

Third fatality raises safety issues

LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

Following a pedestrian fatality Friday night — the third death in recent months on Ve nov --- Westland Police have een asked to meet with the Norwayne Community Citizens Council about safety concerns. In the most recent accident, Kim Winekoff, 52, was crossing Venoy eastbound between Palmer and Wal-lace at about 8:58 p.m. She was struck by a southbound

pickup truck driven by a Garden City woman, 33, and pro-

She was coming from the Palm-

Johnson nounced dead at

the scene. "She was not in a crosswalk.

er Terrace Apartments (on the west side of Venoy)," Westland Deputy Police Chief Todd Adams said. "She was crossing to visit a friend in Norwayne. She apparently walked in front of the pickup truck."

The accident investigation is pending and a report will go to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, but Adams said alcohol or drugs were not a factor for the driver. Toxicology results

are awaited on Winekoff. Both pedestrians killed earlier in that same area of Venoy were found to have been intoxicated while crossing the road between the intersections, Adams said. No charges were

filed against the drivers Adams, who supervises the department Traffic Bureau, will speak with the Norwayne Community Citizens Council at its meeting scheduled for 6

p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16, to discuss safety concerns about Venoy near Palmer.

"I think their concern is that liquor stores were involved. In two (previous) fatalities, one was going to buy liquor at Rob-ertson's (Liquor store on Venoy south of Dorsey) and was de-nied," Adams said. "The other upon to buy liquor of Borol went to buy liquor at Regal

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Adams to head Westland parks and rec

LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

A retired member of the Westland Fire Department has been appointed as the city's new parks and recreation director.

John Adams, retired in 2014 as assistant fire chief/fire marshal and most recently serving as CEO for the Inkster Fire Department, was confirmed by the council as parks and recreation director under a one-year contract.

Some residents complained that Adams would be doubledipping by collecting his pen-sion while also working for the city and questioned his lack of experience working in parks and recreation.

Westland Mayor William Wild offered a detailed expla-nation for his selection of Adams, noting his work ethic, education and cost-savings by filling the position with a retir-

ee. "There has been a lot of conversation over the last couple of weeks. I apologize to him (Adams) if any of this was considered personal," Wild said. "It's a business decision. As someone who was a longtime city employee and a vet-eran, you didn't deserve this." As 2015 ended, Wild didn't reappoint Jessica Mistak as

parks and recreation director. Experienced in parks and recreation administration. Mistak had been in the position for a year

'Sometimes it's not just stration of action. The job requires someone who can get things done," Wild said. "John Adams got things done in the fire department. These are 24-7 jobs for me. The depart-ment heads are like that. John is like that.' Under Westland's charter, the mayor is responsible for appointing department heads with council confirmation

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Reese dances to Motown tunes at her birthday party. Grace is 104 years old.

Westland woman still styling at 104

LeAnne Rogers Staff Write

As she turned 104, Westland resident Grace Reese got up to do a bit of danc-ing to some Motown tunes — something she cites as a factor in her longevity. "I took a lot of dancing — square dancing, Hawaiian dancing, ballroom,"

Police seek suspect in

stolen credit card case

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said Reese, whose birthday was Jan. 31. "Dancing is out of sight — I did a lot of that. I love music. When I hear good

music, I get up and dance. I like St. Louis jazz especially." The staff and other American House Venoy residents got together for a cele-bration of Reese's birthday a couple of days before the actual day. Not only did

she plan to dance, Reese also planned to enjoy some cake. "I lived by the foundation to take

care of yourself. I had the knowledge to take care of myself and eating proper-ly," said Reese, who was born in 1912 in Birmingham, Alabama, where she grew

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Westland Police have released photographs of a wom an wanted for allegedly steal-ing a purse and using a stolen credit card. The Jan. 16 photos are from

security surveillance at the Speedway Gas Station, 5795 S. Merriman. The suspect is described as a white woman in her 30s-40s between 5-foot-2 and 5-foot-6.

The woman is described as

wearing a purple winter coat with a brown fur collar and a knit winter hat with tassels on either side. She is also wearing distinctive pajama pants that appear to have clouds printed on them.

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



Westland Police are seeking this woman who allegedly stole a purse and used a stolen credit card.

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Market (on Merriman Dorsey). She was denied also and got struck when she left.

Another common thread in the accidents Adams said, was that the pedestrians were not using a crosswalk at night and were wearing dark

clothing. "It is a safety concern With what's happening at the strip mall at Palmer and Venoy or Robertson's, there is a lot of traffic," said Henry Johnson, Norwayne Community Citizens Council president. "There is the high density of apartments across from Norwayne. People are always cross ing in the middle of the road

There is street lighting along Venoy but, noting those are older lights, Johnson said he'd like the city to look into upgrad-ing to brighter LED

lights The police department did forward a request to DTE Ener gy to look at the street lights on Venoy, Adams said.

"It's a very busy traffic area. Are there an appropriate number of crosswalks? Is there a way to make it brighter?" Johnson said

The Norwayne group was meeting to identify areas of im provements in that area, he said, which includes the street lights but also sidewalks

"We want to make Venoy more pedestrian safe. If it rains in Norwayne, there is no sidewalk that doesn't flood," Johnson said. 'So people walk in the streets. The sidewalks are dark, so people walk along the road to be safer."

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up. "I'm looking forward to my party. I'll enjoy myself. I eat anything but I'm not a big eater — I enjoy a nice salad. I like

that pecan ice cream." Reese earned a degree in elementary education from Alabama A&M in Huntsville and taught school. Married at 19. Reese and husband Elza later moved to Tennes-

see. The couple moved to Michigan in 1945 when Elza took a job with U.S. Rubber. The family, which included their daughter Barbara, lived on the east side of De-

"We lived at 2510 N. LaSalle Garden," Reese responds with hesitation when asked where she lived in Detroit with her

family. Along with having been a teacher, Reese was also a beautician she still likes to dress well with accessories like jewelry and sequins. "She's sharp. She was very active and lived on her own before she came here (to American

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Adams will be paid \$78,902 in salary under an employment contract that includes no benefits like medical or pension. Due to his years in the

fire department, Wild said Adams earned his pension regardless if he ever works for the city again

"The pension is not a factor," said Wild, noting the Local Officials Compensation Commission had set the salary for parks and recreation director at \$103,000 plus benefits that would push the cost to \$150,000.

With reduced reve-nues, Wild said the city needs to be creative and that means over \$70,000



Sara Kenyon, Life Enrichment director for American House on Venoy in Westland, presents Grace Reese with her birthday cake

House) three years ago," said granddaughter Anita Borthwell. "She likes a lot of attention and stuff." Borthwell is one of Reese's three grandchildren. Reese also has 10 great-grandchildren and eight great-great grandchildren. To keep fit, Reese

annually by hiring some-

one on a contractual basis without medical or retire-

Consideration of the

appointment had been delayed earlier when the

contract wasn't complet-ed and provided to coun-

cil. Council members received the contract the

day of the meeting. Residents Bill Camp-

bell and Judy McKinney repeated their comments

opposing the appointment of Adams. Because Ad-

ams receives his pension, Campbell said he would

be double-dipping work-ing for the city, as does

another retiree working

"This is strictly busi-

Wayne-Westland Fire Chief Michael Reddy,

on a contractual basis.

ness — I am sure he is qualified to do the job," Campbell said. "We've

ment costs.

takes exercise classes and keeps mentally sharp doing find a word puzzles

A widow since her husband died in 1970 at 55, Reese said she would have liked to have remarried. "I haven't found the

right kind of man to get

got no contract. I was told to FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) by the clerk. What are you try-ing to hide? Citizens have a right to see the contract

Adams' appointment received support from State Rep. Robert Kosow-ski, D-Westland, who retired as Westland parks and recreation director.

"I'm here to give a vote of confidence for John Adams. I've known him for over 30 years. I think he will do an awe-some job," Kosowski said.

Council members Kevin Coleman and Peter Herzberg voted against the appointment and

contract. "This is one of the more difficult votes in my two years on council. I worked with him (Adams) during my first year married again. Sometimes, I get very lone-some," she said. "I love life and people. I wish I had found someone else."

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on council. He is a hard worker and will do a good job," Coleman said. When I campaigned, I said I wouldn't allow anyone to come back while they are collecting a pensions." Herzberg commented

that the city could have done a national or statewide search for a parks and recreation director to fill the job without having to pay the higher salary

and benefits. Having started work Feb. 3, Adams will have a full plate that includes working on a community survey on recreation with the YMCA.

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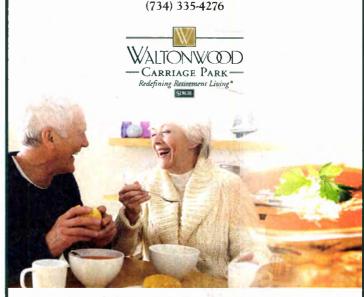
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Family Resource Center focus: Helping local families thrive

Julie Brown Staff Write

The Garden City Family Resource Center has many programs for kids '-17 and their famages ilies. Programs are offered at no cost for Garden City and western Wayne County residents, said Jennifer Ross-Music, family services coordinator for the center.

An intake interview is done. "We do a full as-sessment," she said, to identify problem areas "to assess whether they need additional re-sources." The intake interview is with a youth specialist or case manager

A Strengthening Families program is offered twice a year for kids ages 7-11 and their parents, both in the fall and win ter. The winter rotation of Strengthening Families just started, said Ross-Music, with a focus on family relationships

parenting skills and im-provement of youth so-cial and life skills.

Academic support, pro-social youth programming, prevention programs, focus on communication skills and on positive experiences are all emphasized. The prevention of substance abuse includes drugs alcohol as well as tobacco, "arming them with some realistic information on what can happen if they make certain choices," Ross-Music said

The Family Resource Center is housed in the Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, west of Merriman in Garden City. Its phone number is 734-793-1860.

'We really focus on problem-solving," said Ross-Music, a licensed master social worker who began at the center as a University of Michigan-Dearborn psychology intern. There's a F.A.S.T.



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City Mid-dle School Ross-Music for those

students and families. "They can call, they can walk in," Ross-Music said of families seeking programming help. The intake interview is done, she added, "to make sure the programming is ap-propriate." The request is not to show up for pro-gramming until the in-

terview takes place. There are local Youth Assistance offerings with "integration of the whole community," she said. Youth Assistance is for Garden City families with children ages 7-17 years old exhibiting problem behaviors at home or school, or who have had contact with the police or court system for delin-

quency or substance use and include: » Weekly group meet-

ings for families with children ages 12-17. Separate meetings for parents, boys and girls

» Weekly group meet-ings for families with children ages 7-11. Sep-arate meetings for parents and children.

» Community service opportunities. There's a R.A.V.E. Club (Recreation, Ad-vocacy & Volunteer Excellence Club) with week-ly meetings for drug-free boys and girls ages 12-17. Dinner is provided and members are involved in various service projects in the community. Weekly meetings focus on informational topics relating to substance abuse, bullying, illegal activity and other problem behav iors.

A Jr. R.A.V.E. Club meets weekly for drug-free boys and girls ages 7-11. Dinner is provided and members participate in fun activities to improve communication. problem-solving and social skills.

There is also a weekly Relationships group for girls ages 12-17 to explore healthy relationships. A Mach 3 weekly group meets for boys ages 12-17 Members participate in various sports, games and other activities while getting to know each other and practice prob-lem-solving life issues.

Ross-Music explained the intake interview is the first step to participating in free programming at the center, which also offers baby baskets for families with infants under age 1 through a partnership with the Garden City Kiwanis

Club. "It's super-helpful," she said of the partner-ship with the Garden City Kiwanis for the baby baskets. "We are so grate ful for that. It's a real

The Garden City Public Library an-nounced that Gabriel

Kleinert, local writer and gaming enthusi-ast, will visit the li-

brary at 6 p.m. Mon-day, Feb. 8, to discuss

the Dragon Dice col-lectible strategy game. He will delve

into the game's histo-

ous winning strate-

since its release in 1995, and has taught

gies

ry, explain the rules of play and discuss vari-

He has played and collected Dragon Dice

many new players and competed in tourna-

ments. This talk aims

to generate interest in

begin collecting their own. There will be a

hands-on demonstra-

tion with many varie-

ties of dice. "Dragon Dice is a

very fun game that, unfortunately, not

many people have

the community, and teach newcomers the basics so that they can blessing." The baby baskets are for Garden City residents only.

Many other programs draw from nearby. 'Sometimes we get kids from Livonia, the neigh-boring cities," she said of western Wayne County communities

The Family Resource Center is approaching two decades, with Ross-Music noting, "We're not going anywhere." She's been on the job over 10 years.

"Many of the interns stay on," she said of some staff and volunteers at the center. "That's a pret-ty aged being the " ty cool thing, too." Added Ross-Music,

"I'm excited to share the programming opportunities with Garden City. Being able to provide to the youth and the families is a privilege."

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heard of," Kleinert said. "It's had an interesting past, and if you know where to look, the com-munity is still going

strong. I think most peo-

ple would enjoy it, if only they knew it existed." Gabriel Kleinert has

and writes frequently on various gaming-related message boards.

authored articles for Yaah! Gaming Magazine,

Dragon Dice game

talk on tap at library

Nigerian children are eager to play soccer with donated balls and gear, courtesy of the Rotary Club of Livonia, which worked on the project with several other Rotary clubs and businesses, as well as soccer leagues

Rotarians, businesses give Nigerian kids chance to play soccer

Julie Brown Staff Write

The Rotary Club of Livonia is reaching out to Nigerian children im-pacted by Boko Haram. The club coordinated sending soccer items to Nigeria for children in interment camps in the

African nation. "They started these intramural soccer clubs for kids with nothing to do, "said Rick Hart, past Livonia club president. "Unfortunately, there's still a huge need for soc-cer gear. I'm hoping we do more."

Hart's lunch presenta-tion Monday, Feb. 1, drew attentive Rotarians and guests at Laurel Manor. He has a friend who does dental work for needy people overseas and last March got a photo from that friend that told of great service needs in

"We're just happy to be here. This is great. We love the involvement. It was exciting for our whole club to get involved."

RICK LARSON AC Milan of Detroit/Livonia director of coaching

"So that floored me," he said.

AC Milan of Detroit/ Livonia also got involved. That portion includes a link to the Italian team for local soccer coaching help for youth ages 2-18, "to help us implement the AC Milan system," said Rick Larson, its

director of coaching. Larson is also men's soccer coach at School-

craft College and among local league representa-tives at the Feb. 1 Rotary lunch at Laurel Manor. "We're just happy to be here," Larson said. "This is great. We love the involvement Lunce or involvement. It was exciting for our whole club to get involved."

AC Milan has an affiliation known locally as the Livonia Soccer Club, he added.

Hart also praised business Climax (Air Cargo Express & Travel Agency) for shipping help. "They had a heart for the collection, as well," he said, showing a PowerPoint photo of two business staffers with

showing photos of happy kids wearing the gear and ready to play. Almost 300 pounds of gear was shipped, including balls with Rotary's "4-Way Test" of integrity in personal and business conduct.

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answer inquiries during normal business hours in person or over the phone at 734-793-1830. When visiting, enter the Bal-moral side of Maplewood Center located at 31735 Maplewood. Garden City. Library hours are Monday-Thursday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday-Saturday noon to 5 p.m.

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REGULAR ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 17, 2016

The Zoning Board of Appeals meeting scheduled for February 17, 2016 has been cancelled due to the lack of agenda items

The next regularly scheduled Zoning Board of Appeals meeting will be held on March 16, 2016 in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, MI at 5:30 p.m.



ties to Nigeria. The sports equipment arrived in time for Christmas, Hart said,

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Nigeria, including recre-

ation. "I grew up playing soccer. It was one of my favorite things to do," Hart said. He noted U.S. youth players outgrow their gear quickly. "A lot of that's just

going to get pitched or thrown away," he said. Hart noted Boko Haram, an Islamic extremist group, has displaced some 2.2 million people as of last November, the United Nations High Commission for Refu gees reports. Many Africans, including children, have been murdered. Hart said.

Hart, a Livonia resi dent, enlisted the help of the Livonia A.M., Westland and Novi Rotary Clubs. "The project liter-ally took off," he said. The Novi club, for

example, put a donation box at its meeting place, the Novi United Method-ist Church. Hart also praised Soccer Plus, a Livonia business, which got local youth teams involved and donated two large boxes of new gear.



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GC firefighters, DPS, **DDA** support water effort for Flint

Garden City firefighters and DPS staffers loaded the water col lected at the Fire Depart ment's collections point. In addition to the four pallets delivered (compliments of the Garden City Downtown Development Authority), many resi-*dents brought water to the fire station, Fire Chief Catherine Harman wrote in an email to the Observer. They're among many collecting water to address the polluted water situation in Flint. Many participants donated by the pickup truck load, Firefighters were busy the last two

weeks unloading cases of water brought to the station on Middlebelt The firefighters decided to get pallets and wrap all the loose cases in order to make the load ing and off loading of the water much easier and less likely to have damage, Harman wrote

Évery day, organizers found cases on the picnic table. They posted a letter explaining anyone bringing water if there was no answer should just leave the water there.

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» On Jan. 25, a West-land woman told police

that on Jan. 12 someone fraudulently used her

debit card to make a

cards

» A Westland woman told police Jan. 25 that someone used her personal information to access her credit union account without authorization. She said nearly \$600 had been spent at Boost Mobile on Jan. 23 The woman told police she can account for all

the issued debit/credit

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Fraud

A Westland woman told police Jan. 28 that on Jan. 23 she set her wallet on the counter while paying at the Valero gas staton at Glenwood and Venoy. She left her wallet but said she realized what she had done and returned immediately The wallet and her cell phone were gone

\$403 purchase at a 7 rize the purchase. » Also on Jan. 25, a Eleven store in Virginia Westland woman told She said she has all the cards and no one else police that someone used has access to the acher debit card without count. » A Westland woman permission Jan. 8-25 for three purchases in Ohio told police Jan. 25 that totaling \$175.

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WESTLAND COP CALLS

The woman said the clerk told her he hadn't seen anything. The wallet contained her identification and credit cards which she had canceled.

Vandalism

On Jan. 27, a Taylor man told police that when he left work he found damage to the driver's side front bumper, the rear bumper and a scratch on the rear window of his 2011 GMC Sierra pick up truck.

