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## Council delays talk of parks appointment

LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

Westland Mayor William Wild's proposed appointment as the city's parks and recreation director, along with staff not reappointed, received some criticism at Monday's council meeting.

The council tabled consideration of the appointment of

John Adams, retired from the Westland Fire Department, as parks and recreation director. Adams is expected to be a contract employee and the contract was not yet ready.

Resident Burke Rock had



Adams

called on the council to table the appointment of Adams to allow further discussion.

"He has no experience in parks and recreation. He is a friend of the mayor. This is cronyism at its worst," said Rock, who noted Adams' son, Devin Adams, is the city controller.

John Adams was serving as assistant fire chief/fire mar-

shal when he retired from the fire department and now heads the Inkster Fire Department.

Another resident, Judy McKinney, said she was very upset about the appointment of Adams. She was also unhappy about Wild not reappointing longtime economic development director Lori Fodale and Jessica Mistak, who served a year as parks and recreation

director.

"They were very devoted to the mayor. They did a great job for the city," she said.

Speaking later, Wild said he didn't have any further comments regarding not reappointing Fodale and Mistak. He had earlier said the changes were part of moving the city in

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## TAKING THE OATH



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New Westland City Clerk Richard LeBlanc takes the oath of office from his predecessor Eileen DeHart Schoof.



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Westland Councilman Adam Hammons is sworn in by wife Melissa.



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Westland Councilman Bill Johnson receives the oath of office from his sister, Eileen DeHart Schoof.



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Peter Herzberg is sworn in as a Westland City councilman by his cousin, Councilman Kevin Coleman.

## WESTLAND OFFICIALS TAKE OFFICE TO BEGIN NEW SESSION

LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

An unexpectedly large crowd turned out Monday for the inauguration of new Westland City Clerk and council members — such a big crowd that staff had to add seating as the ceremony was to begin.

Serving as mistress of ceremonies, recently retired city clerk Eileen DeHart Schoof said, "You're probably surprised to see me. Old politicians don't retire — they just find other jobs."

Noting the size of the audience, Schoof said the inauguration was a great occasion to kick off Westland's 50th anniversary as a city.

Schoof administered the oath of office to her successor, Richard LeBlanc, who becomes the city's ninth clerk but only second person to hold the elected position.

"It's a pretty big deal. I've lived in Westland for more than half a century," LeBlanc said. "I've been elected 10 times. This is the first time my wife Cheryl hasn't sworn me in. I use her childhood Bible (for the swearing in)."

Over the years, LeBlanc has served on the Wayne-Westland school board, the Westland City Council, three terms as a Democratic State Representative and, most recently, as a member of the Wayne County Commission.

LeBlanc recently resigned from the commission midway through his second two-year term to become city clerk. The commission is expected to appoint Glenn Anderson, another former councilman and state legislator, to fill the vacancy.

Schoof also administered the oath of office to reelected councilmen James Godbout and Bill



WLND

Westland Council President James Godbout at the inaugural ceremony Monday.

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## Fire destroys 2nd Hawthorne Valley home

LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

A second vacant home on the former Hawthorne Valley property was destroyed by fire early Wednesday.

Wayne-Westland firefighters responded at about 3:30 a.m. to the former golf course and banquet center property on the east side of Merriman north of Warren Road.

"This time it was the front house on the property. It's a total loss — the fire was through the roof when we arrived," Wayne-Westland Fire Chief Michael Reddy

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WAYNE-WESTLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire was through the roof of a vacant home at the former Hawthorne Valley when Wayne-Westland firefighters arrived.

## Teen nominated to U.S. Naval Academy

Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Weslee Warren of Garden City has been nominated to the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md. Warren, 18, is a senior at Lutheran High School Westland, where he's studied all four years.

"Really, it started when I was a younger kid," Warren said in a Jan. 5 interview of his interest. His older brother Kyle was in the U.S. Navy Sea Cadet program.

"I went to his graduation. Just seeing the different customs and traditions, I thought this might be something I wanted to do. It just guided my whole life," Warren said of the



Warren

graduation he saw around age 6.

He soon joined the U.S. Navy Sea Cadet program and has participated throughout his schooling. War-

ren recalled being impressed with customs such as saluting and standing at attention.

"I know it's going to be challenging," Warren said of the Naval Academy, to which he's applied and will learn of acceptance in the coming few weeks. "Lutheran High has done a lot of great things."

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## FIRE

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said. "It is certainly a suspicious fire. It's very similar to the last one."

That fire in October destroyed a second home deeper on the property and not visible from Merriman. It was believed that homeless people, who had been staying in that home, started a fire that spread.

The cause of Wednesday's fire hasn't yet been determined, Reddy said, but will be investigated further.

"There is no gas or electric to the home. I don't want to speculate but most likely the fire was from squatters. It was very cold," Reddy said. "It could have been a fire that got out of control or it could have been set."

Westland acquired 14.7 acres of the Hawthorne Valley property

from a tax sale after the former banquet center/restaurant and nine-hole golf course went into foreclosure. The city owns the restaurant building and the Merriman Road frontage, along with the vacant homes destroyed by fire.

Firefighters have also responded to four or five fires in the main building, Reddy said. That doesn't count visits by ordinance enforcement and calls to board up the building after trespassers have broken in.

The city has received a couple of proposals to redevelop the property, including an art center. The city's property disposition committee is getting cost estimates for demolishing the buildings before making a recommendation to council.

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## OATH

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Johnson, who is her brother.

"I thank Eileen for swearing me in and hosting this event. She has done a great job as the city's first elected clerk," Godbout said. "Richard has big shoes to fill as I learned when I got many texts from him today."

Reelected Councilman Adam Hammons received the oath of office from his wife Melissa, accompanied by their three sons.

New to the council, Peter Herzberg was sworn in by Councilman Kevin Coleman, who is his cousin.

"Public speaking is not my strong suit. I worked hard to get here. I'm grateful for the opportunity to make a difference

in the city through leadership as a council member," Herzberg said.

Coleman later commented that he was honored that Herzberg had asked him to administer the oath of office.

"I thank all the residents who had faith in me to give me another term. We've come a long way. I'm looking forward to working with the council and mayor to get the city where it wants to be,"

Johnson said.

Later at the regular council meeting, Godbout was reelected as council president. Coleman and Herzberg voted against the motion but didn't offer any other names for consideration. Councilwoman Christine Bryant was unanimously elected as a president pro tem replacing Hammons.

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## COUNCIL

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another direction.

Regarding Adams, Wild said he had always been impressed with Adams's administrative and personal skills.

"Everything he has done for the City of Westland he has been excellent at," Wild said.

Following the closure of the Bailey Center and the retirement of then-parks and recreation director Robert Kosowski, the city didn't have a director until Mistak was appointed.

"We struggled last year with getting parks and recreation going. We have no community center, so a lot of it's administration," Wild said. "We looked to see who was available in parks and recreation. There isn't a lot of programming involved."

Wild made a parallel of appointing Adams as parks and recreation director to the hiring of James Ridener, retired Westland police chief, as executive director of the Nankin Transit bus service. Ridener is credited with getting the system operating in the black along with computeriza-

tion and other changes increasing efficiency of the service.

"John could do the same with parks and recreation. The guys who manage police and fire departments — paramilitary organizations — are good leaders," Wild said. "John has a real strong work ethic. He knows the system, the city and the people. He's passionate. He has a lot of qualities that are hard to find."

Adams has a bachelor's degree in business administration and a master's degree in organizational leadership and administration.

As a city retiree, Wild

said Adams collects the pension he earned working in the fire department. Wayne-Westland Fire Chief Michael Reddy is also a retiree working as a contract employee with a salary shared by the City of Wayne.

"The guys we brought back are really good employees," Wild said.

The council did approve the reappointment of Planning/Building Director Bruce Thompson and city attorney James Fausone of Fausone Bohn.

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## WARREN

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He praised the rigor of his classes at the Westland school and his teachers.

U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow announced recently that she has nominated 53 Michigan students for placement at the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y., the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, N.Y.

"Michigan is fortunate to have so many exceptional students who want to serve our country through military service," Stabenow said in a statement. "Having demonstrated a strong com-

mitment to excellence in and out of the classroom, I am confident they will represent Michigan and our country well."

"I want to be a naval aviator," Warren said of navy specialization. He attended a training program in Lexington, Ky., for about nine days, which was extensive but didn't include actual flying.

"It was still good education," said Warren, son of Jeffrey and DaShanne Warren. His brother Kyle didn't enter the military and is studying aviation business and administration at Western Michigan University.

Warren praised his parents and the Sea Cadet program in preparing him "to better myself as a military officer. You don't have to be an expert at every job" in the military as a commander.

His Sea Cadet sessions meet every other Saturday at a local high school. Warren visited the U.S. Naval Academy with his parents while in middle school and remembers his tour guide, who had two sons go through the academy.

"It felt like home," he said. "It's just the atmosphere. When I walk around, it feels like home."

He was asked about black men being afforded leadership roles in the U.S. military sooner than the civilian world might. Warren noted the military is a "close-knit community. You need someone to save your life."

The issue is being a good soldier, he explained: "They're going to promote people. They do a job correctly."

The civilian world, in

comparison, has more people with more opinions, he said.

Warren recalled dad Jeffrey playing flight simulator games when his sons were younger. Weslee Warren thought of that, "This is really cool. Just the idea of flying interested me."

He's a three-sport athlete — cross country, wrestling and track — and has been involved in student government at Lutheran High School Westland.

Students seeking appointment to a service academy must first obtain the nomination of their U.S. senator, their U.S. representative or the vice president. Students nominated by Stabenow's office went through a competitive application process that included interviews by community leaders.

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# Kyyba Kidz Foundation hosts masquerade ball

Kyyba Kidz Foundation, an organization launched by Kyyba Inc. that's dedicated to improving the lives and education of orphans and underprivileged individuals, hosts its 2016 Charity Fundraiser Gala Dinner on Saturday, Feb. 6. The Masquerade Ball will take place from 7 p.m. to midnight at the Diamond Banquet and Conference Center at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi (46100 Grand River). At the event, which will include a silent auction and raffle, guests

will enjoy dinner and dancing. All are welcome to bring their own masks or purchase them on-site by making a donation. Open to those 18 years and older, individual tickets are \$150 each and a table of 10 is \$1,000. The deadline for pre-registration, which is mandatory in order to attend, is Friday, Jan. 22 and can be completed by visiting [www.kyybakidz-foundation.org](http://www.kyybakidz-foundation.org). "From gowns and gararas to suits and shewanis, we encourage all to put on their most festive formal wear for a

night of fun, mystery and giving back," said Tel Ganesan, president of the Kyyba Kidz Foundation's Board of Trustees. In 2010, leaders at Farmington Hills-based Kyyba Inc., a technology and staffing services company, recognized the need and importance of a quality education in order to provide the necessary job skills to enter the workforce. They soon founded Kyyba Kidz Foundation, a nonprofit which seeks to promote and support the education and general welfare of those most in

need. Through charitable activities, fundraisers, events and sponsorships, the nonprofit's volunteers participate in scholastic and advancement opportunities while receiving and administering funds to local and international nonprofit organizations involved in the education, literacy and mentoring of orphans and underprivileged individuals. For more information, contact Michelle Kumm Robinson at 248-254-4012 or [michellek@kyyba.com](mailto:michellek@kyyba.com).



The Kyyba Kidz Foundation hosts a charity masquerade ball next month.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Colbeck hours

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, will hold office hours in Canton and Livonia this month.

Canton office hours will take place from 6-7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 11, in Canton Township Hall Room A, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

Livonia hours take place 11 a.m. to noon Friday, Jan. 15, at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road.

Colbeck will be on hand to answer questions and respond to concerns any residents of his district may have. No appointment is necessary. "I encourage anyone who needs help, has questions, or wants to express a viewpoint to stop by," said Colbeck, R-Canton. "I'm looking forward to continuing a regular series of office hours throughout the district and hearing directly from constituents about state and pocketbook issues."

Colbeck represents the 7th Senate District, which encompasses the cities of Livonia, Northville, Plymouth and Wayne, as well as the

townships of Canton, Northville and Plymouth. For more information or to contact Colbeck, visit [www.SenatorPatrickColbeck.com](http://www.SenatorPatrickColbeck.com) or call 517-373-5713.

### Celiac support

The next Tri-County Celiac Support Group general meeting takes place at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 11, at The First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington. The doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7 p.m. The speaker will be Virginia T. Ladd, R.T., President, Executive Director and Founder of American Autoimmune Related Diseases Association Inc. The title of her presentation is "What is Autoimmunity?"

### Tail Waggers drive

Tail Waggers is calling all animal lovers to participate in its Winter Fund Drive. The group's goal is to raise \$25,000 between Jan. 1 and March 31 so that it can continue to provide wellness services at an affordable rate. Here's how your donation can impact an animal's life:

- » \$10: Will supply a

## Wish you were here



John and Patty Sadek of Livonia spent their 47th anniversary recently in Spain. They're pictured in front of the gates to the Alhambra Palace in Spain, and of course, are showing the Livonia Observer.

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Donations will help the group continue to carry out its mission of "Helping People Help Animals." Financial contributions can be made by mail to: 28402 Five Mile Rd., Livonia, MI 48154; at [tailwaggers1990.org/donate.html](http://tailwaggers1990.org/donate.html); or call 734-855-4077.

### Annual auction

Concordia Lutheran School hosts its annual auction, "With One Heart," at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, at the Helenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road in Westland. Tickets are \$30 (\$270 for a table of 10) and must be ordered by Feb. 8. Ticket includes appetizers, dinner, dessert and drinks.

For more information, call 248-474-2488 or 313-937-2233.

### Hula classes

**Times/Dates:** Wednesdays, starting Jan. 20 (10-week winter session)  
**Details:** Instructor Fran Price offers a Ha-

waiian "Hula" dance class in which students will enjoy exercising and having fun while learning the culture of the Hawaiian Islands. The beginner/family class runs from 6-6:55 p.m. (cost is \$50 for adults; \$25 for children under 8). The adult intermediate and advanced classes run from 7-8:30 p.m., at a cost of \$75. There is a material fee of \$5.

All classes are conducted at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road in Livonia. For more information, call 248-547-3109 or email [franprice@wowway.com](mailto:franprice@wowway.com)

### Livonia Town Club

**Time/Date:** 11:30 a.m. to approximately 2 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month from September through May.

**Details:** December's program features David Passalacqua, musician/accordion player. It's a nonprofit women's organization bringing together women for social interaction. Enjoy informative speakers, bingo, a fashion show, music and more. Contact Vicki at 734-591-3254 for more information.

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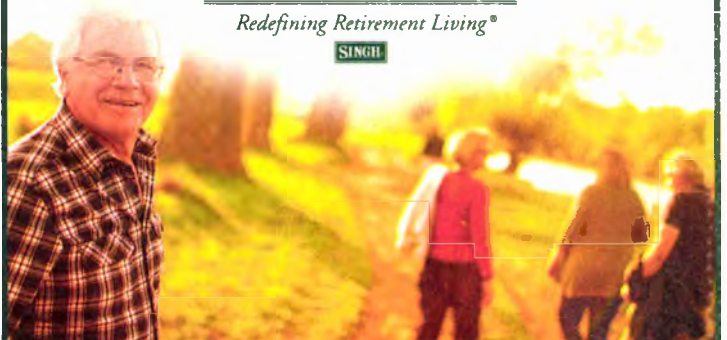
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The incident happened around 7:15 a.m. at the Speedway gas station, 5795 S. Merri-

man. On store video, the suspect is shown walking into the business with a large gym bag. After being in the store a short

time, the suspect can be seen putting on a mask, then pointing an unknown weapon at the employees and ordering them to the ground. The attendant retreated to an office and the subject ran out the front door of the gas station.

The suspect is described as a black male in his late 40s or early 50s, with a medium complexion and a mustache. He

was wearing a gray-and-black striped winter hat with the word "Detroit" printed on it multiple times, a black jacket, blue jeans, and was carrying a blue duffel bag.

