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Former commissioner Kay Beard dies

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Having been first elected Wayne County Commissioner at 57, Kay Beard might have gotten a late start in elected office but still managed a 30-year career.

That made Mrs. Beard, who died today (Tuesday, Feb. 9) at 94, the longest serving county commissioner in Wayne Coun-

ty history.

"She was a firecracker the whole time down at Wayne County," said Westland City Clerk Richard LeBlanc, a county commissioner for three years until being elected clerk in 2015. "I appreciated her support when I ran



Mrs. Beard

for the commission."

Born in Detroit June 7, 1921, Mrs. Beard raised five children before being elected to the county commission in 1978. A Democrat, she was active in politics and the community in metro Detroit for many years.

"I supported Kay when she ran against (then-Westland mayor) Bob Thomas. She was the incumbent," LeBlanc said. "She'd get all her volunteers

out on election day in their green T-shirts — she was Irish."

In recent years a Canton resident, Mrs. Beard had represented Westland throughout her years on the commission. At one time, her district also included Garden City and Inkster. Redistricting eventually made changes to the district to drop those cities, maintain Westland and add south Livonia.

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Citing health issues, Mrs. Beard abruptly resigned from the commission in 2008. Beard's aide Ronalee Bowman was appointed to fill the seat but later in the year, Schoolcraft College trustee Joan Gebhardt of Livonia was elected to fill the seat.

Honoring her long service,

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ETHICS EXCELLENCE

Wayne Memorial team excels in first experience

Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Dave Kangas wasn't sure how his Wayne Memorial High School Ethics Bowl teams were going to fair last weekend at the Ethics Bowl at the University of Michigan.

After all, it was the school's first time competing, and there was no telling — with difficult parameters facing them — how well they would adapt.

Turns out they did pretty well.

Each Wayne Memorial team won a round in the best-of-three competition and came within an eyelash of advancing to the finals despite their inexperience.

"They held their own, and they each won a case," said Kangas, the English teacher who organized the two five-person teams. "It was an interesting process. The kids were disappointed, because of course everyone wants to win."

"But you can't lose when you do something like this, even though you don't win," he added. "They did great. I was really proud."

Looking for a chance to teach kids, Kangas started organizing the teams back in September. Word of mouth spread, and the teams came together pretty quickly. The kids have gathered nearly every Friday since then.

Often, they are joined by a pair of PhD students from U-M, part of the school's outreach program to high schoolers.

"We had two PhD students who were wonderful teachers," Kangas said. "It gave the kids some solid experience in terms of thinking critically."

As it happened, that would come in handy. In November, the teams were given 12 ethics



Aimee Hutton, Carmen Mata, Macey Wolf, Ryan Wells and Howard Hayward confer on the ethics question.

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DAVE KANGAS,
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problems to argue, any of which could be the problem at the official competition.

The students had to learn all 12, even though they wouldn't know which one they'd be arguing until they got to the bowl. Even then, they had to argue them without notes.

"It was difficult," said

Wayne Memorial senior Damani Travis. "We did a lot of practice leading up to it, so we were pretty prepared."

When senior Macey Wolf heard about the team, she thought the potential to have things to talk about that in-

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Kelsie Wysong makes a point about the ethical question.

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Charges refiled in hockey association embezzlement case

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Charges that include embezzling over \$20,000 from the Westland Hockey Association have been refiled against a Westland woman.

Sheri Benton, 45, has also been charged with writing insufficient funds checks over \$500. She entered a not guilty

plea at her arraignment in Westland 18th District Court and is scheduled for a preliminary examination on Monday, Feb. 29.

Originally arraigned on the same charges in September, Benton was



Benton

bound over for trial in Wayne County Circuit Court. The charges were dismissed without prejudice — meaning the charges could be refiled — on Jan. 14. The charges were subsequently refiled.

A spokesperson for the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office didn't respond to a request for comments on the charges being dismissed and

refiled.

Westland Police reported that the youth hockey group initially thought about \$8,600 was missing over the last couple of years. Instead, police said the financial records were closely scrutinized and approximately \$45,500 was missing over three years.

The charges are that Benton used the funds to pay per-

sonal expenses, including \$8,000 on a mortgage, and withdrew money from the group's account using an ATM card.

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ETHICS

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terested her was high. "My first reaction was it sounded interesting," Wolf said. "I thought I'd have a lot of passion to discuss a lot of the topics. I was excited for the challenge." Senior Amiee Hutton said the team appealed to her because she enjoys having discussions with classmates, hearing oth-

er peoples' opinions and incorporating them into her own thought process. "You have to put forward what you believe, but you also have to take into consideration what others think," Hutton said. "I enjoyed it more than I thought I would have. It was a lot of fun." As their teacher and coach, Kangas couldn't have been happier with how the ethics bowl experience turned out. The competition taught the kids to think on their feet



Teacher/coach David Kangas, graduate students Mercy Corredor and Zoe Johnson King work with ethics team members Rachel Wadsworth, Kelsie Wysong, Riana Hardynic, Emilie Blair, Aimie Hutton, Carmen Mata, Macey Wolf, Ryan Wells and Howard Hayward.

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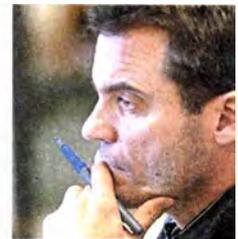
and adapt, and the teamwork gave them insight into the social practices needed to work together. "I think we need to create opportunities for kids to learn, and this was perfect," Kangas said. "It had a little bit of everything you'd want for your kids."

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Zoe Johnson King and Mercy Corredor are Philosophy graduate students at the University of Michigan. They volunteer their time to train the students in ethical theory.



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Teacher and coach David Kangas listens to the ethics bowl teams.

BEARD

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the commission named a 150,000-square-foot build-

ing at the former Eloise property after Beard. The building, on Michigan Avenue west of Henry Ruff, currently houses the county Head Start program offices

and programs as nutrition congregate meals, home-delivered meals, liquid meals and emergency food assistance. It is expected to be vacated during the first quarter of 2016. Other buildings on the property have been offered for sale. Mrs. Beard was wife of the late Jerry. She is survived by her children Ron, Kerry, Don (Deb), Kevin (Eddie) and Vicki; her six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and her brother

Bill. Mrs. Beard will be in state at 9:30 a.m. Thursday followed by the 10 a.m. funeral service at Most Holy Trinity Church, 1050 Porter, Detroit (at the corner of 6th Street). The family suggests memorials to Angela Hospice.

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Golfers tee up to aid Wayne Library

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

The old saying in golf is "Drive for show, putt for dough" and that is certainly true when it comes to the indoor mini golf fundraiser at the Wayne Library on Saturday, Feb. 20.

"It's a great way to improve your short game — it's a challenging course," Wayne Library co-director Steve McGladdery said. "We scheduled it on the tail end of winter break when it's cold outside."

This is the third year the Friends of the Wayne Library have hosted the indoor mini golf. All the course materials are rented from the White Lake Library and set up inside the Wayne Library.

"It's a full 18 holes — we fill the entire library. That's why we have to close the library for other services," McGladdery said. "It's pretty traditional. You tee off and get by the obstacles. One hole, you go over a stack of non-fictional books and bounce off the wall."

In true golf course fashion, there is also a 19th hole selling hot dogs, chips and a chance to win a gift basket along with hole-in-one contest.

"We've had a good response over all. Ticket sales are starting to take off," McGladdery said. "Local businesses have been donating in support of it."

Tickets are \$ for students 6-18 years old; \$5 for adults; and \$15 for a family ticket admitting up to six people. Children 5 and younger play for free. All kids must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the circulation desk or at the door during the event, which runs from noon to 4 p.m.

"It's mostly families who attend I'd say. A few adults come — they buy four tickets and bring some friends," McGladdery said. "The more the merrier. As many families as want to come, we'll take them."

Golfers can come anytime during the event hours. McGladdery said some people get through the course in 20-30 minutes. "It takes longer with a family. I'd take 45 minutes," he said.

Last year, the event raised \$2,700 for the Friends of the Library. Proceeds are expected to be a bit lower this year following the death of library co-director Paulette Medvecky last month after a battle with cancer.

"Paulette aggressively went out for donors and got a large grant from local company, so we'll make a little less," McGladdery said.

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Walk for Warmth helps needy people in region cope with winter weather

Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency (Wayne Metro) will hold its annual Walk for Warmth on Saturday, Feb. 13. The goal of the event is to raise awareness and to keep the heat on for people in Wayne County who are struggling this winter.

This family-friendly event draws hundreds of concerned citizens, companies and students from schools across Wayne County to take a lap or two around the concourse at Ford Field in Detroit and features on-field bounce houses, games, and locker room tours.

The demand for assistance is far greater than the funding available to help. As the heating season wears on, calls into Wayne Metro's CONNECT™ call center are increasing. This flurry of need points to mounting hardships for area residents during this heating season. For the under-served and at-risk populations, utility shut-offs can and do result in families and seniors turning to unsafe heating options or being displaced from their homes.

"As a human service organization, it is heart-breaking to have to turn people in need away," said Mia Cupp, Wayne Metro's Chief Development & Communications officer.

The agency administers utility assistance programs such as the Michigan Energy Assistance Program (MEAP) and the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LI-HEAP) to eligible resi-



Many individuals and businesses help make the annual Walk for Warmth a reality.

dents, but those funds can only help households at or below 150 percent of poverty which for a family of four cannot exceed \$36,450 annually. Walk funds can be used to help those who are above the income and facing significant hardship such as medical issues or job loss.

"Walk donations help our neighbors in crisis — it is a safety net our community counts on. Once we address the utility issue, we can then move on to other needs and provide supports to help people forward and on the path to becoming stable once again." Cupp stated in a press release.

The event is made possible through donations and support from donors and partners including Daly Merritt Inc., NBS Commercial Interiors, Arrow Office Supply, The Information Center, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan, Michigan Auto Law, KMG Prestige and DTE Energy. This year, the event is being co-chaired by Wayne County Executive Warren B. Evans and Perfecting Church Pastor Marvin Winans.

"I support Wayne Metro's Walk for Warmth fundraiser because we can help families meet an essential need during the cold winter months," Evans said. "Wayne Metro is a partner dedicated to providing social services to children and families in Wayne County and the Emergency Rent and Utility Fund is one of the vehicles that allow them to do that."

This year's walk around the Ford Field concourse will include an assortment of family-friendly entertainment and activities. Participants will also have the opportunity to take part in on-field activities including a helmet bounce, field goal kick, target toss, Zumba, a slide and mini locker room tours. Team awards will also be given. Registration is \$20 per person and event parking is located in the Ford Field

Parking Structure Lot 6 on St. Antoine Street for \$4 per car. Participants must enter the arena through Gate G. The first 500 walkers to register will receive an official Walk for Warmth T-shirt.

The event kicks off at 8:30 a.m. with a continental breakfast and registration. The opening ceremony begins at 9:30 a.m. and at 10 a.m. the River Rouge High School Band will lead off the walk. The field will open with an assortment of activities including Zumba this year.

Register at: <https://events.waynemetro.org/detroit/events/walk-for-warmth/e59764>

Wayne Metro is the community action agency serving all of Wayne County, including the City of Detroit. Its mission is to empower low-income people and strengthen communities.

Wayne offers health, legal programs

Wayne Senior Services is hosting some upcoming programs at HYPE Recreation Center.

Health screening
Beaumont Community Health's Free One Stop Health Screening will be offered 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16.

Anyone over 18 can take advantage of this program. No fasting is required, neither are appointments.

Free legal presentation, assistance

A presentation given by Elder Law & Advocacy Center of Neighborhood Legal Services Of Michigan is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17. The program is open to any Wayne County resident 60 and older.

Pre-register by Wednesday, Feb. 10 by calling the Wayne Senior Services at 734-721-7460.

Balance classes
Wayne Senior Services will be offering the A Matter of Balance series beginning Tuesday, March 22.

Free to those 60 years and older, the class meets weekly from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The series of classes is made possible through a joint effort with the Senior Alliance.

Pre-register before Tuesday, March 15 by calling Nancy at Wayne Senior Services at 734-721-7460.

The classes will be

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WESTLAND COP CALLS

Larceny from a vehicle

Residents at two different homes in the 34000 block of Frances reported the catalytic converters had been stolen from their cars overnight Feb. 1. Both vehicles had been parked on the street.

Fraud

» A Westland woman told police Feb. 6 that she had learned that three days earlier someone had used her credit/debit card without permission to spend \$212 at a Meijer store in Utica. She said her bank had temporarily frozen the account and that she had possession of her card.

» On Feb. 6, a Westland man told police that the previous day someone had used his debit/credit card without permission to charge \$484 at a Saks store in Aberdeen, Maryland. He said that he had both cards in his possession.

The man also said he was informed that the transaction was completed in person in Maryland and was being shipped to an undisclosed address in Detroit.

Larceny

Copper plumbing valued at \$2,000 was reported stolen from a home in the 1500 block of Berkshire on Feb. 6. The owner told police that access

was gained to the house through an unlocked door.

Larceny

At just after 1:30 p.m., a resident in the 29000 block of Matthew told police that she saw two male teenagers walk into her backyard, grab two mountain bikes laying behind her garage and ride off toward Hanover. The bikes were described as a black Rallye mountain bike and a blue Schwinn mountain bike.

Larceny

» The central air conditioning unit was reported stolen from a home in the 33000 block of Cherry Hill on Feb. 1.

A Waterford man, who owns the house, said it is currently vacant and being remodeled.

» On Feb. 7, a resident in the 1000 block of N. Wayne Road told police reported the central air conditioning unit valued at \$1,500 had been stolen from the year.

Fraud

A Westland man told police Feb. 5 that on Jan. 3 he found his W-2 form in his mailbox in the 35000 block of Oakwood and it had been cut in half. The man said he received only half the document and decided he should report the incident.

Hit and run

On Feb. 6, a resident in the 34000 block of Parkgrove told police that he had parked his car on the street overnight. In the morning, he said he found his front bumper was damaged.

Vandalism

An employee at the Newburgh Colonial Apartments, 2400 S. Newburgh, told police that overnight someone had shot a BB through a large glass window at the officer. The metal blinds also had a dent consistent with a BB shot.

LeAnne Rogers

Man charged in keys incident

With the public's assistance, Westland Police have been able to identify and arrest a suspect wanted for allegedly trying to break into an apartment using keys lost by the tenant.

Cornell Harris, 27, was arrested and subsequently arraigned in Westland 18th District Court on charges of entry without permission, trespassing and receiving and concealing stolen property.

A not guilty plea was entered for Harris, with bond set at \$12,500/10 percent. Harris is scheduled for his pretrial hearing Feb. 18 at the 18th District Court.

Police issued security photographs of a suspect attempting to use the found keys to



Harris

enter a resident's apartment in the 6500 block of Yale. The resident reported losing the keys Jan. 14.

The resident's vehicle was stolen, apparently using the stolen keys. Police are continuing to investigate vehicle theft.

Harris has served two prison sentences on charges of larceny in a building and three convictions for second-degree home invasion from 2010 through his release in June 2015, according to the Michigan Department of Corrections.

GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

Break-in

Two cell phones and five blue tooth headsets valued at \$410 were reported stolen from Metro PCS, 6780 Middlebelt Feb. 7. Police responded at 4:30 a.m. to an intruder alarm and found a picture window had been smashed.

The store operator told police the items he noticed missing from the display. The damage to the window was estimated at \$500.

Vandalism

» A resident in the 29000 block of Maplewood told police Feb. 5 that overnight someone had thrown three steel bolts through the plastic rear window on his 2000 Se-

bring convertible. He said he normally parks in the driveway but had parked in the street the night before.

» Bolts were also used to damage a 2014 Jeep Patriot parked in front of a home in the 29000 block of Cambridge overnight Feb. 5. The owner said she found the drivers side mirror damaged with parts of the plastic housing broken and several deep gouges in the door just under the mirror.

The owner told police she noticed some metal bolts on the ground when she approached her vehicle and more where her vehicle had been parked after she pulled away. A total of nine bolts were recovered.

The officer noted that it

appeared someone had thrown the bolts breaking the housing and damaging the paint.

Larceny from a vehicle

An amplifier and four box sub woofers valued at \$4,000 were reported stolen from a 2000 Ford Expedition parked in the 1000 block of Henry Ruff Feb. 7. A second vehicle was entered and the door was left open but nothing appeared to have been taken.

Suspended license

A Hazel Park woman was arrested Feb. 5 for driving with a suspended license after being stopped for having a cracked windshield.

LeAnne Rogers

State police to host female officer recruiting event next month

David Veselenak
Staff Writer

The Michigan State Police hope to attract more women into their ranks. They hope a recruiting event in Livonia will do just that.