A Romulus woman told police Feb. 2 that on Jan. 27 she was hurrying to a doctor's appointment after being at the Wayne County WIC Office, 33030 Van Born, and lost her wallet somewhere her wallet somewhere between the two loca-

» Four separate unauthorized charges totaling \$390 were reported on a debit card belonging to a Westland man Jan. 25 The man called police after noticing the charges on his statement

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tions.

Hit and run

A resident in the 4100 block of Howe told police Feb. 2 that someone struck her husband's parked

truck causing un-

specified damage. By LeAnne Rogers Download our free apps for



Garden City fire Lt. Corey Chandler moving a loose case from the huge stack of water to the pallets

GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

Vandalism

On Jan. 29, a resident in the 29000 block of Brown told police that a portion of the wooden wall on his garage had been knocked in. He said the damage was not there Jan. 25 and he suspected a neighbor with whom he doesn't get along might be responsible. The officer noted

there was no evidence to process and that the garage was in somewhat poor condition.

Stolen vehicle

A resident in the 500 block of Inkster Road told police Jan. 30 that her 1998 Mercury Villager had been stolen. She said she had last seen the vehicle midday. The resident told po-

lice she believed her daughter's boyfriend took the vehicle. The

boyfriend lived at the home periodically and was kicked out the previ-ous night. She was unsure how many keys she had for the vehicle and if one was missing.

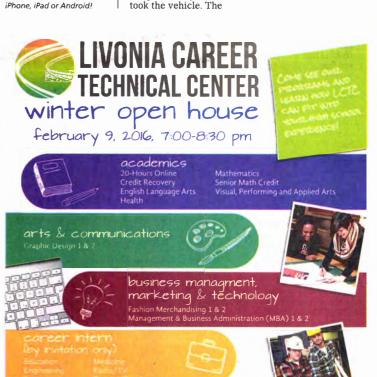
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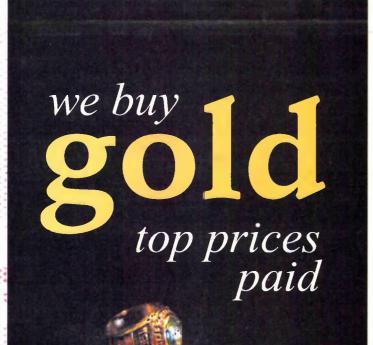
On Jan. 31, someone attempted to steal the tires and rims from a 2015 Ford Edge while it was parked at a home in the 500 block of Lathers. The owner said in the morning she found the lug nuts were removed from all four tires but the tires were still on the vehicle.

There was a cinder block underneath the vehicle. It was unclear if there was any damage to the vehicle.

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Garden City firefighter Eric Tews, who made the effort to get

pallets together and wrap the loose cases, is seen here being

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someone used her debit

card to spend \$132 at a Bath & Body Works in

New Jersey on Jan. 20. She said she has the

cards and didn't autho-

Lost wallet





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LOCAL NEWS

TOO COLD? NOT FOR THE ZOO

Detroit Zoo has Wild Winter weekend set for Feb. 6-7

The Detroit Zoo, at Woodward and 10 Mile, isn't just a warm weather destination.

This past weekend's relatively mild temperatures brought visitors out to the zoo. Animals are often more active in winter, making the wintertime visits both enjoyable and educational.

Currently under construction at the zoo is the Polk Penguin Conservation Center. The center is under construction on a two-acre site just inside the zoo's entrance and is schduled to open in April. Soon after the zoo's 80 penguins move into their new home, renovation will begin on the Penguinarium to turn it into a bat conservation center.

Twenty aquatic birds – 10 females and 10 males – arrived in December via FedEx from an aquarium in California and are chilling in a special quarantine area at the Penguinarium. The newest flock joins three other gentoos – the first of their species to arrive at the zoo a year ago – as well as the colony of king, rockhopper and macaroni nenguins

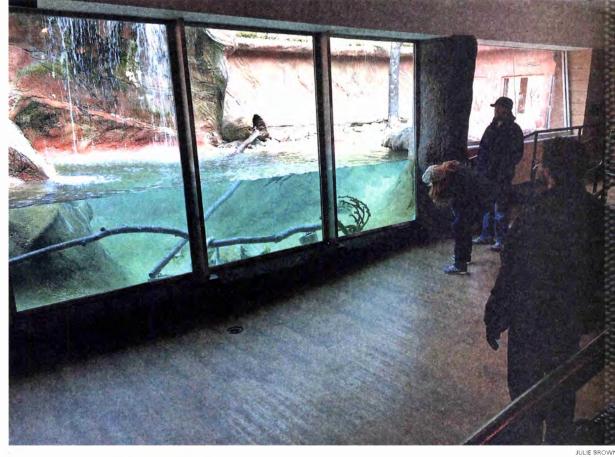
ny or king, rockingper and macaroni penguins. A signature feature of the penguins' new home will be a chilled 326,000gallon, 25-foot-deep aquatic area with views above and below water as the birds dive and soar. This will allow visitors to observe penguins dive under water – something they would not be able to see in the wild. A Wild Winter week-

A Wild Winter weekend is on tap Feb. 6-7. The annual familyfriendly event features children's music, zookeeper talks, games and crafts. Wild Winter activities take place at the Ford Education Center from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and are free with zoo admission.

Many zoo animals are active in the colder winter months, including the gray wolves, wolverines, Japanese macaques, tigers, camels, polar bears, arctic foxes and red pandas.

The zoo also has many indoor areas to explore, including the Edward Mardigian Sr. River Otter Habitat, Matilda R. Wilson Free-Flight Aviary, Butterfly Garden, Holden Reptile Conservation Center, National Amphibian Conservation Center, Great Apes of Harambee and Penguinarium.

For more information, go to www.detroitzoo.org.



Sea otters are among animals at the zoo visible from indoors.



The butterfly garden at the zoo is popular with visitors.



JULIE BROWN A butterfly perches on foliage in the butterfly garden at the zoo.



Foliage attracts butterflies in the butterfly garden at the zoo.



Ducks say "hello" to zoo visitors on a recent Saturday morning

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JULE BROWN The Polk Penguin Conservation Center is under construction and scheduled for an April opening. JULIE BROWN Peacocks roam freely at the Detroit Zoo.

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Police: Man drove from Detroit to fill fake script in Milford

Laura Colvin

A Garden City man who traveled from Detroit to fill fraudulent prescriptions in Milford had a big surprise when he was greeted by police officers waiting outside a local pharmacy recently. Daniel Martin Ray-burn, 29 was arraigned Jan. 27 in Novi 52-1 District Court on felony charges of charges of fraudulently obtaining a controlled substance,

identity theft and making a false health insurance claim.

According to a report, a pharmacist from the Walgreen's store at 140 South Milford Road called police about 11 a.m., Jan. 26, after becoming suspicious when prescriptions for several "commonly abused street drugs" were called in to the store. The pharmacist re-

portedly told officers he looked up the doctor who supposedly wrote the

ber, as well as the patient's driver's Rayburn license number - and was told by

scripts – and who provided a

legitimate DEA num-

the physician's office manager the patient was not theirs and the doctor was out of town on vacation

After asking the pharmacist to let the caller

know the prescriptions for Xanax, promethazine/ codeine syrup and cepha lexin – could be filled, officers were on standby when an individual ar-rived about 2:30 p.m., reportedly providing a stolen driver's license and medical insurance card at the pharmacy to pick up the medication. The suspect was

stopped by officers on foot as he exited the store, and the man who drove him to Milford was stopped by an officer in a

New gig

patrol car as he appar-ently attempted to leave the parking lot. The men gave officers conflicting stories. Ray-

burn reportedly said he'd been paid \$30 drive from Garden City with the other man to pick up the

medication. When officers reportedly noted track marks on his hands, he admitted to being a heroin user and told police they'd find two syringes in his pocket.

The other man, who

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was eventually cited for possession of marijuana and driving with a sus-pended license and re-leased, said Rayburn paid him \$20 to drive to Milford and was unaware of the alleged fraud.

Ravburn was ar raigned before 52-1 Dis-trict Court Magistrate Victor Zanolli and given a \$20,000 bond. He was due to appear Feb. 3 before Judge Robert Bondy.

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Park, Charlee Williams

Plan for elder financial care before it is needed

recently read a very disturbing story. The story was about a senior citizen who lived alone, his children were out of town and, ba-sically, he had his money stolen by a caregiver. The caregiver was hired by the family to assist the gentleman with his needs, including han-dling his finances. Even though they eventually prosecuted and convicted the caregiver, it was relatively meaningless because the end result was the money was gone

Unfortunately, these stories are becoming more and more common. People are living longer than ever before and the fact that families are spread out all over the country, along with the complexity of personal finance, has resulted in a wave of elder financial abuse. It is becoming so prevalent that, finally, federal and state agencies are starting to awaken to the problem.

No one would want to end up like this gentle man did. He is now broke, totally dependent upon government assistance and, as a result, his quality of life is not what he had hoped it would be. The lesson is two-fold. First, as we get older, we have a respon-

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sibility to ourselves to make sure we have a plan in place to handle our finances if we are unable to do so. In the case at hand, nothing was in place, leaving the caregiver an opportunity to take advantage of the situation.

I believe you have to be pro-active and have a plan. The plan has to have some sort of checks and balances to protect you. Particularly if you have a non-family member assist you with finances, there needs to be some over sight. Unfortunately, in many family situations, there also should be some sort of oversight. The reality is that some-times even children will take advantage of their parents. That is why children are not necessarily the best people to handle a senior's fi-

nances. The time to start thinking about these issues is not when the crisis develops, but well ahead of time. This is a difficult issue and it is one we hope will never happen to to us, but it's important to be pre-

Approving the Transit/Grant Classification pay rate increase for fiscal year 2015-

Authorizing the purchase of one 2016 GMC Sierra 1500 Crew Cab 4x4 pickup

Authorizing construction engineering costs related to the Levan Road Paving

Project. #11-16 Authorizing the final construction engineering costs for Sears Drive Reconstruction Project, the Industrial Road Reconstruction Project and the Traffic Signal Project at Industrial Road and Millennium Drive.

Approving a contract between the City of Livonia and SMART to provide

Authorizing the purchase of one Zoll X-Series Bi-Phasic Cardiac Monitor

#00-16 Approving a purchase of two replacement fire engine pumpers from Halt Fire, Inc.

transportation for seniors and disabled residents of the City. #06-16 Accepting bid of Allie Brothers, Inc., for supplying uniforms for a period of two

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pared. When you have time to explore and research the various options avail-able, it will help you make the right deci-sion for your situa-tion. In the midst of a crisis is the worst time to try to make a decision. It would be easy if

you could say once you turn a certain age is when you need to start thinking about these issues. There is no magic age; it de-pends upon your situ-ation. Suffice it to say someone in their mid-or late 70s, no matter their current health, should at least begin the process of explor-ing options. If you have a loved one who is getting up in age, it is important to begin to explore this issue. I recognize these are difficult conversa-tions to have. What is also difficult and not pleasant is what hap-pened to this gentle-man — to be elderly, in need and have no resources. Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloomassetmanage ment.com. If you would like him to respond to auestions. email rick@bloomasset management.com.



Recovery Project addition

The Recovery Project, a leading provider of high-intensity physical and occupational thera-



therapist at the company's Livonia clinic. The Re-covery Project Co-CEO Polly Swingle made the

announcement. Miller will access and provide rehabilitation treatment to The Recovery Project's clients, helping them return to

their highest practicable levels and achieve greater quality of life. "Marie's enthusiasm and knowledge of occupational therapy treatment makes her a great addition to our Livonia clinic," Swingle said. "Her dedication to pa-tients and passion for the work we do will help us continue to provide the outstanding results we are known for."

Prior to joining The Recovery Project, Miller practiced occupational therapy at HCR ManorCare, providing su-pervision and direction of patient care while evaluating treatment of clients, developing rehabilitation sessions and documenting using Rehab Optima software.

equipment training and practiced return-to-work therapy and outpatient

neuro-rehabilitation. Miller earned a Spanish language minor in 2010 from Eastern Michigan University and con-tinued on to earn her Master's degree in occupational therapy and Bachelor of Science, cum laude, in 2012.

Beaumont VP announced

Nancy Gray of Northville has been appointed vice president and executive director of the Botsford

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existing fundraising campaigns for facilities and services benefiting Beau-mont Hospital Farming-ton Hills and surrounding communities," said Margaret Cooney Casey, senior vice president, chief development offi-cer and interim chief marketing and communi-cations officer, Beau-mont Health. "Nancy will also collaborate with her counterparts at founding Oakwood and Beaumont Health System foundations to develop a culture of philanthropy throughout our eight-hospital

health system. Gray has been em-ployed by legacy Oakwood Healthcare since 1987. Most recently, she served as administrator, Clinical Services for Women's Health, fo<mark>r s</mark>ix years. During her career, Gray also held leader-

of Redford and Brittaney Redmond of Detroit as they train during the current 'soft opening' for the grand opening of the new Detroit Pizza Factory in mid-February. The new Detroit Pizza Factory (8471 N. Telegraph) is just south of the Joy-Telegraph Shopping Center.

ship roles in the Oakwood Foundation, serv-ing as operations administrator, associate exec-utive director and chief

development officer. She began her Oak wood career as a man-ager of Health Promotion and developed many health promotion pro-grams within the organi-zation and throughout the community. From there, Gray progressed through numerous other leadership positions at

Oakwood. Gray holds a bachelor's degree from Bowl-ing Green State University, a master's in interdisciplinary studies, community health and a doctorate in health education from Oregon State University.

New lease

Friedman Integrated **Real Estate Solutions** recently signed a long-term lease with ZF TRW, for 171,332 square feet at the Arboretum III build-ing located at 34605 W. Twelve Mile Road, in Farmington Hills. TRW Automotive was

recently acquired by German-based ZF Frie drichshafen AG, with 230 locations in some 40 countries. Its annual sales make ZF one of the top three automotive suppliers worldwide

Arboretum was the former headquarters for Trinity Health prior to its move to Livonia. Trinity's departure dropped the occupancy of the complex to just 16 per cent. Friedman and Kojaian Management purchased the property and immediately repositioned it with a dramatic lobby and atrium renovation.

 #01-16 Approving the minutes of meeting held on 12/14/15.
 Items were received and filed.
 #02-16 Approving a request to waive the sidewalk requirement at the home located at 18150 Fairfield Street. Recognizing Livonia Symphony Orchestra as a non-profit organization

Industrial Road and Millennium Drive. #12-16 Approving the final project cost and authorizing a final payment upon the final release by the Engineering Division for work related to Contract 15-G. #13-16 Approving the final project cost and authorizing the City Engineer to approve minor adjustments in the work as needed. #14-16 Approving Petition 2015-10-02-24, submitted by Action Paintball Park, LLC.

#15-16 No further action with regard to the Community Development Block Grant Program #16-16

No further action with regard to the detention pond at Wonderland Village. No further action with regard to prohibiting City fuel in connection with personal #17-16

#17-16 No further action with regard to adopting the proposed policy regarding prohibiting #18-16 No further action with regard to adopting the proposed policy regarding prohibiting **#19-16** No further action with regard to adopting the proposed pointy re **#19-16** No further action with regard to take home City vehicles.

#19-16 No further action with regard to take home City vehicles.
 #20-16 No further action with regard to rezoning and building a Holiday Inn Express on the property. Petition 2014-11-01-07 and Petition 2015-03-08-04.
 #21-16 Designating Brandon M. Kritzman as delegate to the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments and Cathy K. White as the alternate.

of Governments and Cathy K. White as the alternate. #22-16 Designating Cathy K. White as Council Representative on the Board of Directors of the Livonia Anniversary Committee (SPREE). #23-16 Designating Michael T. Slater, as the Official Representative and Voting Representative of the City of Livonia and Scott Bahr as the alternate, to the Annual Meeting of the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority. #24-16 Designating Brian Meakin as Parliamentarian of the City Council. #25-16 Appointing Jim Jolly to Livonia City Council. Kritzman stepped down from the podium at 7:37 p.m. #26-16 Authorizing an additional appropriation and expenditure to OHM Advisors for the

Kritzman stepped down from the podium at 7:37 p.m. #26-16 Authorizing an additional appropriation and expenditure to OHM Advisors for the final construction engineering costs for the 2015 Asphalt Paving Program (Contract 15-A). Kritzman returned to the podium at 7:38 p.m. #27-16 Referring request from MDOT for waiver of noise ordinance in order to permit a 24-hour work day in conjunction with the I-275 Rehabilitation Project to the Infrastructure and Community Transit Committee. #28-16 Approving Petition 2015-10-02-20, submitted by Newquest Crosswell Development Group, LLC, (Sonic Restaurant). #29-16 Waiving requirement of at least two (2) parking spaces designated for use by drive-

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up window patrons. #30-16 Referring the waiver request from DCA, LLC, to develop and operate an outdoor storage yard for recreation vehicles to the Committee of the Whole. #31-16 Approving Petition 2015-10-02-22, submitted by Creative Touch Therapeutic Massage, to operate a massage establishment at 18922 Farmington Road. #32-16 Accepting various cash donations totaling \$17,073.33 for purposes designated by

the donor

#33-16 Authorize a Closed Committee of the Whole Meeting for pending litigation

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Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m. Full text of the official minutes available in the Office of the City Clerk. Susan M. Nash

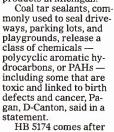
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She first got her foot in the door with occupational therapy by serving as an intern at three different facilities, where she conducted pre-drive screening, received

Pagan legislation would ban coal tar use in Michigan

State Rep. Kristy Pa-gan has introduced legis lation to prohibit the use and sale of coal tar-based products in Michigan.



the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees passed a local ban on the use of coal tar and other high PAH sealants.

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and waterways," Pagan said, commending Van

Buren, which she repre-sents, for becoming

Michigan's first commu-nity to adopt a ban. Organizations such as the Huron River Water-

shed Council have said

coal tar seal-coated pave-

ment poses a higher risk

of cancer to those who

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live near it compared to those who don't. Pagan said. The material can affect air quality and, as it ages, can be tracked into homes, her statement said, adding it can spread to soil, storm drains, lakes and rivers

Many major retailers have stopped selling coal tar sealants. Washington and Minnesota have instituted bans on coal tar sealant, as has Washing-ton, D.C. Municipalities in Texas, Wisconsin, New York, Illinois, and Mary land have passed local bans on coal tar sealant.