Anyone with information about the suspect is asked to contact the Westland Police Department at 734-722-9600 or Sgt. Chris Gazdecki at 734-467-3250.



WESTLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT  
Westland Police are trying to identify the suspect in an attempted robbery of a local gas station.



WESTLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT  
This man is wanted in connection with an attempted robbery at a Westland gas station.

## GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

### Stolen vehicle

A Wayne man told police Dec. 31 that his 2007 Ford 500 had been stolen while he was visiting his cousin at a home in the 100 block of Arcola. The man said he had parked in a parking lot behind the home.

Another man, a friend of the cousin, was also at the home, the Wayne man told police. He said he fell asleep and was awakened by his cousin at about 1 a.m. — the cousin asking where he had parked his car.

The Wayne man told police his car was gone. He said his cousin told him that the other guest had taken his keys and

gone to the store about 15 minutes earlier. The Wayne man said he had only met the other man a few times through his cousin and hadn't given him permission to take the car.

### Larceny from a vehicle

On Dec. 30, a resident in the 28000 block of Florence told police that someone had stolen her wallet from her vehicle overnight. She said she thought she had left the vehicle locked while parked on the street.

In the morning, she said she found the driver's door open and her wallet, containing several credit cards and her license, was missing from the

center console.

### Larceny

A resident in the 2000 block of Cardwell told police Dec. 30 that just after 4 a.m. his son woke him up saying he had heard someone breaking into their backyard shed. The son told police he heard a noise, looked out to see the motion detector light had been activated and the shed door was open.

The son used his key fob to trigger his car alarm. He saw a car leaving eastbound on John Hawk without headlights, he said, possibly a white Ford Mustang.

The lock had been cut off

the shed and the door was damaged. Nothing was reported missing. The officer noted muddy footprints on the shed floor.

### Fraud

On Jan. 4, a Garden City man told police that he tried to use his ATM card to withdraw money from his account only to find there was a negative balance. After contacting his bank, he said he was told someone had hacked into his account and signed him up for electronic banking.

An electronic check for \$750 was written to a name he didn't recognize, he said.

### Vandalism

A Garden City man told police that someone had scratched the door of his vehicle while he was parked in the 31000 block of Brown overnight Jan. 2.

### Suspended license

On Dec. 30, a Detroit man was arrested for driving with a suspended license after being stopped for having an unreadable temporary license plate due to heavy tint on the rear window. The vehicle was impounded.

LeAnne Rogers

## WAYNE COP CALLS

### Break-in

On Dec. 25, a resident in the 4500 block of Elizabeth told police she had been watching her neighbor's home while the neighbor was away for the weekend. As she was closing her blinds, she said she noticed the motion detector light activated at the neighbor's garage.

The resident told police she saw a subject dressed in dark clothing and a hooded sweatshirt standing by the garage side door. She said she called police but did not see which way the suspect had gone.

The officer spoke with the

homeowner by phone and was told a pry mark on the garage door was new.

### Larceny from a vehicle

A resident at the Midtown Square Apartments, 32939 Forest, told police Dec. 15 that she started her car and it made an extremely loud noise.

When she called a tow truck, the tow driver started the car and heard the same noise. Checking underneath, she said he found the catalytic converter was missing.

### Larceny

Two ninja turtle toys, a toy piano, an NFL sweatshirt and

two pairs of NFL fleece pants along with a gold heart pendant with a necklace valued at \$375 were reported stolen Dec. 15 from a home in the 3300 block of Niagara. The resident said the items had been ordered online and reported delivered to her home but the items were never received.

### Vandalism

A resident at the Alexis Manor Apartments, 35330 Van Born, told police Dec. 19 that he left for work and found the ignition damaged on his 1996 Buick Park Avenue. He said the vehicle had been left unlocked and there

was no damage to vehicle exterior.

The owner recovered a rubber mallet with a yellow wooden handle that had been left on the passenger seat. Due to the damage, the owner said the key wouldn't fit into the ignition making it unable to start.

### Larceny

An employee at Tried and True, 35004 W. Michigan Ave., told police Dec. 15 that someone had stolen \$100 from her purse while she was working.

### Stolen vehicle

A Wayne man reported his 1996 Chevrolet 1500 pickup

truck stolen from the parking lot at the Travel Log Motel, 32351 Michigan Ave., on Dec. 25. He said that he had been living at the motel for approximately one year. The truck ignition has problems, he said, so the key was in it.

### Larceny

The head and neck of a green dragon, part of the playground at Rotary Park II, 5000 Chamberlain, were reported stolen Dec. 25. Police found no further damage to the playground.

LeAnne Rogers

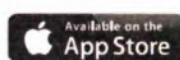


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Correspondent

Ask anyone who knew Eve Ann Dillon and they will tell you that nothing mattered more to her than her Catholic faith.

"She was unbelievably consistent; it was all about the faith," said her daughter Jennifer Handel of Detroit. "She was a parishioner at Our Lady of Sorrows from the time we moved to Farmington in 1973 and belonged to Our Lady Queen of Hope before that. She was a daily communicant and prayed the Rosary every day. She'd say, 'People tell you not to talk about religion. I don't know why not; it's the only thing that matters.'"

"Eve Ann lived her faith 24/7," said her sister-in-law and cousin Janet Dillon of Redford Township. "She said, 'Someone in the family way back kept the faith, for which we are so grateful.'"

Daughter Heidi OlekszyMann of Novi said her mother "spoke a lot about

the mysteries of heaven ... 'Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has waiting for those who love Him...' She also had a tremendous respect for Saints Augustine, Teresa of Avila and Padre Pio," said Heidi.

Eve Ann M. Dillon, nee Schneider, was born April 24, 1930 in Detroit, the daughter of Louis and Evelyn (Affeld) Schneider. She died at age 85 after a long illness on Dec. 30, 2015, helped by Hospice of Michigan, in her home in Farmington Hills, surrounded by family.

She was preceded in death by husband Raymond Grubba in 1959. She later married William Dillon, who died in 1987.

Her family meant the world to her. Eve Ann was the mother of 11 children, grandmother of 32 and great-grandmother of eight.

"We are thankful for a great mother who did her job well. We love her dearly," said daughter Claudia Taffe of Farmington Hills. "Grand-

ma's presence was truly the binding force that kept a huge number of people lovingly together," said her grandson Joe Green of Chicago. "Someone unfamiliar with this presence might think that her departure could cause parts of our family to cleave. In fact, the opposite is true. Though her physical being may be gone, her spiritual essence will never leave us, because her presence is something that shaped everyone she loved, taught and inspired. She will live on through all of us and we are lucky to have received such an incredible gift."

Eve Ann graduated from Visitation Elementary School in 1944 and St. Mary's Academy in Monroe in 1948. "She started college at the University of Detroit. She performed in a U-of-D production as Lady



Eve Ann Dillon

Macbeth, which earned her a scholarship to Fordham University in New York," Jennifer said. "She dropped out of Fordham to pursue an acting career off-Broadway. She played Bianca in *Kiss Me Kate* and performed in many other off-Broadway plays and in summer stock. She was usually the second lead because of her low voice. I think she was in New York for seven years. She loved that city."

Her dramatic flair endured, recalled Janet, who was Eve Ann's long-time bridge partner. "Whether she was bidding 'one heart,' one 'no trump' or 'I pass,' it was a performance," Jan said.

For more than 20 years, Eve Ann managed the theater and worked in culinary arts at Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills. She didn't retire until well past the age of 65. She kept in shape by swimming five days a week, into her eighties.

"She loved to pretend she was Esther Wil-

liams," Jennifer said. "When the pool at her condo closed, she swam at the hotel next door for years. Management let her in to do her laps, until finally because of insurance reasons, they wouldn't allow it anymore."

Eve Ann traveled the world, visiting every continent except Antarctica. "She didn't unleash her adventuresome side for travel until after my Dad died," said daughter Cathi Dillon Green of Chicago. "Of course she was very sad, and she said to me, 'I always wanted to go to Switzerland and see where the Von Trapps lived after they escaped from Austria.' I said Mom, 'I work for United; why don't you just get on a plane and fly there?' That began 25 years of traveling. She used her travel benefits way more than I do. She would tell stories about where she went and what she saw. It was a beautiful part of her life.

"She had a few regrets; there were still

more places on her bucket list. Now she's in heaven and can finish the list," Cathi said.

Eve Ann is survived by children William (Rita); Madelyn Dillane; James (Cindy); Catherine (Clint) Dillon Green; Jennifer (Greg) Handel; Julie (Allan) Ryding; Carol (Jeff) Burke; Claudia (Greg) Taffe; Patrick (Colleen); Andrea (Randall) Borden; and Heidi OlekszyMann; sister Sue Ambrose; 32 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death was brother Louis Schneider and sister Marilyn Schneider (who was Sister Ann Louis, an Immaculate Heart of Mary nun).

Eve Ann donated her body to the Wayne State University School of Medicine. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan or the Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament, 29575 Middlebelt Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48334.

# Ice Festival gliding into Plymouth this weekend

**Matt Jachman**  
Staff Writer

With new features and a new major sponsor, the Plymouth Ice Festival returns for its 2016 edition beginning Friday, Jan. 8.

The three-day festival — the 34th annual — in Kellogg Park and nearby downtown streets will feature more than 100 ice sculptures, interactive features like a playscape and cross country skiing, plus live entertainment and chances to help the larger community.

The festival, inspired by a similar event in Japan, is billed as the oldest continually operating ice festival in America. Begun to draw people downtown, especially during the post-holiday lull, the festival has evolved into a celebration that's one of the city's signature events.

"The most impressive thing about Plymouth is the longevity," veteran sculptor Aaron Costic said. "There are very few festivals of any kind that go 30 years."

"It really has turned from just bringing people downtown to part of what makes the community so unique," said organizer James Gietzen of JAG Entertainment.

"With tens of thousands of people attending the ice festival, it certainly has become one of the biggest and most anticipated events of the year," said Tony Brusca, director of the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority.

Costic, of Broadview Heights, Ohio, is owner of Elegant Ice Creations. He has carved at the Plymouth festival off and on since 1990, competed as both an amateur and professional carver and for the past few years has done a lot of the major carving that's showcased at the festival.

This time, Costic and his crew will be creating an ice playscape, with nine different activities, sponsored by Kroger.

### Skiing and more

The playscape, plus the returning Lou LaRiche Chevrolet "ice throne" and the cross country skiing course, sponsored by Sun & Snow Sports and Blue Care Network, will be among the festival's interactive features.

"We're hoping for some snow so we can make it (the trail) a little bit bigger, but if there's no snow, we'll start making it," Gietzen said.

For this festival, Gietzen picked up a major sponsor, Ford Motor Co., which will have the show's largest sculpture, with Ford's GT sports car as its theme.

In addition, the company will give festival-goers the opportunity



A fire and ice tower lights up the sky at Kellogg Park during last year's Plymouth Ice Festival. This year's event, the 34th annual, begins Friday, Jan. 8.



Sculptor Aaron Whitten with one of his works at the 2012 ice festival.

make a donation to Gleaners Community Food Bank via a text message and have the

Ford Motor Co. Fund match each donation. Festival favorites returning for 2016 at



Cameras are must-haves for festival-goers, for photographing memorable sculptures as well as for taking "selfies" on some of the interactive sculptures, such as the "ice throne."



This carving of Lady Liberty graced Kellogg Park during the 2012 ice festival. The 2016 edition is Jan. 8-10.

Kellogg Park include the opening ceremony, 7 p.m. Jan. 8; collegiate ice-carving, Jan. 9-10 (win-

ners announced at 1 p.m. both days), with students from Henry Ford Community College, Oakland

Community College, the University of Michigan and the Art Institute of Michigan competing; the dueling chainsaws competition at 7 p.m. Jan. 9; the fire and ice towers, which will be lit at approximately 7:30 p.m. Jan. 8-9; and the Hot Spot warming station, at The Gathering, across from the park, with area vendors, product demonstrations and a sitting area, during all festival hours.

There will be about 50 ice sculptures in Kellogg Park and more than 100 total in the park and in front of downtown businesses, Gietzen said.

Gietzen, who is producing his third festival but has been involved with it since the 2010 event, said sponsorships are picking up and a rebuilding effort is paying off.

"We're trying to rebuild the festival and put it in a good direction so it can continue to grow," he said. "I think we're setting ourselves up for some really awesome stuff."

The 2016 Plymouth Ice Festival Hours are 3-10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8; 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 10. Sculptures will be on display around the clock — weather permitting.

For more information and an expanded listing of festival events, go to [plymouthicefestival.com](http://plymouthicefestival.com).

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The Garage, a restaurant in Northville.



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Pizza for lunch, St. Mary Catholic School in Wayne.



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Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps.



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Sketchy Santa at the Wayne County Light Fest in Hines Park.



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Texting at the Fourth of July parade in Plymouth.



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Haircut in Westland.



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Labor Day Parade, Detroit.



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Music and dancing at Livonia Spree.



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Garden City car show in July.



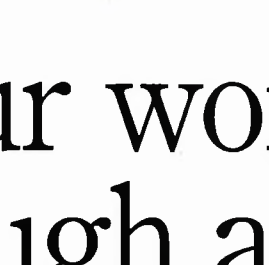
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Tats, Livonia Spree.



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Residents of Canton carry a giant American flag during the Plymouth Fourth of July parade.



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The Violin Monster at the Plymouth Fall Festival doesn't faze passers-by.



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Vietnam veterans at Pearl Harbor Day, in Plymouth.



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Grandmother and grandson, Susan Bresler and Henry Liam McIntire.



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Garden City firefighters training with the jaws of life. The photographer spotted a tiny American flag in the broken windshield glass.



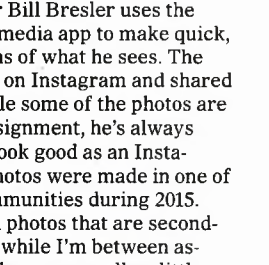
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Long winter scene in Plymouth Township park.



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It's back to school for students and these kids face a homework assignment the very first day.



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Outlier mayoral write-in candidate Leo Weber channels Scotsman William Wallace at the Livonia polls.



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Veterans at a ceremony in Wayne, remembering the end of World War II.



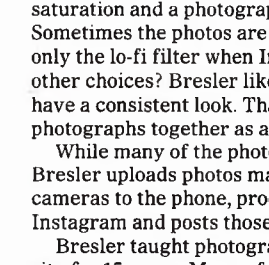
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Kiwanis volunteers Denise and Jerry Kwas, selling fresh-squeezed lemonade at Livonia Spree.



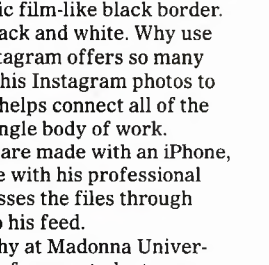
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At the cafe Les Deux Magot. To honor citizens of Paris after the terrorist attack, Bresler posted a 2004 photo made on a trip to France.



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The Canton Library has a new butterfly garden. A dad and son release a Monarch butterfly.



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Santas in training dance and sing.



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Hurricane Katrina survivor.



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Garbage truck wreck on I-96.



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Graduation Day.



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Republican presidential hopeful Marco Rubio stops in Livonia.



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The Kelly-Miller Circus comes to Livonia for a one-day engagement.



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Hay rake at Greenmead, in Livonia.



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Voting in the August primary election.



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President Barack Obama speaks at the Ford Wayne assembly plant.



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Superfam, at Holiday Market in Canton, just before Halloween.



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# Our world through a lens

Staff Photographer Bill Bresler uses the Instagram social media app to make quick, direct photographs of what he sees. The photos are posted on Instagram and shared on Facebook. While some of the photos are made while on assignment, he's always looking for photos that will look good as an Instagram. All but two of these photos were made in one of the *Observer & Eccentric* communities during 2015.

"My Instagrams are often photos that are secondary to a news story or found while I'm between assignments," Bresler said. "They are usually a little different, with a twist. Plus, they must fit the square format."