The state police will hold a recruiting event

more targeted toward women looking to join the ranks of the agency from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 19 in Schoolcraft College's VisTaTech Center. 18600 Haggerty, in Livonia.

The event, Trooper Marjorie Richardson said, will hopefully help

bring in more female candidates for the state police, which she said has been an issue for several years. Nationally, about 12 percent of police officers are female, a figure that's higher than where the Michigan State Police is currently.

"For MSP, it seems to

hover around 9 percent," said Richardson, a recruiter for the state police's second district, which consists of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. "We do need to get our numbers up. There's no question."

The event will feature

current female troopers discussing the roles for women within the agency, as well as training and the lifestyle of a state police trooper. Information on several units, including Forensic Science Division, Canine Unit, Special Investiga-

tions, Computer Crimes and the Gaming Section will also be available.

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The Glam Doctor Company from Livonia was well represented as Patrice Love, Michelle Lynn, Evelyn Graham, owner Rashida Williams, and Destiny Crews came out in support of The Angel House Friday evening in Livonia. TOM BEAUDOIN

Angel House event nets \$3,000 toward safe haven

Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

All Karen Lewis wants is a safe place for women and children to go when they're trying to escape an abusive situation at home.

And she's working hard to get one.

Lewis, CEO and founder of Livonia-based Angel House, took another big step Friday, with Angel House's fundraiser, The Purple Gala, a dinner set at Laurel Manor in Livonia that drew a sell-out crowd of 200 people.

The event, designed to raise awareness of domestic abuse and money to fund a safe haven, raised more than \$3,000.

"It was just unbelievable," Lewis said of the turnout for Friday's fundraiser, the first of many to come. "It was so beautiful."

The Angel House is a nonprofit organization whose goal is to serve the Wayne County community and, as soon as possible, purchase a building to house young women — and their children, if necessary — trying to get away from an abusive situation.

People come to Angel House's location on Five Mile in Livonia every Friday for two hours (7-9 p.m.) to play board



Karen Lewis (left), founder of Livonia-based The Angel House, and her daughter, Rychael Walton, are all smiles at the successful fundraiser held Friday in Livonia. TOM BEAUDOIN

games and card games to raise money to provide for women in need. Funds raises purchase gift cards from stores like Walmart, Kmart and Kroger.

Our goal is to serve the Wayne County community and purchase a building to house young women to teach and train women there is a better way in life other than

abuse and living in poverty.

Friday's Purple Gala allowed Angel House to inch closer to its goal. The evening featured a variety of keynote speakers, including the Rev. Wade Bell of the Deeper Life Gospel Center, U.S. Congresswoman Debbie Dingell, who shared stories from her own life, and former Livonia City



Karen Lewis's mother, JoAnne Mayberry, Karen Thomas, Alesha Perkins, Gloria James and Tawuann Gray came out to support The Angels House this past Friday evening in Livonia. TOM BEAUDOIN

Councilwoman Laura Toy.

Toy, also a former state representative, has spent years in Lansing working on the issue of human trafficking. She tied that problem with domestic abuse in her speech Friday.

"I talked about abuse, as it relates to human trafficking," Toy said. "Human trafficking is a little different than domestic violence, but it's all abuse."

The safe haven Lewis envisions would be a home where women and children could come for anywhere from 90 days to six months to allow



Congresswoman Debbie Dingell addresses guests at the second annual Angel House Purple Gala Friday in Livonia. TOM BEAUDOIN



Domestic abuse survivor Andre'A T. Robinson talks about what it took to free herself from domestic abuse. TOM BEAUDOIN

them to get "a fresh start" in life.

"We want to give them someplace to stay," Lewis said. "All we have now is our location on Five Mile. That's not enough."

Lewis said she works with similar agencies in about a dozen states to provide that safe haven. If she can't provide it here, her partnerships in the other states means she can put a woman "on

a Greyhound bus and get them the help they need."

"But I need one here to if there are women in other states who need a place to come, we can help them," Lewis said.

The Angel House is located at 28441 Five Mile Road in Livonia. For more information, call 734-524-0380 or visit the organization's website at www.theangelhouse.org.

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

Case #974F, Public Hearing for Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Vocational School, 2325 S Venoy Road, Parcel #073-04-0596-000, East Side of Venoy Road, South of Dorsey, Lillian Jordan (Leila Zair)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held at City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 1, 2016.

Written comments may be submitted to the Planning Commission before 5:00 p.m. one (1) day prior to the scheduled meeting.

Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman
Westland Planning Commission

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

Case #2164A, Public Hearing for Proposed Rezoning From CB-3, General Commercial Business to CB-1, Low Intensity Commercial Business, Parcel #002-99-0014-000, South Side of Joy Road, East of Middlebelt Road, John Welchman, and

Case #2164B, Public Hearing for Special Land Use Approval for Proposed House of Faith International Ministries Church, 28945 Joy Road, Parcel #002-99-0014-000, South Side of Joy Road, East of Middlebelt Road, David Kwame Mensah (John Welchman).

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Red Wings GM talks at multi-chamber event

David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Schoolcraft College's VisTaTech Center saw a bit of a sea of red Tuesday morning.

That's because Ken Holland, general manager of the Detroit Red Wings, was in town to talk about the team and his experiences during an event held by the Livonia, Westland and Greater Farmington Area chambers of commerce.

The 11th general manager in team history, Holland talked about how he almost became a vacuum cleaner salesman in his native British Columbia after his professional hockey playing days were over. He was all set to join the sales force when he discovered and applied for a job as a scout in western Canada.

"Within three or four days, the Red Wings called and were looking for a western Canada scout," he said.



Ken Holland tells a few hockey stories to the combined chamber of commerce group.

He also shared stories of former Red Wings coach Scotty Bowman, who left the team in 2002 after winning the Stanley Cup.

He told a story of when Bowman coached

the St. Louis Blues years ago and found an interesting way to keep track of his players who came in late to the hotel the night before a game. Holland said Bowman went to the front desk

and spoke to the employee working the night shift and told him the players who came in that night would be happy to sign autographs on a hockey stick Bowman supplied. The next morning,

Bowman looked at the stick and everyone who had signed it, who had also come in late, was fined \$250.

"He was an interesting coach," Holland said.

Brothers Jonathan Reid and Andrew Reid, both of Farmington, came Tuesday morning to hear Holland's talk. They said they are particularly interested in the Red Wings this year, as stand-out left winger Dylan Larkin attended the same high school, Waterford Mott, as they did.

The two, who are avid hockey fans, said they really enjoyed hearing more of the back story to many famous hockey faces.

"I thought he was really candid with a lot of the stories," Jonathan Reid said. "You can tell he's an enthusiastic guy and that's what's led to a lot of his success."

Holland discussed the success in the late '90s and early 2000s, includ-

ing the team that won the Stanley Cup in 2002 with Dominik Hasek playing goalie.

Holland said the drive for that team to do so well came from the veteran leadership willing to give up some potential salary in order to use that to sign a player like Hasek.

The moves, Holland said, paid off.

"It turned out to be maybe one of the greatest years in Red Wing history, with half that team going to the Hall of Fame," he said. "It happened because of the leadership deciding to sacrifice not only their ice time and their points, but in their negotiations to add one more player."

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OBSERVER BUSINESS BRIEFS

Livonia Chrysler Jeep celebrates grand reopening

After more than six years since Livonia Chrysler Jeep shuttered its doors, the dealership finally marked its grand reopening with a recent celebration.

Dave and Colleen McDonald, who live in Northville, moved quickly since getting everything in order to reopen. Colleen McDonald said they are excited to offer lots of the new innovations that have come out since they last operated.



Wayne County Commissioner Terry Marecki joined Julie and Bob Stevenson at the recent grand re-opening of Livonia Chrysler Jeep.

"We've been without Chrysler for close to six-and-a-half years, and we're excited about the

changes they've made in-house, and excited to have all these new, cool things for customers," she said. "Everything is falling into place."

Livonia Chamber of Commerce President Dan West said he was happy to hear the dealership would be able to return to Livonia after a long absence, and was excited to see all the new investments being made to the property. "They're making a sizable investment on that property, which supports the community as well," he said last fall. "They will have more jobs working for the Chrysler Jeep dealership than at their other dealerships."

Parkside scholarships

Parkside Credit Union is now accepting applications for its seventh annual Scholarship Competition. Parkside will award three \$1,000 scholarships — two scholarships to

current members and one to a non-member — for the purpose of tuition, books and fees.

This year's competition is open to any high school senior or undergraduate college student with a permanent home address in Parkside's membership area, which consists of Oakland, Wayne, Washtenaw, Macomb and Monroe counties.

"Youth play an important role in both our credit union membership and our local communities. This scholarship program is our opportunity to celebrate the successes of these young adults and to help them pursue their educational goals," said Janet Thompson, Parkside's President/CEO.

Applications can be obtained from Parkside's Livonia, Westland or Dearborn branches or downloaded from their website, www.parkside-cu.org. Students must submit all required docu-

ments to Parkside's main office by April 1.

For questions about the scholarship, email marketing@parkside-cu.org or call 734-525-0700.

JRT Web team

J.R. Thompson is ramping up its Web team, hiring Matt Crandell as Web Developer, Syed Ibrahim as Web Designer and Harry Master as a UX Web Designer. The three bring a combined 15 years of Web development experience to JRT.

Crandell, Ibrahim and Master join a team of more than 20 professionals at JRT dedicated to technology innovation services. Crandell will help bridge the gap between back-end and front-end Web development; Ibrahim will work on visual design; and Master will develop strategy to help deliver seamless Web projects that work together cohesively.

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

Public Hearing for Proposed Ordinance Amendments to Section 4:13 of the Westland Zoning Ordinance 248 and Section 46-1 of the Westland Code Concerning Temporary Sales, Uses or Special Events and Temporary Buildings and Structures

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public meeting of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held at City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 1, 2016.

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Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman
Westland Planning Commission

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ABSTRACT WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2016-05 February 2, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. at the Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Rd. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. Public Hearing of CDBG 2016-17 Annual Budget. APPROVED: minutes of reg. mtg. of Jan. 19; second reading of rezoning of 36111 Mich. Ave. E. to I-2; appt. Rob Abdo & Jennifer Petrou to DDA; appts. of Robert Boertje, Beverly Campbell, Albert Damitio, Margaret Harlow, Jacob Johnson and Buddy Shuh to the Community Financial Task Force Committee; appointment Councilmen Rhaesa, Porter & Sanders to the Policy & Procedures Committee; purchase of 2016 Ford Police vehicle; one year agreement with Humane Society, PSA with Stantec for bridge inspections; agreement with MDNR for grant for Goudy Park; consent calendar. Received and filed Communications and Reports. Adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Matthew K. Miller
City Clerk

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CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 3 2/1/16

Presiding: President Godbout
Present: Coleman, Hammons, Herzberg, Johnson, Kehrer
29: Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive 3/18-20 Wayne & Warren Rds.
- Motown H.O.G. Toy Run 9/25/16.
- Motorola Svcs. Agrmnt. for PD; Cost \$31,617.84 for 1 yr.
- Purchase of Force LMS Software for PD; cost not to ex. \$8,360.12.
32: Minutes of regular meeting held 1/19/16.
33: Independent Contractor Agrmt for J. Adams as Parks & Rec. Director; term 2/2/16 through 2/3/17; amt. \$78,902 per yr.
34: Conf. appt. of J. Adams as Parks & Rec. Director; term 2/2/16 through 2/3/17; \$78,902 per yr.
35: Conf. re-appt. of M. Neal to Library Bd. for 5 yr. term to exp. 2/6/21.
Mtg. adj. at 8:46 p.m.
Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

Richard LeBlanc
City Clerk

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02-16-0045 Motion by Rhaesa, seconded by Porter and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt Ordinance 2016-01, an ordinance to amend the codified ordinances of the City of Wayne, as follows:

CITY OF WAYNE PUBLIC NOTICE ORDINANCE NO. 2016-01

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYNE THE CITY OF WAYNE ORDAINS:

Section 1. THAT THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYNE BE AMENDED BY CHANGES TO THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF WAYNE BY THE REZONING OF PROPERTIES COMMONLY KNOWN AS 36111 MICHIGAN AVENUE EAST FROM B-5 BUSINESS CONCENTRATED TO I-2 HEAVY INDUSTRIAL. THE PARCEL ID NUMBER IS: #55-013-06-0315-301 (est. 4.23 ac)

Section 2. That this Ordinance shall be published as required by law.

Section 3. That this Ordinance shall become effective ten days after enactment and upon publication thereof.

Matthew Miller
City Clerk

Adopted: February 2, 2016
Published: February 11, 2016
Effective: February 12, 2016

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Expert: Start year with a financial review

It's time to make those New Year resolutions. Lose weight, stop smoking, start exercising, go to college, change jobs, etc.

Is getting your finances in order on your list of resolutions? Should it be? Is now, the time to get serious about your finances? You are not getting any younger.

At least once a year I meet with my clients to review what happened in their life since the last time we met. Did their income or expenses increase or decrease? Did they have any unexpected expenses that reduced their emergency funds? Has their health changed? Did their goals change? We also review their portfolio's performance to determine how it will affect their short and long term goals, make changes if necessary.

Taking time for a detailed financial review may help you progress toward your short and long-term goals. Consider the following items as part of your checkup:

» **Calculate net worth** — Calculating your net worth is key to assessing your financial health and reaching your goals. Reviewing your assets and liabilities will help give you a clear understanding of where you are today and what changes need to be made to reach your goals. The formula to determine your net worth: Assets - Liabilities = Net Worth. If you are young it may not be a positive number especially if you have a large



Paula Swain
GUEST COLUMNIST

mortgage and little savings. If you are older and your net worth is negative, you may want to take a closer look at your debt and savings plan.

» **Review debt** — Living without debt is awesome and stress free. Figure out how you can accomplish it and do it. Enough said.

» **Review insurances** — As your move through life your insurance needs will change. Give some thought to how much life insurance you need. If someone is dependent on you for support, you may need life insurance to continue that support if you were to die expectantly. Review your life insurance to determine if you need more or less and if you have the right type of policy. Every year I review my auto, home and umbrella policies to see if I can reduce my premium. Last year I reduced my annual premium by \$600. Review your health insurance, so you fully understand your coverage.

» **Review credit report** — Review your credit report to make sure there are no errors. If you find any errors, take the necessary steps to correct them.

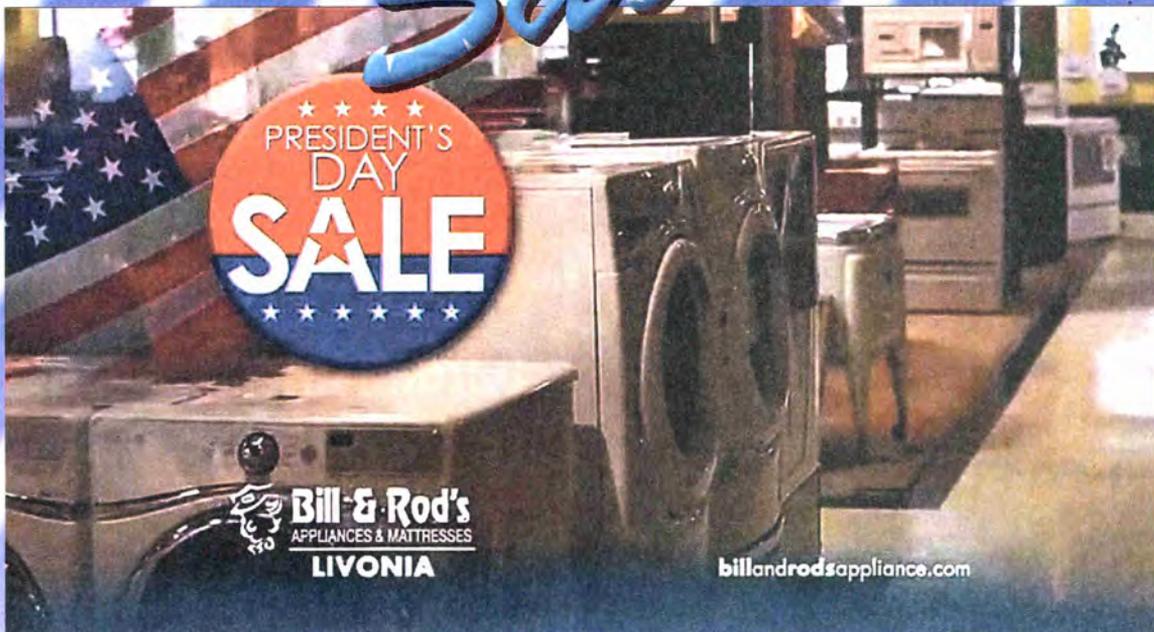
» **Rebalance portfolio** — By rebalancing your portfolio, you can take steps to sell the investments that have performed and buy investments that have under-performed, using

the concept sell high and buy low. By selling high you will be taking your gains and possibly taking a taxable event. By buying low you will be purchasing investments that are on sale. Who doesn't like a sale? You should contact your tax advisor about your specific situation.