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

OUR VIEWS

Mayor's pick seems fiscally responsible

The Westland City Council on Monday night set-tled one of Mayor William Wild's more controversial issues lately, using a 5-2 vote to approve the appoint-ment of retired fire marshal John Adams as the city's new parks and recreation director. The move comes weeks after Wild fired former di-

rector Jessica Mistak and raised the issue of handing a \$79,000-a-year job to a former employee already collecting a huge pension from the city. The move has drawn the ire of local watchdogs who don't believe a city employee should be "double-dipping," and aren't happy with the less-than-transparent way the issue handled.

Wild admits there was some confusion over the timing. The appointment first appeared on the council's agenda before any contract was reached with Adams, who will operate as an independent contractor rather than a traditional staffer.

When the matter had to be tabled last month, there were cries that Wild was trying to hide something or handing a "gift" to a retired friend. Even Monday's vote was a little stilted; approval of the contract and approval of the appointment being on the same agen-da gave the impression the appointment was being hurried through the system.

the gave the impression the appointment was being hurried through the system. The two "nay" votes were cast by Councilmen Kevin Coleman, who explained his vote by saying he campaigned against allowing "double dipping," and Peter Herzberg, who said he would have preferred at least a statewide search to see if the city could find a candidate who would accent a smaller compensation candidate who would accept a smaller compensation package.



Westland City Councilman Adam Hammons awards certificates to Liyah Alarayshi, Camilla Alcantara and Zack Alarayshi at Monday's city council meeting. The three youngsters led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to get the meeting started.

To us, though, Wild's appointment seems fiscally responsible, despite the double-dipping aspect of it. First, the city's compensation recommendation pegs the parks and recreation director's salary at just over \$100,000, and with the benefits package included, the director's total package values out at more than

\$150,000.

Adams is taking the job on for just under \$79,000, saving the city more than \$70,000 in the process. As Wild pointed out Monday, the appointment should be separated from Adams' retirement package, for which the city would be on the hook regardless of whom they hired.

Could the city have done a search? Sure. But that search would have cost money and — Herzberg's wishes notwithstanding — would have produced a de-partment head who would likely want to be paid at the city's scale, meaning the whole \$150,000 benefits package

Would such a search have produced a candidate with more parks and recreation experience than Ad-ams? Almost surely. Does that guarantee a successful hire? Not really. Mistak had experience, and in Wild's mind ot loost thet dids' unsels out or well. mind, at least, that didn't work out so well.

At Monday's meeting, almost no one complained about Adams' qualifications. Even the dissenting councilmen agreed he was highly qualified and would do a good job. Wild said he was looking for someone "who can get the job done," and pointed out the direc-tor's job larged was deministrative an encowhere Ad tor's job is largely administrative, an area where Ad-ams education (he has a degree in organizational management) and background give him an advan-

tage. The process should have been handled more smoothly; even Wild admits that. But the idea is to get the right person for the job. Wild believes — and ev-eryone seems to agree — he did just that. Time will tell if he was right.

Local volunteers stepping up to assist Flint

While Gov. Rick Snyder's response to the Flint wa-ter crisis is certainly a matter for debate, the response from leaders and residents in local communi-ties all over the area is not.

Only one word best describes it: Amazing. The water is flowing from virtually all of the communities around the Observer readership area to help the residents of Flint who've been affected. Flint leaders have said that water is the biggest need, and our communities have responded



Brad Kadrich, Community editor Larry Ruehlen, Managing editor

Jani Hayden, Advertising director There's no way to know, or list, every single group organizing a water drive to help. But the water is coming from so many places (we apologize in advance for missing anyone). And nearly every group that starts a

missing anyone). And nearly every group that starts a water drive seems genuinely surprised that the re-sponse is so much better than expected. Drives have been organized by churches (includ-ing Holy Trinity in Livonia), by school groups (includ-ing Cambridge school in Garden City and Plymouth-Canton schools). Municipalities are helping (hun-dreds of bottles of water sit in Westland City Hall, with hundreds more out back). And how about the drive organized by state Sen

And how about the drive organized by state Sen. David Knezek, whose district includes Redford and Garden City. His "Friends of Flint" group was hoping to maybe collect a few thousand bottles of water to send, and maybe some money to help out, as well. But the group, using the Redford Jaycees hall as a staging point, sent more than 350,000 bottles of water and col-lected more than \$14,000 in addition.

It was an impressive sight, and Knezek and his friends deserve kudos for putting it together. Knezek

rightly pointed out that it wasn't just his doing, that he had help from all over his district, and from people

had help from all over his district, and from people and groups outside his district. The really amazing thing is the lines across which this effort reaches. Religion doesn't seem to matter; in fact, Knezek made a point of congratulating the Is-lamic parts of his district for "being among the first to step up" despite "years of being attacked in the media." media

The generosity isn't surprising; we're constantly amazed at the capacity of the people in the communities we serve to step to the plate to help in any given situations. Whether it's a 24-hour walk to help cure breast cancer, or Goodfellows drives to make sure kids have a good Christmas, or a Salvation Army ket-tle campaign, the residents in our communities are always there. That's a trait that makes us proud to serve them.

At his event Friday, Knezek said, "We all do better when we're all doing better." As group after group, city after city, steps up to help in Flint, it occurs to us: We're all doing better.

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Radio Club offers technician license training

The Garden City Amateur Radio Club is sponsoring a Tech nician License Class starting Feb. 4 to March 24. Morse Code is no longer required.

The Technician License is loaded with on-the-air privileges, including FM and Re-peater operation on the two hottest local bands, 2 meter and 70cm, along with 6 meters and High Fre-quency (HF) bands. The class will meet

at the Garden City Presbyterian Church,

1841 Middlebelt, just south of Ford Road in Garden City. Class will be held on Thursdays for eight weeks, from 7-9 p.m. The first six weeks will consist of radio theory. The sev-enth week will be a review of all materials

covered during the first six weeks. The last week will be the actual FCC license exam given by club Volunteer Examiners

All study materials will be supplies in handouts provided by the instructors. No

prior knowledge or experience is required, but a personal comput-er with Windows XP, Vista, Windows 7, 8 or 10 is strongly recommended.

The cost of the class is \$15, which covers the actual cost of pro-

ducing the handouts. The eighth week requires an additional fee of \$15 for proc-essing the FCC license exam.

For more information or to sign up for the class, contact Scott Deykes at 586-291-4815

a Wayne-Westland Com-

munity School to attend. The event is set for at

6:30 p.m. Feb. 10 in the Wayne Memorial High

School Stockmeyer Audi-torium. Topics will in-

clude scheduling, gradu-ation requirements, test-

ing out requirements, direct college courses

Toys and trains

The Ss. Simon and Jude Ushers' Club is sponsoring a buy-and wap Railroadiana Train Show from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, at the Ss. Simon & Jude Catholic Church Social Hall, 32500 Palmer Road, in Westland.

There will be about 100 dealer tables. The cost is \$10 for an 8-foot table. Dealer set up is 9 a.m. on the day of the show, and complimentary coffee and doughnuts will be available for deal-ers until 10:30 a.m. Food also will be available. Admission is \$2 per person and \$4 per family. Parking is free.

For more information, call Bob at 734-728-1247 or Norm at 734-595-8327.

Local storyteller The Redford Township District Library hosts local storyteller Miz Rosie Chapman at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, to perform African and Afri-can-American folktales with a musical flair. Register for the event

http://redfordlibrary.org or call the children's desk, 313-531-5960, Ext. 106

Lenten services

Lola Park Luthern Church observes Ash Wednesday with a special service at 7 p.m. Wednes-day, Feb. 10. The event will include a free grilled-cheese-and-soup supper served beginning at 6 p.m. The church will also

host 7 p.m., Lenten workshop services Wednesdays, beginning Feb. 10 and running through March 16. This year's

theme is "Ironies of the Passion." For more information,

call 313-532-8655 or 734-968-3523.

Fish fry

For the 10th consec-utive year, St. Michael the Archangel Parish invites the community to its All-You-Can-Eat Lent-en Fish Fry on six Fridays in Lent, beginning Feb. 12 and running through March 18, from 4:30-7 p.m., in the St.

Michael School cafeteria. The dinners will all feature baked or fried. hand-dipped fresh Icelandic cod, mac and cheese, green beans, cole slaw, French fries or baked potato, rolls, butter, beverages, and ice cream, all at familyfriendly prices: Adults, \$10; seniors, \$8; kids 3-13, \$5: and kids under 3. free. Take-out service is available at \$9 and \$10 per dinner, with two or three fish fillets, respectively.

Lenten Stations of the Cross services will be offered in the church at 7 p.m. each evening following the dinner. St. Michael's is located at 11441 Hubbard Road in Livo-nia. For more informa-tion, call 734-261-1455, Ext. 200, or visit www.livoniastmichael.org.

Open house

St. Michael Lutheran School (Preschool-8) hosts an open house for current and prospective students from 10:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 20. Take a guided tour of the school and meet teachers. The school offers morning and afternoon licensed latchkey and also bus service for residents of Wayne-Westland



Jim and Liz Danko and Mary and Gary Huyck, all of Livonia, had their Livonia Observer with them when they hiked the Pipiwai Trail to the Waimiku Falls in the Haleakala National Park, Maui, Hawaii in June. The trail included a bamboo forest and bridges that crossed waterfalls.

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Community Schools. St. Michael is located at 3003 Hannan Road in Wayne. For more in-formation, call 734-728-3315 or visit www.stmichaellutheran.org.

Livonia newcomers

Livonia Neighbors and Friends, a Women's Club a chef from Williams-Sonoma at 7 p.m. Tues-day, Feb. 9. The healthy cooking chef will demon-strate an air fryer. Learn how to fry your favorite foods to perfection, using little or no oil.

The presentation will take place at the Emman-uel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile Road in Livonia. Livonia Neighbors and Friends has its general meetings on the second Tuesday of every month, September through May, at 7 p.m. For more information,

visit http://livonia neighborsandfriends. tripod.com

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

Central Office - West Building, Roof and Window Replacement Bid for the 2015-2016 School Year (See Attached Specifications)

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

Mandatory walk thru will be at <u>3:00 p.m. on February 3. 2016</u>, at the Livonia Public Schools Board of Education Office, Central Office Complex – West Building, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan, 48154.

Sealed bids marked <u>Central Office - West Building Roof and Window Replacement</u> Bid will be received until <u>10:00 a.m.</u> on the <u>16th</u> day of February. 2016. in the Business Office at the Board of Education complex, <u>15125</u> Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan. Mailed bids should be sent to the attention of Nick Armelagos, Administrator of Finance, Livonia Public Schools, <u>15125</u> Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan, 48154. Livonia Public Schools is not liable for any delivery or postal delays.

The Bid Opening will take place at 10:00 a.m. on the 16th day of February. 2016, at the Livonia Public Schools Board of Education Complex, at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read. No bids will be accepted after the date and time specified and will not be opened. Oral, telephone, fax or electronic mail bids are invalid and will not receive consideration.

COMMUNITY EVENTS Wish you were here

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3D Photography

The February meeting

of the 3D Photography Club is set for 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, at the Livonia Civic Park

Senior Center, 15218 Far-mington Road in Livonia.

The meeting will feature a tutorial on using the free StereoPhoto Maker

software for processing stereo images. There will also be 3D image compe-titions in "Open" and "Nature/Scenic" cate-gories and a "freebie" drawing for 3D itams for

drawing for 3D items for club members.

The meetings are free to attend, and visitors are

always welcome. Stereo cameras, 3D movies, and

educational videos are available for members to

borrow or rent. For more information, visit www.Detroit3D.org or call Dennis at 248-398-

The Redford Township District Library will host

experts from the Michi-gan Childhood Lead Poi-

soning Prevention Pro-gram at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 29. Experts say lead poisoning is the top envi-

ronmental threat facing

including coloring pages

www.redfordlibrary.org

or call the youth desk at

for children. Register at

Michigan children. Material for all ages will be provided at this event,

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bratory and informative program on the "Origins of the Motown Sound" presented by Joel Stone of the Detroit Historical Society. Stone is senior curator

of the Society, which oversees the Detroit Historical Museum, and roughly some 250,000 artifacts in the City of Detroit's collection.

This free event will take place in the auditorium at 7 p.m. Thurs-day, Feb. 18. The presentation will last approximately 45 minutes foland answer session.

The Friends of the Livonia Civic Center Library is sponsoring a used book Sale Friday and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5-6; and 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7. Books will include fiction, history, mystery, religious, and cookbooks.

On Feb. 7, a bag of books can be purchased for \$5. All proceeds go back to the libraries. The Civic Center Library is located at 32777 Five Mile Road. For more information, call 734-466 2495.

Wayne Memorial High School hosts an eighthgrade parent night for those transitioning to ninth grade or interested in getting more informa-tion about Wayne Memorial High School for the 2016-2017 school year. Students do not have



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313-531-5960, Ext. 105. Daddy/daughter banquet

Warren Road Church will hold a Valentine Daddy/Daughter Ban-quet from 7-9 p.m. Fri-day, Feb. 12. The event will feature dinner, a DJ providing music and a photographer. Tickets are \$15 per family and space is limited. Call Warren Road Church at 734-458-7301 to

purchase tickets.

Motown Sound

The Livonia Civic Center Library, in cele-bration of Black History Month, is hosting a cele-

lowed by a brief question

Used book sale

Eighth-grade Parent Night

to be currently attending



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, din-ner, dessert and drinks.

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

Tail Waggers drive

Tail Waggers is calling all animal lovers to parall animal lovers to par-ticipate in its Winter Fund Drive. The group's goal is to raise \$25,000 by 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 bag of pet food for the Pantry 4 Paws Pet Food Assistance Program » \$25: Will vaccinate a

cat with the Feline In-

door Package » \$50: Will vaccinate a dog with the Canine Core Package or three individ-ual vaccinations

» \$100: Will spay and/ or neuter, and microchip a dog or cat or provide financial assistance for owners with multiple pets

Donations will help the group continue to "Helping People Help Animals." Financial con-tributions can be made by mail to: 28402 Five Mile Rd., Livonia, 48154; at tailwaggers1990.org/ donate.html; or 734-855-4077

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

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All bids must include a Treasury listed bid bond or certified check made payable to Livonia Public Schools for not less than five percent (5%) of the contract for each bid over \$23,230.00 and must be submitted with the bid forms furnished with specification.

All bids must be submitted on the forms provided in the bid packet and all sheets must be returned for the bid. All proposals shall remain firm for a period of ninety (90) days

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

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

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

Nick Armelagos Administrator of Finance Livonia Public Schools 15125 Farmington Road Livonia, MI 48154-5474 "Central Office - West Building Roof and Window Replacement Bid"

One (1) copy of the bid package should be retained for your files.

Any questions **regarding bid specifications** should be referred to Harry Lau, Administrator of Facilities and Operations, <u>hlau@ivoniapublicschools.org</u>. 734.744.2511, between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. EST.

LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

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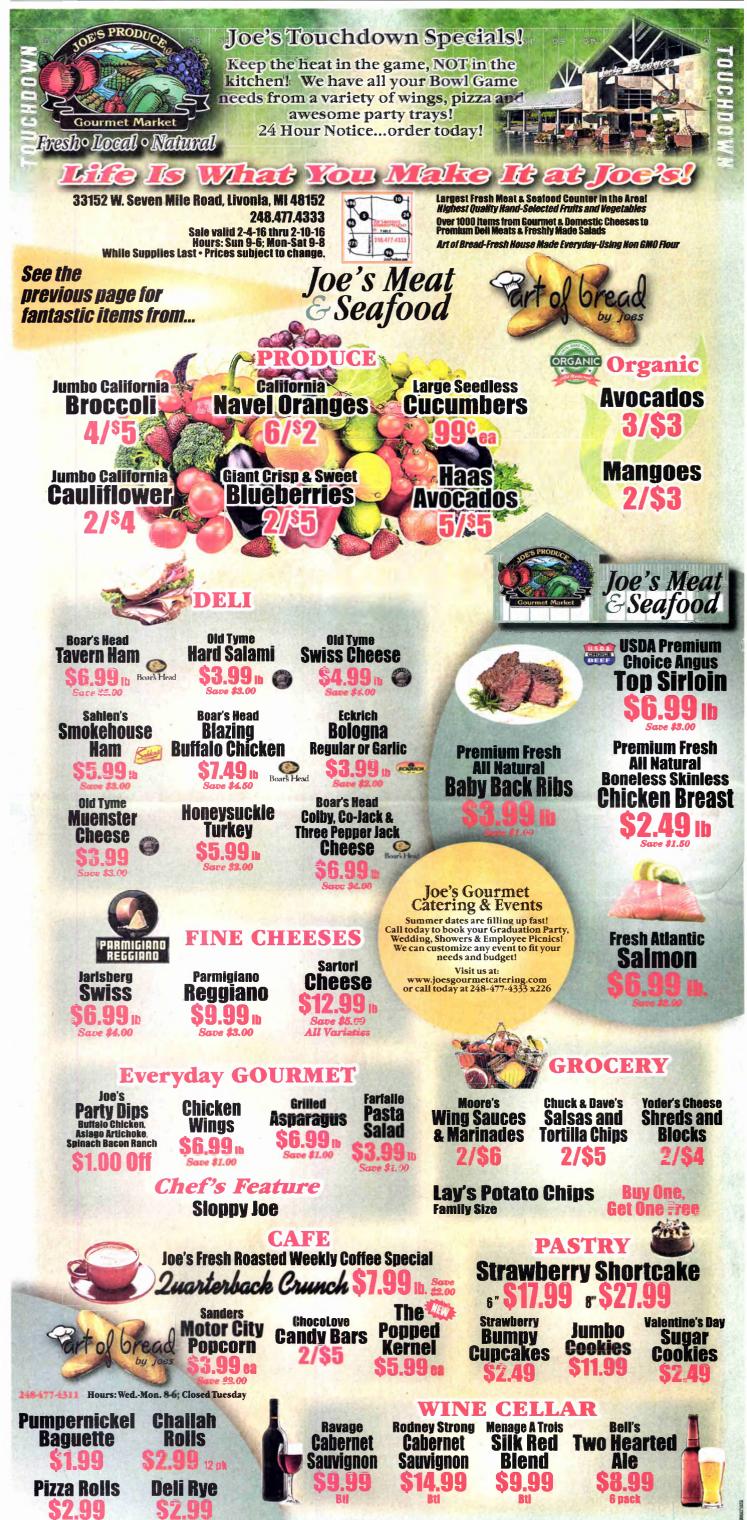
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OBSERVERLAND WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

Livonia Blue's Claire Van Gilder

competes on the uneven bars during a meet earlier this season

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HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASTICS

Farmington vaults past Blue

Rhoad excels in four-point setback

Ed Wright Staff Write

A solid all-around performance from Bri Rhoad couldn't quite push Livonia Blue past Farmington Unified in a highlycompetitive gymnastics meet Monday night.

