz studies program, hopes the upbeat holiday tunes touch hearts and lift spirits.

"When I invite people to the jazz concert, most of them in the normal demographic say, I don't like that 'out there' stuff. This concert will be very enjoyable, engaging and interesting for everybody. It's appealing to all ages. It's beautiful music," he said. "During the holiday season we need things that touch our hearts. There is nothing that does that like the arts, in an intentional way that is meant to foster reflection and stir our spirits.

"There is always a joy and sorrow, a bittersweet feel, and yet, we can celebrate that. Music has a wonderful way of bringing memories to mind and it has a wonderful way of healing."

The two-hour concert will start at 7:30 p.m. in the Diponio Room at the VisTaTech Center on the main campus, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Parking and admission are free, although donations will be accepted.

#### All ages

The program will feature the 20-member Jazz Ensemble, and seven-member Jazz Improvisation Combo. Musicians sign up for 15-week sessions through the Continuing Educa-



Riccardo Selva directs the Jazz Ensemble during the Winter Wonders concert last year at Schoolcraft College.

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tion and Professional Development Department or for college credit. The groups each meet for nearly three hours one night a week. Some members are professional musicians and have played with the bands for years, some are college students who are new to jazz band performance.

"There's a good dynamic of mentoring happening. I have folks in their 70s and I've had people in their 80s before. We have engineers, doctors, teachers. I have students who went on to four-year colleges and they come back to Schoolcraft. The nice thing

about Schoolcraft is you can do your undergraduate work (elsewhere) and still come back and play."

The Winter Wonders concert will include arrangements by Gordon Goodwin, who performed at the Detroit Jazz Festival this year, Duke Ellington, Count Basie and Ralph Carmichael, who arranged for Stan Kenton.

"It's very unusual because he uses unusual instruments and adds interesting colors," Selva described Carmichael's work. "Ralph is an interesting arranger."

The audience also will hear Vince Guaraldi's *Skating and Christmas Time is Here* from *A Charlie Brown Christmas*.

Selva will juggle performance and directing during the Winter Wonders concert. He'll play lead alto sax with the ensemble and will both sing and play alto and soprano sax, flute and clarinet, with the improvisation combo.

"I'm a multitasking maniac. I'll be announcing and looking like I'm calm. And I'll be having a great time."

## GET OUT! CALENDAR

### ANIMALS

#### DETROIT ZOO

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through March 1

**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

**Contact:** 248-541-5717

### ARTS AND CRAFTS

#### NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

**Time/Date:** Exhibit hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, through Dec. 12

**Location:** 215 W. Cady, Northville  
**Details:** "Small Works," an all-media juried art exhibit consists of 120 pieces that are no larger than 12-by-12 inches. A Northville Camera Club exhibit is located in the lower gallery.

**Contact:** 248-344-0497 or www.NorthvilleArtHouse.org

### VILLAGE THEATER

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday and during public performances, through Jan. 31

**Location:** 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

**Details:** "Dream Creatures" is a mixed

## Roller skate with comedian Big Dooley in Canton

**Sharon Dargay**  
Staff Writer

Comedian Gordon "Big" Dooley learned to roller skate when he was 6 years old and has been a fan of the sport ever since.

"I like the four wheels. That is what I grew up on," said Dooley, 37, explaining that he prefers traditional skates to the inline version. "Skating is one of those things like riding a bike. Once you've got it, you've got it for life."

The Ypsilanti resident is inviting skaters and non-skaters, age 25 and over, to the This is How We Roll skating party, 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 26, at Skatin Station II, 8611 Ronda Drive, between Haggerty and Lilley, Canton. Tickets are \$15 in advance and will be available at the door for a slightly higher price. The event will include a DJ playing a variety of tunes, a billiards tournament,

game tournament, and more.

"It will be fun. You don't have to skate to participate," said Dooley, who has run other skating events in conjunction with fellow alumni from Willow Run High School in Ypsilanti. He said members of the Willow Run alumni group are like-minded when it comes to skating. "It's a group of people who grew up on roller skating and are not willing to make the conversion to Rollerblades. We gather and skate and raise funds for the community."

Dooley said he plans to make the upcoming public holiday skate party an annual event.

"I think it is the perfect time. Everyone is looking for something to get out of the house once the food and family is done. It's a great day to work off Christmas dinner."

To get tickets, call United Sonz at 734-485-8889.

media solo exhibition featuring the works of Took Gallagher

**Contact:** 734/394-5300

### FILM

#### PENN THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday,

Dec. 11 and 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 12-13

**Location:** 760 Penniman, Plymouth

**Details:** *Elf*, \$3

**Coming up:** *A Christmas Story*, 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17 and 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18; *The Polar Express*, 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec.