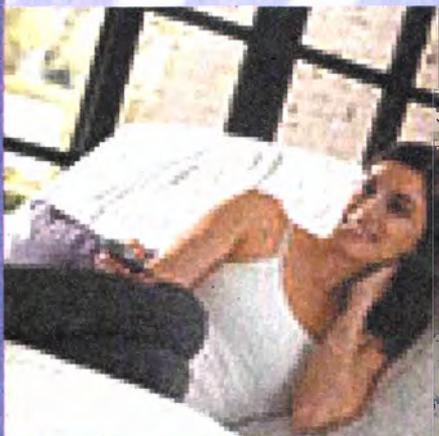
» **Retirement reality check** — Are you on track to retire when you want to retire? Are you saving enough? Is your portfolio invested to reach your goals? Recently I meet with a couple to assist them with their retirement planning to determine if they were on track to retire at age 70. They were maxing out their retirement contributions and taking advantage of their employers match, but they had all their money invested in the cash option of their retirement plans. Based on their goals and risk tolerance, I recommended that they consider a portfolio invested in stocks, bonds and cash for the potential of a higher return. They could continue to maintain a cash portfolio but they would have to save a lot more to reach their goals. By changing their portfolio they have the potential to earn more on their money and maintain their current saving plans.

Paula Swain is a financial consultant in Plymouth. The opinions voiced in this material are for general information only and are not intended to provide specific advice or recommendations for any individual. Please consult with an adviser about your specific situation.

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Canton man's burger trail starts, ends here

Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Jonathan Hicks has eaten 52 cheeseburgers in 52 weeks at the Canton Bagger Dave's restaurant.

His tab? \$0. Unlike the character Wimpy of *Popeye* fame, Hicks didn't have to gladly pay someone Tuesday for a burger today.

Hicks was among the first 50 customers who lined up when Bagger Dave's opened the doors last February to its then-new restaurant on Canton Center, south of Ford Road.

His prize: One free Great American Cheeseburger every week for one year.

"They're fantastic," Hicks said.

And at \$8.95 each, his one-year savings totaled \$465.40 plus tax.

His last free burger, along with complimentary fries and Santa Fe chipotle dipping sauce, arrived Monday afternoon as he took his regular seat in the bar area and placed his order with employee Kasey Baydoun.

For a place that once called its burgers legendary, Hicks just might be a legendary customer in Canton.



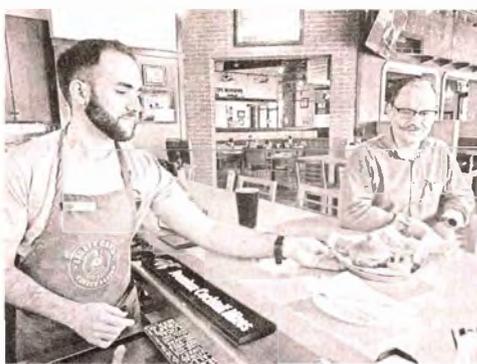
BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Jonathan Hicks takes the first bite of what was his last free Great American Cheeseburger at the Canton Bagger Dave's.

Of all the customers who qualified for free cheeseburgers, Baydoun said Hicks is believed to have been the only one who showed up for 52 consecutive weeks.

"I don't know of any one else who has been

here for all 52," Baydoun said.

Hicks remembers the bitterly cold February morning when he arrived and got in line around 8 a.m., three hours before Bagger Dave's first opened its doors. He



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Kasey Baydoun delivers the 52nd free burger of the year to Jonathan Hicks.

believes he was 23rd in line, or close to it.

"I think it was the coldest day of the year so far," Hicks said. "It was extremely cold."

It was so cold that Bagger Dave's handed out numbers and allowed the early arrivals to sit in their cars and warm up without losing their place in line.

Hicks made Bagger Dave's part of his weekly routine, typically each Monday. With a career in sales and marketing, he would bring his laptop computer and get work done as he put away another cheeseburger stacked with American

cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickles, ketchup and mayo, on a grilled sesame-seed brioche bun.

But hold the mustard. "I despise it," Hicks said.

One of the Bagger Dave's locations other than Canton was once labeled a disappointment

by two friends, Lucas Foster and Kevin McCown, who call themselves the Michigan Burger Boys in their quest for the perfect burger.

They changed their minds — and their review — after Bagger Dave's opened in Canton and they gave the restaurant chain other chances. They now give it high marks, including a score of 8 out of 10 for burger taste.

Hicks has taken his wife Rachel and their son Gary, almost 2, to Bagger Dave's, but they had to pay. Now, he will, too.

"I'll come back as a paying customer and have a burger," he said, "but I may expand my horizons and try some of the other items on the menu."

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ABSTRACT
WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2016-06
February 3, 2016
A Special Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, February 3, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Rd. MEMBERS PRESENT: Rowe, Miller, Rhaesa, Porter, Sanders Sutton. MEMBERS ABSENT: Gabriel. A presentation was given by Ed Klobucher, City Manager of Hazel Park and Steve Duchane, City Manager of Eastpointe regarding the Public Safety Authority. Adjourned at 8:08 p.m.
Matthew K. Miller
City Clerk

**CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE OF MEETING**

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

Case #691A, Site Plan Approval for Proposed Additions to Greenwood Villa Apartments, 7600 Nankin Blvd., Parcel #020-99-0006-000, Northwest Corner of Nankin Blvd. and Central City Pkwy.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held at City Hall, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., March 1, 2016.

Written comments may be submitted to the Planning Commission before 5:00 p.m. one (1) day prior to the scheduled meeting.

Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman
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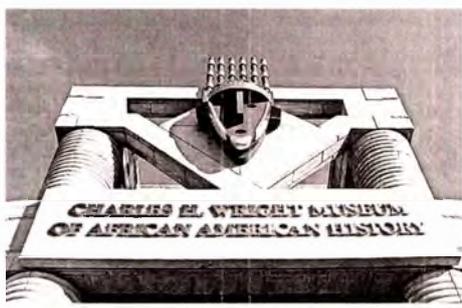
OUR VIEW

Black History Month: Explore diversity issues

Never visited the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit? This is a good time to change that.

The museum's website (www.thewright.org) notes of its "And Still We Rise" exhibit, "This long-term exhibition serves as the central experience of the museum. The 22,000-square-foot exhibition space contains more than 20 galleries that allow patrons to travel over time and across geographic boundaries. The journey begins in Africa, the cradle of human life. Witness several ancient and early modern civilizations that evolved on the continent. Cross the Atlantic Ocean, experience the tragedy of the middle passage and encounter those who resisted the horrors of bondage, emancipated themselves and sometimes took flight by way of the Underground Railroad. Throughout this trip, the efforts of everyday men and women who built families, businesses, educational institutions, spiritual traditions, civic organizations and a legacy of freedom and justice in past and present-day Detroit are hailed."

The museum on East Warren Avenue is marking its 50th year this year and Black History Month is a good time to explore it and learn valuable lessons, regardless of your ethnicity. You can also learn about Charles H. Wright, a medical doctor who lived from 1918 to 2002.



The museum on East Warren Avenue is marking its 50th year this year.

"Throughout his life, Dr. Wright was committed to what he defined as 'one of the most important tasks of our times,' ensuring that future generations, especially young African Americans, be made aware of and take pride in the history of their forebears and their remarkable struggle for freedom. The Wright Museum, the largest museum in the world dedicated

to the history and culture of African Americans, is the culminating result of his monumental efforts to complete that important task," the website notes.

The museum offers plentiful educational resources, from Underground Railroad days through the Civil War and on to blacks' role as the auto industry expanded in Detroit. Teachers putting together lessons on black history have lots to choose from.

Local public librarians have great knowledge and resources as well when it comes to Black History Month. Did you know Ralph Bunche, diplomat, academic and political scientist, was born Aug. 7, 1904, in Detroit? He received the 1950 Nobel Peace Prize for mediation efforts in Israel and died in 1971 following a distinguished career.

The recent spate of sickouts in Detroit Public Schools has put a spotlight on quality of education and classroom conditions in that district. Suburban school districts have their own issues, among them the challenges of increasing diversity and the conflicts and misunderstandings that can arise with that.

Knowledge and compassion go a long way in resolving such conflicts and dialogue begins with informed, courteous discussions. Black History Month is a good time to reflect on the past with its struggles and work together toward a brighter future where all are welcomed and their voices heard.

Bill package would make clean, safe water accessible

Each individual has the right to safe, clean, affordable and accessible water. This is why several legislators and I have been working on the "Michigan Water is a Human Right" bill package, to enhance and clarify the rights of our state's residents. Through a bipartisan workgroup, legislation was created to establish much needed reforms.

For far too long, there have been children, seniors, and families going without clean water. Water isn't a luxury, it is a necessity for survival.



Julie Plawewski
GUEST COLUMNIST

Currently, Michigan is facing the much-publicized water crisis in Flint, thousands of water shut-offs due to outrageously expensive water bills, and several other serious water related issues.

Michigan, as the Great Lakes State, is surrounded by more fresh water than anywhere in the world. With this in mind, it is inexcusable that on a

daily basis our residents struggle with water related issues. Michigan should not be in the news because of Flint's lead-tainted water or massive water shut-offs in Detroit. We should be in the news for our beautiful natural resources and for our ability to provide basic human rights to our residents.

The "Michigan Water is a Human Right" bill package demands transparency from water authorities; ensures that state agencies and water authorities are compliant with federal Environmental Protection Agency guidelines and are not using pre-flushing as a water sample collection method; and protects certain customers from water shut-offs while providing others with clearer notices about potential shut-offs.

This legislation would protect our most vulnerable residents — sen-

iors, those with chronic medical conditions requiring access to water, pregnant women, and families with children — from water shut-offs. One bill, which I sponsored, would enhance transparency by allowing residents to see data regarding a provider's water rates and shut-offs. Another bill would forgive water bills if the customer has not received a bill and has made multiple attempts to contact the utility after the billing period. Also, a bill would help the state develop an affordability plan that ensures that water bills are based on residents' household income and ability to pay.

Last June, our workgroup held a public hearing at the state Capitol to hear from residents about water shut-offs and contamination. Melissa Mays, a Flint mother, talked about how the lead levels in her children

were increasing. Nicole Hill, a Detroit mother, talked about the water shut-off she experienced and its impact on her and her children's health and quality of life. Miriam Kramer, a Highland Park human rights activist, shared the plight of dozens of Highland Park residents with water bills, in the thousands of dollars, which they could not afford. Many of these residents didn't receive water bills for months only to suddenly receive expensive bills they could not pay.

In his State of the State address, Gov. Rick Snyder outlined his plan for dealing with the Flint water crisis. Although it is long overdue, I am glad that public officials are taking action, but there is far more that needs to be done. We need to pass laws enacting systemic changes to prevent contaminated water and mass water

shut-offs from occurring elsewhere. We cannot fail more families in Michigan by refusing to address water safety, affordability, and accessibility.

It is my hope that legislative leadership will take action on this bipartisan package of bills that could make a substantial impact on so many residents statewide. This bill package was developed over months of workgroup meetings with input from policy and public health experts. I urge my legislative colleagues to take action on this legislation. Each individual has the right to safe, clean, affordable, and accessible water. We have the opportunity to make this a reality.

Julie Plawewski is a state Representative from Dearborn Heights. Her district includes Garden City and parts of Westland and Livonia.

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

LMC Lighting Retrofit - 4 Sites Bid for the 2015-2016 School Year (See Attached Specifications)

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

Mandatory Walk Thru is February 17th, 2016, 4:00 p.m. starting at Hayes Elementary, 30600 Louise, Westland, MI, 48185, proceeding to: Garfield Elementary, 10218 Arthur, Livonia, MI, 48150; Kennedy Elementary, 14201 Hubbard, Livonia, MI 48154; Webster Elementary, 32401 Pembroke, Livonia, MI 48152.

Sealed bids marked **LMC Lighting Retrofit - 4 sites**, will be received until **12:00 p.m. on the 23rd day of February, 2016**, in the Business Office at the Board of Education complex, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan. Mailed bids should be sent to the attention of Nick Armelagos, Administrator of Finance, Livonia Public Schools, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan, 48154. **Livonia Public Schools is not liable for any delivery or postal delays.**

The Bid Opening will take place at **12:00 p.m. on the 23rd 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.

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

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

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

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

"LMC Lighting Retrofit - 4 Sites"

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, hlu@livoniapublicschools.org, 734.744.2511, between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. EST.

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Beginning Monday, February 8, 2016 at 10:00 a.m., Request for Proposal (RFP) documents can be obtained at:

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Please contact LaMerra Hobbs at lamerra.hobbs@plantemorran.com if you have any questions regarding obtaining this information.

All interested firms are requested to attend a pre-proposal meeting on Monday, February 15, 2016 at 12:30 p.m. at the LPS Administration Building located at 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48154.

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Nick Armelagos,
Administrator of Finance
Livonia Public Schools

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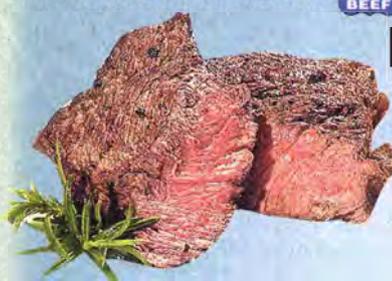
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HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMING

O'Dowds lead Stevenson to victory

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Livonia Stevenson captured 8-of-12 events Thursday en route to a 95-91 boys dual meet triumph over host South Lyon Unified in a meet held at South Lyon East.

The Spartans, who improved 2-1 in the KLAACentral, boasted three double-winners led by Jackson O'Dowd, who swept the 50- and 100-yard freestyles in 21.66 and 47.55, respectively. He was also a member of the Spartans' first-place 200 freestyle relay team (1:32.96).

Meanwhile, Benjamin Ro-

jewski added firsts the 200- and 500 freestyles in 1:50.15 and 4:50.39, respectively, while Parker Wasielewski contributed wins in the 100 butterfly (54.87) and 100 backstroke (55.92).

Stevenson's Nolan O'Dowd clinched the victory with a first-place finish in the 100 breaststroke (1:06.61).

South Lyon Unified, which slipped to 3-5 overall and 1-3 in the KLAACentral, got individual victories from Christian Etnyre in the 200 individual medley (2:06.50) and Matt Meadows in the 1-meter diving

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TOM BEAUDOIN

Stevenson's Jacob Fuher is pictured during a meet earlier this season.

2016 Prep Kickoff Classic

The Detroit Sports Commission announced Monday the match-ups for the 2016 Prep Kickoff Classic, to be held Aug. 25-27 at Wayne State University.

The 12th annual kickoff showcase, which is now in its fifth year at WSU, will feature 10 playoff qualifiers, including four state finalists from last season. The event will also welcome two first-time participants.

"We look forward to again providing a fun and community-focused platform for the teams, bands, cheerleaders and fans to showcase themselves on a big stage," said Dave Beachnau, DSC executive director and PKC founder. "Along with trying to create a unique and memorable experience for all, the PKC helps support the DSC's mission to make metro Detroit a premier destination for youth and amateur sporting events."

At least one 2015 state finalist will participate in all three games on Saturday, Aug. 27.

Defending Division 2 state champion Detroit King will play Southfield Academy for the Arts and Technology at 3 p.m. State runners-up Chelsea (Division 3) and River Rouge (Division 5), who will be making its first PKC appearance, will meet for the first time in the game prior at 12 p.m. The event will conclude at 6 p.m. with Division 1 runner-up Detroit Cass Tech taking on Oak Park.

The schedule kicks off with Downriver League foes Lincoln Park, a first-time PKC participant, and Woodhaven squaring off at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 25. In the nightcap, Chipewa Valley will play Lake Orion at 7 p.m. The Big Reds outlasted the Dragons 35-28 in last year's event.

Two more rematches will highlight the Aug. 26 slate with Allen Park and Taylor Kennedy doing battle at 4 p.m. followed by Canton and Dearborn Fordson at 7 p.m.

MU player's shot up for award

The shot heard around southeast Michigan has made it national.

Madonna University guard Khalil Malone's game-winning three to cap off the Crusaders' upset of No. 9 Cornerstone on Jan. 16 has been nominated for the GEICO College Basketball Play of the Year, Intersport announced on Feb. 8.