He uses the lo-fi filter, which adds higher contrast, saturation and a photographic film-like black border. Sometimes the photos are black and white. Why use only the lo-fi filter when Instagram offers so many other choices? Bresler likes his Instagram photos to have a consistent look. That helps connect all of the photographs together as a single body of work.

While many of the photos are made with an iPhone, Bresler uploads photos made with his professional cameras to the phone, processes the files through Instagram and posts those to his feed.

Bresler taught photography at Madonna University for 15 years. Many of his former students are Instagram friends. "It's a good way to stay in touch using photographs instead of words," he said.

To join his Instagram feed, search for user bbresler. Click on +Follow.





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Christian Gradowski, 16, gets some air after hitting a ramp on his snowboard during a visit to White Lake Township's Alpine Valley. The ski resort was making lots of snow that day, benefiting from some natural white stuff and had most of its runs open by late afternoon. Gradowski is a student at Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

## Colder weather draws guests to ski hill

Philip Allmen  
Staff Writer

It hasn't been ideal for winter-based businesses.

Monday's cold weather was closer to what people expect when thinking about frigid January temperatures.

"This is the first time I've come out to ski this season," 17-year-old Nicci Sterling said. "It stinks. I haven't been able to ski as often as I want to."

Sterling was at Alpine Valley in White Lake on Monday, along with scores of others enjoying the winter weather. White Lake isn't the only place around the corner for area residents interested in downhill skiing without driving too far. Farther north in Oakland County there's Pine Knob (skipineknob.com) in Clarkston and Mt. Holly (skimtholly.com) in Holly in Oakland County for downhill aficionados.

Or head west, a bit past U.S. 23, to Mt. Brighton in neighboring Livingston County to get your ski or snowboard fix.

Alpine Valley, located at 6775 Highland Road in White Lake Township, offers 25 slopes, nine chair lifts, four tow ropes, a magic carpet and four terrain parks.



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Max Stanecki, 15, smiles as he readies to hit the slopes of Alpine Valley.

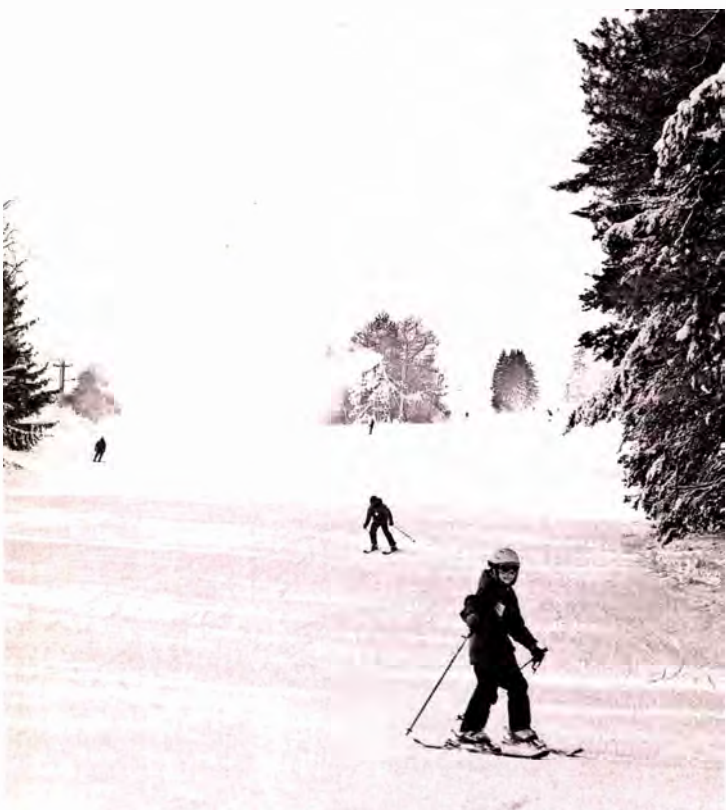
Conditions Tuesday included a 6- to 20-inch snow base and limited runs open.

Learn more online at [skialpinevalley.com](http://skialpinevalley.com).

Mt. Brighton, located at 4141 Bauer Road in

Brighton, has 25 trails and five lifts. Ski conditions earlier this week included a 16- to 22-inch base and limited runs.

Go to [www.mtbrighton.com](http://www.mtbrighton.com) for more information.



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Skiers come down one of the many open runs Jan. 4 at Alpine Valley. Snow machines at the top of the hill make some cover for the runs.

## Tipping Point presents 'Odd Couple' with a twist

Unger and Madison are at it again in Neil Simon's famous update of his contemporary comic classic beginning this month at the Tipping Point Theater in Northville.

Slobbish and easy-going Olive Madison has invited the girls over for an evening of Trivial Pursuit. But when uptight, neat freak Florence Unger shows up - just separated from her husband - the game is over before it gets started.

The pair ultimately decide to room together, but Olive's simmering frustration with Florence's passive-aggressive dithering comes to a full boil when two single brothers from upstairs join the mix. Will these two mismatched friends survive or will they



Cochrane Banks

kill each other?

*The Odd Couple* runs Jan. 28 through Feb. 28, with a "leap year" performance Monday, Feb. 29. The curtain rises at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, with matinees at 3 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. A special matinee performance has been added at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17.

The theatre is at 361 E. Cady St. in Northville. Tickets are \$30 to \$33 for adults, \$28 to \$31 for students and senior citizens and \$22 for the two preview shows Jan. 28-29. Tickets are on sale now. For tickets or more

information, call the box office at 248-347-0003.

For more good news about Unger and Madison, the Purple Rose and Tipping Point theatres are teaming up for a special deal as the two theatres are performing *The Odd Couple*. While Tipping Point performs the female version of the famed show, Purple Rose is sticking with the traditional, male roles.

Anyone who attends both shows will be entered into a drawing to win two tickets from both theaters (good for any show in their full season). When the shows close, Tipping Point and Purple Rose will pick a winner.

In addition, theatergoers who show their ticket from the other theater at the box office you will receive a coupon good for a free concession to use during that performance.

### NO. 2993

#### AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 020 OF TITLE 12, CHAPTER 18 (NAMING OF PUBLIC PLACES AND BUILDINGS) OF THE LIVONIA CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED.

THE CITY OF LIVONIA ORDAINS:

Section 1. Section 020 of Title 12, Chapter 18 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**12.18.020 Public places and buildings -- Names for specific areas or buildings.** The parcels of land or buildings hereinafter referred to, each of which is owned by the City and used for public purposes, shall hereinafter be known and referred to by the names respectively established therefore in the succeeding subsections of this section:

1. The land owned by the City in that part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 22, T. 1 S., R. 9 E., City of Livonia, Wayne County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point distant East along the North line of said Section 22, 800 feet and South 310 feet from the N.W. 1/4 corner of Section 22, proceeding thence East 200 feet; thence South 280 feet; thence West 200 feet; thence North 280 feet to the point of beginning, shall be known and referred to as the "Livonia City Hall - Edward H. McNamara Building."

2. The land owned by the City in that part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 22, T. 1 S., R. 9 E., City of Livonia, Wayne County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point distant East along the North line of said Section 22, 1,355 feet and South 230 feet from the N.W. 1/4 of Section 22, proceeding thence East 250 feet; thence North 240 feet; thence West 250 feet; thence North 240 feet to the point of beginning, shall be known and referred to as the "Robert and Janet Bennett Library."

3. The land owned by the City in that part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 22, T. 1 S., R. 9 E., City of Livonia, Wayne County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point distant S. 01°25' W. along the West line of said Section 22, 831.22 feet and S. 88°35'30" East along the Southerly line of Civic Center Drive (66 feet wide), as extended, 290 feet to the point of beginning; proceeding thence S. 01°24'30" West, 650 feet; thence South 88°35'30" East, 400 feet; thence North 01°24'30" East, 650 feet; thence North 88°35'30" West, 400 feet to the point of beginning, shall be known and referred to as the "Robert Turner Police Headquarters Building."

4. The land owned by the City in that part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 21, T. 1 S., R. 9 E., City of Livonia, Wayne County, Michigan, described as beginning North 89°44' West, 363 feet from the East 1/4 corner of Section 21; thence North 89°44' West, 960.30 feet; thence North 677.73 feet; thence South 89°38'48" East, 685 feet; thence South 01°23' West 342.93 feet; thence South 89°38'48" East, 280 feet; thence South 333.30 feet to the point of beginning except that part described as beginning North 89°44' West, 881 feet from the East 1/4 corner of Section 21; thence North 33 feet; thence North 89°44' West, 60 feet; thence North 00°39'33" East, 8.79 feet; thence North 44° right RAD 80 feet arc 125.66 feet; thence North 45°39'33" East, 194.43 feet; thence South 89°20'27" East, 147.86 feet; thence South 44°20'27" East, 248.51 feet; thence South 14°20'27" East, 85.81 feet; thence South 44°20'27" East, 214.39 feet; thence South 00°39'33" West, 105.90 feet; thence North 89°44' West, 60 feet; thence South 33 feet; thence North 89°44' West, 258.98 feet to the point of beginning 7.71 AC

and

The land owned by the City in that part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 21, T. 1 S., R. 9 E., City of Livonia, Wayne County, Michigan, described as beginning North 89°44' West, 881 feet from the East 1/4 corner of Section 21; thence North 00°39'33" East, 67.43 feet; thence North 44°20'27" West, 384.43 feet; thence on a curve to right RAD 20 feet arc 31.42 feet; thence North 45°39'33" East, 169.57 feet; thence South 89°20'27" East, 98.14 feet; thence South 44°20'27" East, 19.53 feet; thence South 14°20'27" East, 90 feet; thence South 44°20'27" East, 213.65 feet; thence South 00°39'33" West, 258.98 feet to the point of beginning 3.09 AC, and shall be known and referred to as the "Silver Village."

5. The land owned by the City in that part of Lot 496 except the North 100 feet, the South 100 feet, the West 100 feet and the East 100 feet thereof of Supervisor's Livonia Plat No. 8 as recorded in Liber 66, Page 59 of Wayne County Records, said plat being part of the North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 2, T. 1 S., R. 9 E., Livonia Township (now City of Livonia), Wayne County, Michigan

and

The land owned by the City in that part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 2, T. 1 S., R. 9 E., Livonia Township (now City of Livonia), Wayne County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point distant South 01°58'52" East, 1,416 feet and North 87°43'30" East, 448 feet from the center 1/4 corner of Section 2; thence North 87°43'30" East, 110 feet; thence South 02°10'35" East, 180 feet; thence South 87°43'30" West, 110 feet; thence North 01°58'52" West, 180 feet to the point of beginning, shall be known and referred to as the "McNamara Towers Site."

6. The land owned by the City in that part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 30, T. 1 S., R. 9 E., City of Livonia, County of Wayne, Michigan, described as beginning at a point on the East line of said Section distant North 00°04'20" East, 1,098.14 feet from the intersection of said East line and the center line of Plymouth Road and proceeding thence due West, 1,153.85 feet; thence North 00°05' East, 377.54 feet; thence due East, 1,153.79 feet of the East line of Section 30; thence South 00°04'20" West along said East line 377.54 feet to the point of beginning 10.00 acres (Sidwell No. 120-99-0002-000), shall be known and referred to as "Newburgh Village."

7. The land owned by the City in that part of Lots 1723, 1724, 1729, 1730 and also adjacent vacated street to said lots of Rosedale Gardens Subdivision No. 9 as recorded in Liber 77, page 41, Wayne County Records, said subdivision being a part of the N.W. 1/4 of Section 34, T. 1 S., R. 9 E., City of Livonia, Wayne County, Michigan (Sidwell No. 134-03-1640-000), shall be known and referred to as "Noble Library."

8. The land owned by the City in that part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 2, T. 1 S., R. 9 E., City of Livonia, Wayne County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point on the South Section line distant North 89°52'30" West, 1,876 feet and North 120 feet from the S.E. corner of Section 2 and proceeding thence North 80 feet; thence West, 120 feet; thence South 80 feet; thence East, 120 feet to the point of beginning (Sidwell No. 008-99-0009-000), shall be known and referred to as "Sandburg Library."

9. The land owned by the City in that part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 22, T. 1 S., R. 9 E., City of Livonia, Wayne County, Michigan, described as Lots 27 thru 52 inclusive except the N 35.00 feet thereof also Lots 53 thru 182 including also all adjacent vacated streets and alleys Livonia Park Sub T1S R9E L51 P92 WCR more particularly described as beginning at a point distant S 00°01'50" E 88.00 feet and S 89°45'00" E 43.00 feet from N 1/4 corner Section 22 proceeding thence S 89°45'00" E 621.55 feet thence S 00°09'29" E 1199.18 feet thence N 89°19' 58" W 625.53 feet thence N 00°01'50" E 1194.60 feet to POB 17.13 acres (Sidwell No. 085-02-0027-001), shall be known and referred to as "Jack E. Kirksey Recreation Center."

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

Section 3. Should any portion of this ordinance be held invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of any of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

Section 4. This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency ordinance necessary for the protection of the public health, safety and welfare and shall take effect immediately upon publication.

The above ordinance was passed at the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Livonia held Monday, December 14, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.

Adriane Spencer, Deputy City Clerk

The foregoing ordinance was authenticated by me on this 15th day of December, 2015.

Jack Kirksey, Mayor

Approved as to form:

Donald L. Knapp, Jr., City Attorney  
Dated: December 15, 2015

Published: January 7, 2016



## Staying in touch with your finances

One week into 2016 and by now we have probably broken or forgotten just about every New Year's resolution we've made. The holidays are behind us and our day-to-day routine is back to the norm. That being said, every year at this time I take the opportunity to remind you there are two things that will significantly help you.

The first is to do a personal family balance sheet. A personal family balance sheet is nothing more than a listing of all your assets and liabilities. Subtracting assets from liabilities gives you your net worth. That number is important, particularly for those who do personal family balance sheets at least once a year. You can see if your finances are moving in the right direction or the wrong direction.

One of the mistakes in doing a personal family balance sheet is overestimating the value of assets. This is particularly true when it comes to collectibles. Just because you think an autographed baseball signed by Al Kaline is worth \$10,000 doesn't make it so. It is important that you value an asset not at what you think it's worth, but what someone else will actually pay for it. In most cases, I tell people not to include collectibles in their personal family balance sheet. For some people with significant value in their collectibles, those obviously should be valued. The true value



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MONEY MATTERS

is not what you think they're worth, but what someone would be willing to pay.

The same is true with your home. Many people overestimate the value of their home. You can use some of the real estate websites, such as Zillow, to get an estimate for your home. To overvalue your home may make you feel good, but it won't help you in understanding your finances.

The other document that everyone should do is a cash flow statement. A cash flow statement is nothing more than a statement that keeps track of what comes into the family household and what goes out. Particularly from an expense standpoint, it is important that you know what is coming out of the family finances. If it actually costs you \$5,000 a month to live, but you estimate it only costing \$3,000, you will run into problems down the road. It is important to be accurate when doing these statements.

You ought to be able to determine within a few hundred dollars every month where your money is going. I cannot stress enough how important it is to know what it costs you to live. In doing any sort of retirement planning, whether someone is in retirement or preparing

for retirement, what it costs to live a month is a key element. It doesn't matter what it costs your next-door neighbor to live a month or what the national average is; those are immaterial. The key is what it costs you to live a month. That is why it is important to do a cash flow statement so you know what that number is.

An additional benefit of doing a cash flow statement is that it allows you to be more efficient with your money.

It is not sufficient to do a personal family balance sheet and a cash flow statement once and then forget about them. At a minimum, you should do them every six months. This will allow you to stay in touch with your personal financial affairs. I believe once you start getting in touch with your finances, it will create a domino effect and you'll be surprised how fast things can improve from a financial standpoint.

Another great benefit of doing these two statements is you can compare how you are doing year to year. If through the cash flow statement you find your expenses are increasing, then you can take the necessary steps to handle that.

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### Building of the year

Livonia-based Schostak Brothers & Company, a fourth-generation commercial real estate company, announced the Maccabees Center in Southfield has been awarded The Outstanding Building of the Year (TOBY) for 2015.