Led by four-event scorer Elisa Bills, Farmington vaulted to a 144-140.525 triumph. Bills tied for first place with

teammate Kacey Noseworthy on the vault with a score of 9.15. Bills' most eye-popping effort came on the balance beam when she posted a score of 9.50 to out-distance teammate Brooke Rabban's 9.35. Blue's

Katie Grover placed third on the beam with a 9.10. Bills closed her night with a third-place score of 9.15 during her floor-exercise routine.

Farmington's Carina Wright won the floor competition with a 9.35, edging teammate Jacq Farquhar's 9.30.

Rhoad was Blue's best floor performer, earning a 9.10. Emi-

ly Chatterjee was also strong on the floor with a 9.025.

Rabban won the uneven bars competition with a score of 9.10, barely edging Blue's Jessica Weak, who posted a 9.0. Rhoad was right behind Weak in the event with an 8.95. Farmington's Kelly Shroesbee tied Weak with an even 9.0.

Farmington netted at least 35.6 points in each event, maxing out in the floor-exercise event, during which is piled up 36.9 points. Blue's best event was also

the floor (35.675).

OM BEAUDOIN

Lutheran Westland's Christian Zimmerman (left) and Livonia Churchill's Ethan Englehart hooked up in an exciting 112-pound battle Saturday

SHAMROCKS RULE MATS

Catholic Central cruises to championship

Ed Wright Staff Write

Three days before Groundhog's Day, Novi Detroit Catholic Central's wrestling team cast an imposing shadow over 13 other teams that were gathered at Churchill High School for the annual Observerland Invitational.

past several years, the Shamrocks cap tured the tournament by piling up 315 points — 136 more than runner-up Livo-nia Franklin. Salem (177) and Livonia Churchill



winning 10 of the 14 weight classes. At the heart of the Patriots' solid performance were back-to-back first-

place efforts from 140-pound Jeremy Nelson and 145-pound Nathan Atienza.

Nelson won gold with an electrifying 11-9 decision over Salem's Bruce Haslitt while — not surprisingly — Atienza (40-0), the No. 1 145-pounder in Division 1, according to MichiganGrappler.com, steamrolled his way to the title with three pins - two of which came within

47 seconds.

Cougars top Trojans

Annapolis took adantage of Clarenceville foul trouble in the fourth quarter Friday to claim a 68-50 victory in boys basketball.

The Trojans were down five points with seven minutes to go when Mitch Kubiak and Ramon Moore went to the bench with excessive fouls. Clarenceville could not

keep up the scoring pace in the final minutes as the game got away.

The Trojans were led once again by Kubiak and Quentin Banks, each of whom scored 16 points. Justin Burton had a strong game off the bench with seven.

Trojans wrestlers take third

Clarenceville finished third in a dual-meet wres-tling tournament Saturday at Annapolis High School with a 3-2 record.

The Trojans were five points away from second place as the result of a 42-37 loss to Bloomfield Hills.

Clarenceville had three wrestlers out of the line-up, and it proved to be costly to them in that match.

Jacob Weiss and Dyland Brigham went 5-0 on the day for the Trojans. Jonathon Sanchez, Joseph Sanchez and Dylik Hunter were 4-1.

Franklin baseball camp

Livonia Franklin's baseball program will be hosting a spring baseball camp on Saturday, Feb. 20. There will be two ses-

sions — one that runs from 9 a.m. to 11:30, focusing on hitting, base-run-ning and infield work and an afternoon session running from noon to 2:15 p.m., focusing on defen-sive work and pitching.

The cost for one session is \$30; the cost for both

sessions is \$50. Campers who will be attending both sessions are asked to bring a sack lunch for the 11:30 to noon break.

For more information. contact head coach Matt Fournier mfournie2@livonia.k12.mi.us or 734-968-0499.

Churchill pom coach wanted

Livonia Churchill is in immediate need of a varsity pompon coach. Interested parties should email their resume and qualifications to Churchill athletic director Marc Hage at mhage@li-

As they've done with regularity the



(162) both showed well, placing third and fourth, respectively.

The Shamrocks didn't mess around,

HELPING THE COMMUNITY

Churchill icers offer assist to DPS students



Members of Livonia Churchill's hockey team gather around school supplies they collected for Detroit Public School students.



TOM BEAUDOIN Franklin's Carlos Ferreira (left) and Garden City's Robert Ujkaj battle for leverage during a 119-pound match Saturday afternoon.

Franklin picked up valuable second-place points from Joe Fortin (215) and Josh Retting (285), while Howie Whit-

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RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

'Star Wars' Night a hit

Saturday's Star Wars Night at USA Hockey Arena was a smash on and off the ice, according to fans

More than 2,000 fans attended the United States Hockey League contest between the National Team Development Pro gram Under-18 team and Green Bay Gamblers. The U18s — wearing specially designed Star Wars uniforms — won 3-2 behind a two-goal game by Kieffer Bellows.

See game story on page B4.

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Ed Wright Staff Write

Members of the Livonia Churchill hockey team are

picking up assists on and off the ice this winter. Last week, the Chargers participated in a joint initiative orchestrated by WXYZ-TV Channel 7 News and Leo's Coney Island that helped collect school supplies for the Detroit Public Schools.

Team members joined other members of the metro-Detroit community in an effort to ac-cumulate writing utensils, notebooks, folders, cravons markers, glue, back packs and cleaning supplies. The Livonia Churchill Char-

gers Varsity Hockey team took time away from their busy in-season schedule to earn

their next victory in the local community

On Friday, the Chargers delivered the supplies they had collected to various Leo's locations in Livonia.

"We've been looking for opportunities to get involved in the local community," said Churchill head coach Jason Reynolds. "After a late night at the rink, I caught the initial report on Channel 7 News. When we returned for practice the next day, the initiative was at the top of my agenda. To their credit, the boys didn't hesitate to get involved. I'm very proud of their efforts." "Our student-athletes are

verv fortunate to have the opportunities and privileges they enjoy in their local com-

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LOCAL SPORTS

SCOTT LEONARD

HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY



Members of Livonia Stevenson's hockey team pose for a photo following their 3-1 victory over Rochester United.

Stevenson reigns in outdoor hockey game

Ed Wright Staff Writer

Livonia Stevenson's hockey team played like a school of hungry sharks during Sunday's "Frozen Fish Fiasco" outdoor game at Clark Park in downtown Detroit.

Playing as efficiently as they have been indoors all season, the Spartans outskated Rochester United, 3-1, in a game that was hampered by intermittent rain during the opening period.

The victory improved Ste-venson's record to 14-3-1. The Frozen Fish Fiasco is an annual set of outdoor games at the Clark Park ice rink in

southwest Detroit that pit ama-teur teams from different youth-hockey organizations in metropolitan Detroit.

The event culminates with a game featuring the organizing team, the Cedar Point Carp, and the Faurecia Whalers.

All of the proceeds raised by the event are donated to the Clark Park Coalition, which helps keep the park open and operating. Donations from the first four "Fiascos" have exceeded \$12,000.

Stevenson set the tone early against RU when Sam Judd deposited the puck into the net just 1:19 into Sunday's contest. He was assisted by Teo Go-mulka and Zach Finzel. Shane Leonard made it 2-0 93 seconde later thanks to bel.

93 seconds later thanks to hel-pers from Alec Allen and Nate Sudek

Gomulka then scored his first goal as a Spartan in the third period off assists from Adam Olson and Alex Walkulski.



COTT LEONARD Stevenson's Cullen Barber and Nick Beers our poised to defend Rochester United during Sunday's outdoor game at Clark Park.

Cullen Barber was sharp between the pipes for Steven-son, turning away 22 shots. Matt Hawke scored Rochester's lone goal in the third peri-

"It was quite an experience for the players, coaches and parents, that's for sure," said Stevenson head coach David

weren't ideal for an outdoor game, but give our guys credit: They found a way to win a

hockey game against a very good, well-coached opponent.

"We'd like to thank all in-volved for giving us the oppor-

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HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING 100 and counting...

Churchill's Gardner passes century mark in wins

Ed Wright

In a feat that took endurance, dedication, good health and perseverance, Livonia Churchill senior wrestler Chase Gardner reaped his 100th career victory in a Jan. 9 match against Ypsilanti's Treyvon Butler in the Wyan-dotte Invitational.

Not one to settle, Gardner tacked on three more victories during Saturday's Ob-serverland Wreslting Tourna ment when he won the 152pound weight class in dom-

inating style. Gardner, who owns a 3.5 grade-point average and plans to wrestle in college, is currently ranked No. 5 at 152 pounds in Division 1, according to MichiganGrappler-.com. In all the divisions combined, he is ranked 15th at

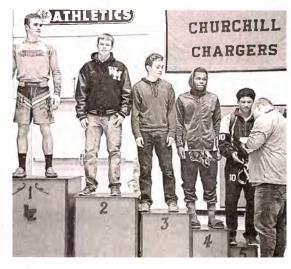
Gardner plans on pursuing a degree in mechanical engi-



Chase Gardner received congratulations from coach Mike Gaffke and a poster that commemorated his 100 victories.

neering at the next level. Gardner was selected to compete in a prestigious international tournament in Australia this summer and is in the midst of raising funds for the trip.

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Chase Gardner is pictured at the top of the medal podium after placing first at 152 pounds in Saturday's Observerland Tournament.

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munity. I believe it's a priority to remind them that not everyone is as fortunate, and giving back to the local com-munity is a priority they should make in their own lives."

Chargers edge East Kentwood

On Saturday, Churchill improved its record to 14-3-1 with a 3-1 victory over East Kentwood. The Chargers' strong de-

fensive effort was anchored by junior goalie Andrew

Broyles, who turned away 26 shots.

Offensively, Jordan Vene goni got things started for the winners when he scored at the 14:41 mark of the first period off assists from John Doyle and Tyler Haydu. The game remained 1-0 until the 8:56 mark of the final stanza when Nolan Ciech ripped home a power-play goal from Haydu. After East Kentwood's Brandon Foote netted a short-

handed goal with 5:29 left in the game to make it 2-1, Churchill's Spencer Kovacs scored an insurance marker from Joe Wozniak with just 29 seconds left

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aker and Manny Willie placed third in their respective weight classes

"I didn't think we wrestled particularly well overall," said Franklin head coach Dave Chio-"Up until this tournament, we seemed to have been moving in the right direction, but this was a little hiccup. The post-season is coming up, so hopefully we'll get back on

152-pound brackets with a 68second pin against Wayne John Hicks.

The Shamrocks placed a huge exclamation point on their championship performance by winning the final five weight classes thanks to stellar efforts from Conor Cox (160), Easton Turner (171), Tyler Morland (189), Jackson Ross (215) and Wiely Locking (208) Nick Jenkins (285).

FINAL STANDINGS: 1. Catholic Central, 315 points; 2. Liuonia Fankini, 179; 3. Salem, 177; 4. Liuonia Churchill 162; 5. Waterord Mott; 95; 6. Wayne Memorial, 92; 7. Farm, Hills Harrison, 77; 8. Liuonia Stevenson, 63; 9. Farmington, 61; 10. Luther Westland, 51; 10. Garden City, 46; 12. Redford Thurston, 3.



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tunity to be part of such an event."

Mitchell. "The conditions

track

"Some of the guys looked good, but we are making too many mental mistakes for this late in the year. This used to be my favorite tournament of the year. It's gone down from where it started, in its hey day of 10 years ago, but hopefully it will got back " will get back

Getting things going early for CC was 103-pounder Devon Johnson, who pinned Salem's Nate Gaubatz in 1 minute and 39 seconds in the final match. Shamrock Ben Kamali fol-

lowed suit at 112 by winning 20-5 over Charger Ethan Engle-

hart. Churchill junior Josh Mus-Chamrocks' win sen broke the Shamrocks' win-ning streak in grand fashion as he out-pointed Stevenson's Taylor Droste, 9-2, in the 119pound final

CC got back on the winning track at 125 thanks to a strong performance from Kevon Da venport, who dominated Salem's Cam Shaughnessy, 17-2, in the championship encounter.

After CC's Cameron Amine and Aaron Rehfeldt won backto-back titles at 130 and 135, respectively, Nelson and Atienstruck gold for the Patriots.

Churchill's Chase Gardner then capped an outstanding home career by winning the

103 pounds: 1. Devon Johnson (CC) pinned Nate Gaubatz (S) in 1 minute, 39 seconds; 3. Howie Whitaker (LF) dec. Hanting Wong (FHH), 2-0; 5. Russ Rusnell (LF) won by major dec., 10-1, over Anthony Marchingh (C) e (LC).

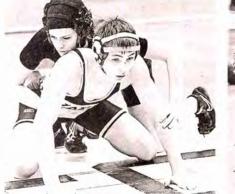
Marchione (LC). 112: 1. Ben Kamail (CC) won by technical fall, 20-5, over Ethan Englehart (LC): 3. Christian Zimmerman (LW) dec. Daquan Baker (S), 6-0, 5. Nick Colon (MOTT) pinned Jalen Fields (HH) in 5-29. 119: 1. Josh Mussen (LC) dec. Taylor Droste (LS), 9-2; 3. Store Moscovi (CC) dec. Mash Rai (S), 7-2; S. Robert Ujkaj (GC) pinned Darian Lindemier (MOTT) in 2-24.

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(160): I. Conor Cox (CC) dec. Zack Leck (IC), 12-11; 3. Kavinda Herath (F) pinned Wes Warren (LW) in 3:44; 5. Andres Garza (LF) dec. Mathias Dahl (MOTT), 5:3.
(71): L. Easton Turrer (CC) dec. Aldo Bella (LC), 6-1; 3.
Brandon Hartfield-Exik (RU) pinned John Benbow (GC) in 38 econds; 5. James Shadwell (MOTT) pinned Andy Cross (LW) in 41 seconds. **189:** 1. Tyler Morland (CC) pinned Roy Foster (S) in 1:34: 3. Emanuel Willie (LF) dec. Tyler Whiteside (LS), 6-1; 5: Rapana Divine Filemu (FHH) pinned Joe Davis (GC) in 32:ex.

(GC) in 3:29 215: 1. Jackson Ross (CC) dec. Joe Fortin (LF), 7-3; 3 Donovan King (F) won by injury def. over Tyler Moon (S): 5. Parker Nowak (LS) dec. Matt Horton (MOTT),

6-3. 285: 1. Nick Jenkins (CC) won by forfeit over Josh Retting (LF); 3. Quentin Logan (MOTT) pinned Anthony Callaway (WYN) in 2:50; 5. Joshon Sharp (GC) pinned Lindon Jvezic (FHH) in 1:28.

Redford Union's Bobby Dixon (left) and Stevenson's Tyler Whiteside square up Saturday afternoon in a 189-pound



TOM BEAUDOIN Thurston's Macy Shupp (top) and Wayne Memorial's Jonathan Puddock wait for the referee's whistle.



TOM BEAUDOIN

John Glenn's Elontra Figueroa and Franklin's Jeremy Nelson tangle in a 140-pound duel.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Warriors upend neighborly rival HVL

GC, Stevenson win; Trojans fall

Ed Wright Staff Write

The Lutheran Westland girls basketball team bounced back quickly from last week's tough loss to Parkway Christian with a 58-48 victory over next-door-neighbor Huron Valley Luther-

an Tuesday night. Leading the Warriors' trio of stars was Taylor Jones, who pumped in 22 points to go along with six steals and six assists.

Also stepping up in the ri-valry match-up were sophomore forward Rachel Redde man, who scored 14 points and grabbed nine rebounds, and senior guard Bethany Hoehne, who netted 10 points while swishing a pair of three-point shots

The victory improved Lutheran Westland's record to 10-3 overall and 6-2 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Con-ference's Red Division.

"It's a good win to get back on track," said LW head coach Sandi Wade. "We will keep working hard and moving forward. We had nice contribution from Taylor, Rachel and Be-thany tonight." The Warriors held a precari-

ous 13-11 lead after one quarter before widening its margin to 27-16 at the half. The Hawks played toe-to-toe

with the Warriors in the second half, outscoring their hosts 32-31, but they could never a substantial enough rally going.

GC triumphant

Garden City's defense was extra sticky Tuesday night against host Advanced Technol-ogy Academy of Dearborn, which had a hard time finding the bottom of the net in its 38-22 loss to the Cougars. "We didn't shoot extremely

well, but I liked the way we worked on defense," said GC head coach Michele Tyree. "We had a lot of opportunities to score more; it was just one of those nights when the ball wouldn't go in the hoop. "Early in the game we

forced some turnovers with our pressure."

Every player who stepped on the court scored for the Cougars, who were led by Lind-sey Michalak's 11-point/11-rebound night.

Kayley Hewer had a solid night, scoring five points to complement her seven boards.

BOYS HOOPS ROUNDUP



Lutheran Westland's Rachel Reddeman grabs one of her nine rebounds during Tuesday night's victory over Huron Valley Lutheran.

Alex Lelenewski chipped in

with five points. Also scoring for the winners were Cassie Leleniewski (four points), Amber Swisher (three), Brittany Radtke (two points, eight rebounds), Tatum Spears (two), Alicea Ascencio (two) and Sam Schwesing, who scored one.

Last Friday the Cougars dropped a 38-30 decision to Crestwood. Hewer led the Cougars with 11 points and 13 rebounds

Stevenson notches win

Livonia Stevenson posted a The Clarenceville girls played a good first half of bas-ketball Friday and were within seven points of Annapolis at heart-pounding 34-31 victory Tuesday night against a feisty South Lyon contingent.

The visiting Cougars pulled away in the second half for a 46-17 victory, however.

half — partly due to unex-plained reasons and partly

were playing against us.'