Malone's shot is one of four thrilling plays from around the college basketball landscape that fans can vote for this week.

Prior to the national nomination, Malone's shot reached over 20,000 people on Facebook and thousands more across madonnacrusaders.com and the department's various social-media outlets.

As part of a five-week contest, four incredible college basketball plays will be nominated each week in an effort to become the GEICO Play of the Year. Each week's winner will be determined by fan voting through the award's official Facebook page. From there, the five finalists will compete in a week-long competition to determine the GEICO Play of the Year, with the winning play to be announced during the GEICO Best of College Basketball special, which airs March 27 at noon on CBS.

Madonna fans can share their vote with Facebook friends and across all other social media platforms. Voting opened Feb. 8 and ends Monday, Feb. 15, at 11:59 a.m. central time. Only one vote is allowed per day.

HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY



Churchill's hockey team poses for a photo after its South Division-clinching victory over Novi.

HOW THE SOUTH WAS WON

Churchill icers hold off Novi to capture division championship

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Following the blueprint that has fueled its turn-around season, Livonia Churchill's all-for-one hockey team received goals from five different players during Friday night's milestone-reaching 5-3 victory over visiting Novi.

The triumph over the always-formidable Wildcats clinched the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's South Division title for the Chargers, who improved to 16-3-1 — one year after failing to post an above-.500 mark.

"Winning a division title was one of our key season goals this season," said Churchill head coach Jason Reynolds. "It really helped propel us through the season with some really tough in-league competition. These boys have really done a great job of not only setting goals for themselves, but also maintaining the focus and work ethic to see them through. Tonight is a proud night to be a Charger."

Although Novi entered the contest with a less-than-stellar 6-12-1 mark, Rey-



Churchill's Danny Carey carries the puck along the boards while looking to snap a pass to a teammate.

nolds cautioned his players to look past the numbers.

"All week long, the message had been not to take Novi lightly," reiterated Reynolds. "Their in-season record is not a fair measure of the quality of their team. They're talented, well-coached, and they play with a lot of tenacity."

"We're fortunate to be playing teams of this caliber at this point in the year, leading into the upcoming post-season."

Reynolds' warning was prophetic early on when the Wildcats seized a 1-0 lead on Alex Cai's goal 3:41 into the game.

The Chargers answered with an explosive offensive firestorm, netting four straight goals from the 4:43 mark of the first period through the 13:26 juncture of the middle period.

Jordan Venegoni ignited the avalanche for the winners, deadlocking the game at 1-1 off assists from Tyler Haydu and John Doyle.

Six minutes and some change later, Doyle gave the hosts the lead for good,

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RUNNING

U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials hopeful sent off-course



MIKE SCOTT PHOTOGRAPHY

Livonia native and former Michigan State runner Rachel McFarlane ran 1:14:45 at the 2014 Detroit Free Press Half-Marathon.

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

When the 2016 U.S. Olympic Women's Marathon Trials commence Saturday, Feb. 13, in Los Angeles, Rachel McFarlane had envisioned herself standing at the starting line alongside distance running greats Deena Kastor, Shalane Flanagan and Desiree Linden.

The former Livonia Churchill High and Michigan State University track and cross country standout thought she had hit the Olympic Trials 'B' qualifying standard Oct. 19, 2014, when she and former MSU teammate Sarah Boyle of Brighton both broke the 1-hour, 15-minute barrier at the Detroit Free Press Half Marathon.

On that day, Boyle ran 1:14:06, while McFarlane was 39 seconds behind in 1:14:45. But after nearly 16 months,

which included an appeal she lost last November with USA Track & Field to have her time recognized, coupled with an ill-fated attempt to re-qualify Jan. 17 at the Rock-and-Roll Half-Marathon in Phoenix, McFarlane will be staying home in Lansing, wondering what if?

"I had no idea the whole thing behind it, the certification and sanctioning," the 25-year-old McFarlane said. "I thought if you hit the time, you go. We got a hold of each other the night before (the Free Press race) and Sarah said, 'I'll find you in the morning and we'll warm up together.' We both knew what the (qualifying) time was and we're like, 'This is what our goal is, I guess.'"

According to its website, the Detroit Free Press Marathon conducts its races under USATF guidelines while using

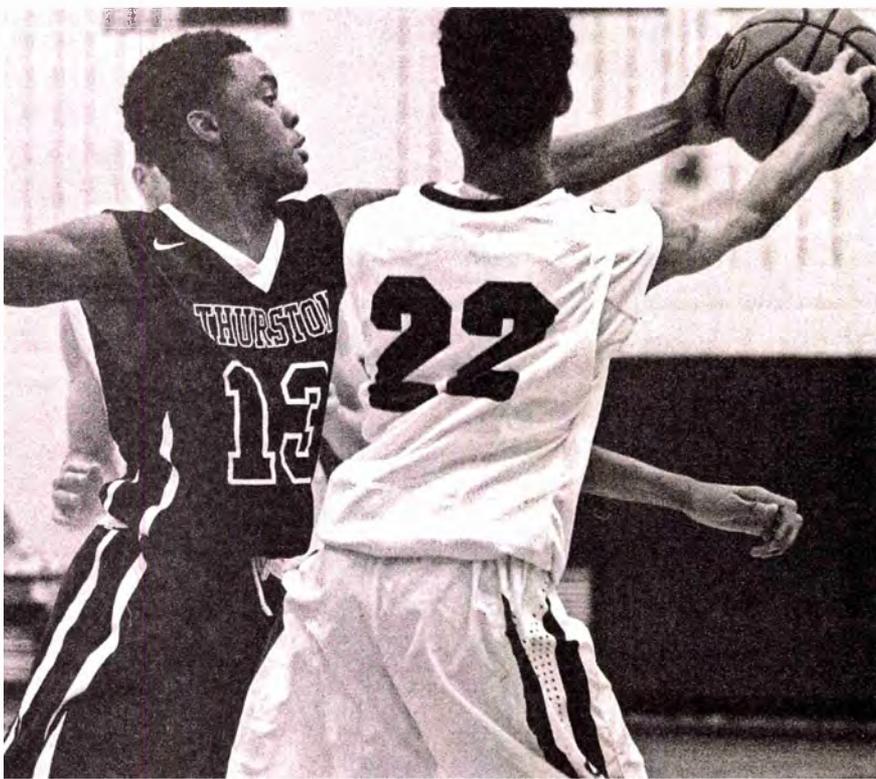
a qualified USATF referee to help settle any results concerns. Detroit is also a Boston Marathon qualifying race, with runners eligible to apply if they meet an age-group graded qualifying time and standard.

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"Our race course has historically been certified by the USATF, which provides for a reasonably accurate measured course allowing a road-running performance to be accepted as a record or to be nationally ranked," said Barbara Ben-nage, executive race director for the Detroit Free Press/Talmer Bank Marathon. "In addition, a certified course allows it to be a qualifying race for the Boston Marathon and we promote it as such to our potential runners. Our

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BOYS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP



Thurston's Justin Cole applies tight defensive pressure to a Salem player earlier this season.

ED WRIGHT

Thurston prevails against Dearborn Heights Crestwood

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Redford Thurston senior forward D'eauntae Jackson continued his torrid scoring streak Tuesday night while leading the Eagles to a 57-55 victory over Dearborn Heights Crestwood.

Jackson was formidable in the paint for the winners, registering 22 points and 11 rebounds to help the Eagles improve to 8-7 overall and 4-5 in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference's Blue Division.

Jackson had plenty of help from his teammates, particularly Caebryn Crabtree (10 points) and Travon Gary (nine).

Leading the Eagles' ball-sharing offense were senior Brandon Marshall (six assists) and Justin Cole (five assists).

Crestwood was paced by Asa Robertson, who scored 18 points, one more than Malik Rogers.

Thurston led 32-28 at the half and 51-42 with eight minutes to play.

"I was proud of the guys tonight," said Thurston head coach Brian Bates. "We played well defensively and we took care of the ball on offense. It was a good game throughout, but we were able to hold a five- to 10-point lead most of the second half."

Rockets take down 'Cats

Christian Agnew scored 31 points Tuesday night to lead host Westland John Glenn to a 72-62 victory over Plymouth.

Agnew had an all-around fantastic night as he also contributed nine rebounds, two steals and four assists.

Other big-time contributors for the Rockets were Zeale McCullough (19 points, eight rebounds and three blocked shots) and Daijon Parker, who added 15 points, 11 rebounds

and three rejections.

Brent Davis was "The Man" for Plymouth, scoring 32 points. Julian LeDoux scored eight for the Wildcats.

John Glenn led 35-30 at the half and 56-43 with eight minutes to play.

Stevenson wins

Livonia Stevenson earned a hard-fought 65-56 victory over Novi on Tuesday night.

Guards Devin Dunn (22 points) and Ian Knoph (16 points) were the catalysts for the Spartans, who overcame a two-point halftime deficit to post the semi-comfortable win.

"The key was the third quarter when we scored 19 points," said Stevenson head coach Kareem Smartt. "And I liked the way Sam Davidek played tonight. He scored seven points and he had a lot of rebounds."

Zebras defeat Pats

Keion Epps scored 16 points to lead Wayne Memorial to a 51-33 victory over Livonia Franklin Tuesday night.

Senior guard Joe Chinavare led the Patriots with 12 points.

Warriors keep rolling

Lutheran Westland improved to 14-0 Tuesday night with an emphatic 75-58 triumph over Lutheran Northwest.

The Warriors are now 14-0 overall and 9-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Red Division while Northwest dropped to 6-7 and 6-4, respectively.

Lutheran Westland sprinted to a 19-9 first-quarter lead before securing a 38-19 advantage at the half. Keeping their collective foot on the gas pedal, the Warriors widened their cushion to 60-34 heading into the final stanza.

"We had control of this

game from start to finish," observed LW head coach Jim Hoelt. "Our team defense was able to get stops. We were also able to get out in transition quite a bit tonight."

"We extended our lead to 30 in the third quarter, and we were able to hold on from there. It got a little chippy toward the end, but we stayed composed and got the job done."

Luke Smith was a dominant force for the winners, scoring 21 points to go along with 15 rebounds and four blocked shots.

Other big-time players for the Warriors were Brent Croft (18 points), Zach Burk (11 points, 10 rebounds and six assists), and Korey Barikmo, who added 10 points, six assists and three swipes.

LW nailed 17 of 31 free-throw attempts and knocked down six of 16 three-point tries.

Tim Irwin led Northwest with 20 points. Jeremy Morrison also played well, adding 16 points.

GC defeats Clarenceville

In a back-and-forth game, Garden City held on for a 71-66 victory over Livonia Clarenceville in a Western Wayne Athletic Conference Red Division game played Tuesday night.

Clarenceville surged to a 19-4 first-quarter lead, however, the Cougars rallied with a vengeance to carry a seven-point advantage into the half.

The game was knotted at 64-all with 1:20 left after Trojan Ty Lakner nailed a three-point shot, however, the Cougars proved to be too clutch down the stretch.

Mitch Kubiak and Quentin Banks combined for 40 points for the Trojans.

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HIGH SCHOOL POM

STRAIGHT OUT OF A DISNEY MOVIE

Churchill pom team overcomes adversity to win title

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By the slightest of margins, while facing monumental adversity, the Livonia Churchill varsity pom team proved it had the right stuff Sunday afternoon in Michigan State University's Breslin Center.

Just over two weeks after interim coach Michaela Harter was hired to guide the team, Churchill captured the Mid-American Pom Pon Division 2 high school varsity state championship by earning 463.5 points during its pressure-packed, three-minute routine — just one-half of a point more than runner-up Livonia Stevenson.

Livonia Franklin placed ninth in the state in Division 1 with 451 points.

Harter, who is the squad's third head coach this season and a former Churchill varsity pom member, said the team stepped up under some incredibly trying circumstances.

"Honestly, I think this team got its drive from all that's happened to them the past few weeks," the 20-year-old Schoolcraft College student said. "The girls were devastated when they didn't score enough points at regionals to qualify for Division 1. It's the first time since Churchill has had a pom program that they didn't make Division 1."

"But they practiced and performed like they had a point to prove. I am very happy for them, especially

the seniors."

As her team performed to an Adele song, Harter had a feeling she was watching something special, but no one knows which team prevailed until the dramatic announcement at the end of the competition.

"They announce how the teams placed backwards, from 12th to first," she said. "Once they got to fourth place and we still hadn't been called, it started to get very exciting and kind of anxious."

"When they announced the second-place team and it wasn't us, the girls jumped up and were screaming and crying. It was pretty remarkable."

The teams are scored on a series of in-sync movements, including high kicks and toe touches. Even the slightest error can be the difference between first place and fifth.

"The girls left it all out on the floor," Harter said proudly.

Harter said the team's captains — Hannah Harris, Lindsay Hickox and Madison Wimberly — helped hold things together during the past few weeks.

Sunday's competition concluded the team's season.

Harter said she would enjoy staying on with the team next season, however, only as an assistant coach given that she holds a job and is a college student — a dual responsibility that makes her free time tight.

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Livonia Churchill's pom team poses with its state championship trophy Sunday in the Breslin Center.

COLLEGE SIGNING



Livonia Stevenson senior football standout Kyle Foster signs on with Concordia University of Ann Arbor as his parents and Stevenson head coach Randy Micallef look on.

Foster headed to Concordia

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

With the signing of Livonia Stevenson two-way lineman Kyle Foster, Concordia University of Ann Arbor's football program has been fortified with a dynamic athlete and student.

As his parents and Stevenson head coach Randy Micallef looking on, Foster signed the paper work necessary to complete his commitment to Concordia's emerging gridiron program.

The 6-foot-3, 270-pound Foster starred on defense and offense for the Spartans this past fall. On the defensive side of the ball, he registered

35 tackles, 18 of which were solos.

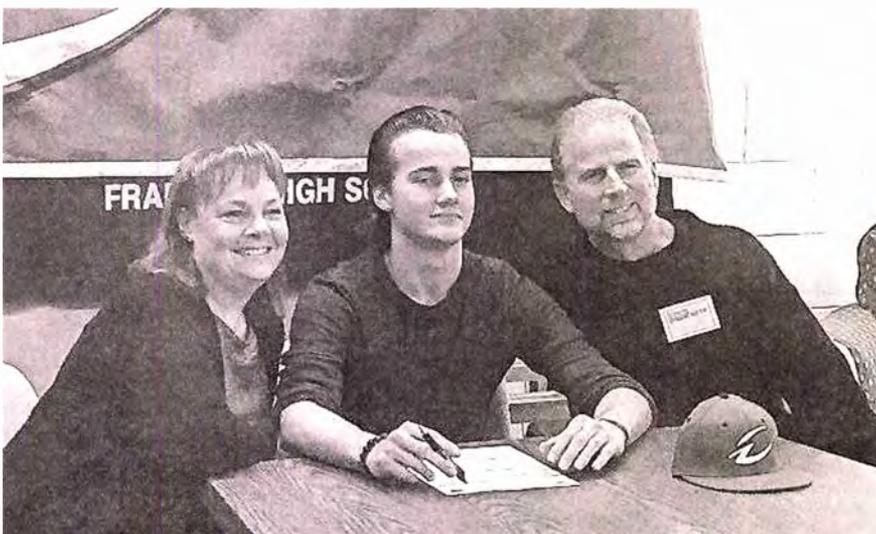
Offensively, his blocking from the right-tackle position accounted for roughly 75 percent of the team's 1,600 rushing yards.

Also noteworthy is that Foster yielded just one sack the past two seasons as a starting lineman.

"Kyle was a team captain and has been a two-year starter for us at tackle," said Micallef. "He has been as steady as anyone in our league. Kyle is an unselfish leader who had a great season, including playing linebacker and defensive line for us in big games."

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Franklin's Reed signs with Owens



As his parents, Tom and Kim, looked on Feb. 2, Livonia Franklin baseball standout Adrian Reed signed to play collegiate baseball for Owens Community College, which is located in Perrysburg, Ohio.

GIRLS BASKETBALL



John Glenn's Kimah Stribling gets some air time while driving to the basket Tuesday against Plymouth.

ROCKETS DON'T FINISH

Wildcats wipe out John Glenn's late lead, win 44-39

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

"Senior Night" proved to be an unqualified success for Plymouth's girls basketball team Tuesday night — although it was looking a little dicey for the first 27 minutes against scrappy Westland John Glenn.

Trailing 32-25 with six minutes to play, the Wildcats used a late 17-4 spurt to pull out a 44-39 victory.