Schostak Brothers & Company Vice President and Director of Commercial Properties Paula Goldman-Spinner made the announcement.

The TOBY, sponsored by the Building Owners & Managers Association, is the commercial real estate industry's most prestigious award. Entrants are judged by a team of peers based on community impact, energy management systems, tenant and employee relations programs, emergency evacuation procedures and more.

To be eligible, entrants must score a 70 or higher; Maccabees Center, in part due to green practices and energy star compliant, scored an incredible 96.

"I am extremely proud of our staff for their outstanding effort in this regard," said Goldman-Spinner. "It was a joint undertaking between the staff, our service providers, and our tenants, but the real credit goes to Art Fields, our Director of Operations. Art made it his mission to get the building in shape in every aspect and led the team through this monumental task. I am happy to say that Maccabees Center is now TOBY-ready on an everyday basis. We are very proud and honored to receive this award, the third in recent years for our Office Division portfolio. We believe this collective effort by our team demonstrates Schostak's core purpose — to be an exceptional real estate company, building success for our partners and associates."

Maccabees Center is now eligible to move to the North Central Regional TOBY Competition; the winners will be announced in June.

### Banking center manager

Talmer Bank and Trust announced that it has named Megan Baidoon as Banking Center Manager of their Livonia location.

Baidoon joins Talmer Bank and Trust with almost eight years of experience. She was most recently with JP Morgan Chase Bank in Wixom, as Banking Center Manager, where she was responsible for establishing and maintaining effective relationships with customers, business partners, and members of the community. Prior to that, she

### BUSINESS BRIEFS



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was with JP Morgan Chase Bank in Santa Barbara, Calif., as Banking Center Manager.

"We are fortunate to have found Megan to serve in this capacity," said Tom Nestor, Retail Sales and Delivery Director. "She is a well-regarded, accomplished, and seasoned manager, with a proven track record of excellent customer service."

Baidoon received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Wayne State University. She is active in the community and has worked with numerous organizations including the Livonia Chamber of Commerce.

### New agents

Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel Brokerage, headquartered in Bingham Farms, welcomed husband-and-wife duo, Maureen Francis and Dmitry Koublitsky, to its real estate team.

Maureen was recently named 2015 Realtor of the Year by the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors. Both Francis and Koublitsky are Associate Brokers with e-PRO and SFR certifications.

Specializing in Oakland County communities since 2001, Francis and Koublitsky work proactively to give their clients the outstanding experience they deserve.

"We are proud to have them as members of our team as they exemplify the essence of our profession and represent the pinnacle in professionalism," said Managing Broker, Don Amalfitano.

The two carry many talents outside of work. While Francis has been labeled the "most tech savvy Realtor in Oakland County, she enjoys traveling and gardening. Koublitsky has a background in foreign policy and strong interests in cars. Francis and Koublitsky also give back to the community, volunteering in the Birmingham Bloomfield area.



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Maureen Francis and Dmitry Koublitsky

### ALDI hiring event

ALDI, one of America's top three grocery stores, will host two hiring events for its Michigan stores on Monday, Jan. 11. Opportunities within ALDI include Manager Trainee positions and jobs are available at multiple locations across the state.

The hiring events — including one in Farmington Hills — are in support of the ongoing growth of ALDI in Michigan, offering customers the ALDI brand promise of high-quality grocery items at impossibly low prices.

The Farmington Hills event takes place at the Radisson Hotel Detroit-Farmington Hills, 31525 W. 12 Mile, from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. ALDI representatives will be hiring for manager trainee positions, paying \$22 per hour.

To apply, applicants must be 18 years or older; have a high school diploma or GED; be available to work anytime between 6 a.m. and 11 p.m., Monday-Sunday; go through a drug screening and background check; and be able to lift 45 pounds.

Retail experience is preferred, and management experience is preferred for manager trainees.

ALDI offers employees generous wages and benefits that are higher than the national average for the retail industry. Employees averaging more than 25 hours a week are eligible for full health insurance benefits and dental coverage, and all employees are invited to participate in the 401(k) program.

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## Send in apps now to sell fireworks this year

**Philip Allmen**  
Staff Writer

The Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs and the Bureau of Fire Services is now accepting applications for those interested in selling fireworks in 2016.

Most communities have seen an influx of tents, shipping containers and brick and mortar stores opening ever since the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act was signed by Gov. Rick Snyder in 2011. For the most part, at least locally, those businesses open in late spring and stick around through the July 4 holiday, traditionally the most popular time for Michigan residents to launch the explosions of red, white and blue.

Historically, Michigan has banned anything that's loud or launches into the air. The 2011 law changed that, giving the OK to formerly prohibited type of fireworks capable of flying high in

the air and exploding with a loud bang.

Jeff Cunmulaj was among those who took advantage of the new law. He opened Jeff's Fireworks in Howell, and last year a second location in Highland Township. He said 90 percent of what he sold falls under the new consumer law. Eric Konopka, a financial adviser, was another to take advantage of the new law. Last year he sold fireworks in Lyon Township, Plymouth and Canton.

"No one stands up and claps when I finish a round of golf," he said. "They all stand up and clap and cheer at the end of my fireworks shows."

Selling fireworks, however, isn't as simple as just setting up shop. The state requires people be licensed to do so and have various reporting requirements.

All consumer fireworks applications and required plans must be submitted by midnight, April 1. Low-impact reg-

istrations can be submitted at any time but must be completed at least 10 days prior to sales. For permanent structures, like a storefront, the application fee is \$1,000. For temporary facilities, like tents, it's \$600 to apply.

The 2016 applicants will continue to have the ability to report their monthly sales and submit their safety fees online. However, applications will be denied for any applicants who have unpaid safety fees or are missing reports (all zero sales must be reported for the 2015 certificate fireworks season).

To start the login and application process, go to the Bureau of Fire Services website and click on the Fireworks link, then "Consumer Fireworks Application and Low Impact Fireworks Registration" to apply.

Call 517-241-8847 or 517-373-7441, or email [fireworks@michigan.gov](mailto:fireworks@michigan.gov) for more information.



## OUR VIEW

# Work as team to end school bullying

What a great idea for the new year — end school bullying. Too often, school bullying leads to fear and pain, abandoned hopes and dreams, and even tragic violence. It takes a team to address the issue.

Parents, school staff and other caring adults have a role to play in preventing bullying. They can:

- » Help kids understand bullying. Talk about what bullying is and how to stand up to it safely. Tell kids bullying is unacceptable. Make sure kids know how to get help.
- » Keep the lines of communication open. Check in with kids often. Listen to them. Know their friends, ask about school and understand their concerns.
- » Encourage kids to do what they love. Special activities, interests and hobbies can boost confidence, help kids make friends and protect them from bullying behavior.
- » Model how to treat others with kindness and respect.

### Help kids understand bullying

- » Kids who know what bullying is can better identify it. They can talk about bullying if it happens to them or others. Kids need to know ways to safely stand up to bullying and how to get help.
- » Encourage kids to speak to a trusted adult if they are bullied or see others being bullied. The adult can give comfort, support, and advice, even if they can't solve the problem directly. Encourage the child to report bullying if it happens.
- » Talk about how to stand up to kids who bully. Give tips, like using humor and saying "stop" directly and confidently. Talk about what to do if those actions don't work, like walking away.
- » Talk about strategies for staying safe, such as staying near adults or groups of other kids.
- » Urge them to help kids who are bullied by showing kindness or getting help.
- » Watch the short webisodes at

[www.stopbullying.gov](http://www.stopbullying.gov) and discuss them with kids.

### Keep the lines of communication open

Research tells us that children really do look to parents and caregivers for advice and help on tough decisions. Sometimes spending 15 minutes a day talking can reassure kids that they can talk to their parents if they have a problem. Start conversations about daily life and feelings with questions like these:

- » What was one good thing that happened today? Any bad things?
- » What is lunch time like at your school? Who do you sit with? What do you talk about?
- » What is it like to ride the school bus?
- » What are you good at? What would do you like best about yourself?

Talking about bullying directly is an important step in understanding how the issue might be affecting kids. There are no right or wrong answers to these questions, but it is important to encourage kids to answer them honestly. Assure kids that they are not alone in addressing any problems that arise. Start conversations about bullying with questions like these:

- » What does "bullying" mean to you?
- » Describe what kids who bully are like. Why do you think people bully?
- » Who are the adults you trust most when it comes to things like bullying?
- » Have you ever felt scared to go to school because you were afraid of bullying? What ways have you tried to change it?
- » What do you think parents can do to help stop bullying?
- » Have you or your friends left other kids out on purpose? Do you think that was bullying? Why or why not?
- » What do you usually do when you see bullying going on?

» Do you ever see kids at your school being bullied by other kids? How does it make you feel?

» Have you ever tried to help someone who is being bullied? What happened? What would you do if it happens again?

» Get more ideas for talking with children about life and about bullying. If concerns come up, be sure to respond.

There are simple ways that parents and caregivers can keep up-to-date with kids' lives.

- » Read class newsletters and school fliers. Talk about them at home.
  - » Check the school website
  - » Go to school events
  - » Greet the bus driver
  - » Meet teachers and counselors at "Back to School" night or reach out by email
  - » Share phone numbers with other kids' parents
- Teachers and school staff also have a role to play.

### Encourage kids to do what they love

Help kids take part in activities, interests and hobbies they like. Kids can volunteer, play sports, sing in a chorus, or join a youth group or school club. These activities give kids a chance to have fun and meet others with the same interests. They can build confidence and friendships that help protect kids from bullying.

### Model how to treat others with kindness and respect

Kids learn from adults' actions. By treating others with kindness and respect, adults show the kids in their lives that there is no place for bullying. Even if it seems like they are not paying attention, kids are watching how adults manage stress and conflict, as well as how they treat their friends, colleagues and families.

More discussion on ending school bullying is online at [www.stopbullying.gov](http://www.stopbullying.gov).

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Shameful behavior

I would like to take the opportunity to discuss

the shameful behavior of Garden City Mayor Randy Walker at the Dec. 7 meeting.

A young lady got up and spoke about how she got in that situation. For someone claiming not to be much of a public speaker, I thought she did a very good job. She was not yelling, screaming, name-calling, or otherwise being disruptive.

When she stated "someone claiming to be your son, Steve Walker, had made some nasty comments," the mayor saw an opportunity to

bully someone. Everyone that I have played it back to could not see where that was a personal attack. On her part I sent the mayor an email, a day or two later, saying that he owed her an apology. Of course, he never responded.

I thought maybe he would watch the replay of the meeting and address it at the Dec. 21 meeting. The next day I sent emails to all six

council members. I wondered how they could sit idly by and not say anything. None of them ever responded.

If you want my respect, you have to earn it. If anybody wants to see the incident themselves, go to [www.gardencity-mi.org](http://www.gardencity-mi.org), and click on "watch council meetings," then go to the Dec. 7 meeting.

George Luckwald  
Garden City

## LETTERS

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters by the following formats:

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HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY

## Red-hot Churchill outlasts Farmington

Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

It's a wonder the goal lamps didn't blow a fuse or two during Saturday's highly entertaining non-conference high school hockey game featuring Livonia Churchill and Farmington Hills Unified.

In an electrifying game filled with an abundance of offense, the Chargers prevailed 8-5 to improve their record to 8-2 overall.

Chris Sergison earned the victory between the pipes for Churchill as he stopped 15 of the 20 shots that were thrown at him.

Farmington's Thomas Bacon sizzled at times, turning away 30 Charger offerings.

Churchill never trailed as it

exploded to a 3-0 lead before settling for a 5-3 advantage after two periods.

Nolan Cioch and John Doyle sparked the Chargers' scoring flame with two goals and one assist each. Captain Joe Wozniak also had a three-point night with three helpers to help the winners sustain their offensive fire-power.

Brandon Glasser found the net twice for Farmington while Ben McColl lit the lamp once while dishing out two helpers.

Scoring single goals for the winners were Spencer Kovacs, Conor Burnette, Tyler Haydu and Griffin Ahmet.

Also delivering goals for Farmington were Blake Madalena and Andrew Nathan.

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Churchill captain Joe Wozniak (9), pictured during a game earlier this season against Salem, was strong during the Chargers' 8-5 victory over Farmington Hills Unified.

MICHAEL VASILNEK

## New Stevenson volleyball coach hired

Livonia Stevenson announced last month that Julian Wargo had been hired as the school's new volleyball coach.

He succeeds Beth Bushey, who held the position for one season.

Wargo has extensive head-coaching experience. He formerly served as a head coach at Westland John Glenn, West Bloomfield and most recently as a varsity assistant coach at Walled Lake Central.

Wargo is a graduate of the University of Michigan with a master's degree in urban planning. He is currently working as a civil engineer at Zeimet-Wozniak and Associates. His bachelor's degree is from the University of Pennsylvania.

"Coach Wargo has coached with several local volleyball clubs in the area," noted Stevenson athletic director Lori Hyman. "He has several volleyball coaching certifications and has successfully developed every program that he has been involved in, both athletically and academically."

"Julian is dedicated to his athletes and prides himself in the development of a positive culture. His commitment to his staff, athletes, parents and the community is second to none!"

## Franklin baseball camp

The 10th Annual Livonia Franklin "Future Stars" Baseball Camp will be held Saturday, Feb. 20 at the high school.

The camp is open for girls and boys in grades second through sixth and will consist of two sessions focusing on sport-specific skills.

The camp will be orchestrated by Franklin head baseball coach Matt Fournier and members of the Franklin coaching staff.

The first session will run from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. This session will consist of hitting, base running and infield work. Taking the extra base, hitting for average and proper infield approach are just a few of the skills the campers will be drilled on.

Following a half-hour lunch, the second session will run from noon to 2:15 p.m. and consist of defensive work — specifically pitchers' fielding practice, catching drills and outfield approach.

The cost of the camp is \$30 for one session or \$50 for both. Each camper is asked to bring his or her own sack lunch. The campers will eat a supervised lunch together in the bleachers of the field house.

Checks should be made out to "Franklin High School" and sent to Matt Fournier, Franklin Baseball Camp, 31000 Joy Rd., Livonia, MI 48150. For more information, contact Fournier at mfournier2@livonia.k12.mi.us or 734-968-0499.

Campers are asked to bring their own glove, bat and athletic shoes.

## Reporting results

Local high school athletic coaches are encouraged to report results of their team's contests to Observer sports editor Ed Wright, who can be reached at 734-578-2767 or ewright@hometownlife.com

The deadline for Sunday editions is Friday at 10 p.m. The deadline for Thursday editions is Tuesday at 10 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASTICS

## WINNING SHADE OF BLUE



Livonia Blue's Claire Van Gilder performs during Monday's meet against Milford-Lakeland.

TOM BEAUDOIN

### Livonia gymnasts vault over Milford/Lakeland

Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

Overcoming the potent one-two combination of Jessica Weak and Bri Rhoad has been problematic for opponents of Livonia Blue's gymnastics team this winter.

On Monday at Livonia Churchill, Blue blew by Milford/Lakeland, 140.550-130.725, to extend its unbeaten season.

Not surprisingly, the winners were powered by veterans Weak and Rhoad, both of whom registered plus-35 all-around scores.

The highest score awarded by the judges during Monday's competition was a 9.425 to Rhoad, who was spot-on with her floor-exercise routine. Weak was the runner-up in the event with an 8.825, her lowest tally of the night.

Claire Chapski placed fourth for Blue (8.525), just ahead of teammate Megan Lord's 8.50.

Weak's stand-out event was the uneven bars, which she dominated with a first-place score of 9.225. Blue's Emily Chatterjee was second with an 8.80, nudging out third-place Rhoad (8.775).

Katie Grove locked down

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Livonia Blue's Emily Chatterjee displays extreme focus on the uneven bars during Monday's victory over Milford-Lakeland.

TOM BEAUDOIN

GIRLS BASKETBALL FEATURE

## Tough 'D', efficient 'O' are Warriors' trademarks

Lutheran Westland's strong start encouraging for coach, players

Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

With the bulk of its scoring punch back from last year's successful season, Lutheran Westland's girls basketball team is primed for a stellar showing in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference, which opens play on Friday.