Trojans tumble

because of the defense they

The Trojans were led offen-sively by A'Sha Whittaker with eight points and Raquel Mance with five.

hitting five of seven attempts

in the fourth quarter. Audrey Stahrr, Jackie Green

defensive performances by Yana Allen and Desarae Hart-



Rob Erwin prepares to scoop up a banker during Tuesday's game at

KLAA BASKETBALL

Senior-led 'Cats take down Pats, 60-45

Ed Wright Staff Write

"Senior Night" couldn't have gone much smoother Tuesday for Plymouth's boys basketball team, which received 49 points — two of which were recorded in spectacular fashion — from the evening's honorees in a 60-45 triumph over a short-handed, but strong-willed, Livonia Franklin squad.

Not surprisingly, senior Brent Davis's name was at the top of the scoring ledger with 23 points — two coming on a soaring, break-away, twohanded slam dunk that practi-cally everyone in the gym knew was inevitable once the spring-loaded guard stole the ball near mid-court early in the fourth quarter.

Proving he's far from one-dimensional, Davis also knocked down nine of 11 free throws on a night the Wildcats stepped to the line a whopping 39 times, making 24.

"We shot a ton of free throws, but we didn't make a ton," said Plymouth head coach Mike Soukup, smiling, while possibly revealing a scoop as to what his team would be working on in Wednesday's practice. "Overall, it was a nice way to send the seniors out with a win.

"The first half we didn't play with the energy or enthusiasm I expect, but we played harder in stretches in the second half. We have a lot of young guys - we have four sophomores up — who don't always figure out right away that you have to play hard at this level *all* the time. I thought Franklin's kids played hard from beginning to end."

Fellow final-year player Frank Brown was Robin to Davis's Batman, delivering 13 points (seven in the tone-setting first quarter) and a team-high eight rebounds.

Other seniors who helped make the night memorable if not magical —were Pete Carravallah (four points), Juilan LeDoux (three points) and Armani Tate, whose lone

shot found nothing but net. Franklin hung around most of the night — Plymouth's first double-digit lead didn't come until the 1:50 mark of the third quarter - due to its chasedown-every-loose-ball mental-ity, ball care and freaky-good free-throw shooting.

The Patriots turned the ball over just nine times (zero in the first quarter) while can-ning 17 of 21 free throws.

"The two good things that came out of tonight's game was the way we shot free throws — that's something we've been working on — ar the way we took care of the and the way we took care of the ball," said Franklin head coach Jeremy Rheault. "What hurt us was them shooting close to 40 free throws. You see that kind of number when a team is trying to foul at the end of a game, but we weren't trying."

Senior guard Joe Chinavare led the Patriots' balanced scoring attack with 11 points. The four-year varsity player swished seven of his eight free-throw attempts. Toying with double-digit scoring ter-ritory were Peytin Harris (nine points) and Jackie

Hughes, who scored eight. Joey Robb added some energy to the Plymouth line. up, scoring three points with four rebounds.

Warriors accelerate past Hawks, 74-44

Junior guard Grace La-merson led the Spartans with

nine points. Lamerson came up clutch at the free-throw line,

Lutheran Westland remains one of state's few unbeaten teams

> **Ed Wright** Staff Writer

Tuesday night's game against rival Huron Valley Lutheran went from know



Hovermale and Joan Andoni, both of whom delivered 16 points. Andoni also hit the boards for seven rebounds.

Jerron Hampton also rose to the occasion for Churchill as he scored 11 points and grabbed seven rebounds.

Keion Epps led the Zebras with 16 points.

"We came out of halftime and executed both offensively," 'hurchill head



The Spartans, who improved 7-6 overall and 3-4 in the halftime. KLAA Central Division, led 22-12 at the half, but couldn't pull away from the Lions, who

were just a near-miss three point shot at the buzzer from sending the game to overtime.

Clarenceville had strong

fiel.

and Alyssa Maas all chipped in five points for the winners.

Samantha Swain paced the Lions with 15 points. "South Lyon plays hard," said Stevenson head coach Tim Newman. "We kind of lost our focus at times in the second

Westland's unbeaten boys basketball team. The Warriors trailed the

fire-up Hawks 12-11 after one quarter before turning on the after-burners and pulling away to post a decisive 74-44 victory.

Lutheran Westland improved to 12-0 overall and 7-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Red Division. The Hawks slipped to 3-8 and 2-5, respectively.

The Warriors, who scored 21 points in each of the final three quarters, led 32-24 at the half and 53-35 with eight minutes to play

Luke Smith had an allaround magnificent night for the winners, registering 16 points, 12 rebounds and four assists

Also making significant contributions for the visitors were Brent Croft (16 points, four three-point makes), Jor-dan Williams (14 points, seven rebounds, 4-for-4 on threes) and Kory Barikmo, who added 10 points, nine assists and sev en rebounds.

Robert Marshall was a ball hawk for the Warriors, racking up three steals.

The Hawks were powered by Nicholas Doletzky, who scored 15 points. Noah Schaewe added seven points while Na-

Huron Valley Lutheran's Jacob Haines looks to finish off a put-back Tuesday night.

than Hamilton and Nicholas Vanderveen added five each.

"Much like in early January when we played HVL the first time, we didn't have the defensive intensity in the first half. observed Lutheran Westland head coach Jim Hoeft. "We were chasing and out of position. However, the guys steered the ship back on course and took care of business in the second half"

The sharp-shooting Warriors drained half of their 22 three-point attempts. LW went to the free-throw line just five times, sinking three.

Churchill outruns Wayne

The Chargers put together possibly their best half of bas ketball this season Tuesday night against Wayne Memorial when they overcame a 29-28 deficit at the intermission to win. 66-51

Fueling the second-half surge were senior guards Jon

my Solak. "The third quarter (when Churchill outscored Wayne 23-7) was probably the best quarter of basketball we've played this year. The seniors really stepped up to-night and helped us take control

Churchill was a near-perfect 10-for-11 from the free-throw line. Wayne was also splendid from the stripe, nailing all but two of its nine attempts.

Stevenson nipped

In a wild-and-wacky KLAA Central Division match-up that had lead changes galore and enough free-throw attempts to completely fray a couple nets, South Lyon rallied to upend Livonia Stevenson, 80-78.

The outcome left the Spar-tans with an 8-5 overall record and 4-3 mark in the division. Ian Knoph and Devin Dunn

shared scoring honors for the Spartans with 22 points. Ethan Townsley was a beast for the Lions, tossing in 28 points more than half came on his five treys.

Stevenson appeared well on its way to a "W", leading by six with three minutes left. However, a technical foul immediately after a shooting foul on the Spartans led to four straight free throws for South



TOM BEAUDOIN

Lutheran Westland's Kory Barikmo squares up for a pull-up jumper Tuesday night against Huron Valley Lutheran.

Lyon, who then converted their ensuing possession into a bucket, knotting the game at 72-all. "We had two steals right

before all that happened, so we had the momentum," said Stevenson head coach Kareem Smartt

Trailing by two, Stevenson nearly won just before the buzzer but Brennen Sanders' corner three-point shot rimmed out

"We need everyone to start playing 110 percent from the opening tip to the final buzzer," Smartt emphasized.

There were an astronomical total of 76 free throws launched during the game. Both teams drained 26 freebies, but the Lions took 42 to Stevenson's 34.

Thurston wins

D'eauntae Jackson scored 25 points and dished out six assists to lead Redford Thurston to a 63-48 victory over Dearborn Heights Annapolis. The

win boosted the Eagles' record to 7-6.

Senior guard Brandon Marshall also had a huge game for the winners, scoring 21 points to go with eight assists.

Alec Sismaic led the Cou-gars with 10 points.

Thurston led 16-14 after one quarter, 32-23 at the half and 4-37 with eight minutes to

"The kids really got after it in the second half," said Thur-ston head coach Brian Bates. "This was a good win for us tonight."

GC falls

Garden City dropped a thrilling non-conference game to visiting Advanced Technol-ogy Academy of Dearborn, 50-54, Tuesday night. Robbie Moyers led the Cou-

gars with 15 points. Branden Grace added 13 and Vinnie Bakerian tossed in 11.

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LOCAL SPORTS

HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING

John Glenn boys win Ladywood Invitational

Ed Wright Staff Write

Westland John Glenn's boys bowling team placed first in the 2016 Livonia Ladywood Tournament Sunday.

"We bowled very consistent throughout the tournament," throughout the tournament," noted John Glenn head coach Ron Staples. "Converting spares is the key when you get into a total-pin tournament." The Rockets finished with 3,574 pins to barely edge run-ner-up New Boston Huron by just 41 pins. Michael Pizzuti was a main-

Michael Pizzuti was a main-stay for the champions, rolling games of 205, 186 and 218. Matt Essa also stepped up when needed, throwing games of 185, 215 and 190.

Kyle McCarthy (224 game), Jared Stevens (209), Brian Marti (200) and Damien Stroh-

Additional standout perfor-mances were delivered by

schein, who registered a 198



John Glenn's bowling team poses with its first-place trophy following Sunday's Ladywood Tournament.

RU bowlers sweep 18-12, 25-5

The Redford Union girls varsity bowling team defeated Romulus Monday night at Mayflower Lanes, 17.5-12.5. The Lady Panthers lost the first two games, which were bowled in the Baker format,

to win both of the traditionallyscored games, 634-617 and 633-624. The Lady Panthers were led

114-108 and 114-101, but rallied

by Lizzie Pigeon, who rolled a 170, and Erin Kappler, who contributed a 134. The team improved to 8-3 for the season. RU boys varsity bowling

PRO SQUASH

team defeated Romulus, 25-5. The Panthers split the first two games, which were bowled in the Baker format, winning the first 161-148 before losing the second 143-140. The next two games were bowled in the traditional format with RU winning the first game 827-743, and the second game 922-702. The Panthers were led by Ryan Randall's 230 effort and Trevor Kerkhof's 192. The RU boys are 8-3 for the

season. The junior varsity was

led by Dennis Jackman with a

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234 and a 232.

USA HOCKEY



RENA LAVERTY J USA HOCKEY Looking to thread a puck out from behind the Green Bay net Saturday night is Joey Anderson of the NTDP Under-18 team.

STARRY NIGHT

Big game by Bellows sparks NTDP U18s to win on 'Star Wars' Night

Tim Smith Staff Write

The Force was with Kieffer Bellows on Saturday night, putting a perfect cap on USA Hockey's annual Star Wars Night.

Bellows scored the winning goal with Luke Skywalker-like determina-tion at 10:50 of the third period to give the NTDP Under-18 team a 3-2 United States Hockey League victory over Green Bay before 2,039 fans — the largest home game attendance in program history.

program history. Before moving to USA Hockey Arena this season, the NTDP U18 and U17 teams played home games at the 1,000-seat Ann Arbor Ice Cube. "It was a lot of fun. It was a great crowd, they had a lot of fun, lucky enough we got them the win " said

enough we got them the win," said Bellows, whose line with forwards Joey Anderson and Clayton Keller accounted for all seven of the team's goals over two weekend victories over the Gamblers. "They were cheering loud and proud for us and we came out and played hard for them." them.

On a festive night featuring Star Wars characters making the rounds and U18 players donning the rounds jerseys and hockey socks to be auc-tioned for C.S. Mott Children's Hospi-tal in Ann Arbor, Bellows won with a

Bay's first goal when he scored on a breakaway (from Keller and defense-man Chad Krys) at 11:29 of the first

After setting up Anderson's power-play goal at 13:24 of the second to put Team USA up 2-1, Bellows came through with his second winner in two nights

Wanting it more

According to U18 head coach Dan-ton Cole, what was impressive about Saturday's clincher was it was the byproduct of sheer determination particularly to make up for the goal the Gamblers scored at 37 seconds of the third period, when the Bellows line was on the ice.

"That's something you like in a hockey player," Cole said. "It's a pride thing and they (the line) were out for the first shift of the third when (the Gamblers) got the game-tying goal.

"You could tell when they came to the bench that they were going to be going pretty hard trying to get the game-winner and they did. So it's a special group of guys who can impose their will on a game and they're able to do they. to do that."

Anderson also made good on a play around the Green Bay crease, poking in the rebound of a Bellows shot.

"We keep talking about, just throw more pucks on net," Anderson said. "This weekend, we really started doing that and it showed out there. We got to continue like that (going) for-ward."

Rising star Farag claims Motor City Open crown

Ali Farag stood on the podium with a non-stop smile.

After accepting the Motor City Open pro squash tournament championship trophy Monday night at the Birmingham Athletic Club, Farag told all in attendance it was the best mo-ment of his burgeoning career.

And it's no wonder. The 23-year-old fleet-footed Egyp-

tian, ranked No. 22 in the world, cap tured the crown with an impressive four-game blitz of Englishman Nick Matthew, world No. 3, at the BAC courts by the score of 11-7, 5-11, 11-6, 11-7, Farag advanced to the title match with intense wins over No. 9-ranked Frenchman Mathieu Castagnet in the semifinals and No. 1-ranked Egyptian countryman Mohamed ElShorbagy in the quarterfinals. "Like I said at the podium, this was

the best week of my career to date," said Farag, who earned a \$10,830 check for his accomplishment. "Beating No. 1 and 9 and 3 successfully on three successive days is unbelievable. I said to myself that I can compete with these guys and have the mental toughness to do it three days in a row. Hopefully, this is going to be the beginning of a good future."

Matthew, the tournament's oldest player at 35, looked like he was going to make it a quick match against his younger opponent. The three-time world champion, back at the MCO for the first time since 2005, rolled to a 6-2 lead and it appeared he had the open-ing game well under control.

Farag squashes foe

But Farag began working his magic, getting to every shot Matthew had to offer and eventually tying the score at 7-7 en route to the 11-7 victory. Farag stunned Matthew by winning nine of the final 10 points the final 10 points.

Matthew showed his resilience, rebounding nicely to win the second game, 11-5. However, in the final two games, Farag forced Matthew into an uncharacteristic amount of unforced errors and slammed home some timely kill shots to win by five and four

points, respectively. In the fourth and deciding game, Farag displayed his quickness on the first point by diving head-first to the front wall for a save and bouncing back up with a kill shot seconds later for a 1-0 lead in easily the match's highlight volley. The point drew a standing ovation from the appreciative crowd packed into the BAC's featured court. Farag went up 6-0 before Matthew scored a point and the legendary pro, nicknamed "The Wolf," never recov-ered. Matthew said fatigue may have caught up with him after having played 16 games in four days on top of an exhaustive tourney the previous week in New York.

get away from me and get his second wind," Matthew said. "In the fourth, it was a bad start again and he was just on a roll by then. He was diving and playing shots behind his back and the crowd was feeding on him. He de-

served it. "In the last few points, it was the first time I just kind of felt tired and weak," he added. "Straight from New York and played here and maybe the last match was maybe one too many for me. But it was fun to be back."

A rising star

Farag opened the tournament with an easy three-game sweep of qualifier Diego Elias of Peru, 11-9, 11-5, 11-2.

Then it was the three straight wins over world-ranked opponents which led to his biggest PSA win ever. "Credit to (Farag). I thought mental-ly he might not be able to (win) for the third night in a row," Matthew said. "I tried to make it tough for him. I think psychology that first game was prob psychology that first game was prob-ably a key. If I could have got him, I could have bent his confidence a little

But if he plays (in the future) as well as he did tonight, he's going to have a hell of a career ahead of him," he added. "He's a good kid. He plays the game with the right spirit, with a smile on his face. He's yery oppular" smile on his face. He's very popular." It proved to be another successful

tournament for the Birmingham Athletic Club. The popular six-day Motor City Open is the third largest and, at 17 years, the longest running pro squash tournament in the United States.

tournament in the United States. Tournament director Julian Well-ings, the BAC's director of squash, was pleased the MCO attracted another outstanding field of quality pros — nine players ranked among the world's top 30 — who love to play at the BAC. He also indicated the BAC might have been the springboard to the birth of a been the springboard to the birth of a rising squash superstar in Farag.

The tournament went just as well as we wanted it to, with some amazing matches," Wellings said. "Ali created a really good story, coming from un-seeded at the beginning to beating world Nos. 1, 9 and 3 on successiv

days. "It was great. Every now and again, we have this. It's nice to see a new talent come through and we saw it here this year. I think we're witnessing someone who's moving right up the top of the rankings.

not-to-be-denied move.

Encore-worthy

The Boston University-bound winger from Minnesota drove to the front of the Green Bay net and persisted with several cracks at the puck until it hit the back of the net behind goaltender Kevin Reich (28 saves).

Just not giving up on the play, said Bellows, the game's No. 1 star, describing the winning sequence. "Keller threw it to me, the guy lifted my stick. Joey shot it, it didn't go towards the net, it hit off my skate, I caught it and made a backhand move.

"Saw the rebound on top of (the goalie's) leg and I just whacked it in. As soon as I saw it go in, I celebrat-ed" ed

He skated along the boards pump-ing his arms in the air while fans cheered and waved multi-colored Star Wars light sabers that were in evi dence throughout the arena's seats

and busy corridors. Making 19 stops and collecting the win for the U18s (17-18-3-1) for the victory was goaltender Joseph Woll.

Bellows was in on the fun all week-end. Friday night, he scored an un-assisted goal at 5:38 of overtime to lift the U18s to a 4-3 win over Green Bay (22-12-3-1, second in the USHL). He scored two goals and assisted on another in the weekend opener, back-stopped by Jake Oettinger (26 saves).

Saturday night, he answered Green

Cole heaped plenty of praise on Bellows and the rest of the line.

"When he's going in straight lines and he's really aggressive and phys-ical, he's a lot to handle out there," Cole said. "He was really outstanding this weekend. That line has been good. When they play with that tempo and they pay attention to details like they did this weekend, they're just really, really tough.'

Buzz-worthy

Wearing the specially designed Star Wars uniforms also gave the team an extra jump.

"They were very cool. The guys were excited to see them," Anderson said. "The whole year, we've been looking forward to this date because it's always one of the bicrose current." it's always one of the bigger events on

the NTDP calendar. It was fun." About the jersey auction, which begins Feb. 4 and continues until 9 p.m. Feb. 25 (with bidding starting at 7250 ar the NUX Auction \$250 on the NHL Auctions page; http://auctions.nhl.com/), Anderson smiled and said, "I'll have to tell my parents to go buy one."