19-20; *The Martian*, 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 26-27 and Jan. 2-3

**Contact:** 734-453-0870;

www.penntheatre.com

#### REDFORD THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Dec. 18, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Dec. 19, and 2 p.m. Dec. 20

**Location:** 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Avenue in Detroit

**Details:** *It's a Wonderful Life*, \$7. Karolyn Grimes, who played the youngest daughter, Zuzu, will be on hand for the screenings

**Contact:** 313-898-1481; redfordtheatre.com

### LIGHTS

#### WAYNE COUNTY LIGHTFEST

**Time/Date:** 7-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 6-10 p.m. Friday-Sunday, through Dec. 31. Closed Dec. 25

**Location:** Enter at Hines Drive and Merriman in Westland and exit near Telegraph in Dearborn Heights

**Details:** Drive-through light show features nearly 50 lighted displays. Fee is \$5 per vehicle

**Contact:** parks.waynecounty.com; 734-261-1990

#### WILD LIGHTS

**Time/Date:** 5:30-9 p.m. Dec. 11-13, 18-23 and 26-31

**Location:** I-696 service drive and Woodward Ave., Royal Oak

**Details:** Admission is \$9 in advance and \$11 at the gate for ages 2 and older. Parking is \$6 per car. Features illuminated sculptures, holiday entertainment and activities, ice carving and arts and crafts. Buy tickets online at detroit-zoo.org/events/wild-lights

**Contact:** 248-541-5717





## Turn holiday baking into a family activity

A staple of the holidays, flavorful desserts bring a seasonal spread together like nothing else, and whipping up those desserts is a perfect time to spend some quality time with your family. An array of tantalizing desserts can keep your family and friends around the dinner table long after the main course is gone, and give your family a new activity to bond over.

### Made to vanish

When it comes to holiday baking, it's often the simplest ingredients and classic recipes that resonate best with everyone. One of which is Quaker's Vanishing Oatmeal Raisin Cookies, a family favorite that's been featured under the lid of the Quaker Old Fashioned Oats canister for 20 years. The Quaker Oats canister also is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. Find more oats recipes and learn more about the iconic oat canister at [quakeroats.com](http://quakeroats.com).

### Holiday classic

Be sure to remember around the holidays that special can be simple, and recipes do not need to be complex to be guest-worthy. Keep your kitchen stocked with a few key ingredients that can be used in a variety of dishes, such as cream cheese, which is perfect in a rich, classic cheesecake and other desserts, but also lends a creamy texture to appetizers and main dishes. Find more tips and recipes to make your holiday entertaining sparkle at [cream-cheese.com](http://cream-cheese.com)

### From the freezer

For a festive twist to your holiday sweets, look no further than your freezer. Frozen red raspberries, with sweet and tart flavors, complement and enhance a wide range of ingredients. They also boast the most fiber and the lowest natural sugar content compared to other berries. Give your loved ones a taste of the holidays with this Raspberry Greek Yogurt Bark. Find more recipes worth sharing this holiday season at [redrazz.org](http://redrazz.org).

Courtesy of Family Features

### VANISHING OATMEAL RAISIN COOKIES

Prep time: 20 minutes  
Cooking time: 8 minutes  
Makes: 4 dozen

**½ cup (1 stick) butter, softened, plus 6 tablespoons**  
**¾ cup firmly packed brown sugar**  
**½ cup granulated sugar**  
**2 eggs**  
**1 teaspoon vanilla**  
**1 ½ cups all-purpose flour**  
**1 teaspoon baking soda**  
**1 teaspoon ground cinnamon**  
**½ teaspoon salt (optional)**  
**3 cups Quaker Oats (quick or old fashioned, uncooked)**  
**1 cup raisins**

Heat oven to 350 F.

In large bowl, beat butter and sugars with electric mixer on medium speed until creamy. Add eggs and vanilla; beat well. Add combined flour, baking soda, cinnamon and salt; mix well. Add oats and raisins; mix well. Drop dough by rounded tablespoonfuls onto ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 8-10 minutes, or until light golden brown. Cool 1 minute on cookie sheets; move to wire rack. Cool completely. Store tightly covered.



### CLASSIC CHEESECAKE

Prep time: 20 minutes  
Total time: 5 hours, 45 minutes (including refrigerating)  
Makes: 16 servings

**1 ½ cups graham cracker crumbs**  
**3 tablespoons sugar**  
**½ cup butter or margarine, melted**  
**4 packages (8 ounces each) Philadelphia Cream Cheese, softened**  
**1 cup sugar**  
**1 teaspoon vanilla**  
**4 eggs**  
**1 cup canned cherries**

Heat oven to 325 F.

Mix graham crumbs, sugar and butter; press into bottom of 9-inch springform pan. Beat cream cheese, sugar and vanilla with mixer until blended. Add eggs, one at a time, mixing on low speed after each until blended. Pour over crust. Bake 1 hour, or until center is almost set. Run knife around rim of pan to loosen cake; cool before removing rim. Refrigerate 4 hours. Top with canned cherries, if desired.