While several Wildcats stepped up and made clutch plays during the pivotal fourth-quarter comeback, it was senior Cassidy Lewis who was driving the bus.

After connecting on just two of her first 10 shots, Lewis caught fire down the stretch, hitting her final three shots to finish with a team-high 13 points.

Plymouth sophomore guard Gabby Chouinard got the rally rolling when she converted back-to-back layups to cut her team's deficit to 32-29.

After John Glenn's Sharon Woodard split a pair of free throws, the Rockets led 33-29, however, Lewis countered with four straight points on a mid-range jumper and a layup off an inbounds play to deadlock the tense contest at 33-all.

Woodard, a sophomore guard, put John Glenn back in front with a triple from the left wing, but Plymouth junior forward Alex Ebeling answered with a corner trey to make it 36-all with 3:12 to play.

Sparked by a ball-hawking, pressure defense, the Wildcats reeled off a pivotal 6-0 run over the ensuing three minutes to put the game on ice.

Senior Hannah Badger started the run with a corner three to put the hosts ahead, 39-36. Badger then stole the ball with 1:50 left and the play ultimately led

to a pair of Chouinard free throws at the 1:22 mark to make it 41-36 Plymouth.

After Lewis drained a free throw with 54.8 seconds to go, John Glenn's Sierra Moseley swished a three-point shot with 28 seconds remaining, to bring the Rockets to within 42-39.

Lewis and Ebeling tacked on one free throw each in the waning seconds to preserve the victory.

The star of the game for John Glenn was senior forward Nadia Reed, who nearly willed her team to a win. Active at both ends of the court all night, Reed finished with 10 points, 11 rebounds and three steals.

John Glenn leading scorer Kimah Stribling was held to eight points. She also pulled down five boards.

Woodard added six points and three steals while Moseley, who picked up three first-quarter fouls, scored five.

John Glenn's top post player, Carley Loving, scored four points and grabbed four rebounds while battling through illness.

After making just six of 32 shots through the first three quarters, the Wildcats' shooting touch returned in the fourth when they made seven of nine shots.

Badger finished with seven points and Addisyn Lewis scored six.

John Glenn converted seven of 16 free-throw attempts. Plymouth was 14-for-20 from the stripe.

Plymouth improved to 6-9 overall and 5-4 in the KLAA South Division. John Glenn slipped to 6-9 and 2-7, respectively.

The Wildcats played without senior Bailey Brown, who suffered an injury in Friday night's victory over Livonia Churchill.

Honored during a pre-game "Senior Night" ceremony were final-year players Brown, Badger, Maren Wisniewski, Cassidy Lewis and Elise Wehmer.

GIRLS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Eagles take down Cougars

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

When you're talking Western Wayne Athletic Conference Blue Division girls basketball and the term "R & R" comes up, it's usually referring to Romulus and (Dearborn Heights) Robichaud — which is the furthest thing from rest and relaxation.

Garden City went through the R & R gauntlet Friday and Tuesday night, falling to the powerful Bulldogs, 60-38, on Friday before getting derailed by the equally relentless Eagles, 54-40, on Tuesday.

The pair of setbacks against top-notch foes dropped the Cougars to 5-12 overall and 2-7 in the division. Garden City returns to action Friday against Dearborn Edsel Ford.

"It was definitely a tighter game (against Romulus) than the first time we played them," noted Garden City head coach Michele Tyree. "We're definitely seeing improvement, and our girls played hard."

Senior Amber Swisher led the Cougars with 11 points against the Eagles. More than half of Swisher's points were the result of a pair of long-range triples.

Lindsey Michalak scored 10 points and dished out five assists for GC, while Alex Leleniewski scored six points.

Gabrielle Futch led Romulus with 14 points.

Romulus led 15-9 after one quarter, 27-16 at the half and 38-31 with eight minutes to play.

In Friday's loss to Robichaud, Michalak scored 13 points and grabbed 10 boards. Swisher was productive again, netting 11 points.

Kamarie McDaniel led the Bulldogs with 23 points.

Warriors triumph

Lutheran Westland improved to 12-3 overall and 8-2 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Red Division thanks to a 37-30 victory over host Oakland Christian Tuesday night.

"Another good road win; it wasn't the prettiest-looking win, but it's a win, so I'll take it," said LW head coach Sandi Wade. "We need to get better at boxing out so we will be hitting the gym hard these next few days to get better at that."

Junior guard Taylor Jones led the Warriors with 16 points and seven steals. She was money at the free-throw line as well, knocking down seven of eight attempts.

Bethany Hoehne provided some perimeter power for the Warriors, scoring all but one of her 10 points from three-point land. Hoehne also contributed four steals.

HVL nudged

Huron Valley Lutheran pushed Ann Arbor Greenhills to overtime Tuesday night before ultimately dropping a 55-50 decision.

The outcome left the Hawks' record at 4-9 overall and 2-6 in the MIAC Red. Greenhills improved to 12-2 and 11-1, respectively.

The Gryphons had to overcome a



Redford Union's Cliffangela Stafford drives the baseline against Thurston's Megan Abela.

phenomenal performance from HVL's Sam Golchuk, who finished with 36 points, eight steals and 11 rebounds.

"It was back and forth all night," said HVL head coach Kris Ruth. "We would spot them a six-point lead, and then we would dig ourselves ahead."

"I was proud of how our girls battled tonight. We have made some solid improvements on the defensive end, and rebounding. We still have to focus on eliminating turnovers. We had 31 tonight, which is way too many."

Brigid Cumings and Sabrina Wu led Greenhills with 15 points a piece.

The game was close throughout. The teams were knotted at 20-all at the half and 36-all after three quarters.

Spartans upended

Some out-of-this-world free-throw shooting helped Novi hold off Livonia Stevenson, 39-26, Tuesday night. The result improved the Wildcats' record to 13-2 while the Spartans slipped to 7-8.

Stevenson needs a Friday-night victory over host Salem to qualify for the KLAA's tournament.

Diane Senkowski was the only Spartans who teased the double-digit scoring mark as she finished with nine.

Ellie Mackey was outstanding for Novi, scoring a team-high 22 points thanks to 17-for-17 shooting from the free-throw line. Allie Lipson added 11 points on seven-for-11 shooting from the stripe.

Novi was 27-for-36 from the line while Stevenson made eight of 12 attempts.

Stevenson struggled with its shooting as it managed to knock down just seven of 37 shots. The Spartans managed to find net on only four of 19 shots inside the paint.

St. Catherine prevails

Led by Livonia resident Cheryl Setlock's 14 points, St. Catherine of Siena earned an exciting 39-38 road win Tuesday night against Royal Oak Shrine.

The Stars trailed by 12 points in the fourth quarter before mounting an impressive comeback. SCA's Gabby Green netted the game-winning basket with just two ticks left on the clock.

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TRIALS

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race has never been sanctioned by USATF, nor do we have plans to have it sanctioned moving forward."

Because of past history, *Free Press* race officials were caught somewhat off-guard having never anticipated that any women would break the 1:15 Olympic Trials standard in the half-marathon until Boyle and McFarlane did it in 2014. (Boyle also broke that standard again at the 2015 *Free Press* Marathon.)

Meanwhile, *Free Press* Marathon race personnel made attempts as far back as last spring to contact USATF personnel to see if McFarlane's half-marathon time would get her into the trials, but eventually they learned that her 1:14:45 would not be recognized unless they had paid a \$9,950 sanctioning fee prior to the Oct. 19, 2014, race.

Of that nearly \$10,000 sanctioning cost, \$5,000 goes toward the national governing body, along with an additional \$4,550 going to the Michigan Association of the USATF.

Small money

The *Detroit Free Press* Marathon, which hit the 27,000-participant mark last October with its two half-marathons and marathon events, pays only nominal prize money to its top men's and women's placers and does not cater to elite athletes as do marathons in New York, Boston, Chicago and L.A.

Among the marathons in the Midwest that do pay the USATF national and state sanctioning fees to have their course certified as U.S. Olympic Trials qualifiers include Chicago, Grandma's (Duluth, Minn.), Columbus (Ohio), Akron (Ohio), Minneapolis and Indianapolis (headquarters of the USATF).

Why do the above mentioned marathons pay the USATF sanctioning fees and Detroit does not?

The answer may lie in the discrepancy between the local sanctioning fees charged from state to state.

Michigan charges the fourth highest local fee (\$4,550), behind only Maine (\$11,000), California Pacific (\$5,000) and Nevada (\$5,000). Meanwhile, the local fees in adjoining states are only

\$1,550 (Ohio), \$600 (Wisconsin), \$350 (Indiana) and Illinois (\$175). New York charges \$500.

According to Duffy Mahoney, chief of sports performance of the USATF, the required national fee of \$5,000 covers liability insurance, based on the number of entrants.

"The national association fee (\$5,000) is the same for all the different states," said Courtney Hill, USATF coordinator specialist. "It's (local fees) based on what the (state) association decides. We have no control over that. The only thing we could do is refer you to the (state) association and talk to them."

Local chapter

A total of 39 races in Michigan are sanctioned by the USATF, but the *Detroit Free Press* Marathon is not among them.

"They never sanction their event, so it's nothing new to them," Michigan USATF president Jacqueline DeVose said. "Just because the young ladies didn't qualify, now it becomes an issue. They (*Free Press*) should have gotten the sanction all the time, because they get USATF people to come and participate in that event. They use our local association officials to officiate their event. They should have always been sanctioned, because if something happens, our officials or someone gets hurt on-course or something happens to one of our officials, then Michigan association is liable."

As far as being the fourth highest among state local sanctioning fees, DeVose said, "It (\$4,550) goes to the association, because we as a Michigan association are under the umbrella of the national headquarters and we are responsible for all events that are held in Michigan that are sanctioned by USA Track & Field. It's a sanctioning fee, just like the others."

Varying fees

Kimberly Keenan-Kirkpatrick, chair of the USATF Women's Long Distance Running Division, which heard McFarlane's appeal, said the wide range of local association fees among states needs to be uniform.

"That is interesting and that's something the USATF needs to look at going

forward," she said. "There should be some level of consistency to apply to them across the board."

Keenan-Kirkpatrick would not comment directly on the specifics of why McFarlane's appeal was turned down, but said: "I feel for Rachel. I want to take care of the athletes first, but the hard part was if we were to change the rule for her, then it affects other athletes who ran and went out of their way to do the things they were supposed to do."

"We definitely want to make sure the courses are measured and the times are legit. Officials are out there making sure nobody is cutting the course, all those kind of things. And we want to make sure there's consistency across the board for our athletes. And we're trying to educate race directors: 'This is what you get for your money, this is why we ask for it, this is what we expect and why we charge \$4,000 or whatever and this what the association provides to make sure this race and why they're doing it.'"

Appeal denied

McFarlane, who was a second team all-Big Ten cross country runner at MSU and helped the Spartans to a Big Ten championship during her collegiate days, had hoped her appeal would hold up.

"I was kind of surprised, actually, because after talking to Kimberly, she made it sound like they were going kind of go my way ... the whole benefit of the athlete and we want the best representation from USATF with our athletes and stuff," McFarlane said. "I don't have a coach, I don't have a sponsor, I don't have anything like that to put that stuff out and I didn't know any better."

The USTAF made overtures to pay a travel stipend for McFarlane to compete in another USATF-sanctioned race in order to qualify prior to the U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials.

But coaching at both Lansing Community College and Lansing Catholic Central High, along with holding down a full-time job at a legal firm, limited McFarlane's training schedule during the fall with the hopes of finding another USATF-sanctioned race to qualify for the trials.

However, with a chance to visit her

sister and brother-in-law in Phoenix, McFarlane made one final attempt Jan. 17 to meet the Olympic Trials 'B' standard, with the dream of lining up among the nation's elite women's distance runners in L.A.

Not quite enough

But her time of 1:19:18 fell well short of her desired goal at the Rock-and-Roll Half.

"It went awful. My training leading up to that wasn't anything close to what I feel it should have been and my leg has been giving me issues," McFarlane said. "It kind of comes on me because I haven't been as proactive as I need to. I've been getting physical therapy and all that, but it comes down to a private cost issue. I just went there and told myself, 'I got to try' knowing this was the last chance, given my circumstance. I did everything possible that I could and just have fun. I ran a pretty decent pace until mile 4½ and totally kind of lost it both mentally and physically. My leg was bugging me the whole time. I just kind of wanted to finish at mile 8 or so."

Although disappointed, McFarlane said she is moving on. And with the next Olympic Trials not until 2020, McFarlane can only dwell on the present without focusing just yet on the future.

"I've come to terms with it," the former Churchill all-state runner said. "If I keep thinking about it, I'll definitely still get worked up about it. We'll see. Four years is a very long time away. I just need to get through training for Boston in April; that's kind of my big thing right now. I think after Boston, I'll take an extended break from running and see how my body feels, do what I need to do and see mentally how I feel about running. I'll still do it for fun, but at the competitive level, I don't know if I do that again. I'm kind of at a point in my life where I need to start focusing on a real career and figure out what I want to do. A year or two from now, I might have a totally different answer."

"I'm not super-heartbroken on this, but at the same time, I am."

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WWAC WRESTLING

Clarenceville takes seventh, RU eighth

Trojans led by pair of second-place grapplers

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The Observerland wrestling teams competing in Saturday's Western Wayne Athletic Conference tournament struggled to finish in the top half of the 12-team event.

Host Belleville registered a major decision over the rest of the field, winning the tournament with 244.50 points, 44 more than runner-up Dearborn Heights Annapolis.

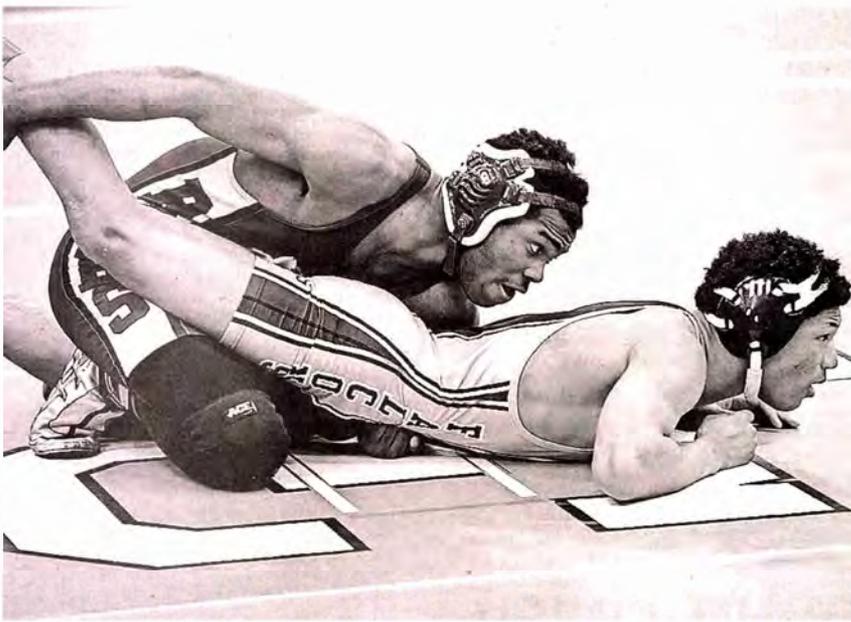
Livonia Clarenceville finished seventh with 86 points, followed by Redford Union (82.5), Romulus (44), Garden City (34) and Redford Thurston (5).

The Trojans shined in the lower weights as 103-pounder Jacob Weiss and 119-pounder Dyland Brigham both placed second in their respective brackets.

RU's Kenny Vadnais enjoyed a solid tournament at 135 as he placed third thanks to a 5-3 victory over Hassan Al-Husseini.

Panther Taz-Don Moore also sparked, earning third-place points at 152. Moore took the bronze after outlasting Fordson's Ali Makki, 7-5, in overtime.

Garden City's top performers were 189-pounder Joe Davis, who placed fourth, and 285-pound standout Joshon Sharp, who also finished fourth.



WWAC WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

Saturday at Belleville

FINAL STANDINGS: 1. Belleville, 244 points; 2. Annapolis, 200.5; 3. Fordson, 195; 4. Edsel Ford, 154.5; 5. Crestwood, 130; 6. Dearborn, 111; 7. Clarenceville, 86; 8. Redford Union, 82.5; 9. Romulus, 44; 10. Garden City, 34; 11. Redford Thurston, 5; 12. Robichaud, 0.

103 pounds: 1. Mojahid Ahmed (F) pinned Jacob Weiss (CL) in 1:00; 3. Aaron Garcia (D) dec. Jacob Shaler (BE) 7-0; 5. Abdullah Naser (EF) pinned Eric Gregory (RU) in 58 seconds.