"Energy in the building's a good thing," Cole said. "If we can bring that with the way our guys are when we have that energy, it's a great thing and it's a big home ice advantage. "I think they had fun with it. The

crowd was loud, lots of kids here and lots of people. It was outstanding."

"I thought halfway through the third (game) I was starting to get tired and I could feel it and he managed to

"There's no doubt he can move into the top three and he has everything he needs to be No. 1," he added. "It's excit-ing to watch and this was a really big win for him."

Farag had such a good feeling following his monumental victory that he immediately committed to play in next year's tournament.

"If you ask any player, they would tell you this is one of the best tourna-ments on the tour," Farag said. "We feel at home and everyone takes care of us. It's an unbelievable feeling."



BRYAN MITCHELL

Ali Farag of Egypt concentrates on a back-hand shot against in the title match of the 2016 Motor City Oper

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Industry survey optimistic about the future of home ownership

Although only half of surveyed house holds believe the economy is currently improving, nearly all young renters eventually want to buy a home, and a convincing majority still view home ownership as part of their American Dream, according to a new quarterly consumer survey released recently by the National Association of Realtors.

Additionally, a newly introduced index tracking the financial outlook of households found that compared to earlier this year an increasing share believes their personal financial situation will improve in the months ahead.

NAR's inaugural quarterly household survey, Housing Opportunities and Mar-ket Experience (HOME), tracks topical real estate trends, including current renters and homeowners' views and aspirations regarding homeownership, whether or not it's a good time to buy or sell a home, and expectations and experi-ences in the mortgage market. New questions may be added to the survey each quarter to reflect timely topics

impacting real estate. The HOME survey data reveals that an overwhelming majority of current renters who are 34 years of age or younger want to own a home in the future (94%). Overall, 83% of polled rent-ers have a desire to own, and 77% believe home ownership is part of their American Dream.

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, says the survey's findings debunk the notion that young adults aren't interested in buying a home. "Despite entering the workforce during or immediately after the worst of the financial and housing crisis, the desire to become a homeown er appears to be a personal goal for a convincing majority of young renters," he said. "Furthermore, there appears to be sizable, pent-up demand for buying that currently remains untapped because of a variety of economic and personal reasons impacting many households." reasons impacting many households.

reasons impacting many households." The top two reasons given by renters for not currently owning was the inabil-ity to afford to buy (53%) and needing the flexibility of renting rather than owning (19%). When asked what would likely be the main reason for buying in the future contract is different or print the future, renters cited lifestyle consid-erations such as getting married, start-ing a family or retiring (33%) and an improvement in their financial situation

(26%). "A combination of factors such as rising rents and home prices, limited supply, repaying student debt, and get-ting married and having children later in life has more to do with the currently underperforming share of first-time buyers than the idea that buying a home is not as desirable as it used to be," added Yun.

Among all households (renters and homeowners) in the survey, the results highlight a split between those who



GETTY IMAGES/INGRAM PUBLISHING A survey shows optimism for the future of home ownership

agree the U.S. economy is on the right track and those who disagree. Only half of respondents believe the economy is currently improving, and 44% think the

economy is actually in a recession. Renters were only slightly more optimistic about current economic condi-tions, with 57% believing the economy is improving Regardless of their confi-dence in the U.S. economy today, over three-quarters (76%) of those who don't

think the economy is improving still want to eventually buy a home. "The promising stretch of job creation in several parts of the country in recent years has the housing market in 2015 on track for its best upage of seles ginge the track for its best year of sales since the downturn," Yun said. "However, that only half of surveyed households believe the economy is improving can be attrib-uted to the fact that some areas have been slow to recover and wages have yet to grow in a meaningful way for far too many families." Added Yun, "With roughly 26 million

more people in the U.S. compared to the peak year of home sales in 2005 (7.08 million), the pace of existing sales would likely be more robust if not for the economy's subpar growth since the downturn and wage gains that have failed to keep pace with rents and home prices.

Home ownership remains good financial decision, part of **American Dream**

Despite uncertainty about the econo-my's current performance, at least 84% of all households within all surveyed age groups and education levels believe owning a home is a good financial decision.

When asked if they believe this strongly or moderately, 76% who believe it's a good decision feel strongly about it. Additionally, at least 85% of surveyed

households in each age category as well as across all education levels believe home ownership is part of their personal American Dream. The most appealing aspects of homeownership cited by those with this feeling include a place to raise a family (36%), owning their own place (26%) and a nest egg for retirement (14%)

NAR's survey found that more homeowners (82%) than renters (68%) during the polling period believe that it's a good time to buy a home. Furthermore, of those who thought it was a good time to buy, 64 % felt strongly about buying. Among current owners, 61% believe it is a good time to sell a home, of which 53% felt strongly that it was a good time to sell

According to the survey, roughly two-thirds (65%) think it would be very or somewhat difficult to obtain a mortgage. Furthermore, there are differences among income brackets. Renter house holds making between \$30,000 and \$40,000 were the most likely to be declined a mortgage (10%), while 51 per-cent of those who make more than \$50,000 a year have not tried but feel confident they would succeed in getting a mortgage. Overall, 5% of renters have recently tried and failed to obtain financing for a home.

By nearly double the amount of other responses, the most common reason homeowners purchased a home was for lifestyle changes such as getting mar-ried, starting a family or retiring (35%); 19%, said the design to settle down in one 18% said the desire to settle down in one location influenced their decision to buy, and 15% cited an improvement in their financial situation.

financial situation. Reflecting the ongoing recovery of home values throughout most of the country, 89% of respondents said home prices in their communities have either risen or stayed the same in the past year. Looking ahead toward the next six months, 91% of respondents believe home prices in their community will increase or stay the same. The HOME survey also calculates a

The HOME survey also calculates a monthly Personal Financial Outlook Index measured by household type, age, income and type of location. Since track-ing began in March, the index repre-senting all households has slowly trended upward to its highest current reading in December – reflecting stronger confi-dence that respondents' financial situa-tion will be better in six months. Currently, renters, younger households and those living in urban areas are more optimistic about their future financial situation.

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Right to develop land may exist

Q: We live in a condo where the original developer left the project with a num-ber of units in the Master Deed which have not been completed and are labeled "need not be built." This has gone on for over 10 years. Is there anything the associa-tion can do?

A: Depending upon your Master Deed and other factual considerations, your associa-tion may have the right to treat that undeveloped land or, i.e., the units, as

common ele-ments of the condominium, and depending upon the ad-vice that you get from a knowledgeable lawyer, you may be



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able to develop that land or have someone develop it for you by con-structing condominium buildings or homes. This could be a substantial windfall for the association and its members. Q: We signed a purchase

agreement to buy a home and now the seller wants to back out, but not return our earnest money deposit be-cause he thinks that we were not timely in getting the mortgage. What do you think?

A: It all depends upon the terms of the purchase agree-ment. If you were to obtain a mortgage within a certain period of time and failed to do so, the contract may have pro-vided that the contract then vided that the contract then becomes void and the seller is becomes void and the seller is entitled to their earnest money deposit. On the other hand, you may have a legitimate justifi-cation for not obtaining the mortgage. Again, a good real estate lawyer should be able to review your factual scenario and give you advice as to your basis to seek a reimbursement of your earnest money deposit.

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REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Real Estate Investors Association holding open forum

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The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update. Meetings are scheduled

from 6-9 p.m. on the third Tues-day of each month at the Red Lobster restaurant located on Eureka in Southgate.

The cost is free for members and \$20 for guests. The fee will be applied to their membership. The Red Lobster is next to 7-Eleven, near Tren-

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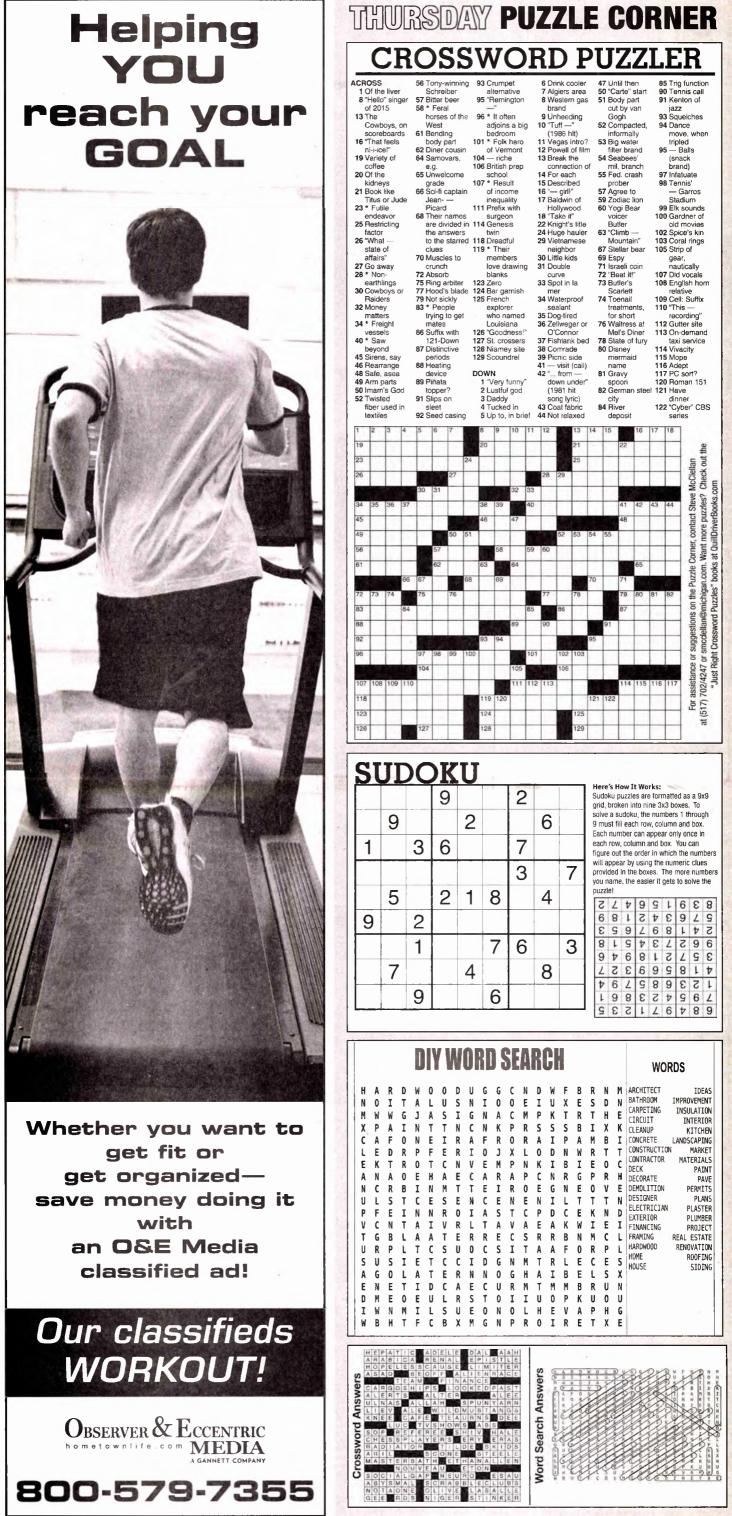
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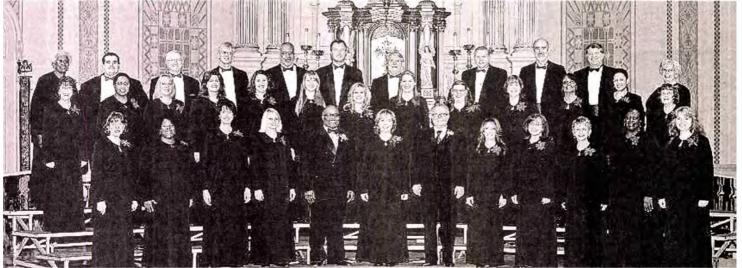
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The Madrigal Chorale

Feel the love, healing at Madrigal Chorale's concert

Sharon Dargay

only hopes to entertain, but also to inspire healing and reconciliation when it sings its "love" concert on Sunday, Feb.

"I'm so excited. It's beautiful to go to concerts, but this is more than just going to a con-cert," said Mary Simmons of Farmington, a singer and the Chorale's vice president of development. "The tagline is 'Life Every Voice,' for this season. We want people to be vocal about coming together, doing the right thing, speaking out. You get energized and excited. You start to look for and see the good in people. The 45-member choral

group, which rehearses at Adat Shalom Synagogue in Farmington Hills, will perform at 4 p.m. Sunday at the Academy of the Sacred Heart , 1250 Kensington Road, Bloomfield Hills. Tickets are \$18 in advance and \$20 at the door. Students pay \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door.

Selections will include Love is a Many-Splendored Thing, We Are Family, Love Is All



The Madrigal Chorale presents its holiday concert at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Love Me, and Blue Velvet. You Need - A Tribute to The "There will be visual ef-fects. We'll have still pictures Beatles, and Seasons of Love, among other love-related shown on a big screen, and poetry will be read," Simmons Several smaller groups from within the Chorale also will sing. A women's ensemble said will perform a song from Pitch Perfect 2, and a men's

Season theme

This is the Madrigal Chorale's 101st season and the first time it has selected a year-long message for its concerts. Simmons said the



Artistic Director Robert A. the Madrigal Chorale's 2015 holiday concert

Chorale's board of directors challenged Robert Martin, artistic director, to choose a theme. "We said, we wanted to see

his vision. He came up with the theme of healing and reconciliation. December was religious healing, this love concert is interpersonal, and the May concert is about ra-cial reconciliation," Simmons said. "We're definitely doing something different this

In a press release, Martin said he hoped to send a message that through mutual re-spect and understanding, it's

included speakers from the Christian, Muslim and Jewish faiths. Each spoke about reli-gious similarities.

with people afterward. They were pleased with the speak-ers and the choice of music. The music was in line with peace, reconciliation and heal-" she said

at its May concert on racial reconciliation.

the Madrigal Chorale, visit madrigalchorale.org, email info@madrigalchorale.org, or call 248-804-1377.

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ANIMALS **DETROIT ZOO**

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

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

Details: Admission is \$14 for adults 15-61, \$10 for senior citizens 62 and older, and for children ages 2-14; chil-dren under 2 are free. Parking for cars and vans is \$5. Detroit Zoological Soci-ety members get free admission and parking

Wild Winter weekend: Family-friendly events and activities, including music zookeeper talks, games and crafts, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Feb. 6-7 at the Ford Educa-tion Center

Contact: 248-541-5717

ARTS AND CRAFTS **CENTRAL PARC ART STUDIO**

Time/Date: 4:30-6 p.m. and 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4; 7-8:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5 and 12; 2-3:30 p.m. and 3:30-5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6; 2-3:30 p.m. and 3:30-5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6; 2-3:30 p.m. and 3:30-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7; 2-3:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 15 and Wednesday, Feb

Details: The Dirty Show, marking its 17th year, includes an erotic art exhibit, stage performances, and a film festival. Sculptor/painter Colin Christian is special guest artist. Tickets are \$30 in advance. Must be age 21 or over, with valid photo ID Contact: dirtyshow.org

group will sing Billy Joel's The Longest Time. A barber-

Location: 1600 Clay Street, Detroit

shop quartet, Coda Honor, will sing several tunes, including

VILLAGE THEATER

tunes

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday and during public performances, through Feb. 28 Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road,

Canton Details: "Spirit of Detroit - Portraits by Donita Simpson," a photographic exhibit featuring 38 portraits of Michi-gan artists taken by Donita Simpson of Roval Oak

Contact: cantonvillagetheater.org

DANCE **BARN DANCE**

Time/Date: 7-11 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26 Location: Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills Details: The dance will feature square



Billy Davis performs in the Blues@The Elks series, Feb. 9, in Plymouth

Ugly." featuring Clint Eastwood, \$5 Contact: 313-898-1481;

HISTORY

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, and 1-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 5-May 15 134 9

Location: Seligman Performing Arts Center, 22305 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills Details: Pianist Richard Goode performs Beethoven's last three sonatas. Tickets range from \$32-\$64 for adults, and \$16-\$32 for students Contact: 248-855-6070; CMSDetroit.org

of the month

includes Matthew Ball, Kate Jablonski and Sean Nasrey, and will perform song hits of the 1920s-40s, on Tuesday, Feb. 23. A \$10 donation at the door includes hors d'oeuvres

mouthelks1780@yahoo.com

MICHIGAN PHILHARMONIC

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13 Location: Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Cantor Details: Broadway Vale ntine wil include songs from such Broadway shows as Rent, Les Miserables, Grease, Jersey Boys and more. Includes vocal performance by Geff Phillips and Kylee Phillips, Tickets are \$30 general, \$25 seniors, 62 and over, and \$10 students Contact: michiganphil.org

Bell's is "movies," and the theme at Circus Bar is "love hurts." Admission is \$5 in Detroit, \$8 in Ann Arbor

ence. The performance is free, although donations will be accepted. Desserts, light supper and tea will be available for purchase

THE ARK

Location: The Ark, 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor

Details: 29th Annual Storytelling Festival featuring Kevin Kling, from Minneapolis, Minn., whose commentar-ies are heard on NPR's "All Things Considered." Tickets are \$20

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KELSEY MUSEUM

JAZZ@THE ELKS

Location: Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: The Boogie Woogie Kid Trio,

Contact: 734-453-1780 or email ply-

Contact: themoth.org

STORY NIGHT

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Feb. 11 Location: Crazy Wisdom Bookstore & Tea Room, 114 S. Main, Ann Arbor Details: Ann Arbor Storytellers' Guild members tell stories for an adult audi-

Contact: 734-665-2757

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Feb. 27

Contact: theark.org; 734-761-1818



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year.'

possible to bridge divisions, work together and produce beauty. "A healing of sorts." The December concert

"It was interesting to talk

ing," she said. The group invited Bishop Thomas Gumbleton to speak

"The timing couldn't be any better for this. This kind of thing is so needed."