Four returning starters have played key roles during the Warriors' impressive 3-1 pre-conference start. Coach Sandi Wade's team lone loss came at the hands of Lutheran Northwest, which is a member of the MIAC's upper division.

"We lost five of nine players (to graduation) from last year's team, but our four main scorers from last year have returned," said Wade. "We lost our point guard, Sabrina Morrison, who was a two-year starter. I was a little nervous

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Pictured (from left) are Lutheran Westland tri-captains Taylor Jones, Eleanor Storck and Bethany Hoehne.

ED WRIGHT



HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

# Panthers perform well at pair of events

Split squads both shine for Redford Union

Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

Splitting up his varsity wrestling team this past Saturday proved to be twice as nice for Redford Union coach Rob Rankin.

In addition to getting more wrestlers experience under the spotlight of high-caliber tournaments, both of Rankin's squads racked up some impressive credentials at Saturday's talent-drenched Rochester Adams Individual Tournament and at the Livonia Clarenceville Team Tournament.

Among the Panthers who excelled in Rochester was junior 145-pounder Tavion Groves, who won his weight class with an unblemished 5-0 record. Now 18-1, Groves posted a couple eye-opening victories on Saturday, including a decisive victory over a Ypsilanti Lincoln wrestler who placed eighth in the state last year.

"Tavion's been wrestling since sixth grade, so he knows what he's doing out there," said Rankin. "He's more than holding his own against some very good, established opponents. I expect big things from him this season."

Sophomore Isaac Grant also sparkled on Saturday,



TOM BEAUDOIN

Garden City's David Gausden has the upper hand on RU's Gasper Havier during a match earlier this season.

placing second in the grueling 189-pound brackets.

"Isaac had a really good day, making it to the finals for the first time," said Rankin.

Third-place performances were turned in by 125-pounder Justin Blunt, who Rankin described as "tenacious and always attacking," and heavy-weight James Beaubien, who is coming into his own at the heaviest weight class.

The Panthers placed fourth overall in the final standings despite only bringing nine athletes.

The other half of Rankin's roster performed well at Clarenceville, where it placed third behind only Westland John Glenn and the host Trojans.

Among the RU standouts were Gabriel Mendez, who went unbeaten at 112. "Gabriel may be the small-



TOM BEAUDOIN

Redford Union's Tavion Groves upped his record to 18-1 with a 5-0 day Saturday at the Rochester Adams tournament.

est 112-pounder in the state, but he really gets after it," said Rankin. "Eric Gregory, who we have at 103, is really coming around, too. He's starting to figure it out."

The effort of 160-pounder Ryan Phillips caught Rankin's attention. "Ryan wrestled extremely

hard," the coach said. "So did Gasper Havier, who was 2-2 at 152."

RU placed second at its own holiday tournament last month, finishing behind only a talented Melvindale unit.

"They beat us 76-6 last year and 39-32 this season, so it shows how far we've come,

even though they lost a few top guys to graduation," said Rankin. "They were just a few points from going to Battle Creek last year, so to wrestle them as hard as we did was encouraging."

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BOYS BASKETBALL

# WAKE-UP CALL

Churchill turns close game into run-away at Stevenson

Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

How did Livonia Churchill's boys basketball team turn a fragile one-point second-quarter lead into a 70-45 strong-as-steel victory Tuesday night against host Livonia Stevenson?

"We woke up," said Chargers head coach Jimmy Solak. "Towards the end of the first half and throughout the second half we started doing the things we were good at and we started taking away some things that they were good at."

The result left Churchill with a 4-1 record heading into Friday night's KLAA South Division opener against Westland John Glenn and Stevenson with a 3-3 mark as it prepares to host South Lyon East.

Jon Hovermale was the most-productive (among many) catalyst for the Chargers, netting 19 points, including 10 in the difference-making third quarter when the winners widened their seven-point halftime advantage to 15 with eight minutes to play.

Hovermale opened the pivotal third by swishing two technical free throws. After junior swingman Jerron Hampton knocked down a left-wing triple, Hovermale completed an and-one to extend Churchill's lead to 37-24 with 6:24 left in the quarter.

The Spartans never found an answer for the sweet-shooting senior guard, who closed out the segment with a pull-up jumper followed by a corner three.

Hampton, whose super springs and never-rest style of play, contributed 16 points and a team-high seven rebounds. A high-rising post player, Hampton proved he has some sharp perimeter skills, too, by draining two treys.

Churchill senior guard Dayton Davis chipped in 11 points and four steals.

Senior guard Gino D'Agostino was the steadiest Spartan on a shaky night, tossing in 15 points.

Churchill's defense limited the Spartans to 18-of-53 shooting while forcing 22 turnovers.

"Early in the first half, I think both teams were kind of



ED WRIGHT

Livonia Stevenson guard Gino D'Agostino was defended tightly by Churchill's Joan Andoni during the first half of Tuesday's game.



ED WRIGHT

Churchill's Jon Hovermale dribbles through traffic during Monday's victory over Stevenson. Hovermale led all scorers with 19 points.

going through the motions, which is typical after coming off a two-week break like we have," said Solak. "The first game back is always tough, so I was proud of the way the guys were able to

wake up and play like they're capable of playing in the second half.

"Stevenson's a much better team than they showed tonight. They always play hard and

they're fundamentally sound. They share the ball well and they beat you as a team. I expect a lot better game from them when we play them again in three weeks."

After falling behind 22-15 on Robert Seward II's first of two three-point shots, Stevenson showed some moxie, reeling off a 7-1 run (which was capped by a Kyle Malkowski put-back) to pull to within 23-22.

However, the Chargers finished the half with a 6-0 streak when Davis swished a 15-foot jumper as the buzzer sounded, and were never really tested over the final 16 minutes.

Churchill out-rebounded Stevenson, 40-24. Hovermale and Davis both ripped down six boards.

The Chargers canned 21 of 45 two-point attempts and were five-for-21 beyond the three-point arc.

PREP WRESTLING

## Rockets edge Trojans in mat tourney

Dan O'Meara  
Staff Writer

Westland John Glenn won a close competition with the host Trojans in the annual team wrestling tournament Saturday at Livonia Clarenceville.

After the teams tied at 36-36, seven tiebreaking criteria failed to end the stalemate. The eighth finally did it. The Rockets scored more first points than did Clarenceville, 12-8.

The Trojans went 3-1 on the day, defeating the X-team, 72-12; Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, 66-12; and Redford Union, 54-21.

Joseph Sanchez (125) was one of five Clarenceville wrestlers who went 4-0 and won the lower-weight MVP award.

The other unbeaten Clarenceville wrestlers were Dyland Brigham, 130; Greg Lutz, 135; Dante Marzolo, 152; and James Ascott, 215.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL

**Friday, Jan. 8**  
Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m.  
Annapolis at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.  
John Glenn at Churchill, 7 p.m.  
S.L. East at Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
Thurston at Fordson, 7 p.m.  
Roper at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.  
Macomb at HVL, 7 p.m.  
Wayne at Plymouth, 7 p.m.  
Redford Union at Garden City, 7 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

**Friday, Jan. 8**  
Churchill at John Glenn, 7 p.m.  
Canton at Franklin, 7 p.m.  
Clarenceville at Annapolis, 7 p.m.  
Stevenson at S.L. East, 7 p.m.  
Fordson at Thurston, 7 p.m.  
Southfield Christian at Luth. Westland, 5:30 p.m.  
Macomb Christian at HVL, 5:30 p.m.  
Plymouth at Wayne, 7 p.m.  
Garden City at Crestwood, 7 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY

**Saturday, Jan. 9**  
Churchill at Dakota, TBA  
Franklin at S. Lyon, 7 p.m.  
Stevenson at Northville, 6 p.m.  
Liggett at Ladywood, 6:30 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

**Saturday, Jan. 9**  
Churchill, Wayne at Wyandotte Invite, 9 a.m.  
Garden City Novice, 9:30 a.m.  
Stevenson Invite, 9 a.m.  
John Glenn at Bay City Western, TBA

BOYS SWIMMING

**Thursday, Jan. 7**  
Franklin at G.P. North, 6:30 p.m.  
Garden City at Fordson, 4 p.m.  
RU at Edsel Ford, 6:30 p.m.  
Belleville at Thurston, 6 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASTICS

**Saturday, Jan. 9**  
Livonia Blue at Lowell Invite, 10 a.m.  
Stevenson at Salem Invite, noon

## BLUE

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the sweep on the bars for Blue with a fourth-place score of 8.375. Ally Mrofchak chalked up the high score for her team

with a 7.825.

Weak edged Rhoad, 9.20-9.10, on the vault. Grover was deadlocked with M-L's Madeline Speck for third place with an 8.65. Mrofchak and Lord both earned 8.60's on the vault.

Weak owned the balance beam competition with a gold-

en tally of 9.10 — placing well ahead of runner-up Erin Murphy of M-L, who impressed the judges to the tune of an 8.75.

Grover and M-L's Sam House both scored 8.70 on the beam.

## Livonia Red wins, too

Livonia Red upended Walled Lake Central, 135.8-116.3 Tuesday night. Marissa McVey led Red with an all-around score of 35.35.

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HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

# Youthful Spartans go 3-2 in dual tourney

**Ed Wright**  
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Livonia Stevenson's wrestling team isn't letting a daunting amount of youth and inexperience hold it down.

On Saturday, the Spartans grappled their way to a 3-2 record at the L'anse Creuse High School Team Dual Tournament.

"I'm pleased with the effort of our young guys," said head coach Dan Vaughan. "Competing over the break has been challenging due to injuries and vacations. Over half of our lineup is freshmen and first-year athletes. They are working very hard and getting better every day."

Stevenson opened the day's full slate of action with a hard-

fought 45-34 setback to a highly-respected Marlette team before bouncing back to subdue St. Clair, 57-24.

An experienced Rochester squad had the Spartans against the ropes during the middle match of the day, knocking off Stevenson 67-6.

But the Spartans proved their resilience with back-to-back victories over Harper

Woods (84-0) and Warren De La Salle (42-41).

Leading the way for the Spartans was team leader Tarrick Alodray, who swept his way to a 5-0 record at 145 pounds.

Four other Stevenson wrestlers went 4-1: John Gusmano (112 pounds), Parker Nowak (215) and Kyle Houslander and Franklin Metivier, who both

competed at 285.

The Spartans will look to continue their positive momentum on Saturday when they host the annual Spartan Classic Team Dual Invite. Doors will open at 8 a.m. and wrestling will start at 9 a.m. Stevenson improved to 10-5.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

# Big fourth quarter lifts Spartans over Churchill

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Points were earned, not given away during Tuesday night's girls basketball game featuring Livonia rivals Stevenson and Churchill.

In a contest Spartans head coach Tim Newman categorized as "very physical," Stevenson persevered down the stretch to post a 53-44 victory at Churchill.

Stevenson improved to 4-2 heading into Friday night's KLAA Central Division opener at South Lyon East.

Clinging to a perilous 33-30 lead heading into the fourth quarter, the Spartans knocked down 14 of 22 free throws over the final eight minutes to seal the deal.

Sophomore guard Sarah Tanderys was money for the winners, scoring a team-high 16 points thanks to swishing four three-point shots while going 4-for-6 from the three-throw line in the fourth quarter.

"Sarah hit her shots tonight," said Newman. "All of our girls have the ability to hit their shots and Sarah shot especially well tonight."

"It was a nice, team victory tonight. We played a lot of girls because Churchill subbed a lot, and everybody contributed. Diane Senkowski didn't make any baskets, but she played great defense and made three free throws."

Junior guard Grace Lamerson tallied eight points for the Spartans while Jackie Green and Audrey Stahrr both netted six.

Junior post player Anne Yost led the Chargers with 16 points.

"She was a match-up nightmare for us tonight," said Newman of Yost. "She scored a lot, but we made her earn most of her points."

Stevenson held a 12-5 first-quarter lead and 21-18 half-time edge.

**Garden City nipped**

For the third time this season, Garden City's girls basketball team came out on the short end of a spine-tingling contest Tuesday night against visiting Dearborn Fordson.

After dropping two overtime thrillers before the holiday break, the Cougars were edged by the Tractors, 47-46, in a Western Wayne Athletic Conference cross-over game.

"We led most of the game, but we couldn't put it away down the stretch," lamented GC head coach Michele Tyree,



Churchill's Sam Zonca finds her path to the basket blocked by Stevenson's Amanda Schultz during Tuesday night's cross-town rivalry game.



Stevenson's Brie Maas watches her fade-away jumper sail toward the net.

whose team fell to 2-5. Fordson, which improved to 3-4, outscored the Cougars 14-7 in the fourth quarter to earn the win.

GC was paced in the scoring ledger by Lindsey Michalak and Kayley Hower, both of whom netted 12 points. Michalak also tallied 10 rebounds and three assists.

Amber Swisher scored seven for the Cougars while Aleea Montgomery chipped in with three.

Two girls named Rana led

the Tractors. Rana Elhussen ripped the nets for 21 points while Rana Elsmadowny added 10.

"Our girls played hard," said Tyree, whose team was victimized by eight Fordson three-point makes.

The Cougars were proficient from the free-throw line, connecting on 16 of 22 freebies. They made 15 of 20 in a foul-filled first half.

**Warriors wallop Jewish Academy**

Powered by a 14-point/six-steal performance from junior guard Taylor Jones, Lutheran Westland defeated the Jewish Academy, 42-14, Tuesday night to improve to 4-1.

The Warriors never looked back after sprinting to a 23-2 halftime lead.

"At practice yesterday we spent a lot of time working on using the weak side of our zone offense and using the cutters," said Warriors head coach Sandi Wade. "In tonight's game we were able to execute this. We also talked about crashing the boards, which we did well tonight."

LW's Hoehne sisters — Bethany and Hoehne — combined for 15 points in the winning cause.

BOYS BASKETBALL

# Cougars' finish strong against Franklin

**Ed Wright**  
Staff Writer

Garden City's Denzel Tinsley got hot right when the Cougars needed some heat Tuesday night against host Livonia Franklin.

The senior guard scored all 10 of his points in the fourth quarter — six coming on a couple of dagger-like treys — to spark the hosts to a 64-56 non-conference victory over the Patriots.

The final result improved GC's record to 2-3 while Franklin slipped to 1-5.

"It was an entertaining game most of the night," said Cougars head coach Ron Pummill. "Both teams played hard and they were scratching and clawing for every loose ball."

"Denzel's second three got our lead up to seven and we managed to hold them off from there. We had four guys in double figures, so it was a great team win."

GC led 16-12 after one quarter, 26-25 at the half and 45-41 with eight minutes to play.

Senior guards Vinnie Bakerian and Robbie Moyers both scored 15 points for the Cougars. Bakerian added seven rebounds, four assists and three steals, while Moyers was equally effective, racking up eight assists and four thefts.

"Those guys played great," added Pummill, who also praised the play of Cameron Walter (11 points).

Franklin sophomore forward Mark Mettie was hard to contain for the Cougars as he netted 17 points, nine in the first half when the Patriots took advantage of the 6-foot-7 Mettie's size advantage in the paint.

Forward Jax Gasaway also played well for the Patriots, scoring 15 points.

"Their bigs wore us down a little bit, but I was proud of the way our guys kept battling," Pummill said. "It's the first time in my four years as head coach here that we've played Franklin, and I'm glad we did because it was a good game."

**Warriors prevail**

Lutheran Westland never trailed Tuesday night on the way to an impressive 57-50 victory over Oakland Christian.