112: 1. Cam Wyka (EF) dec. Chris Makaj (BE), 10-4; 3. Tarik Shalhout (C) won by major dec., 16-8, over Aseel Alimudhala (F); 5. Garbriel Mendez (RU) won by forfeit over Mohammad Malah (D).

119: 1. Hassan Makled (D) pinned Dyland Brigham (CL) in 1:09; 3. Sam Lynton (BE) pinned Ali Alzayadi (F) in 1:46; 5. Kamani Patterson (R) won by injury def. over Robert Ujjak (GC).

125: 1. Justin Manuel (A) pinned Elijah Proctor (R)

in 30 seconds; 3. Mohamed Al-Hassan (D) dec. Youssef Hamie (F), 5-0; 5. Raging Murhed (EF) pinned Gage Ester (BE) in 1:50.

130: 1. Kyle Boatman (BE) dec. Jared Freas (EF), 12-6; 3. Marcus Metz (A) dec. Emilio Sanchez (F), 8-2; 5. Dylk Hunter (CL) pinned Clifford Stafford (RU) in 1:43.

135: 1. Chris Brown (BE) dec. David Knapp (A), 7-2; 3. Kenny Vadnais (RU) dec. Hassan Al-Husseini (C), 5-3; 5. Greg Lutz (CL) dec. Hamza Mrech (F), 11-6.

140: 1. William Marano (EF) dec. Abe Ajami (F), 6-4; 3. Zolifkar Bazzi (C) pinned Anmar Alalobidi (A) in 1:22; 5. Nathan Lazar (BE) pinned Alfredo Alvarez (R) in 2:00.

145: 1. Dustin Gross (A) won by major dec., 18-5, over Youssef Danouji (D); 3. Zach Buhro (BE) pinned Sameer Mehaidi (F) in 4:15; 5. Chandler Shetteroe (RU) dec. Ethan Hetfield (EF), 8-3.

152: 1. Caleb Brown (BE) won by major dec., 17-7, over Justin Beasinger (A); 3. Taz-Don Moore (RU) dec. Ali Makki (F), 7-5 (OT).

160: 1. Kassem Salameh (C) won by major dec., 20-7, over Keith Anderson (EF); 3. Keyon Smith (BE) pinned Anthony Green (A) in 1:35; 5. Wajdi Saitan (F) pinned David Means (CL) in 4:00.

171: 1. Andrew Antolin (BE) dec. Ron Pongratz (A), 10-9; 3. Amir Naser (F) dec. Nathan Allen (EF), 6-5; 5. Jaywon Adams (D) pinned Trevonica Owens (RU) in 4:24.

189: 1. Jon Cox (A) dec. David FuQua (EF), 8-6; 3. Josh Jarvis (C) pinned Joe Davis (GC) in 1:50; 5. Bobby Dixon (RU) dec. Pat Burrage (BE), 3-1.

215: 1. David Tooley (BE), dec. Nate Root (C), 8-2; 3. Greg Johnson (A) dec. Khalil Makki (F), 3-0; 5. Donovan Richardson (D) won by injury def. over James Ascott (CL).

285: 1. Ali Wahab (C) pinned Hussein Berro (F) in 1:51; 3. Donovan McCoy (BE) pinned Joshon Sharp (GC) in 4:21; 5. Umar Nasir (A) dec. James Beaubien (RU), 12-10.

HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY

Ladywood advances to CHSL championship game

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The Livonia Ladywood hockey team clinched a berth in the Catholic High School League championship game by posting a 6-1 victory over Warren Regina on Saturday at the Arctic Pond.

Consistency was the theme for the Blazers, who netted two goals in each of the three periods.

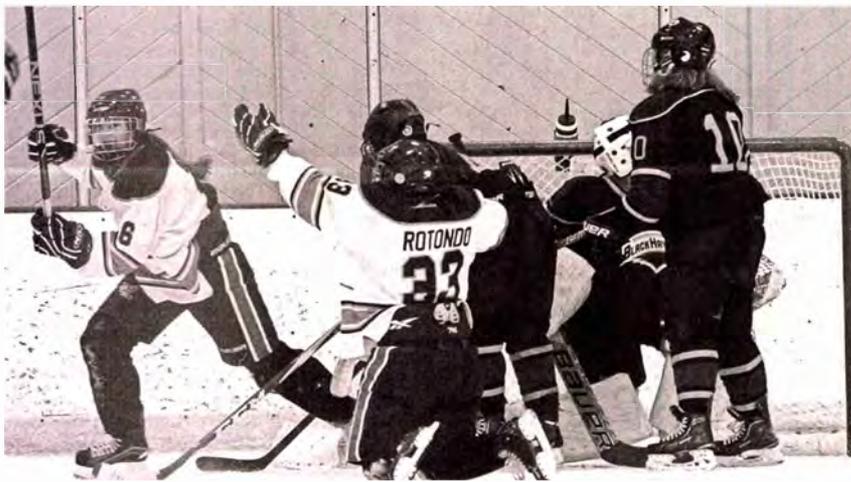
Sophomore Sydney Pilut got the ball rolling for the winners with a first-period goal that was assisted by junior Katie Hayward.

Hayward netted the second Ladywood goal thanks to assists from junior Devon Kelly and Pilut.

Pilut's big night continued early in the second period when she registered her second goal and third point at the 10:52 mark. Junior CeCe Werner garnered the helper.

Hayward struck again for the Blazers just 2:56 before

Blazing a winning trail



Livonia Ladywood's hockey team celebrates a goal earlier this season.

the second intermission when she scored off assists from juniors Christina Rotondo and Sydney Malek.

Freshman Bridget Folk (from Jill Jacobs and Victoria Pilut) and Werner (from goal-

ie Sam Erickson) scored the third-period goals for Ladywood, which improved to 12-4-2 overall and 7-1-1 in the CHSL.

The league championship game is set for Feb. 20 against

Farmington Hills Mercy at Orchard Lake St. Mary's. The opening face-off will take place at 3 p.m.

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SCHOOLCRAFT ROUNDUP

Ocelot men's keglers top field at Merri-Bowl

Schoolcraft breezes past the competition at Merri-Bowl Lanes

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Schoolcraft College's men's bowling team knocked down pins and the competition at Friday's Ocelots-hosted invitational at Merri-Bowl Lanes in Livonia.

Prevailing at the 2016 Schoolcraft College Invitational, the Ocelots tallied 4,355 pins to top the five-team field. In second with a 3,610 total was Kirtland.

Also stellar were Schoolcraft individual bowlers, nailing down the top three places in the men's results.

The overall medalist with a 225-209-213 scoreline was Schoolcraft's Kacey Brezovsky (Garden City).

In second and third, respectively, were Sean McKinney (Livonia) and Ben Jakes (Novi).

McKinney rolled a three-game series of 622, featuring a 223; Jakes chipped in with a 210 game en route to a 571 total.

Rounding out the scoring

for the Ocelots were Andrew Gury (sixth, 529), Eric DeYoukner (12th, 492), Drew Garrison (14th, 486), Jason Bley (16th, 468) and Sam Berger (18th, 465).

Lady Ocelots 3rd

Meanwhile, Schoolcraft's women's bowling squad finished third at the invitational with a 2,788 total.

Prevailing with a 3,498 tally was Mid Michigan, followed by Muskegon (3,397).

The top performer for the Lady Ocelots was Livonian Ashley Schou, who finished ninth overall with a 141-150-139-430 scoreline.

Placing 11th-13th for Schoolcraft were Redford native Ashley Mattia (380), Canton's Rachel Boucha (375) and Kaylin Janiczek (369). Cierra Cox was 19th, registering a 308 for the day.

SC hoops

» On Saturday at Schoolcraft, the men's basketball team earned a 99-67 win over Oakland Community College.

Fueling the Ocelots (14-10 overall, 9-2 in the MCCA Eastern Conference) with 20 points was guard Tyler Johnson — who hit six of nine attempts from beyond the three-point arc.

Others in double figures were Anthony Wartley Fritz (11 points) and Ja'Christian Biles (10 points).

Chipping in were Observerland products Dre Black of Westland John Glenn and Davon Taylor of Canton. They scored nine and eight points, respectively.

Schoolcraft built a 43-27 halftime lead, and really took control after the break with 56 points in the second half (24 thanks to successful treys, 8-16).

» OCC's women's basketball team were rude guests to Schoolcraft, however, defeating the Lady Ocelots 89-76.

It was Schoolcraft's first loss in Michigan Community College Athletic Association play; the first-place Lady Ocelots are 22-2 overall and 10-1 in the Eastern Conference.

Tallying 27 points for Schoolcraft was guard and Birmingham Seaholm alum Elise Tolbert.

Others with excellent games included Jade Smith (24 points), T'era Nesbitt (13 points) and Rikki Scherdt (12 rebounds).

OCC (14-8, 8-3) started strong and led wire-to-wire. It was 17-11 after the first quarter, 40-33 at halftime and 65-54

after three frames.

Men's hockey

Schoolcraft's men's hockey team defeated host Xavier University 11-2 and 5-3 on Jan. 29-30, respectively.

Fueling the opening rout were hat tricks by Mike Lesko and Andrew Lindsay with Canton alum Nick Borg backstopping the win between the pipes.

In the follow-up American Collegiate Hockey Association contest, doing the goaltending honors for Schoolcraft was Nick Carravale.

Scoring twice for the Ocelots was Derek Klisz.

"The boys were winning all the 1-on-1 battles along the boards and finishing at the net," Ocelots head coach Rob Lindsay said. "The offensive and defensive zone were awesome and our neutral ice regroups were very good. Our goaltending was spectacular."

Upcoming Schoolcraft home games (at Redford Arena) are scheduled for 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19 and 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20 against Ferris State.

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KLAAS TOURNAMENT

Mars attack!
John Glenn second in 24-team event

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Hartland proved to be the premier team at Saturday's 24-team Kensington Lakes Wrestling Tournament hosted by Howell, but Westland John Glenn wasn't far behind.

The Eagles accumulated 283.5 points to out-distance the runner-up Rockets by 82.5 points. Filling out the top five places were Brighton (156.5 points), Walled Lake Central (156) and Livonia Churchill (108.5).

Livonia Franklin placed 10th with 87.5 points while Livonia Stevenson was 19th with 45 points. Wayne Memorial finished 22nd with 24 points.

Fueling the Rockets' impressive performance was weight-class champion Mike Mars, a sophomore who won an 11-4 decision over Lakeland's Marty Klapec in the 112-pound division.

Mars registered three consecutive pins to earn a berth in the final match. Two of the three falls came in the first period.

Churchill's Ethan Englehart advanced to the semifinal round at 112.

Franklin's Nathan Atienza extended his streak of dominance, topping the 145-pound brackets with a stifling 4-0 victory over Walled Lake Central's Nick Costanzo in the title tilt. The four victories improved Atienza's record to 50-0.

Churchill's top performers were seniors Chase Gardner (152) and Austin Simpson (285), both of whom advanced to the semis before getting derailed.

Franklin's Joe Fortin came within a few points of earning a finals berth at 215, but he dropped a tense 5-3 decision in the final-four round.

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(278.20 points).

SLU also captured the 200 medley relay as Boals, Brandon Bell, Max Kempisty and Oliver Joy were clock in 1:42.96. The foursome of Kempisty, Etnyre, John Perry and Joy contributed a first in the 400 freestyle relay in 3:22.84.

Wildcats too much for Chargers

Plymouth out-stroked Livonia Churchill, 117-69, in a KLAAS South Division meet held Feb. 4 at Churchill.

The Chargers posted six first-place finishes in the setback, including two each by Nathan Sutton and Kevin Taylor.

Sutton won the 200-yard freestyle race by an eyelash (1:56.36 to 1:56.86) over Plymouth's Logan Kendall. A few events later, Sutton returned to win the 500 freestyle in 5:13.46.

Taylor captured the 200 individual medley with a time of 2:08.63, outlasting Plymouth Aniketh Visai by just over three seconds.

Taylor also touched first in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:05.42.

As usual, Churchill senior Ethan Burke won the 1-meter diving competition with 271.65 points. Plymouth's Jordan Groves was a distant second with 192.40 points.

Churchill's Ethan Stack won the 100 backstroke in 1:05.39, edging Kendall by just over a second.

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2-1, with a goal assisted by Joe Wozniak. Griffin Ahmet closed the opening period with a net-finder, which was assisted by Spencer Kovacs.

Conor Burnette ripped the puck into the net (from Nolan Cioach and Seth Kucharczyk) with 3:34 left in the second period to extend Churchill's lead to 4-1.

Novi battled back valiantly, getting to within 4-3 on lamp-lighters from Cai and Jake Cyr, but Josh Friend popped the drama balloon with an empty net goal that was assisted by Cioch.

Novi out-shot Churchill, 42-29, but was denied time after time by junior goalie Andrew Broyles.

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Learn to avoid home repair scams at AG consumer program Feb. 24

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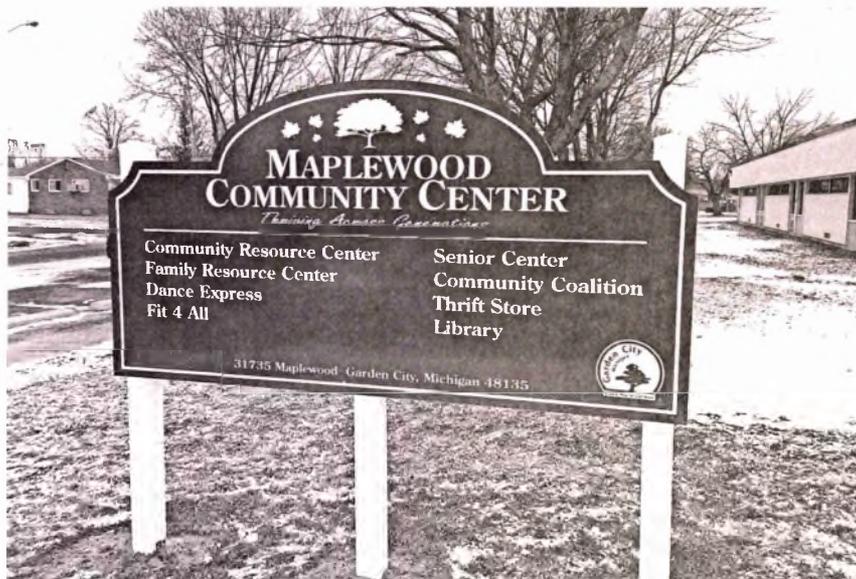
A consumer education program on home repair and improvement through the Michigan Attorney General's Office is set for 12:15 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24, at the Maplewood Community Center, on Maplewood west of Merriman in Garden City.

"Anybody can come, definitely," said Garden City's senior activities coordinator Sheila Sulowski, noting residents of all communities are welcome that day as walk-ins. "I haven't done anything with them before," she said of AG Bill Schuette's office. "This is going to be new to me, too. I think it's good information."

She was online for the Michigan Attorney General website and found programming details, which will include upcoming sessions at Maplewood to be publicized later.

Sulowski agreed on home repair and improvement seniors can be "taken advantage of. It can happen to anybody, too. Always get a second opinion. You forget a lot of times."

Participants on Feb. 24 will learn:



A Feb. 24 program through the Michigan Attorney General's Office is on tap at the Maplewood Community Center in Garden City, focusing on avoiding home repair and improvement scams.

- » the telltale signs of home repair scams;
- » how to recognize unscrupulous contractor red flags;
- » how to navigate the home repair project process.

Additional information is available at www.mi.gov/ce. Questions may be referred to agcp@mi.gov. Schuette's Consumer Programs team offers the pro-

grams including the Feb. 24 one at Maplewood in Garden City. Garden City's Sulowski can be reached at 734-793-1870.

Developer's right doubtful under state statute

Q: A developer came into our condominium project and wants to complete the unbuilt units which were labeled as need not be built, but it has been 12 years. Does he have a right to do that?

A: More than likely not and

you should assert your rights as the association under Section 67(3) of the Michigan Condominium Act. This is imperative because there is a movement



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on the part of certain special interests groups to change the statute to basically eliminate the right of the co-owners in the condominium to obtain property which was labeled "need not be built," but was not constructed by the developer for a period of 10 years in certain situations. If you do not perfect your rights by bringing legal action, you will more than likely find it much more difficult to do so because the proposed legislation attempts to close any reasonable recourse by the association. Get a community association lawyer who knows these issues immediately to protect the interests of the association and to get the benefit financially that the association is entitled to with respect to those unbuilt units.

Q: I am currently serving as a director on our Condominium Association Board of Directors. At one of our recent meetings, one of the board members raised a question about providing cable services to our co-owners. Specifically, she was wondering if it would be a good idea to inquire with a local cable provider as to whether it would give our association a bulk rate discount for all residents in the condominium complex. Do you think it's a good idea for our association to be involved in something like that?