For more information about

GET OUT! CALENDAR OF ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF DETROIT Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. the last Tuesday

Location: 650 Church Street, Plymouth

Details: Choose a time to paint a handmade soup bowl. Pick the bowl up, after it is fired, at the Soup Swap, 1-2:30 p.m. Feb. 27. Local groups will prepare and serve soup on Swap day. Cost of painting a bowl is \$15 per person. For families, the cost is \$15 for the first two members and \$10 for each additional family member. Participants are encour-aged to bring canned food or nonperishable food items to the Swap for the Plymouth Salvation Army. In return they will receive a bowl of hot soup

Contact: Leslie Greeneisen at 734-578-1298

HERITAGE PARK STABLES STUDIO

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7 and March 13

Location: Heritage Park, 24915 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills

Details: Sue Majewski, a mosaic glass artist, will lead the workshops, which will focus on creating a mosaic frame on Feb. 7, and decorating three-dimension-al letters on March 13. Participants will design their project, set colorful glass fragments, and will grout. All supplies will be included. Cost for each work-shop is \$65 for non-residents and \$55 for residents.

Contact: https://recreg.fhgov.com; 248-473-1856

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Time/Date: 7 p.m.-2 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 12-13 and 19-20, and 6 p.m.-midnight, Sunday, Feb. 14

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Contact: 248-473-1830

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GREEN FILM SERIES

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11 Location: Congregational Church of Birmingham, UCC, 1000 Cranbrook Road, Bloomfield Hills

Details: "Seeds of Time" follows American agriculturist Cary Fowler and his efforts to protect food crops from an uncertain future. Jon Adams of Southfield Parks and Gardens Association leads a discussion following the film

Contact: 248-514-8746

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday Feb. 5, 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, and 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11

Location: 760 Penniman, Plymouth Details: "The Peanuts Movie," \$3 Contact: 734-453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Feb. 5, and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Feb. 6

Location: 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Avenue in Detroit Details: "The Good, The Bad and The Details: "Leisure and Luxury in the Age of Nero: the Villas of Opiontis near Pompeii," explores the lavish lifestyle and economic interests of some of ancient Rome's wealthiest and most powerful citizens, who vacationed along the Bay of Naples. Includes more than 200 items on loan from Italy. Admission is free

Contact: 734-764-9304

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday-Sunday

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth

Exhibit: "It's a Downton Abbey Thing," looks at the PBS series "Downton Abbey" in relation to events from 1912-1930 in southeast Michigan and the U.S.

Details: Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for ages 6-17.

Contact: 734-455-8940

MUSIC **BLUES@THE ELKS**

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month

Location: Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: Harmonica Shah and Billy Davis perform on Feb. 9, backed by Carlton Washington on guitar, Phil Hale on keyboard, and Curtis Sumter on drums. Bring your dancing shoes. \$5 donation

Contact: 734-453-1780

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

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

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia Details: Billy Brandt and the Sugarees, Details: billy brained and the Sugarees, Feb. 5; UNValentines Day with John Latini, Jamie-Sue Seal, and Dave Bou-tette, Feb. 6; Empty Chair night with Annie and Rod Capps, Joel Palmer and Alison Donahue, Feb. 7; Nessa, Feb. 12; May Erlewine, Feb. 13. Most tickets \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks accepted

Contact: 734-464-6302 for additional information

SPOKEN WORD MOTH STORY SLAM

Time/Date: Doors open 4:30 p.m., stories start 7 p.m. Feb. 4, Detroit; doors open 6 p.m., stories start 7:30 p.m. Feb. 16, Ann Arbor

Location: Cliff Bell's, 2030 Park Ave., Detroit and Circus Bar, 210 S. First Ave., Ann Arbor

Details: Prepare a five-minute story on the theme, toss your name in the hat, and if your name is pulled, step up and tell your true personal story live without notes. Volunteers from the audience judge the stories. The theme at Cliff

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Feb. 12-13 and 19-20 and at 2 p.m. Feb. 14 and 21.

Location: 240 N. Main, Plymouth

Details: Tickets for "Sylvia," a romantic comedy, are \$15

Contact: 734-404-6886; justgobarefoot.com

FARMINGTON PLAYERS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 12-13, 19-20, 26-27, Thursday-Saturday, March 3-5, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, 21, and 28

Location: Farmington Players Barn 32332 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: "The Diary Of Anne Frank" tells the story of the teenage writer, her family and others who struggled to hide from the Nazis in their attic. This version of the play weaves writings from Anne Frank's diary together with survivor accounts. Tickets are \$16 for adults, \$14 for students and seniors, age 62 and up. Admission on March 3 is \$14 for everyone

Contact: 248-553-2955, farmingtonplayers or o

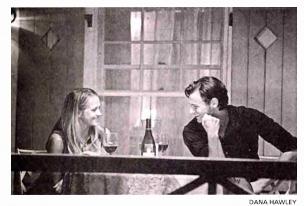
INSPIRE THEATRE

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5-7, and 12-14 Location: Westland Center for the Arts. 33455 Warren Road, Westland

Details: "The Lady Pirate of Captain Bree" is a musical comedy about a group of female pirates who take ove a defenseless ship that is transporting over wealthy passengers, and is manned by a motley crew of prisoners. Tickets are \$16 Contact: InspireTheatre.com; 734-751-7057

Films about zombies, Hollywood, open Friday, Feb. 5

Friday, Feb. 5



Teresa Palmer plays Gabby Holland, a feisty medical student, and Ben Walker is Travis Shaw, a ladies' man, in "The Choice."

» "The Choice" — When feisty medical student Gabby Holland moves in next door to perennial ladies' man Travis Shaw, they embark on a surprising romantic journey neither imagined possible. Travis has always believed a serious relationship would cramp his easygoing lifestyle, while Gabby is preparing to settle down with her long-term boyfriend — until an irresistible attraction between the unlikely cou

until an irresistible attraction between the unlikely couple upends both of their well-planned lives. The story spans a decade, traces the evolution of a love affair, and asks how far you'd go to keep the hope of love alive. Starring Benjamin Walker, Teresa Palmer, Maggie Grace, Alexandra Daddario, Tom Welling, Brett Rice, and Tom Wilkinson. Directed by Ross Katz. Rated PG-13.
 "Hail, Caesar!" — Joel

» "Hail, Caesar!" — Joel and Ethan Coen wrote and directed the all-star comedy set during the latter years of Hollywood's Golden Age. Starring Josh Brolin, George Clooney, Alden Ehrenreich, Ralph Fiennes, Jonah Hill, Scarlett Johansson, Frances McDormand, Tilda Swinton and Channing Tatum, "Hail, Caesar!" follows a single day in the life of a studio fixer who is presented with plenty of problems to fix. Rated PG-13.

» "Pride and Prejudice and Zombies" — A zombie outbreak has fallen upon the land in this reimagining of Jane Austen's classic tale of the tangled relationships between lovers from different social classes in 19th century England. Feisty heroine Elizabeth Bennet (Lily James) is a master of martial arts and weaponry and the handsome Mr. Darcy (Sam Riley) is a fierce zombie killer, yet the epitome of upper class prejudice. As the zombie outbreak intensifies, they must swallow their pride and join forces on the blood-soaked battlefield in order to conquer the undead once and for all. Rated PG-13.

Friday, Feb. 12

» "Deadpool" — Based upon Marvel Comics' most unconventional anti-hero, Deadpool, tells the origin story of former Special Forces operative turned mercenary Wade Wilson, who after being subjected to a rogue experiment that leaves him with accelerated healing powers, adopts the alter ego Deadpool. Armed with his new abilities and a dark, twisted sense of humor, Deadpool hunts down the man who nearly destroyed his life. Starring Ryan Reynolds, Morena Baccarin, Ed Skrein, T.J. Miller, Gina Carano and Brianna Hildebrand. Directed by Tim Miller. Rated R

» "How to be Single" — There's a right way to be single, a wrong way to be single, and then...there's Alice. And Robin, Lucy, Meg, Tom, and David. New York City is full of lonely hearts seeking the right match, be it a love connection, a hook-up, or something in the middle. And somewhere between the teasing texts and one-night stands, what these characters all have in common is the need to learn how to be single in a world filled with ever-evolving definitions of love. Starring Dakota Johnson, Rebel Wilson, Damon Wayans Jr., Anders Holm, Alison Brie, Nicholas Braun, Jake Lacy, with Jason Mantzoukas and Leslie Mann. Directed by Christian Ditter. Rated R



Maggie Smith stars in "Lady in the Van," which opens Feb. 12.

» "Lady in the Van" — The film opens at the Maple Theatre in Bloomfield Hills. Alan Bennett's story is based on the true story of Miss Shepherd (played by Maggie Smith), a woman of uncertain origins who "temporarily" parked her van in his London driveway and proceeded to live there for 15 years. What begins as a begrudged favor becomes a relationship that will change both their lives. It was filmed on the street and in the house where Bennett and Miss Shepherd lived all those years. Directed by Nicholas Hytner. Not rated. » "Son of Saul" — The film

» "Son of Saul" — I ne film opens at the Main Theatre in Royal Oak. It's set in October 1944 in Auschwitz-Birkenau. Saul Ausländer is a Hungarian member of the Sonderkom-



Geza Rohrig as Saul in "Son of Saul"

mando, the group of Jewish prisoners isolated from the camp and forced to assist the Nazis in the machinery of large-scale extermination. While working in one of the crematoriums, Saul discovers the body of a boy he takes for his son. As the Sonderkommando plans a rebellion, Saul decides to carry out an impossible task to save the child's body from the flames, find a rabbi to recite the mourner's Kaddish and offer the boy a proper burial. Rated R

"Where to invade Next" — Michael Moore visits a host of nations to learn how the U.S. could improve its own prospects in this subversive comedy. The creator of Fahrenheit 9/11 and Bowling for Columbine is back with this eyeopening call to arms. Turns out the solutions to America's most entrenched problems already exist in the world — they're just waiting to be co-opted. Directed by Michael Moore. Rated R

» "Zoolander 2" — Starring Ben Stiller, Owen Wilson, Will Ferrell, Penelope Cruz, Kristen Wig, Fred Armisen, Milla Jovovich, Christine Taylor, Justin Theroux and Kyle Mooney. Directed by Ben Stiller. Rated PG-13

Friday, Feb. 19

» "Race" — Based on the incredible true story of Jesse Owens, the legendary athletic superstar whose quest to become the greatest track and field athlete in history thrusts him onto the world stage of the 1936 Olympics, where he faces off against Adolf Hitler's vision of Aryan supremacy. Race is a film about courage, determination, tolerance, and friendship, and an inspiring drama about one man's fight to become an Olympic legend. Starring Stephan James, Jason Sudeikis, Jeremy Irons, Carice van Houten, Shanice Banton, and William Hurt. Directed by Stephen Hopkins. Rated PG-13

"Touched with Fire" — The film centers on two poets with bipolar disorder whose art is fueled by their emotional extremes. Their chemistry is instant and intense, driving each other's mania to new heights. Swinging from fantastical highs to tormented lows, they ultimately must choose between sanity and love. Stars Katie Holmes and Luke Kirby. Directed by Paul Dalio. Rated R

» "The Witch" - In this horror film, the age-old concepts of witchcraft, black mag-ic and possession are brought together to tell the story of one family's frightful unraveling in the New England wilderness circa 1630. Upon threat of ban-ishment by the church, an Eng-lish farmer leaves his colonial plantation, relocating his wife and five children to a remote plot of land on the edge of an ominous forest, within which lurks an unknown evil. Strange and unsettling things begin to happen almost immediately — animals turn malevolent, crops fail, and one child disappears as another becomes seemingly possessed by an evil spirit. With suspicion and paranoia mounting, family members accuse teenage daughter Thomasin of witchcraft, charges she adamantly denies. As circumstances grow more treacherous, each family member's faith, loyalty and love become tested in shocking and unforgettable ways. Rated R

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CANN, ROBERT J.

Of Livonia. Age 88. January 29, 2016. Loving husband of Geraldine for 64 years. 2016. Loving husband of Geraldine for 64 years. Wonderful father to Noreen, Ann Marie (Jerry), Jim (Cori), Mark (Alccia), Joan (Saul) and Edward (Tamara). Bob has 12 grandchil-dren and four great-grandchildren who will miss his waamth and brilliance. Visitagrandchildren who will miss his warmth and brilliance. Visita-tion: Friday, February 5, 2016 from 5-8 p.m. at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile, Livonia, MI 48152. Funeral Mass: 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 6, 2016 (Visitation 10:00 a.m.) at St. Edith Church, 15099. Nawhurch Livonia, MI 10:00 a.m.) at St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia, MI 48154. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Bob's name to Residen-tial Hospice Foundation. To read the full obituary, please visit: www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

DecEsCO, ANTHONY LOUIS January 31, 2016. Age 82 of Redford. Beloved husband of Jean of 25 years. Loving father of Mark (Barbara) DeCesco. Donna (Jerry) Bomay and Lori Komora. Cherished grandfather of Lisa Laird. Dawn Bomay, Gary Komora, John Coury and Sarah Coury and great-grandchildren Bella Laird. Avery Coury. Mackenzie Laird and Anjelica Rice. Funeral Saturday 10 am. from the Chapel of LJ. Griffin Funeral Home. 7707 Middlebell Rd. (at Ann Arbor Trail). Family will receive visi-tors Friday 3-8 p.m. Anthony re-tired from Beaumont Hospital after 26 years of service and has been very active with his South Redford Christian Church ministry team. His artistic creativity in oil and acrylic painting brought many honorable recognitions. He was a man of many talents. Memorial contributions may be made to Mesothelioma Research Founda-tion of America. Share a "Me-morial Tribute" with the family at griffinfuneralhome.com

LALONDE-LANG,

LALONDE-LANG, DELOIS M. June 4. 1930 - January 26, 2016 Delois was born in Pontiac, resided in Highland and Beverly Hills, Florida. She will be remembered for her talent as an artist and many contributions to the community. She was a life member of the VFW Ladies Aux, Woodcarvers, Watercolor Club, Artist Society, American Irish Club. Delois is survived by Club, Artist Society, American Irish Club. Delois is survived by her daughter Janice and her son Alan, Grandchildren, great-grandchildren, sister and brother. Delois is preceded in death by her husband Lloyd E Lang of 52 years. A Funeral Mass will be held at Church of the Holy Spirit in Highland February 6th, 11:00 am.





MASSNICK.

MASSNICK, DONALD J. Canton, Michigan Formerly of Essexville, Michigan, age 88, passed away peacefully, Sunday, January 31, 2016, with his family by his side. He was born on February 23, 1927 in Bay City, the son of the late George and Mildred (Dick-son) Massnick. Don graduated from the University of Michigan a long and successful career in Marketing with the Dow Chemi-cal Company. On June 29, 1957 Don and Jean Vaupre were unit-ed in marriage and after 57 years together, she preceded him in death on March 8, 2015. Be-tween raising his family and working long hours at Dow. Don was drawn to helping others and serving the community. His serv-ice to philanthropic organiza-tions dates back to the 1960's. His memberships included the Bay Medical Foundation, Alli-ance for Bay County Schools, Essexville-Hampton Board of Directors, Asthma & Allergy Foundation of America, Bay ance for Bay County Schools, Essexville-Hampton Board of Directors, Asthma & Allergy Foundation of America, Bay County Growth Alliance, Michi-gan Eye Bank, U of M Alumni Club of Bay City, Tri-County Rotary Club. Don was the recipi-ent of a vast number of Honors Rotary Club. Don was the recipi-ent of a vast number of Honors including: Essexville Citizen of the Year. Dow Chemical Presi-dent's Award for Community Service, Michigan Eye Bank Founders Award, Outstanding Volunteer to the Mid-Michigan Chapter of the National Society of Fund Raising Executives and Paul Harris Fellowship Award from the Bay City Rotary Club bit Fund Raising Executives and Paul Harris Fellowship Award from the Bay City Rotary Club. In his free time, Don enjoyed photography, camping, garden-ing, traveling and reading. Sur-viving family include his chil-dren: Cathy Massnick LaTulip, Bill (Michelle) Massnick and Jim (Cheri) Massnick, 6 grand-children: Steven LaTulip, Scott LaTulip, Sam Massnick, Hannah Laughlin, Brandon Massnick and Ted Kraynak, as well as a sister-in-law, Sue (Alan) Williams. Fu-neral Service will be on Friday, February 5, 2016 at 1 p.m. at Penzien-Steele Funeral Home. The Rev. Dr. George Baird will officiate. Entornbment will be in Oakwood Mausoleum in Sagi-naw. Friends may call at Penzien-Steele Funeral Home on Oakwood Mausoleum in Sagi-naw. Friends may call at Penzien-Steele Funeral Home on Thursday, February 4, 2016 from 2-7 p.m. In lieu of flowers, me-morial contributions can be made to, Midwest Eye Banks, McLaren Bay Medical Founda-tion, First Presbyterian Church or Season's Hospice.

RUSAW, SR., ROBERT C.

or Season's Hospice.

Age 84, passed away January 26, 2016 at the Villages Regional Hospital. The Villages. Florida. Beloved husband of Joyce Ru-saw for 63 years. Dear father of Richard (Mary Prather) Rusaw of of Chapin, S Carolina, Katherine (the South Craolina, Katherine (the late Robert) Lambert of Spring Hill, FL, Yvonne (the late Terrence) Kaczmarek of Garden City, MI, Renee (Robert) Miller of May-bee MI, and Robert (Sue) Ru-saw, Jr. of Dearborn Heights MI. Loving grandfather of seven and great-grandfather of nine. Dear brother of Shirley Weber of Zephyrhills, FL. He was preceded in death by granddaughter, Penny. Born in Detroit, he was a son of the late William and Laura Rusaw. Robert was a veteran of the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Prior to his retirement he worked late Prior to his retirement he worked for Sun Strand Aviation, for Sun Strand Aviation, Colorado. He loved the mountains and built his own cabin at Storm Mountain. He was a craftsman making stained was a craffsman making stained glass and model airplanes. He enjoyed camping and boating with his family. He and Joyce tsman making st model airplanes enjoyed square dancing. Memorial gathering Saturday, February 6, 2016 at 11:30 a.m. followed by the 1 p.m. Memorial Service at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 11:39 N. Ink-ster Rd., Garden City (between Ford Rd. and Cherry Hill) enjoyed square dancing Hill).