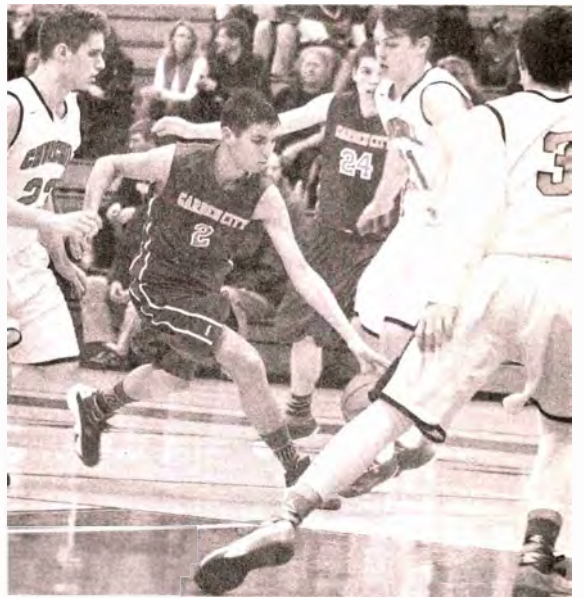
The triumph improved the Warriors' record to 4-0 while OC slipped to 2-2.

LW led 13-6 after one quarter, 29-16 at the half and 38-30 with eight minutes to play.

Luke Smith and Brent Croft led the winners' balanced scoring attack with 16 points a piece. Zach Burk tacked on 15 points for the Warriors.

"This was a tough win tonight. I'm proud of the way we battled through quite a few rough patches in order to hang on for the win," said Warriors head coach Jim Hoefl.

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Garden City senior guard Robbie Moyers, pictured during a game earlier this season, scored 15 points in the Cougars' victory over Franklin.

## WARRIORS

at first, but we have a sophomore (Katie Hoehne) who has stepped in and played well.

"The three wins we have we've won pretty handily. We're getting all-around scoring, which is helpful. It's not just one main girl doing the scoring; we have three or four players averaging between 10 and 14 points a game, so we're playing as a team."

"The girls are working hard on defense, which has always been our focus. We play a hard man-to-man, but we'll switch to a zone depending on the situation. Playing man-to-man gets the team's intensity level up higher."

Whenever the Warriors need some stabilizing — both on and off the court — they turn to their trio of captains: seniors Bethany Hoehne (the older sister of Katie) and Eleanor Storck, and junior Taylor Jones, a tenacious, ball-hawking guard.

"I've had Bethany since she



Lutheran Westland sophomore point guard Katie Hoehne prepares to dish the ball to a teammate during an end-of-practice drill Monday afternoon.

was a freshman, so she knows what I'm looking for," said Wade. "She's a leader by example. She knows all of our plays and she knows how to play all of the position, which is a plus. She's about 5-foot-9, so she's a back-court player

who can hit the three and play good defense. She's done a good job of helping us keep our turnovers down.

"We asked Eleanor to transition from a guard to a post player midway through last season, and she's done a great

job. She gives us a nice combination down low along with Rachel Reddeman.

"Taylor is a great defensive player who averages double figures in scoring. She's a scrappy player who gets a lot of points off her steals. She had one game (in December) when she scored 14 points and had eight steals and seven assists, so she's multi-dimensional."

Reddeman was a force as a freshman during the 2014-15 season as she averaged a double-double (12 points and 11 rebounds).

"She started out a little slow, but had 21 points in our third game, which helped her confidence," Wade said. "When other teams double her, she does a great job of finding the open player."

The fifth starter — Katie Hoehne — has done a solid job of replacing Morrison, who was one of the MIAC's elite point guards last season.

"This is her first year on the varsity, so she's still learning the point, but she's coming

along nicely," Wade said of the younger Hoehne. "I told her don't worry about making mistakes because they're going to happen. She's very capable of playing the point and I think eventually she's going to be very, very good there."

Among the team's top reserves are Kelli Orme, a sophomore guard; Caylin Hindle, Emma Johnson and Makayla Wyly.

"Makayla is our first post player off the bench," Wade said. "She'll come in and replace Rachel or Eleanor when they need a break. Caylin and Kelli are hard workers. Emma is a sophomore who has shown she is willing to put in the hard work it takes to get more minutes."

Among the Warriors' early-season marquee games is a late-January encounter with Sterling Heights Parkway Christian, which tied Lutheran Westland for the MIAC Red Division title last season.

"Whenever we play Parkway, the games are close," said Wade.



Industry Leadership Awards showcase commitment to region

The Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan (HBA) announced its 2015 Industry Leadership Award honorees. Awards were presented Dec. 9 at the association's Awards Night and Holiday Celebration held at The Diamond Center at Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

Nearly 300 members and guests attended the event, which has been reestablished as an annual celebration now that that the economy has improved for local builders, land developers, remodelers and suppliers to the home construction industry.

"These individuals and companies are outstanding examples of what can be accomplished in the regional home-building industry. They are making a positive impact on our industry and enhancing our communities," said Michael Stoskopf, CEO of the HBA. "It is our honor to acknowledge them."

Award honorees include: HBA President — Norman Finkelstein, Norwood Homes Hall of Fame — Stuart Michaelson, Windmill Group Inc.

Bert L. Smokler Builder of the Year — James V. Clarke, Robertson Homes

Young Builder of the Year — Vito Castellana, V.I.P. Homes

Developer of the Year — David Compo, Compo Builders Inc.

Development of the Year — River Walk of Farmington by Windmill Homes

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Barbara Burnham



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James V. Clarke



David Compo



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Distinguished Service Award to Government — Michigan Rep. Bruce R. Rendon, 103rd District

Thomas Ricketts Award to the Region's Outstanding Building Official — Bruce R. Johnson, City of Birmingham

Distinguished Service Award for Urban Home

Building — William Phillips, Windham Development, Inc.

Distinguished Service Award to the Housing Industry — Don Pratt, CGB, CGR, CGP, CAPS, CECS of Michigan Inc.

Don Maillho Memorial Award in Banking — Eric Burgoon, Lake Michigan Credit Union

Subcontractor of the Year

— David Alexander, D.A. Alexander Landscape

Associate of the Year — Kristin Andrews, Infusion Kitchen & Bath Showroom by Etna Supply

Professional Services to the Building Industry Award — Philip Seaver, Seaver Title Agency

Distinguished Service to HBA's Charitable Endeavors — Elizabeth Heiss Wyss, Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County

Special Recognition Award — Mandell "Bill" Berman, MLB Investments

Distinguished Service to the Professional Women in Building Council — Barbara Burnham, B.J. Burnham & Associates

Remodeler of the Year — Tim Saling, CAPS, CGR, Transitions Remodeling LLC

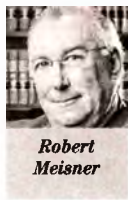
Distinguished Service To The Remodeling Industry — Keith "Rich" Kulka, GRQ Construction Services

Headquartered in West Bloomfield, the Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan (HBA) and the Apartment Association of Michigan (AAM) are trade associations representing 800 builders, remodelers, multi-family property owners, developers and suppliers to the single family and multi-family residential construction industry. HBA is affiliated with the Home Builders Association of Michigan in Lansing and the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C.

It pays to shop around for good legal representation

Q: We are in the process of retaining a professional management company for our condominium association. We asked the management company who they recommend as a law firm. They gave us one name and said that practically all of their associations used this law firm. Do you think that is a good idea?

A: I would have asked that management company why they believe that law firm is the only that they could recommend and I would seriously question what type of relationship they



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have with that law firm. Unfortunately, several management companies in the Detroit metropolitan area use one law firm regardless of the opportunity to use, perhaps, even better law firms only because they have a "special relationship" which means that the law firm may well cover any mistakes or liabilities of that management company for the benefit of that management company given that they are primary source of business for the law firm. Unfortunately, that is not being ethical, but that happens frequently and you should be on notice of it.

Q: My husband and I contracted with a builder to make repairs to our home without realizing that the contractor's builder's license had been recently revoked. Our insurance company paid the builder for the repairs, but we are still unsatisfied with the work performed and the builder is now ignoring us. Can we successfully sue the builder and recover the payments that he already received? Also, could the builder countersue us for anything even if he is not licensed?

A: In Michigan, a statute (MCL 339.2412(1)) exists that requires residential builders to be licensed as a condition of bringing a lawsuit to recover monies due against a homeowner for work performed. The Michigan Supreme Court recently ruled that the statute does not give homeowners an independent cause of action to seek damages for its violation, and does not prevent unlicensed builders from defending a lawsuit. (The court reasoned that the language of the statute bars an unlicensed builder from "bringing and maintain an action," not from asserting a defense). As a result, I would not recommend alleging that the contract with the builder is void under the statute and that he is therefore disallowed from asserting a setoff for the value of the work.

The better option may be to argue that, as an innocent homeowner that contracted with an unlicensed builder, the court should declare the contract voidable. If the contract is declared voidable by you, it would thereby be effective in conveying rights and obligations to both parties and third parties, which may be lost if the contract is simply considered void in its entirety. This approach may also assist you in arguing that, due to the builder's breach of contract, damages should be awarded in your favor by the court.

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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Aug. 24-28, 2015, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

CANTON

Table with 2 columns: Address and Price. Includes listings like 43551 Applewood Rd \$169,000, 41672 Bedford Dr \$85,000, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Address and Price. Includes listings like 8490 Westchester Ln \$230,000, 1480 Willow Creek Dr \$250,000, etc.

GARDEN CITY

Table with 2 columns: Address and Price. Includes listings like 31430 Alvin St \$90,000, 33255 Alvin St \$107,000, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Address and Price. Includes listings like 18325 Blue Heron Dr E \$540,000, 44848 Broadmoor Cir S \$425,000, etc.

LIVONIA

Table with 2 columns: Address and Price. Includes listings like 34050 Ann Arbor Tril \$242,000, 19625 Antago St \$82,000, etc.

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PLYMOUTH

Table with 2 columns: Address and Price. Includes listings like 46133 Amesbury Dr \$390,000, 41141 Ann Arbor Rd E \$172,000, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Address and Price. Includes listings like 9914 Arnold \$56,000, 12920 Benwyn \$57,000, etc.

WAYNE

Table with 2 columns: Address and Price. Includes listings like 3330 Cadillac Ave \$29,000, 33194 Forest Ave \$120,000, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Address and Price. Includes listings like 8112 August Ave \$140,000, 8237 August Ave \$135,000, etc.

WESTLAND

Table with 2 columns: Address and Price. Includes listings like 33914 Beechnut St \$90,000, 30786 Birchwood St \$59,000, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Address and Price. Includes listings like 3730 Donna St \$151,000, 8227 Fremont St \$130,000, etc.

REDFORD

Table with 2 columns: Address and Price. Includes listings like 25301 5 Mile Rd \$22,000, 33415 Vargo Dr \$260,000, etc.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Aug. 3-7, 2015, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS

Table with 2 columns: Address and Price. Includes listings like 32100 Arlington Dr \$395,000, 15580 Binwood Ave \$210,000, etc.

BIRMINGHAM

Table with 2 columns: Address and Price. Includes listings like 967 Ann St \$535,000, 295 Argyle St \$425,000, etc.

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COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP

Table with 2 columns: Address and Price. Includes listings like 1925 Baylis St \$399,000, 8115 Bonfield St \$350,000, etc.

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Table with 2 columns: Address and Price. Includes listings like 1511 Ludcan Dr \$291,000, 15159 Oakgrove \$115,000, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Address and Price. Includes listings like 22831 Vaux Ln \$198,000, 26405 Valhalla Dr \$315,000, etc.

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Table with 2 columns: Address and Price. Includes listings like 27853 Cathlamet \$278,000, 18186 Glenwood Blvd \$230,000, etc.

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Table with 2 columns: Address and Price. Includes listings like 4425, 5116, 531, 618, 741, 2233, 21047, 101, 43541, 46985, 24619, etc.

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Table with 2 columns: Address and Price. Includes listings like 60655 Deer Creek Dr \$265,000, 53711 Edgewood Dr \$315,000, etc.

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SOUTHFIELD

Table with 2 columns: Address and Price. Includes listings like 19430 Goldwin St \$107,000, 22406 Greenview Rd \$125,000, etc.

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WHITE LAKE

Table with 2 columns: Address and Price. Includes listings like 10850 Bogie Lake Rd \$105,000, 8491 Huron River Dr \$176,000, etc.

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Meet and greet

Several Realtor members of the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors, a local trade association for real estate professionals, gathered at the ConCorde Inn of Clinton Township on Dec. 4 to meet with Macomb County legisla-

tors. Legislators in attendance included Rep. Derek Miller, Rep. Jeff Farrington, Rep. Andrea LaFontaine, Rep. Ken Goike, Sen. Steve Bieda, Rep. Anthony Forlini, Commissioner Kathy Vosburg, Rep. Peter Lucido and Macomb County Clerk Carmella Sabaugh. This annual meet and greet is a

GMAR staple that helps maintain the relationships between Realtors and politicians. The Legislative Breakfast affords them time and place to discuss matters pertinent to protecting home ownership and real estate. The GMAR Government Affairs Committee plans to meet to discuss the possibility

of similar undertakings in Oakland and Wayne counties.

Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update. Meetings are 6-9 p.m. the third Tuesday of

each month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate.

Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership. The Red Lobster is next to 7-Eleven, near Trenton Road.

For more information, call Bill Beddoes at 734-934-9091 or Wayne Koehler at 313-819-0919.



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& Feb. 20th, 10:30am - noon  
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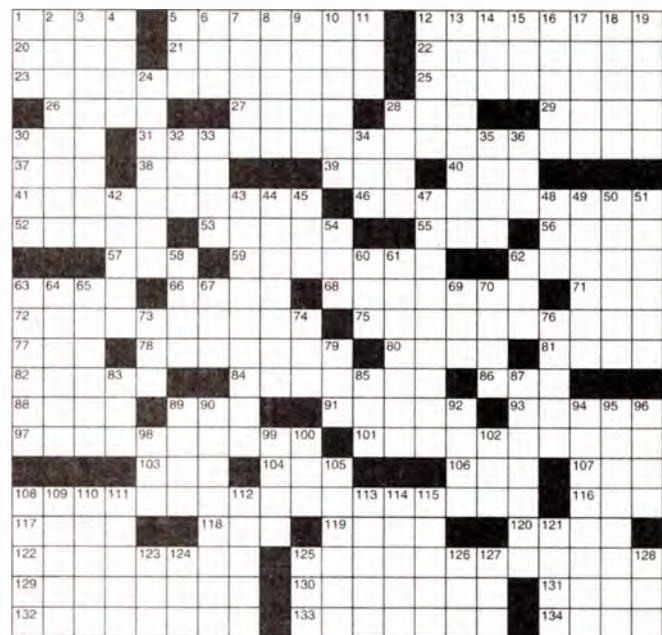
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## CROSSWORD PUZZLER