A: First, you should review the association condominium documents to determine if the bylaws authorize the association to provide such services to the units. If not, you may not be able to simply treat bulk cable the same way the association would a utility service without amending the bylaws. Many cable providers prefer not to be classified as a utility provider for other reasons and therefore take the approach that they are not an "everyday necessity." (However, some states, such as Washington, regulate telecommunication service providers the same way as other utility companies).

The other problem is that the board may not have the authority to budget and classify such charges as a limited common expense. It may be difficult to determine what percentage interest each unit should be allocated as an expense based upon relative value. This would come into play if some residents want certain premium channels that others do not. One way to solve this problem would be to have all residents receive a set menu of basic channels through the association at a bulk discount rate. Then, anyone that prefers premium services could contact the cable service provider and arrange for that on their own. You may also be able to negotiate a payment to the association by the cable company in consideration for allowing cable to be available at the condominium.

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Good Neighbor Society effort seeks Realtor nominations by Feb. 26

For eight years, REALTOR Magazine's Good Neighbor Society has helped Realtors extend and enhance their charitable work through the Volunteering Works grant and mentoring program. The program, which assigns mentors to Realtors who want to increase and expand their community service outreach, is now seeking entries.

"Realtors build, change and improve communities across the nation every day," said National Association of Realtors President Tom Salomone, broker-owner of Real Estate II Inc. in Coral Springs, Fla. "Through the Volunteering Works program, we can help Realtors build upon and advance their volunteer efforts to help even more through community service."

The Good Neighbor Society is seeking applications from Realtors who work on small-scale charitable efforts that have growth potential. The society is comprised of past recipients of REALTOR Mag-

azine's Good Neighbor Award, which recognizes outstanding achievement in community service. Five Volunteering Works recipients will benefit from a year of one-on-one mentoring from a member of the Good Neighbor Society and a \$1,000 grant as seed money to help implement improvements in their community program.

Volunteering Works recipients will be selected based on their dedication to their volunteer work and the potential for their charitable work to be expanded or improved with the help of an expert mentor. Ideal candidates have been active in charity work, can identify specific challenges they would like to address with the help of a mentor and have specific goals for the future of their community service project. Applicants must be NAR members.

"We created Volunteering Works to benefit Realtors who have a passion to make life better in their community,"

said LeRoy Bendickson, of Edina Realty in Edina, Minn., who is the Good Neighbor Society advisory council chair and a 2011 Good Neighbor Award winner. "As they work on refining their charitable efforts, they can get advice and guidance from a mentor who has been in their shoes."

Kristin Joyner, 2015 Volunteering Works recipient, has served the Sawnee Women's Club on many projects, providing backpacks full of weekend food to schoolchildren in need. Joyner says the Volunteering Works experience has benefited her charity in seeking ways to start a vegetable garden at a high school, which will provide fresh produce for struggling families.

"I received encouragement from my mentor, who shared some scripts with me on how to get corporate sponsors," says Joyner, a Realtor with Designer Realty, Dacula, Ga. "With her enthusiasm, I wrote for another grant with Whole

Foods and most important of all, she gave me confidence by telling me, 'Your cause is worthy.'" Joyner's mentor was 2014 Good Neighbor Kristina Rhodes, with F.C. Tucker Emge Realtors Evansville, Ind. Joyner says the \$1,000 grant enabled her to get "good old fashioned dirt and seeds" to get the garden under way at the high school.

The Good Neighbor Award winners, who mentor the Volunteering Works recipients, on average spend more than 20 hours a week on volunteer work and have built and led some of the most effective charitable organizations in the country. Since 2000, there have been more than 160 winners and honorable mentions of the Good Neighbor Award.

Volunteering Works is funded by The Stuart & Jill Siegel Charitable Foundation. For a Volunteering Works entry form, visit www.Realtor.org/gna and click on "Nominate" The entry deadline is Feb. 26.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 8-11, 2015, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS		
16996 Madoline St	\$277,000	
BINGHAM FARMS		
32896 Bingham Ln	\$525,000	
24138 Bingham Pointe Dr	\$400,000	
BIRMINGHAM		
631 Bird Ave	\$635,000	
1066 Chapin Ave	\$248,000	
2056 Derby Rd	\$265,000	
1351 E Maple Rd	\$331,000	
1732 Holland Ln	\$189,000	
1666 Mansfield Rd	\$310,000	
662 Purdy St # 217	\$269,000	
327 Southfield Rd # 11	\$135,000	
BLOOMFIELD HILLS		
1725 Huntingwood Ln # C	\$152,000	
4296 Margate Ln	\$384,000	
4045 W Maple Rd # C102	\$90,000	
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP		
574 E Fox Hills Dr	\$55,000	

607 E Fox Hills Dr	\$73,000	
78 Highland Dr	\$250,000	
2764 Hunters Blif	\$546,000	
3370 Morningview Ter	\$889,000	
1688 S Hill Blvd	\$177,000	
662 Wattles Rd	\$296,000	
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP		
5630 Deerwood	\$298,000	
138 Demarist St	\$88,000	
3211 Newton Rd	\$167,000	
5460 Riverwalk Trl	\$330,000	
3663 Sandbar Dr	\$370,000	
6120 Woodside Dr	\$260,000	
FARMINGTON		
33230 Kirby St	\$185,000	
34076 Moore Dr	\$190,000	
36245 W Lyman Rd	\$317,000	
23724 Warner St	\$349,000	
FARMINGTON HILLS		
2949A	\$145,000	
32615 Briarcrest Knls	\$161,000	
37555 Burton Dr	\$235,000	
25322 Carrollton Dr	\$361,000	
35986 Fair Oaks Ct	\$203,000	
29941 Fox Club Dr	\$374,000	
26752 Holly Hill Dr	\$277,000	
38105 Lantern Hill Ct	\$365,000	
25074 Lyncastle St	\$215,000	

26133 Meadowview Dr	\$350,000	
30816 Misty Pines Dr	\$167,000	
28814 Raleigh Rd	\$221,000	
37865 River Bend	\$312,000	
30133 Southampton Ln	\$288,000	
22588 Whittingham St	\$10,000	
HIGHLAND		
3375 Burwood Ln	\$204,000	
2383 Canterwood	\$830,000	
1085 Clyde Rd	\$139,000	
669 Tierney	\$165,000	
LATHRUP VILLAGE		
14629 Yale St	\$289,000	
MILFORD		
316 Bennett St	\$225,000	
3032 Central Blvd	\$110,000	
3093 Exeter Dr	\$575,000	
647 Sleepy Hollow	\$350,000	
NORTHVILLE		
7659 Canfield	\$210,000	
21973 Heathridge Ln	\$280,000	
21577 Lujan Dr	\$325,000	
NOVI		
27597 Albert St	\$345,000	
1359 E Lake Dr	\$240,000	
40357 Guilford	\$236,000	
45254 Jacob Dr	\$396,000	
24407 Olde Orchard St	\$118,000	

40570 Rock Hill St	\$160,000	
45767 Sheffield Dr	\$325,000	
25901 Strath Haven Dr	\$365,000	
23604 Wintergreen Cir	\$578,000	
SOUTH LYON		
1165 Fountain View Cir	\$140,000	
705 Kestrel Ct	\$228,000	
23590 Millwood	\$461,000	
23633 Millwood	\$599,000	
23656 Millwood	\$462,000	
24823 Purlin Ct	\$410,000	
51800 Richfield St	\$194,000	
23706 Seminoles Dr	\$526,000	
903 Westbrook Dr	\$265,000	
550 Woodland Dr	\$165,000	
SOUTHFIELD		
29190 Briarbank Ct	\$219,000	
25675 Grand Concourse St	\$197,000	
51800 Richfield St	\$232,000	
23706 Seminoles Ave	\$526,000	
23941 Plumbrooke Dr	\$265,000	
28045 Tyler St	\$109,000	
16003 W 13 Mile Rd	\$89,000	
19589 W 9 Mile Rd	\$190,000	
WHITE LAKE		
8344 Fox Bay Dr	\$185,000	
408 Rosario Ln	\$290,000	

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 28 to Oct. 2, 2015, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON		
7717 Alton St	\$139,000	
47316 Bartlett Dr	\$252,000	
6800 Chadwick Dr	\$305,000	
3980 Elizabeth Ave	\$133,000	
4404 Forest Bridge Dr	\$235,000	
4339 Hunters Cir W	\$110,000	
45760 Larchmont Dr	\$285,000	
2611 Liberty St S	\$370,000	
42732 Lilley Pointe Dr	\$91,000	
551 Meadowlake Rd	\$170,000	
4212 Monarch Ave	\$207,000	
50276 Monroe St	\$360,000	
1943 Morrison Blvd	\$203,000	
1604 Mulberry Ln	\$198,000	
44428 Newburyport Dr	\$65,000	
6771 Norwood Dr	\$289,000	
47563 Ormskirk Dr	\$129,000	
47739 Ormskirk Dr	\$152,000	
639 Pheasant Woods Dr	\$325,000	
1843 Pinecroft Dr	\$165,000	
6017 Porterdale Ln	\$235,000	

43950 Saltz Rd	\$140,000	
43880 Somerset Sq	\$215,000	
47811 Vistas Circle Dr N	\$293,000	
46723 Woodside Dr	\$326,000	
GARDEN CITY		
583 Alicia St	\$127,000	
28428 Donnelly St	\$85,000	
31457 Leona St	\$84,000	
32444 Marquette St	\$100,000	
33215 Pardo St	\$81,000	
6601 Whitney St	\$87,000	
LIVONIA		
11400 Berkwick St	\$210,000	
11405 Blackburn St	\$165,000	
30227 Bobrich St	\$193,000	
33362 Broadmoor Ct	\$296,000	
14215 Cardwell St	\$115,000	
14740 Cavell St	\$132,000	
14666 Country Club Dr	\$187,000	
17364 Cross Winds Rd	\$309,000	
8962 Deering St	\$74,000	
11852 Deering St	\$115,000	
17550 Dolores St	\$145,000	
9348 Eastwind Dr	\$187,000	
35325 Elmira St	\$160,000	
38474 Elsie St	\$182,000	
17551 Fairfield St	\$260,000	
8926 Gevorgian Ave	\$143,000	
14487 Huff Ct	\$358,000	
8911 Inkster Rd	\$156,000	
9605 Loveland St	\$153,000	

14418 Melvin St	\$152,000	
9363 Montana St	\$171,000	
30554 Mungler Dr	\$204,000	
15159 Norman St	\$188,000	
19297 Osmsus Ln	\$175,000	
19677 Ironwood Ct	\$218,000	
14381 Ramblewood St	\$220,000	
14098 Stamford St	\$220,000	
18280 University Park Dr	\$138,000	
8902 W Deborah Ct	\$160,000	
27496 Whitcomb St	\$150,000	
32523 Wisconsin St	\$166,000	
17396 Woodside St	\$225,000	
14629 Yale St	\$152,000	
NORTHVILLE		
18262 Blue Heron Dr W	\$515,000	
437 Covington Ct	\$65,000	
17860 Cranbrook Dr	\$770,000	
445 East St	\$685,000	
40160 Fairway III Rd	\$375,000	
44138 Greenview Ln	\$553,000	
19677 Ironwood Ct	\$123,000	
17637 Rolling Woods Cir	\$587,000	
46250 W Main St	\$689,000	
PLYMOUTH		
885 Church St	\$165,000	
50431 Elmwood Ct	\$395,000	
8986 Hackberry Ave	\$190,000	
42005 Micol Dr	\$140,000	
671 N Evergreen St	\$679,000	
11535 Parkway Dr	\$187,000	

212 Pinewood Dr	\$100,000	
434 Provincetown Ln	\$229,000	
REDFORD		
25273 S Mile Rd	\$30,000	
5716 Biennyw	\$85,000	
13968 Bernese Ave	\$55,000	
16867 Brady	\$20,000	
20503 Centralia	\$42,000	
15543 Delaware Ave	\$86,000	
9536 Garfield	\$86,000	
20045 Indian	\$52,000	
14049 Lucerne	\$79,000	
12730 Nathalime	\$89,000	
3632 Seminole	\$56,000	
11792 Tecumseh	\$90,000	
15659 Wakenden	\$65,000	
17388 Wakenden	\$53,000	
WAYNE		
4000 Hayes St	\$55,000	
25273 S Mile Rd	\$30,000	
35828 Hubbard St	\$75,000	
WESTLAND		
31460 Ann Arbor Trl	\$75,000	
202 Fischer Dr	\$210,000	
27940 Hanover Blvd	\$4,000	
635 N Karle St	\$55,000	
36272 Oregon Ave	\$90,000	
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RELIGION CALENDAR

FEBRUARY AUCTION

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14

Location: Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road, Westland

Details: Auction supports Concordia Lutheran School. Tickets are \$30 per person or \$270 for a table of 10 and includes appetizer, dinner, desserts, drinks and auction. Deadline is Feb. 8. Order by calling 248-474-2488 or 313-937-2233.

Contact: Laura Goodman at 313-937-2233

BIBLE SEMINAR

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

Location: Plymouth Seventh-day Adventist church, 4295 Napier, south of Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: The free seminar looks at the book of Daniel. Includes details of the "Daniel Diet" that has been thought to provide protection against heart disease, diabetes and other illnesses. Study guides available for all participants. Bring your own Bible or use one available at the seminar

Contact: 734-455-3580

BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 21

Location: St. Theodore social hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: French toast, pancakes, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, milk, juice. Cost is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children, ages 2-10

Contact: 734-425-4421

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 gently-used turtleneck tops. Contact the church to arrange additional drop-off times

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

FAMILY FUN DAY

Time/Date: 3-6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27

Location: Unity of Livonia,

28660 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Games, prizes and special activities for kids, including a bounce house. Chair massages, chiropractic screening and a talk on health and wellness for adults. Sponsored by Applied Modern Health Chiropractic

Contact: 734-421-1760

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 Archangel, 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

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 bereavement organization co-founded by John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy, leads the sessions. For more information and registration details visit goodmourningministry.net or call the church

Contact: 734-261-1455, www.livoniastmichael.org

GUEST SPEAKER

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 21

Location: The Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington, 25301 Halsted, Farmington Hills

Details: Willie W. Payne, historian and author, will present a multi-media lecture on "Underground Railroad Michigan Connection." He will use music and photos of local Underground Railroad stops to narrate stories and describe places used to harbor runaway slaves. He will discuss how slave work songs and spirituals were used to communicate escape plans and how these songs also influenced blues, jazz and other music

Contact: 248-478-7272

LENTE DISCIPLINES

Time/Date: 10:10-11 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 14-March 20 and 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17-March 16

Location: Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. Sunday series is held in the refectory; Wednesdays in the St. Andrew's room

Details: Sunday morning series explores the meaning of Lent. Wednesday sessions focus on Richard Foster's Celebration of Discipline

Contact: 248-626-2515, ext. 117

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Feb. 20

Location: St. Michael Lutheran School, 3003 Hannan, Wayne

Details: Take a guided tour of the school, meet with teachers, and learn more about Christian education for preschool-eight grade. The school offers licensed latchkey, and bus service for resident of Wayne and Westland schools

Contact: 734-728-3315; stmichaellutheran.org

VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER-DANCE

Time/Date: 7-11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13

Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran 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 bereavement camp for kids, ages 6-17. Tickets are \$20 per person and available at the church office

Contact: 248-553-3380

VENDOR SPACE

Location: St. Mel's Catholic Church, 7506 Inkster Road, north of Warren Road, Dearborn Heights

Details: Vendor and craft tables are \$35 for the 2016 Spring Charity Craft & Vendor Show, which runs 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, May 14, at the church. Event includes bake sale, raffle, 50/50, with proceeds benefiting veterans and their families. See the Otto Miller Jr Auxiliary Unit 396 Garden City, MI Craft & Vendor Shows Facebook page to view the contract

Contact: AmericanLegionAux396craftshow@yahoo.com

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

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

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township

Details: Scripture study

Contact: 313-534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel Parish
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursday, through May

Location: 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Gary Michuta, author

and Catholic apologist, leads a study of Isaiah. Bring your own Bible

Contact: 734-261-1455, ext 200 or on line at www.livoniastmichael.org.

Faith Community Wesleyan
Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. every Saturday

Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia

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

Contact: pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

EXERCISE

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

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

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

Contact: 313-408-3364

FAMILY MEAL

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

Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiwasssee, Farmington Hills

Details: Free meal

Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

HEALING SERVICE

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

Location: The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia

Details: The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Offertory candles are available for a free will offering in the vestibule of the church.