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TADDONIO, HELEN A **IADDONIC, HELEN A** Of Chelsea, MI, age 91, died peacefully with all of her chil-dren at her bedside, January 30, 2016 at St. Joseph Convent Care Center in Livonia, MJ. She was born May 30, 1924 in Boston, Massachusetts, the daughter of John and Helen (Welch) Cotter. On June 27, 1947 she married Dominick A. Taddonio and he preceded her in 1947 she married Dominick A. Taddonio and he preceded her in death. Survivors include four sons, Richard (Jamie) of Grass Lake, John (Ann) of Manchester, Tom (Doris) of Manchester, Paul of Davison, three daughters, Sr. Anita Marie Taddonio of Livo-nia, Theresa (Shawn) McFall of Plaviaveal nia, Theresa (Shawn) McFall of Plainwell. Helen(Chuck) Taddonio-Wayner of Topeka, Kansas, a brother John Cotter, 23 grandchildren, 12 great grand-children, and several nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by Brothers Richard Cotter and Paul Cotter, and her parents Helen was a member of Cotter and Paul Cotter, and her parents. Helen was a member of St. Mary Church in Chelsea, MI. She served in the Red Cross, and was very active with church and civic affairs which included the League of Women Voters, where she led the initiative to enact Congressional legislation which banned helicooter overflichts in banned helicopter overflights in Rocky Mountain National Park. Rocky Mountain National Park. She carned her Bachelor's degree in teaching at Madonna College, Livonia, MI and her Master's de-gree in Educational Leadership from Eastern Michigan Universi-ty. She worked as a teacher and principal for many vers. She

ty. She worked as a teacher and principal for many years. She had a strong love for her family, friends, and the outdoors. She will be greatly missed. Funeral Services were Tuesday. Arrange-ments in the care of Fred Wood Funeral Home-Rice Chapel. Please visit online guestbook at www.fredwoodfuneralbome.com www.fredwoodfuneralhome.com



UNGER, JEAN C.

Age 88 of Plymouth passed away January 31st at her home. She was born in Northville, Michigan on March 4, 1927 to her parents, the late William and Martha (nee-Heintz) Matthews. Jean is the laving matther of Jean is the loving mother of Diana (Robert) Hawkins. Proud Grandmother of Shelly Davis, Timothy Coon, Karen Wegryn, Casey Unger, Kevin Unger, Brian Miller and Beth Landau. She is also survived by 20 oreat. She is also survived by 20 great grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren as well as great-grandchildren as well as many nieces and nephews. Jean is also the dear sister Irene (Edward) Veresh. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack Unger, her son, Stephen (Debbie) Unger and Daughter and Charles Miller A Stephen (Debbie) Unger and Daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Charles Miller. A funeral service for Jean will be held on Saturday, February 6, 2016 at Unity of Livonia Church, 28660 Five Mile Road, Livonia, Michigan at 1:00 p.m. Funeral will be officiated by Rev. Eileen Patra. Memorial contributions in memory of Jean C. Unger may be made to the Pulmonary Fibro-sis Foundation. at www.pulmona be made to the Pulmonary Fibro-sis Foundation, at www.pulmona ryfibrosis.org or by mail to Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, 230 East Ohio Street, Suite 304, Chicago, Illinois 60611-3201.

> May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.

Unity of Livonia offering free Valentine's Day wedding ceremonies

What better day to get hitched than Valentine's Day?

For the second year, Unity of Livonia is offering free wedding cer-emonies on Feb. 14. Couples simply need to register and deliver their marriage documents to the church by Wednesday, Feb. 10.

"They're not long, but they'll get their mo-ment," said the Rev. Eileen Patra, pastor of Unity of Livonia, describing the wedding cere-monies planned for that day. "They're about a half hour — 15 minutes for the ceremony and 15 minutes for signing docu-ments." Last year Patra of-

fered group ceremonies

Here's a sampling of other upcoming faith-related events:

FEBRUARY AUCTION

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb

Location: Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road, West-land Details: Auction supports

Concordia Lutheran School Tickets are \$30 per person or \$270 for a table of 10 and in-cludes appetizer, dinner, desserts, drinks and auction. Dead-line is Feb. 8. Order by calling 248-474-2488 or 313-937-2233. Contact: Laura Goodman at 313-937-2233

CLOTHING COLLECTION

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Sunday, through Feb. 14 Location: Crossroads Church, which meets at Trinity Church, 34500 W. Six Mile, Livonia Details: The church is collecting winter survival gear, including men's used work boots, men's new and gently-used white socks, ladies new and gentlyused turtleneck tops. Contact the church to arrange additional drop-off times

Contact: crossroadsnow.org; Pstor Steve at 248-890-5718 CONCERT

Date/Time: 1:30-3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7

Location: Sacred Heart Banquet and Conference Center, 29125 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Details: "The Donut Man" Rob Evans and his puppet sidekick Duncan will perform original Bible story-songs. The concert will have a Lenten theme. Ad-mission is \$5 per person at the door, children ages 3 and under admitted free

Contact: Rev. Joseph Marquis, 734-522-3166

FILM Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11

Location: Congregational Church of Birmingham, UCC, 1000 Cranbrook Road, Bloomfield Hills Details: The film, Seeds of Time,

focusing on the global food system, is part of the Life on Earth @ Risk documentary series Contact: 248-514-8746

FISH FRY Time/Date: 4:30-7 p.m. Friday,

Feb. 12-March 18 Location: St. Michael the Arch-angel, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: All you can eat, \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, \$5 for kids, ages 3-13, free for kids under 3, carry outs, \$9 and \$10

Contact:734-261-1455. ext. 200

in the church sanctuary. This year she'll marry couples individually in a chapel that seats up to 20 guests. She figures she'll have time for approxi-

mately six ceremonies. Patra said most of the couples she married last year "had been talking about getting married for a long time." However, none of the brides wore traditional white gowns.

"For the most part people came with with nesses. There were two sisters — one had decid-ed to get married and convinced the other who had a few family members there.' The first ceremony

will start at noon and the last one will begin at 2 p.m. Unity of Livonia is

located at 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt, in Livo-nia. Call the church office to reserve a spot, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Wednesday at 734-421-1760.

Visit the waynecounty-.com for information on obtaining marriage li-censes. Apply for li-censes at the Wayne County Clerk's Office in Detroit control in the state lite Detroit or at a satellite office in Northville or Westland. The Northville office is open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, at 44405 Six Mile. The Westland office is open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday, at 3100 Henry Ruff Road, and processes same-day marriage licenses until 2 p.m.

RELIGION CALENDAR

registration details visit good-mourningministry.net or call the church Contact: 734-261-1455, www.li-

voniastmichael.org MARDI GRAS PARTY Time/Date: 6-9 p.m. Tuesday,

Feb. 9 Location: Plymouth Knights of Columbus, 150 Fair Street, Plymouth

Details: Dixieland music by The Tabasco Cats, a light buffet-style dinner, cash bar, beads, trinkets, drawings and a shrimp and ovster bar staffed by senior Boy Scouts from Troop 743. Tickets are \$10, available in advance at the hall Contact: 734-516-0648

PANCAKE DINNER

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9

Location: St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 16360 Hubbard, Livonia Details: Shrove Tuesday dinner will include pancakes, sausages, applesauce, packzis, music and fellowship. Donations accepted at the door

Ashes: Imposition of ashes and Holy Eucharist at noon and 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10 Contact: 734-421-8451

VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER-DANCE

Time/Date: 7-11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13 Location: Prince of Peace Lu theran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills Details: 1950s theme dinner-dance will include hamburgers hotdogs, fries and desserts and music for dancing. The event benefits Camp Hope, a bereave ment camp for kids, ages 6-17. Tickets are \$20 per person and available at the church office Contact: 248-553-3380

ONGOING

CLASSES/STUDY **Our Lady of Loretto**

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday Location: Six Mile and Beech

Daly Redford Townshin 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.livoniast michael.org.

EXERCISE

Time/Date: 6:45-7:45 p.m Tuesday and Thursday Location: Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia

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

Contact: 313-408-3364 FAMILY MEAL

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

Thursday Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills Details: Free meal

Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12 HEALING SERVICE

Time/Date: Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month

Location: The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia Details: The service includes prayers of petition and in-tercession, hymns, Scripture

readings and the anointing of the sick. Offertory candles are available for a free will offering in the vestibule of the church. Contact: Rev. George Shalhoub at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey Badeen at sbadeen@tbosm.com

MOMS **Christ Our Savior Lutheran** Church

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

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners Contact: Ethanie Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first

and third Tuesdays Location: 24800 W. Chicago

Road, Redford **Details:** MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.

Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday

Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal set ting. Pet blessings are available

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GRIEF WORKSHOP

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17-March 16

Location: St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: "Grieving with Great Hope" a five week series, is for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic be-reavement organization co-founded by John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy, leads the ses sions. For more information and

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

the Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

St. Edith Church

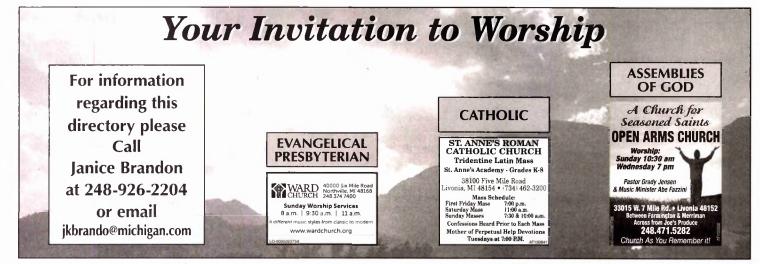
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thurs

Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Group meets for sing-ing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows

Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1223

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CITY BITES Bring your patience and get in line for paczki

Sharon Dargay Staff Write

Thousands of paczki lovers will stand in line Tuesday, Feb. 9, at area bakeries to get their once-a-year fix of the cream-or fruit-filled Polish pastry.

Although Hamtramck is the center of all things paczki, suburbanites will find plenty of opportunities to indulge in this seasonal treat at nearby bakeries and grocery stores, including Busch's Fresh Foods Market and Plum Market.

Here are three bakeries that will offer a little extra:

Paczki polka

Paczki polka While you're waiting in the long line that queues at G.M. Paris Bakery in Livonia, tap your toes, clap your hands, heck, even polka in place, to the sounds of Joe Czapski, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9. "He is here every year. He's a one-man band. He's got his keyboard and plays all sorts of

a one-man band. He s got ms keyboard and plays all sorts of Polish music," said Shelly Mi-chels, who works the front counter. "There's not really any room to dance or they

probably would." The bakery will start mak-ing batches of custard-, blueberry-, apple-, raspberry-, prune-, and lemon-filled paczki Friday, Feb. 5 and won't stop

until it closes on Feb. 9. Michels said custard and raspberry are the most pop-ular flavors, although old-

ular flavors, although old-timers favor the prune filling. Cost is \$2 per paczki, \$11 for a half dozen, and \$19 for a dozen. The bakery, located at 28418 Joy Road, Livonia, will be open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7 and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday for the pre-Paczki Day crowd. Hours are 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tues-day, Feb. 9. Call 734-425-2060 for more information. "Monday is a good day. It's a

"Monday is a good day. It's a steady stream," Michels said. "But on Tuesday, bring your patience.

Hybrid paczki

Is it a paczki or a cannoli, you ask? At U.P. Pasties & The Plymouth General Store in Plymouth, the featured new paczki this year is a little of both.

Holy Cannoli's offers a cannoli cream-filled paczki annu-ally at its store in downtown Rochester and at the Eastern Market. It also recently began selling products at U.P. Pasties & The Plymouth General Store, where owner Kim Kelp plans to unite Holy Cannoli's filling

to unite Hory cannon's rining with her paczkis. "We're actually making the paczki here," Kelp said. "And we'll take their filling and put it in the paczkis." If you like more traditional

paczki fillings, you'll also find them at U.P. Pasties. Look for



At left, a raspberry-filled, chocolate-covered paczki from Celiac Specialties. At right, a custard-filled paczki



JBMITTED Lemon-filled paczki covered in powder sugar await paczki-lovers who must eat gluten-free, at Celiac Specialties.

prune, lemon, custard, raspberry, chocolate, strawberry, blueberry and apple on Feb. 9. Cost is \$2.50 each, \$13 for a half dozen, and \$26 for a dozen. U.P. Pasties & The Plymouth

General Store is located at 472 Forest. Call 734-927-4422 for more information.

Gluten-free

Expect a line "outside the door" on Paczki Day at Celiac Specialties in Rochester Hills. "We're transformed into Hamtramck for that one day,"

said Priscilla Denello, owner. "It's a madhouse on Paczki Day

Although Denello closed her Farmington Hills location two years ago, fans of Celiac Specialties' paczkis can get their gluten-free treats at the Rochester Hills store on Star-Batt Drive, just east of Crooks, north of M-59. The store will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8 and from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9. Denello will sell lemon-

filled paczkis dusted with pow-

der sugar, apple-filled with cinnamon sugar, raspberry-filled dipped in chocolate, and custard-filled with a chocolate topping. "We bake ours. We don't fry

them. We come in 200-300 calo-ries less than others," she said. She said all flavors can be

frozen for six to eight months One paczki costs \$5.99, four cost \$12.99 and a dozen is \$36.

248-860-0680. Here's a taste of other food-

For more information call

related news:

Holy — — Olympus Fare salsa, made by former Far-mington Hills resident Danny Pillera and his wife, Stacy, recently won three "Golden Chili" awards at the ZestFest fiery food show in Irving, Tex-as. The couple's Aphrodite salsa took first place in the fresh, mild category. Athena, their fire-roasted tomatillo salsa, also won first place for fresh unique salsa and took home honors for overall best fresh salsa. Olympus Fare Zeus salsa earned a a third place in the medium salsa category. "Healthy food pro-duction is our future and we couldn't be more excited to bring home these awards for our fresh, all-natural, free of preservatives, low sodium with no sugar added salsas," wrote Stacy Pillera, in an email.

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½ large fennel bulb, sliced thin on mandolin 2 medium oranges, rind and seeds removed, cut into slices medium lemon, juice only

Heart-healthy dishes include olive oil, fresh ingredients





Valentine sweets

Livonia - Main Street Cafe at Schoolcraft College, will sell Valentine gift baskets and treats, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thurs-day-Friday, Feb. 11-12. Prices will range from \$1.50-\$30 and will include chocolate-covered strawberries, chocolate truffles, decorated sugar cookies. and Valentine's Day cupcakes. Main Street Cafe is located in the VisTaTech building on the main campus, 18600 Haggerty. schoolcraft.edu/mainstreet

Ironwood expands

Birmingham, Royal Oak — Plymouth-based Ironwood Grill opens two new locations this week. The Birmingham Ironwood opens Feb. 4, on the fourth floor of the Palladium building, 209 Hamilton Row, just east of Old Woodward. The Royal Oak restaurant opens Feb. 5 inside the Emagine Roy-al Oak, located at 200 N. Main. Ironwood Grill is best known for its award winning barbe-cue which is rubbed with a blend of 14 different spices and smoked up to 14 hours with apple, cherry and hickory woods. It also features pizza woods. It also features pizza and calzones, appetizers, soups, wraps, sandwiches, burgers and desserts.

Cook up a food business

Livonia — — Schoolcraft Col-lege's Business Development Center is offering a five-week course designed to help entrepreneurs turn their passion for food or cooking into a viable business. The sessions run 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16-March 15, in the Jeffress Cen-ter, room 123 on the main campus, 18600 Haggerty. Cost is \$249. Register at schoolcraft.edu/bdc or call 734-462-4438

Winning salsa

t may sound contrary to your healthy eating plan, but the human body actually needs some types of fat for heart and brain health. One common source is cooking oil, such as olive oil.

Of the cooking oils most commonly used in North America, such as olive oil, canola oil, peanut oil and various vegetable oils, olive oil contains the most monounsaturated fat, which is widely recognized for its potential role in reducing the risk of coronary heart disease. In fact, beginning in 2016, olive oils will display the American Heart Association's Heart Check-Mark to alert consumers about olive oil's heart-healthy benefits.

Experience the distinctive tastes of different varieties of olive oil in these dishes and find more heart-healthy recipes at AboutOliveOil.org.

Courtesy of Family Features

ROASTED BRUSSELS SPROUTS WITH SWEET PEPPERS

Serves: 6-8

2 pounds Brussels sprouts, bottoms trimmed, cut in half and outside leaves removed 4 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

6 medium garlic cloves, chopp 3 tablespoons basil, chopped 2 tablespoons Italian parsley, chopped salt and pepper, to taste 2 red sweet peppers, large diced 2 yellow sweet peppers, large

diced 1 cup balsamic vinegar, reduced to light syrup

Heat oven to 375 F Combine Brussels sprouts with all ingredients except peppers and balsamic syrup. Toss Brussels sprout mixture and season to taste with salt and pepper. Transfer mixture to sheet pan and roast in oven for 15 minutes. Stir sweet peppers into mixture and roast 5-10 minutes more Remove from oven and place on

serving platter. Drizzle with balsamic syrup and serve immediately.

DAY BOAT COD WITH MELTED TOMATOES AND SHAVED FENNEL AND ORANGE SALAD

Serves: 4

olive oil salt and pepper, to taste 4 cod filets (6 ounces each) Olive Oil Melted Tomatoes (recipe below) Orange, Fennel and Olive Oil Salad (recipe below) 4 lemons, cut into eighths

Heat oven to 400 F

Heat medium sized saute pan on high Add olive oil and heat Salt and pepper cod. Add cod to hot oil and sear very hard on one side, until fish is golden brown and crisp. Transfer cod to baking sheet that has been brushed with olive oil. Place cod in oven until it starts to flake, about 12 minutes. Remove cod from oven and keep warm. Using spoon, portion Olive Oil Melted Tomatoes onto four large dinner plates. Allow some flavored oil to puddle on plate. Carefully transfer cod on top of warm tomatoes

Then top cod with Orange. Fennel and Olive Oil Salad. Squeeze lemon wedge over entire plate

3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive

blespoon parsley, chopped salt and pepper, to taste

Combine all ingredients and gently toss just before garnishing cod.

OLIVE OIL MELTED TOMATOES

8 large Roma tomatoes, peeled, ded and cut in half salt and pepper, to taste 6 basil leaves, shredded 3 tablespoons parsley, chopped lemon, zested 6 large garlic cloves, peeled and sliced thin extra-virgin olive oil

Heat oven to 325 F

Place tomatoes in 9-inch cake pan and season to taste with salt and pepper. Scatter herbs, lemon zest and garlic on top of tomatoes Drizzle tomatoes with extravirgin olive oil, which should come up about three-quarters of the way on tomatoes Cover with foil and bake until tomatoes are tender, approximately 40 minutes.