- ACROSS**
- 1 Tuna salad ingredient
  - 5 Remove by vaporizing, as impurities
  - 12 Tough guy's display
  - 20 Holiday preludes
  - 21 One heralding a new era, say
  - 22 Refusing to face reality
  - 23 Game with sticks and wheeled skates (#17)
  - 25 Differs in opinion
  - 26 Choke up
  - 27 Settled up
  - 28 Suffix with minimal
  - 29 Flatten
  - 30 See
  - 31 Public sale of seized property, maybe (#19)
  - 37 Bother
  - 38 Le dernier —
  - 39 Rock music genre
  - 40 Communist Mao — lung
  - 41 Keyword that helps people find an online video (#2)
  - 46 Economic divides (#24)
  - 52 Bar, legally
  - 53 Parcels
  - 55 Foe of Frodo
  - 56 Tahiti, e.g.
  - 57 Free TV ad, for short
  - 59 Bills or Jets
  - 62 Started the poker pot
  - 63 Largest city in Yemen
  - 66 La — Jackson
  - 68 What G-rated films are suitable for
  - 71 Old cloth
  - 72 What awards may be laid out on (#6)
  - 75 Last stage (#1)
  - 77 Despite this
  - 78 Sommeliers' bottles
  - 80 Partakes of
  - 81 Ogies
  - 82 Self-help book
  - 84 Shrewish
  - 86 Pitcher's stat
  - 88 Potpourri
  - 89 Old flier over the Atl.
  - 91 K.P. veggie
  - 93 Efface
  - 97 Antiterrorism legislation of 2001 (#9)
  - 101 Combat vehicles in a hobby shop (#4)
  - 103 Felony hated by MADD
  - 104 Road service gp.
  - 106 Neither here — there
  - 107 In-labor vote
  - 108 Bell Labs, for one (#22)
  - 116 Gen. Pershing's conflict
  - 117 Trebek of TV
  - 118 Wahl of TV
  - 119 Fuentes of baseball
  - 120 Arthur of tennis
  - 122 Atomic group
  - 125 Things hidden in nine answers in this puzzle
  - 129 Dtd surgery
  - 130 Gruel base
  - 131 Cookie often taken apart
  - 132 Cuddled-up couples
  - 133 Flourish
  - 134 Couples up
  - DOWN**
  - 1 French sea
  - 2 Fatty fruits
  - 3 Shouts
  - 4 Nobel city
  - 5 Rough husk
  - 6 —Kosh B'Gosh
  - 7 "God willing!"
  - 8 Old Renault
  - 9 Terminix rival
  - 10 "I need grub!"
  - 11 Cook in fat
  - 12 Center
  - 13 Cartoonist
  - 14 PC inserts
  - 15 "— So Fine"
  - 16 With
  - 30-Across, neon or xenon
  - 17 Exodus peak
  - 18 Sader staple
  - 19 NFL Hall of Famer
  - Merlin
  - 24 Holders used during breakfast
  - 28 Privy to
  - 30 Soul's
  - Marvin
  - 32 Bard's eye
  - 33 Jostled (for)
  - 34 British music co.
  - 35 Pyle's org.
  - 36 So-so grade
  - 42 November gem
  - 43 "Taxi" cabbie played by Danza
  - 44 Forage crop
  - 45 Styling goop
  - 47 Oversaw jointly
  - 48 Gimlet liquor
  - 49 Errant
  - 50 Make glad
  - 51 Fen plants
  - 54 RR stop
  - 58 "— boy!"
  - 60 Goblin, e.g.
  - 61 Unknown by
  - 62 Nile reptile
  - 63 Whale's half-rise out of the water
  - 64 Iris ring
  - 65 Bonehead
  - 67 Sculling item
  - 69 Gang gun
  - 70 Different
  - 73 Lead-in to friendly
  - 74 Brain test, for short
  - 76 "— pin drop"
  - 79 NCO in the 35-Down
  - 83 Rocky top
  - 85 "— so sorry"
  - 87 Sanctuary
  - 89 Acerbic
  - 90 Unyieldingly insistent type
  - 92 Big name in lens care
  - 94 In whatever location
  - 95 Like kebabs
  - 96 Morales in movies
  - 98 Ore —
  - 99 Son of Adam
  - 100 Ecu or fawn
  - 102 Slew
  - 105 Stellar
  - 108 Novarro of "Ben-Hur"
  - 109 Split to hitch
  - 110 Monica of tennis
  - 111 Apply
  - 112 Listens to
  - 113 Link up with
  - 114 Agenda bits
  - 115 Puffs
  - 121 Tuck away
  - 123 Ripken of baseball
  - 124 Pickup's kin
  - 125 Soft lump
  - 126 Northern Thai
  - 127 Stately tree
  - 128 Distress call



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## SUDOKU

2			3	6				9
3	8		7					5
8	3			4				
		5		6		7		
				7			9	1
		4			7		5	8
6			5	1				3

**Here's How It Works:**  
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

8	2	9	2	4	5	1	4	8	6
3	3	2	4	1	7	5	3	6	5
8	9	7	6	5	8	1	2	4	3
4	2	8	1	3	9	6	1	5	2
4	1	5	2	3	7	8	4	6	1
5	6	2	6	5	3	7	1	4	9
6	5	4	9	2	6	8	3	7	1
9	6	8	7	2	1	5	4	3	6
2	7	4	9	6	5	8	1	3	2
2	5	1	4	3	6	8	7	9	5

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 K K S Y O T I B I E F A T J E T I G K E  
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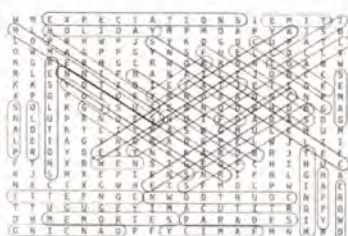
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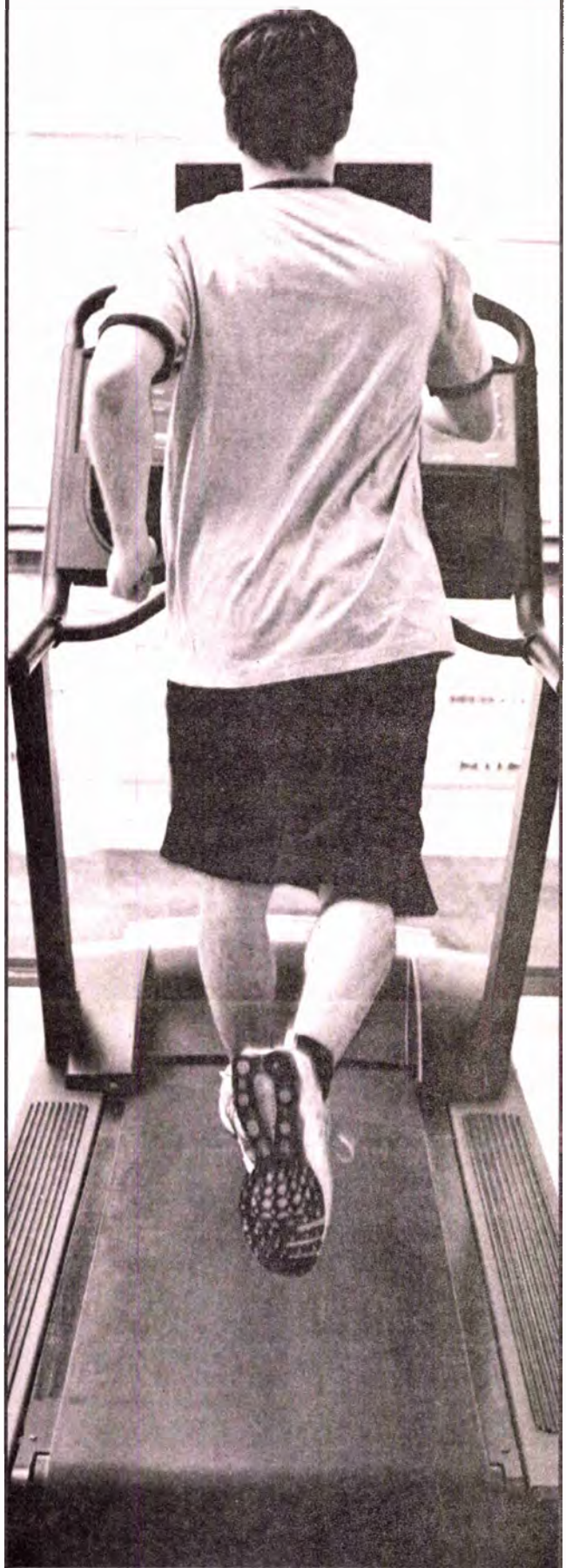
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# Peace group offers 'Five Women Five Journeys' program

**Sharon Dargay**  
Staff Writer

Women from the Jewish, Christian, Buddhist, Sikh, Hindu and Muslim faiths will talk about their religious challenges and beliefs at the Citizens for Peace meeting, Jan. 12 in Livonia.

"It's pretty cool bringing together people of different faith traditions," said Colleen Mills, Citizens for Peace president. "Our thing with Citizens for Peace is dispelling the myths about different religions. When people come to our meetings, they get a different perspective."

The program, Five Women, Five Journeys, will start at 7 p.m. at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile. Maryann Schlie, a Christian, will moderate the discussion panel that will include Jewish Rabbi Dorit Edut; Dolores Lyons, a Buddhist; Raj



The Five Women Five Journeys program brings women together to talk about their different faith experiences.

Chehl, a Sikh; Anjali Vale of the Hindu faith, and Parwin Anwar, a Muslim.

The panelists will talk about the challenges faced by women in their religious tradition, how their faiths are misunderstood and how reaching out to someone from a differ-

ent faith has enriched their lives.

Five Women, Five Journeys is a signature program of Women's Interfaith Solutions for Dialogue and Outreach in Metro-Detroit (WISDOM), a nonprofit organization based in Bloomfield Hills. Its mission is to

bring women from different faiths together to work for the common good, empower women to further social justice and peace, dispel myths, stereotypes and prejudices about various religions, and to nurture the growth of empathy and spirituality as

women of different faiths engage in projects and dialogue.

"This is the first time we're presenting people of different faiths. We're more a peace than church group," Mills said. "We are starting the year off with WISDOM women because we

need wisdom, understanding, patience, love and forgiveness. To have peace you need to forgive other people."

The presentation is free. For more information call 734-425-0079, or visit citizens4peace.com or interfaithwisdom.com

## RELIGION CALENDAR

### JANUARY EXERCISE

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. Mondays, Jan. 11-April 11  
**Location:** St. John Neumann Parish, 44800 Warren Road, Canton  
**Details:** Joe Mason leads a 12-week session that focuses on balance, timing, coordination, strength, flexibility, stretching, abdominal and back exercises. \$84 for the series or \$10 per class drop in  
**Contact:** 734-455-5910

### SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

**Time/Date:** Noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31  
**Location:** Divine Mercy Roman Catholic Regional School, 31500 Beechwood, Garden City  
**Details:** Tour the school, meet the principal, pick up a registration packet  
**Contact:** 734-425-4420

### WIDOWED FRIENDS

**Time/Date:** 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17  
**Location:** St. Kenneth, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth  
**Details:** Mass and potluck lunch. Bring a dish to pass. Call Liz at 734-452-9149 to find out what foods are needed. Widowed friends is a peer support group of the Archdiocese of Detroit  
**Contact:** Pat at 734-895-6246

### WOMEN'S EVENT

**Time/Date:** 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23  
**Location:** Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City  
**Details:** Authors Lynn Donovan and Dineen Miller are guest speakers at an event for women who are "spiritually mismatched" in their marriage or have loved ones who are non-believers or are not mature in their faith. The conference will include a continental breakfast and lunch. Tickets are \$30, available at [spiritualmismatch.eventbrite.com](http://spiritualmismatch.eventbrite.com)  
**Contact:** 734-421-0472

### FEBRUARY AUCTION

**Time/Date:** 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14  
**Location:** Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road, Westland  
**Details:** Auction supports Concordia Lutheran School. Tickets are \$30 per person or \$270 for a table of 10 and includes appetizer, dinner, desserts, drinks and auction. Deadline is Feb. 8. Order by calling 248-474-2488 or 313-937-2233.  
**Contact:** Laura Goodman at 313-937-2233

### ONLINE 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.livonia-st-michael.org](http://www.livonia-st-michael.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](mailto:zumba.com)  
**Contact:** 313-408-3364

### FAMILY MEAL

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

### HEALING SERVICE

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

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### CASH, PAMELA ANNE

January 2, 2016, age 47 of Green Oaks Township. Loving daughter of John and Judith Spicer. Dear sister of John P. (Alison) Spicer, Taylor Halie Spicer and Joseph A. Spicer. Aunt of Noah and Isabella Spicer and Reagan Bultrowicz. Dear friend of Linda Lovato. Visitation Thursday 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. Funeral Service at First United Methodist Church, 400 E. Grand River Ave., Brighton, MI 48116. Memorials may be made to the Huron Valley Humane Society, P.O. Box 7026, Liberty Station, Ann Arbor, MI 48107-7026. To share memories, please visit [vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://vermeulenfuneralhome.com)



### FOUST, JOYCE L.

Age 91 of Plymouth, Peacefully joined her late husband of 63 years Fred on January 3rd. She will be greatly missed by her surviving family, sons Brian (Cathy), Craig (Denise) and by her daughter Carol (Kelvin) Chen. Joyce is also survived by her sister Gail Shlanta Peasley, her grandchildren David Foust, Tair Champlin, Jennifer (Jason) DeMink and Kari (Stephen) Foust-Christensen. Great Grandchildren include Rina Champlin, Jane Champlin, Maddie DeMink, Andrew DeMink, Tyler Foust-Christensen and Carly Joyce Foust-Christensen. Joyce, a 1945 graduate of the University of Michigan, attended First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. She was also very involved in many Plymouth community groups which included Past State President of P.E.O., Plymouth Historical Society, Plymouth AAUW, and Plymouth Community Arts Council. Joyce made her life count, and set a strong Christian example. Her constant smile and gracious caring for others added so much value to both her family and her friends. She, and her blessed attributes, will be greatly missed. The family will gather with friends on Friday 3:30 p.m. until the 7:30 p.m. Memorial Service at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road, (Btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to P.E.O. Executive Office, Treasury Dept., 3700 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50312-2899 or Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 Sheldon Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. To share a memory please visit [vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://vermeulenfuneralhome.com)



### GIBBS, JOHN E.

Age 88, of Rochester Hills, died Friday, January 1, 2016 at his residence. John was born on September 20, 1927 in Dexter, Missouri son of the late William and Anna (Schantz) Gibbs. A veteran of the U.S. Army, John received 2 bronze clusters for his combat service in the Korean War. He later earned his accounting degree from Walsh College. John was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and VFW Post 3908. He is survived by: his wife Katherine; children Robert (Elizabeth) Gibbs, Cynthia (William) Woodhull, Jeffrey (Bridget) Gibbs, Bethany (Michael) Jaworski, Thomas (Carol) Priestley, Morgan (Carol) Priestley, Dannel (Tami) Priestley, Sarah (Ken) Braswell, Joanna Priestley, and Teresa (Randy) Herman and nephew Michael Gibson; Grandchildren John Gibbs, Andrew Gibbs, Bradley (Carley) Woodhull, Adam (Lauren) Woodhull, David Woodhull, Jack Gibbs, Jason (Ashley Sohn) Priestley, Katrin (Josh) Ellingwood, Melanie Priestley, Holly Priestley, Jesika (Brandon) Morgette, Kayla Priestley and Anna Priestley; Great-grandchildren Avery Woodhull, Colin Morgette, and Mckaela Priestley. Also survived by sisters Edith Smith, Mary Russell, and Regina Selberg. In addition to his parents, John was preceded in death by his wife Kaye, grandson Christopher Woodhull, sisters Anna Mae Jarrell, Margurite Johnson and brothers William, Cecil and Clarence. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday, January 6, 2016 at St. John's Lutheran Church, 1011 W. University Dr., Rochester, Pastor Steve Grafe officiating. Military honors and interment to follow at White Chapel Memorial Cemetery. Mr. Gibbs will lie in state at the church at 10 a.m. The family will receive friends Tuesday, January 5, 2016, from 1-4 p.m. and 5-8 p.m. at the Pixley Funeral Home, 322 W. University Drive, Rochester. Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital or Hospice of Michigan. Condolences may be shared online at [pixleyfuneral.com](http://pixleyfuneral.com).



### HILDEBRANDT, EUGENE

Age 90, January 2, 2016. Loving husband of Phyllis (Delaney) Hildebrandt. Cherished father of Madge (Albert) Klais, Kim (Ann) Hildebrandt and Susan (Charles) Hildebrandt Burch. Beloved grandfather of four grandchildren, two great grandchildren. Predeceased by his son, Kevin Hildebrandt, in 1985. Visitation on Thursday, January 7, 2016 from 10 a.m. until time of the memorial service at 11:00 a.m. at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., Downtown Farmington (1 blk. W. of Farmington Rd.). In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital.  
[www.thayer-rock.com](http://www.thayer-rock.com)



### WRIGHT, RANDALL ALLEN

Age 57, of Gaines, died December 31, 2015. A Memorial service was held 3 p.m. Sunday January 3, 2016 at Swartz Creek Church of the Nazarene, 7154 Morrish Road, Swartz Creek. Pastor Lawrence Giff officiating. Those desiring may make contributions to the Humane Society of Genesee County. Randall was born March 4, 1958 in Mobile, Alabama the son of Roland R. and Bonnie M. (Watkins) Wright. He was a musician at the Swartz Creek Church of the Nazarene. He was an avid bicyclist. He loved the outdoors and was also an avid hunter. Randy was a generous uncle to all his nieces and nephews. He is survived by siblings, Martin Wright of Milford, Debra Godin of Detroit, Starla Adly of Concord, California, Julie Marino of Novi, Eric Wright of South Lyon; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Edward Wright; sister, Laura Fisher. Tributes may be shared on the obituaries page at [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com)



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## Pure Michigan beer: Metro Detroit micro-maltery opens

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The malted barley at the heart of your favorite locally brewed craft beer probably didn't come from Michigan.