### RASPBERRY GREEK YOGURT BARK

Recipe courtesy of NourishRDs.com

**2 cups plain, reduced-fat (2%) Greek yogurt**  
**1 lemon, zest only**  
**2 tablespoons honey**  
**1 cup frozen raspberries**  
**½ cup shelled pistachios**  
**¼ cup slivered almonds**

Line small baking pan with aluminum foil.

In medium bowl, combine first 3 ingredients. Stir until well incorporated.

Add berries, pistachios and almonds to mixture. Fold in until well incorporated. Spread mixture in baking pan and place in freezer for about 2-3 hours, or until hardened.

Once hardened, remove bark from pan and either cut or break up into pieces. Allow to thaw about 5 minutes before eating.

**Notes:** Store remaining bark in freezer. You can experiment with any ingredients you have on hand, such as frozen cherries with dark chocolate chunks, frozen blueberries with unsweetened flaked coconut or dried cranberries with pecans.



### CITY BITES

## On tap: Try 12 Dogfish Head beers at Craft Breww City

Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Beer lovers can look forward to a tapping Thursday, Dec. 10 and a "tap takeover" Thursday, Dec. 17, at Craft Breww City, in Farmington Hills.

The craft beer restaurant, located at 27843 Orchard Lake Road, will tap one keg of Bourbon County Stout, brewed by Goose Island Beer Co., in Chicago, Ill., on Dec. 10. Bourbon County Stout is aged in bourbon barrels and released every November in limited quantities.

"Our rare offerings and tapings are at 6 p.m. and (the beer) is gone by 8 or 9 p.m.," said Curtis Nordeen, Craft Breww City operations director.

In October, customers lined up to get a chance to sample another rare brew, Delaware-based Dogfish Head Craft Brewers' 190 Minute IPA. The response to the sampling was



Piercing Pils will be among the 12 Dogfish Head beers available at a "tap takeover," Dec. 17 at Craft Breww City in Farmington Hills.

overwhelming and led Nordeen to partner with Delaware-based Dogfish Head for the upcoming tap takeover.

Tap takeovers happen about once a month when the restaurant offers several beers on tap from a featured brewery.

On Dec. 17, Craft Breww City will pour Dogfish Head's 60 Minute IPA, 90 Minute IPA, Namaste, Indian Brown Pale Ale, Burton Baton, Palo Santo Marron, Fort, Higher Math, Midas Touch, Pennsylvania Tuxedo, American Beauty, and Piercing Pils, a special winter seasonal release. Nordeen has dubbed the tap takeover "12 Beers of Christmas."

"They are all really good. Dogfish Head makes unique and fantastic beers. Namaste is one we pour with good frequency here. Guests love it."

Not a Dogfish Head fan? Craft Breww City will have 28 other beer brands on tap that night.

"I have 40 beers on tap and those are always rotating," Nordeen said. "Forty kegs on draft and over 100 on bottle."

Other food and drink happenings:

### Holiday pub crawl

Royal Oak — Santa Hat Pub Crawl, 1-6 p.m. Saturday, Dec.

12, costs \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door and includes stops at 13 bars and restaurants. Visit [santaconroyaloak.thesocialconnectionevents.com](http://santaconroyaloak.thesocialconnectionevents.com).

### Edible gifts

Livonia — Schoolcraft College's Main Street Cafe is offering edible holiday gift items 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, and 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday-Friday, through Dec. 18 at the VisTaTech Center, on the main campus, located on Haggerty, north of Six Mile. Gifts range from \$1.75-\$48 and include such items as holiday cookie bouquets and baskets with homemade sausage and goat cheese. For more information call 734-462-4675.

### Holiday brunch

Plymouth — Sean O'Callaghan's Irish Pub offers a holiday brunch, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20, featuring omelets, waffles, smoked salmon, bacon, sausage, hash browns, salad bar, prime rib, ham,

corned beef hash, chocolate fountain, desserts and more. Cost is \$24.99 for adults and \$9.99 for children, 10 and under. The restaurant is located at 821 Penniman Ave. Call 734-459-6666 to make reservations.

### Cookie walks

Livonia — Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Road, will sell Christmas cookies 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Dec. 12. The early bird sale starts at 9:30 a.m. and costs \$2 admission. Cookies will be priced at \$7.50 per pound. Other baked goods will be individually priced. 734-427-2290

Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, 36075 Seven Mile, between Farmington Road and Newburgh, opens its doors at 7:30 a.m. and starts its cookie sale at 9 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 12. The sale includes European cookies, nut, poppy seed and apricot rolls, perogies, stuffed cabbage, and sweet bread. 248-476-3432