The grain could have been farmed in Idaho or North Dakota, then malted by a big company such as Cargill. Or it may have been imported from Canada or one of several European countries.

Less than 0.2% of the barley produced for beer in the U.S. is grown in the Great Lakes State, according to the American Malting Barley Association. But recently, metro Detroit's first micro-malt house (at least, in the post-Prohibition era) started cranking out exclusively Michigan-grown and malted barley, say the owners of MotorCity Malt House.

"We started looking into it and realizing there's a market; people want to buy local, they just don't want a commodity coming from some factory in Calgary," MotorCity cofounder Tom Laboda said. "We started talking and said, 'Hey, let's bite the bullet.'"

Home brewers are really enjoying the local option, as it's outselling other new products, said Andy Moore, owner of Cap 'n' Cork Home Brewing Supplies in Macomb Township.

"I've brewed with it quite a few times. It's a great product," he said. "We're almost to the point now where you can use 100% all Michigan-based beer (ingredients)."

Nestled among a landscaping company, a body shop and a cabinet builder in a Shelby Township light-industrial area is the 1,200-square-foot maltery. A couple lifelong friends who like to home-brew saw an opportunity, and the company got its license in September. It already has found clients in two microbrewers and two home-brew stores.

Using food-grade plastic pitchforks, Laboda, 53, and his partner Dan Bailey, 54, turned grain in large metal tanks when the Free Press visited the operation Dec. 21. The twice-daily activity keeps the grains from sticking together as they begin to germinate. The men don't have any employees, but sometimes their wives help with the business.

An August 2014 feasibility study from Michigan State University indicates there's legitimate potential with what they're doing — whether small- or large-scale, as there are "very few malsters in Michigan," so locally-brewed beer is made with outsourced ingredients.

"Overall a malt house is



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Tom Laboda who started MotorCity MaltHouse with Dan Bailey holds some single source malting barley at their facilities in Shelby Township.



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Bailey turns the malt in a tank at the facilities. Whereas the malting process is more mechanized at a large factory, the Motorcity operation involves plastic pitchforks and elbow grease.



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Tom Laboda, left and Dan Bailey, engineers and founders of MotorCity MaltHouse, sort malt at their facilities in Shelby Township on Dec. 21.

feasible with a relatively high chance of success. There is clearly a market for locally produced malt, and the craft beer and distilling industry in the state continues to grow," according to the report.

Laboda still has a day job as an engineer for Waltonen, an engineering company that works with automotive and government clients. But he and his partner, Bailey, also an engineer, are optimistic for their new business after finding farmers in regional areas such as Lapeer and Crosswell to grow the barley. They plan to produce 200,000

to 300,000 pounds of malted barley per year, an amount large-scale competitors might turn in a single batch, Laboda said.

"We sell a single variety of barley from a single farm," he said, adding that the farm and variety is printed on each 50-pound bag. Laboda said that "almost like wine," the farm where the barley is grown affects the flavor characteristics.

Grizzly Peak Brewing in Ann Arbor has used MotorCity's malts, and head brewer Duncan Williams said "there's a sense of pride" in supporting a local malt

house, which also supports the local economy.

He said he blended MotorCity malts and others from Pilot Malt House outside Grand Rapids to make Three Ships Trippel, a seasonal which, as of late last month, was still available at the brewery. He describes the locally-sourced malts as "decent," but not yet at the level of what he orders from larger companies.

"Given enough time and support, the quality will definitely get better," he said, adding he hopes to one day start putting Michigan malts in the brewery's flagship

beers. With Michigan-grown hops available from nearby areas such as Top Hops Farms in Goodrich, only locally cultivated yeasts remain elusive to home brewers, Moore said.

There are only about three malt houses in Michigan, and Williams said the local industry is about where hops farming was 10 years ago. This year, Michigan's production of malted barley is estimated at 6,000 acres harvested — very small compared with states like Montana (850,000 acres), North Dakota (1 million), or even Minnesota (60,000), according to a report from the American Malting Barley Association.

Williams said temperatures for brewers grains must be cooler than the ones Michigan often sees. The MSU report describes the Upper Peninsula as the "major producing region" for barley in the state.

As for what Laboda said about terroir, or, the influence a local farm, climate, soil and terrain has on malted barley's flavor profile:

"The concept of terroir is an accepted fact in wine production but is a source of debate in beer circles. Some brewers do believe in terroir and this attribute could be used to market locally produced malt from locally produced barley," according to the MSU report.

Williams said it does have an influence. And he said the Synergy malt variety he had from MotorCity was a good one.

Another important factor to brewers is price. Laboda said their malts cost about 36% more per pound than the mass-produced version. He said to think of it as "the jam at Kroger versus the farmer's market jam."

Whereas the malting process is more mechanized at a large factory, the MotorCity operation involves plastic pitchforks and elbow grease. The tubs used to germinate the grains were repurposed from bulk milk tanks. The oven, used to dry and cure the malts, previously was used for painting auto parts. Bailey said everything has been made food-safe.

The two entrepreneurs used their engineering know-how to hand-make an operation that's clean, modest and perhaps the next level in Michigan's craft beer evolution.

*Spirits of Detroit* columnist Robert Allen covers alcohol for the Free Press. He can be reached at rallen@freepress.com or Untappd, raDetroit; Twitter: @rallenMI, Facebook, robertallen.news; and Periscope, @rallenMI.

## 'Powerful' DIA exhibition on display through Jan. 18

**B**old, edgy, dynamic and provocative, the "30 Americans" exhibition of contemporary art by many of the most important African American artists of the last three decades will end its run at the Detroit Institute of Arts, Monday, Jan. 18. The exhibition explores issues of racial, gender, political and historical identity and features 55 paintings, sculptures, installations, photographs and videos drawn from the Rubell Family Collection, Miami. Artists include Kerry James Marshall, Jean-Michel Basquiat, Kara Walker, Nick Cave, Kehinde Wiley, Carrie Mae Weems, Robert Colescott, Glenn Ligon and Lorna Simpson, just to name a few.

Southfield public Library Outreach Docent Kelly Rembert called the exhibition, "powerful."

"Some of the pieces you get their meaning right away and some of them you have to sit back and think about them," she said. "The one that struck me a lot was Duck, Duck, Noose. It had (stools) sitting in a circle with KKK masks on them and then a noose hanging in the center. It's like taking the children's game and putting a horrible twist on it."

The display by New York artist Gary Simmons is made out of wood, cloth, metal and hemp. Noir, an oil and acrylic life-sized portrait by Connecticut artist Barkley L. Hendricks, depicts a 1970's African American man dressed in a



**Diana Wing**

AROUND TOWN

three piece suit and a vivid blue shirt — a style of the times that can only be described as "cool." The subject conveys strength, self-assurance and a laid-back attitude.

A colorful and textured Soundsuit by Chicago fabric sculptor, dancer and performance artist Nick Cave offers a multisensory experience including movement and sound when performed. The fun, eye-popping floral suit is made of fabric, sequins, fiberglass and metal. It's hard to miss the three large oil paintings by Brooklyn artist Kehinde Wiley who melds Western European portraiture with contemporary hip hop culture. In the painting, Equestrian Portrait of the Count Duke Olivares, Wiley places a young, black male subject on a galloping horse and fitted with weapons, in a similar pose and setting as Spanish artist Diego Velazquez's 1634 painting of the same title. The background is a rich, decorative floral pattern.

The exhibition "30 Americans" runs through Monday, Jan. 18 at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Admission to the exhibition is free on closing day. For information about museum admission and exhibition pricing and hours visit dia.org or call (313) 833-4005. The DIA is



30 Americans Kehinde Wiley Equestrian Portrait: "Brooklyn" artist Kehinde Wiley melds Western European portraiture with contemporary hip hop culture in his paintings.

located at 5200 Woodward Avenue.

### Toy Show

Did Santa forget to leave the vintage Han Solo and Luke Skywalker figurines you were hoping for? Well, head over to the Toy Show, Saturday, Jan. 16, at the Royal Oak Farmers

Market where you'll likely find Star Wars collectables among the huge variety of unique, fun and rare toys from the 1880's to the 1990's. Collector and promoter Larry Barnett, a 40-year resident of Southfield, stages the show with his business partner Eric Olbrich.

"There is a subculture of

people who love toys and nostalgic collectibles," he said.

"We have about 40 or so dealers. It's cool to see how interested people are collecting, buying, trading and selling. People bring their collections in and have them evaluated."

Barnett noted that more men than women tend to collect toys. Families and grandparents who bring grandchildren also like to come to the show and search for childhood games, dolls, cars and trucks, Detroit-related items, action figures and other memorabilia.

"When people come in they'll see things they haven't seen in years," said Barnett who likes to collect books, sports-related figures and baseball bats. "1968 was the greatest year of my life as a kid because the Tigers won, so I still have a bunch of stuff that I've kept like baseball cards. Anything related to the Tigers in the sixties I collect because that's what was important to me. I had tons of toys, but what stayed in my heart was the baseball stuff, and I'll add to that if I see something."

The Toy Show runs 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 16. Admission is \$5/ages 12-plus. Kids are free with an adult. The Royal Oak Farmers Market is located at 316 E. 11 Mile Road at Troy Street. Call (248) 246-3276.

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## A little taste of Florida sun

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Warm up, freshen your winter breakfast with grapefruit

**D**uring the cold and dark winter months, it's important to stay warm and well-nourished. Using in-season ingredients and produce is a simple way to brighten your winter blues and introduce authentic vitamin-rich flavor to your meals. "Florida grapefruit reaches its best taste during the heart of winter, making it a great source of fresh, nutrient-rich fruit at a time when many others are not available," said Emily Richards, cookbook author. "I like to add Florida grapefruit and its juice to salads, savory dishes and snacks."

Add Florida sunshine and a boost of energy to your blustery mornings with grapefruit. Quinoa Grapefruit Blueberry Breakfast combines hot quinoa with Florida Grapefruit and blueberries for a new twist on breakfast.

To learn more about Florida grapefruit and find more recipes, visit [GoFloridaGrapefruit.com](http://GoFloridaGrapefruit.com).

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### QUINOA GRAPEFRUIT BLUEBERRY BREAKFAST

Prep time: 10 minutes  
Cook time: 15 minutes  
Serves: 4

**1/2 cup Florida Grapefruit Juice**  
**1/2 cup water**  
**1/2 cup quinoa, rinsed**  
**2 tablespoons liquid honey or maple syrup**  
**2 Florida Ruby Red Grapefruit, segmented**  
**1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries**  
**1 cup vanilla or plain yogurt**  
**fresh mint leaves**

In small saucepan, combine grapefruit juice, water, quinoa and honey. Bring to boil; cover and simmer for about 15 minutes, or until liquid is absorbed. Stir in grapefruit and blueberries; divide into shallow bowls and top with yogurt. Garnish with mint to serve.



### GRAPEFRUIT FRENCH TOAST CASSEROLE WITH SWEET N CITRUS SALSA

Makes: 6 servings

**For Casserole:**  
**8 cups cubed challah bread (about 8 thick slices)**  
**1/2 cup spreadable cream cheese at room temperature**  
**1 cup milk**  
**1/2 cup Florida grapefruit juice**  
**4 large eggs**  
**2 teaspoons vanilla**  
**1 teaspoon cinnamon**  
**Pinch of salt**  
**1/2 cup packed brown sugar**  
**1/2 cup maple syrup**  
**For Salsa:**  
**1 tablespoon grated Florida grapefruit rind**  
**1 tablespoon grated orange rind**  
**2 Florida grapefruit**  
**2 Florida oranges**  
**3 tablespoons packed brown sugar**  
**2 tablespoons granulated sugar**  
**Pinch of cinnamon**  
**Maple syrup**  
**Icing sugar**

To prepare casserole, place bread in greased 11-b y-7-inch (2.5L) baking dish. Using an electric mixer, beat cream cheese until softened. Beat in milk in steady drizzle, then grapefruit juice. Whisk in eggs, vanilla, cinnamon and salt until combined. Pour over bread, pressing down to soak bread evenly. Sprinkle brown sugar and drizzle maple syrup over top. Cover and refrigerate for at least 1 hour or overnight. Meanwhile, to prepare salsa grate rind from grapefruit and oranges. Cut peel and pith from grapefruit and oranges. With small sharp knife, cut grapefruit and orange sections away from membrane; cut each section in half crosswise. Place in serving bowl; sprinkle with grapefruit and orange rinds, brown sugar, granulated sugar and cinnamon (if using). Refrigerate for up to 1 hour. Stir together gently just before serving.

Bake casserole in center of 350 degree oven for 35-45 minutes or until golden brown and liquid is completely set. Let stand on rack 5 minutes. Serve with salsa, additional maple syrup and a sprinkle of icing sugar.



### PETITE GRAPEFRUIT OATMEAL SCONES

Makes: 12 servings

**Scones:**  
**1 Florida grapefruit**  
**1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour**  
**1/2 cup quick cooking oatmeal**  
**3 tablespoons sugar**  
**2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder**  
**1/2 teaspoon salt**  
**6 tablespoons butter, well chilled, finely diced**  
**2 eggs, beaten**  
**6 tablespoons half and half**  
**Grapefruit Glaze:**  
**1 cup powdered sugar**  
**2 to 3 tablespoons grapefruit juice**  
**1 tablespoon grapefruit zest**

Preheat oven to 400°F.

Remove zest from grapefruit with zester; reserve.

Peel grapefruit, segment and dice. Line a plate with a double layer of paper towels; place diced grapefruit on paper towels and drain well. Blot grapefruit dry with additional paper towels; reserve.

In medium bowl, combine flour, oatmeal, sugar, baking powder, salt and reserved grapefruit zest. Cut in butter with a pastry blender or fork until mixture until mixture is crumbly. Whisk together eggs and half and half; pour half of egg mixture into flour mixture; stir just until combined. Add 2 more tablespoons of egg mixture to flour mixture; reserve remaining egg mixture. Stir dough until mixture forms a ball. Add diced grapefruit; mix in lightly.

Turn dough onto a floured work surface; form dough into a ball. Knead dough lightly 3 times, adding a small amount of flour if dough is too sticky. Pat dough into 2 (6-inch) circles. Cut each circle into 6 wedges. Place scones on ungreased cookie sheet; brush with reserved egg mixture. Bake for 7 to 10 minutes or until light golden brown. Transfer scones to wire rack and cool completely. Drizzle with Grapefruit Glaze, if desired.

To make glaze: Combine all ingredients; mix well.



### NUTTY GRAPEFRUIT WAFFLES WITH CRANBERRY GRAPEFRUIT COMPOTE

Makes: 4 servings

**1 cup Florida grapefruit juice**  
**1 cup (8 ounces) nonfat plain Greek yogurt**  
**1/4 cup sliced almonds or flax seeds**  
**2 large eggs, beaten**  
**2 tablespoons honey**  
**1 cup all-purpose flour**  
**1/2 cup whole wheat flour**  
**1 tablespoon baking powder**  
**1 teaspoon salt**  
**Canola oil**

In a large bowl, combine grapefruit juice, yogurt, almonds, eggs and honey; set aside. Sift or stir together all-purpose flour, whole wheat flour, baking powder and salt. Using a large spoon, gently stir flour mixture into grapefruit juice mixture just until combined, being careful not to over mix. Brush waffle maker with oil and cook waffles according to waffle maker's directions, using about 1/2 cup batter per waffle. Brush waffle maker with oil before each batch of waffles. Serving immediately topped with Cranberry Grapefruit Compote.



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