Contact: Rev. George Shalhoub at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey Badeen at sbadeen@tbosm.com

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

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

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

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays

Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

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

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

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday

Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

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

Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

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

Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows

Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1223

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St. Michael Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday

Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.

Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

Recycling

RISEN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. third Saturday of the month

Location: 46250 Ann Arbor Road, between Sheldon and Beck roads, Plymouth

Details: Recycle your cell phones, laser cartridges, inkjet cartridges, laptops, iPads, iPads, tablets, eReaders on the third Saturday of each month. Use the doors on east side of church.

Contact: Lynn Hapman at 734-466-9023

SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach
Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304

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

Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org

Steve's Family Restaurant

Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday

Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 14 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.

Contact: 313-534-0399

SONG CIRCLE

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

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

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

Contact: 248-737-1931 or email nancyellen879@att.net.

SUPPORT

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

Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act.

Contact: 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

Connection Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday

Location: 3855 Sheldon, Canton

Details: Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery for all hurts, habits and hang-ups. Child care is available for free

Contact: Jonathan@Connectionchurch.info or 248-787-5009

Detroit World Outreach

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

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202

Details: Addition No More offers support for addictive behavior problems

Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

Farmington Hills Baptist Church

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August

Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills

Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group

Contact: 248-433-1011

Merriman Road Baptist Church

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

Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City

Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations

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

Fireside Church of God

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

Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Fireside Adult Day Ministry activity-based program for dependent adults, specializing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center

Contact: 734-855-4056 or 734-464-0990; www.firesidechog.org; or email to adm@firesidechog.org

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BRECKELS, FRANCES C. DULAC

Age 90, went to see her maker Friday, February 5, 2016 in Gainesville, Florida. Frances was born in Detroit, Michigan on January 19, 1926. She was preceded in death by her husband, Loren; and son, Mark. She is survived by her children, Michael, Jonathan (Charlene), Ann Marie (Ronald), Christopher (Elena), and Susan (Marty); six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. A Memorial Service will be held at a later time. In lieu of flowers, those who wish may make memorials to Haven Hospice, 4200 NW 90th Blvd., Gainesville, FL 32606. Please visit her memorial page at www.williamsthomashome.com. Further information, (352)376-7556.

BRUCE, BETTY IRENE

of Avon Park, Florida died February 5, 2016 at the age of 91. A native of Chaumont, New York she had lived in Avon Park since 1989. She was a member of Florida Avenue Baptist Church, Avon Park Lakes Association and formerly with the Sweet Adelines. She was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Eston F. Bruce and son, David Bruce. She is survived by her son, Stephen (Mary Ann) Bruce, Plymouth, MI; daughter-in-law, Cindy Bruce, Avon Park, FL; three grandchildren, James, Bethany and Scott. A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at Florida Avenue Baptist Church, Avon Park, FL. Arrangements with Fountain Funeral Home, Avon Park, FL.

McCOMBS KRISTI (NEE HOLT)

Age 67 of Canton, Michigan passed away February 6, 2016. Born September 17, 1948 to the late Richard and Dorothy Holt. Beloved wife of nearly forty years to the late Gary B. McCombs. Devoted mom of Gary (Kristin). Loving mom and best friend of Kelli McCombs. Caring grandma of Noah and Riley. Dear sister of Richard (Carole) Holt. Kristi is also survived by her adored dog Faith and many cousins, nieces, nephews and close friends. Kristi was a strong, amazing, courageous and loving soul who lived for her family. Her infectious smile and personality lit up the world around her (thus her nickname Sunshine). She will be greatly missed. "Nature's first green is gold, Her hardest hue to hold. Her early leaf's a flower. But only so an hour. Then leaf subsides to leaf. So Eden sank to grief. So dawn goes down to day. Nothing gold can stay." ~ Robert Frost. Visitation Thursday, February 11, 1pm - 8pm with her Funeral Service 6 pm at McCabe Funeral Home: Canton Chapel, 851 N. Canton Center Rd., Canton. Private family entombment ceremony Friday at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock. In lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society in her name. www.mccabefuneralhome.com



MOTE, DR. HENRY "BUD" RAYMOND JR.

Age 77 passed away February 6, 2016. Loving husband of Gayl for 56 years. Caring father of Jeffrey, Andrew (Anne), and David Mote. Cherished grandfather of Shelby, Michael, and Lillian. Bud graduated from Redford Union in 1956. He was able to attend the University of Michigan (from which he graduated in 1960) after receiving the Evans Scholarship. Bud continued his education at the University of Detroit Mercy graduating in 1964 with a Doctorate in Dentistry. He was also a member of the Sigma Delta Fraternity at U of D. Bud retired from dentistry after 38 years of dedication. He had many joys in life: visiting Drummond Island with his family was one of them. Services were held at McCabe Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions may be made to the Evans Scholar Foundation in his name. www.mccabefuneralhome.com



Farmington film festival aims to inspire

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

"Prelude" from Bach's Suite for Solo Cello no. 1 in G major has never sounded sweeter than when it's played on garbage.

In a teaser for "Landfill Harmonic," a documentary about a Paraguayan youth orchestra, a 19-year-old cellist shows his instrument made of an oil can and old tools once used for tenderizing beef and making gnocchi - all parts recycled from a landfill - before he launches into the soulful Bach solo.

"Landfill Harmonic," which tells the story of the Recycled Orchestra of Cateura, is among the inspiring films that will screen next month at the Greater Farmington Film Festival.

It's also one of Festival Director Dwayne Hayes' favorite documentaries at this year's event.

"It's about a community that is recycling or taking garbage and turning it into instruments and creating a small orchestra and touring with it. It's incredibly inspiring, what they are doing."

"It's one of my favorite films," Hayes said, adding "I think they are all fantastic."

Inspiration is among the goals of this third annual film festival, which will run March 3-6 in various locations in Farmington and Farmington Hills.

kickStart, a Farmington Hills-based nonprofit, created the event to show documentaries and feature films that not only tell stories but motivate viewers. Each film will be paired with a non-profit organization. A representative from the group will talk to the audience about the work they do. Nonprofits also will be listed on the film festival website.

"If you're inspired about that issue, you can contribute," Hayes said. "The films we present deal with contemporary social issues and they usually are presented in some way that is inspiring and positive and that makes you want to be motivated to action."

Doubling attendance

Hayes said kickStart created the event to give the Farmington/Farmington Hills community an opportunity to see inspiring new films that have not been screened widely in the Detroit area. He said about half of the audience is from outside of the Farmington area.

"We've brought people in from all over...Detroit, Rochester, south of Dearborn."

Approximately 1,000 film lovers attended the event last year, more than double from the previous year. The festival organizing committee increased the screenings from seven to eight this year and added a new venue, The Riviera Cinema in Farmington Hills.

OTHER FESTIVAL FILMS

» **"The Hunting Ground,"** a documentary directed by Kirby Dick, uses first-person testimonies and expert insights to explore the issue of rape on college campuses. Screens at 7 p.m. March 4, at the Farmington Civic Theater in downtown Farmington.

» **"The Judgment"** is a drama in Bulgarian with English subtitles. Its story centers on a desperate man who, after losing his wife, his work, and the confidence of his son, starts smuggling illegal Syrian immigrants into Bulgaria. Screens at 9:15 p.m. March 4 at the Farmington Civic Theater.

» **"Prescription Thugs"** looks at the growing epidemic of prescription drug use. Director Chris Bell includes experts on the nature of addiction, survivors with first-hand accounts of their struggle, and whistleblowers who testify to the dollar-driven aims of pharmaceutical corporations in this documentary. Screens at 3 p.m. March 5, at The Riviera Cinema.

» **"Landfill Harmonic,"** about the Recycled Orchestra of Cateura screens at 7 p.m. March 5, at the Farmington Civic Theater.

» **"Under the Same Sun"** is a drama in Hindi with English subtitles. The film tells the story of Karim, an injured fugitive, who is welcomed like a beloved brother by three orphaned boys in a remote Rajasthani oasis of Hindu and Muslim harmony. Their simple human kindness disrupts the smooth and certain arc of Karim's mission and threatens his very identity. Screens at 9:15 p.m. March 5.

» **"A Month of Sundays,"** tells the story of Frank Mollard, who receives a call from an elderly woman, mistaking him for her son. He is thrown into the woman's life and surprises himself by developing a close bond with her. The relationship inspires him to reconnect with individuals he had neglected. Screens at 1 p.m. March 6, at the Holocaust Memorial Center, Farmington Hills.

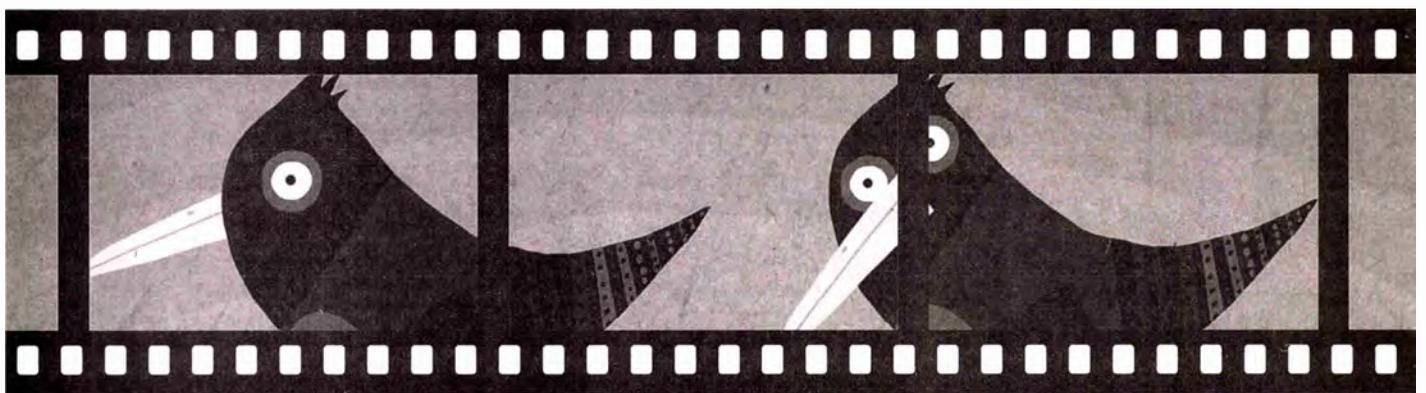
A free preview party will include a silent auction, film trailers, a cash bar, food and live music, 7-10 p.m. Feb. 18, at The Riviera Cinema, 30170 Grand River Ave.

Festival tickets are \$5 per film or \$30 for seven films. "The Best of the New York International Children's Film Festival," which will be shown at 10:30 a.m. March 5, at the Farmington Civic Theater, is free. Buy festival tickets at gffilmfest.com.

"How to Let Go of the World and Love All the Things Climate Can't Change" kicks off the festival at 7:30 p.m. March 3, at Smith Theatre on the Oakland Community College campus, located on Orchard Lake Road, just south of I-696. Josh Fox, whose documentary, "Gasland," was nominated for an Academy Award, directed the film, which looks at communities in 12 countries around the world facing grave effects of climate change.

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Meet the Boogie Woogie Kid Trio at Jazz@The Elks series

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Staff Writer

Matthew Ball will bring a new twist to his boogie woogie piano show this month when he performs at the Jazz@The Elks music series in Plymouth.

Ball, an attorney-turned-performer, is adding a drummer and a singer into the mix, creating the Boogie Woogie Kid Trio.

"I'm doing a couple of new things outside the realm of what I've been doing. The trio is a new project for 2016," said Ball, a Clawson resident who performs as the Motor City Boogie Woogie Kid. "The other is a ragtime to rock and roll show with four pianists including myself. We've done it twice so far and it was a huge hit."

"The trio is an expansion of what I'm already doing. There are many pieces of music I play that are songs, but I perform as an instrumentalist."

Emma-Lee Aboukasm, 19,

will add her voice to Ball's repertoire, which includes American favorites from the 1920s-40s. Aboukasm is the 2014 winner of The Detroit Youth Vocalist Jazz Competition, and was a finalist in The International Sarah Vaughan Vocal Jazz Competition. She studies music performance at the University of Michigan and just released her debut album, "Rise to It."

Sean Nasrey, a self-taught drummer who performs throughout the metro area, completes the trio.

Lawyer, pianist

Ball studied music and history, obtaining degrees in each, at Oakland University. The classically-trained pianist won the award for outstanding student in piano performance while at OU and performed overseas on a scholarship. He earned a law degree at the University of Detroit and worked as an attorney for several years. He left the legal



Matthew Ball, the Motor City Boogie Woogie Kid, performs Feb. 23 at the Jazz@the Elks series in Plymouth.

field after attending a boogie woogie festival in 2001 and never looked back. Today he teaches piano and performs throughout Michigan and online.

"I have 3 million views across 300 videos," he said, describing his presence on YouTube. He also has recorded three CDs which he'll have at the concert in Plymouth.

His shows include boogie woogie arrangements of such songs as "Swanee River" and "Waltzing Matilda," as well as ragtime tunes.

Ball said he is drawn to boogie woogie by its mass appeal.

"Boogie woogie is a niche of the whole jazz spectrum that has a unique ability to move and interest anyone from two years old to 80 years old. I don't think modern jazz art form can stake that claim."

"It's fun, upbeat and enjoyable music. It makes people tap along with their toes. I love it."

The Jazz@The Elks concert starts at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23, at the Plymouth-Ann Arbor Elks Lodge #325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Admission is \$10 and includes hor d'oeuvres. Call 734-453-1780 for more information.

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BERRY CHOCOLATE LOAF WITH GLAZE

Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 35 minutes
Serves: 14

4 cups all-purpose unbleached flour
2 envelopes Fleischmann's RapidRise Yeast
1/2 cup sugar
1 teaspoon salt
1 1/4 cups milk
4 tablespoons butter
2 eggs
1 package (5 ounces) Sunsweet Dried Cherries or Amaz!n Berry Blend
3 ounces chopped bittersweet or semi-sweet chocolate
1/2 cup coarsely chopped nuts, optional
Glaze
1 1/2 cups powdered sugar
1/4 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
2 1/2 to 3 tablespoons very hot water

Preheat oven to 325°F. Combine 2 cups flour, undissolved yeast, sugar and salt in a large mixing bowl. Heat milk and butter until very warm (120° to 130°F). Add to flour mixture with eggs and beat on medium speed with electric mixer until smooth and elastic, about 3 minutes. Gradually stir in remaining flour. Add dried fruit, chocolate and nuts (if desired).

Spread batter in two greased 8 1/2-by-4 1/2-inch loaf pans, filling each half full. Let rise in a warm, draft-free place until nearly doubled, about 1 hour. Bake for 35 to 40 minutes or until golden brown. Place on cooling rack. Cool for 10 minutes and remove from pan. Cool 20 minutes on wire rack. Combine glaze ingredients and drizzle over warm bread and continue to cool.

Nutritional information: Calories per serving 268, fat 6g, cholesterol 38mg, sodium 76mg, carbohydrates 50g, fiber 1.5g, sugar 23g, protein 6g

With the day of love not far away, it's the perfect time to consider all of the ways that you can share sweet indulgences with your nearest and dearest. This Valentine's Day, try some new, delicious ways to give the gift of decadent chocolate.

Whether you make a treat from scratch or simply fill a gift basket with a chocolate indulgence, you don't have to skimp on good health – especially as dark chocolate has risen in popularity and become a Valentine's Day favorite. These gift-worthy recipes from Sunsweet feature craveable chocolate to share with those you love most.

Courtesy of Family Features



SLENDER BLONDIE BROWNIES WITH PEANUTS, CHOCOLATE CHIPS, AND PRUNES

Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 30 minutes
Serves: 12

Nonstick cooking spray
1/4 cup white whole wheat flour
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup canola oil
1/2 cup packed light or dark brown sugar
2 egg whites
1 tablespoon vanilla extract
1/2 cup chopped pitted prunes
1/4 cup peanuts
1/4 cup bittersweet chocolate morsels

Preheat oven to 350°F. Coat a 9-inch-square pan with cooking spray. Sift the flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt onto a piece of waxed paper or aluminum foil. Set aside. In a large bowl, beat the oil and sugar until smooth, 1 to 2 minutes. Mix in the egg whites and vanilla. With a wooden spoon, stir in the flour mixture until just combined. Fold in the prunes, walnuts and chocolate morsels. Spread the batter in the pan. Bake 25 to 30 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted in the center comes out clean or with moist-looking crumbs. Cool 5 minutes in the pan, then turn out onto a wire rack to cool completely. Cut into 12 pieces and store in an airtight container for up to 5 days.

Nutritional information: Calories per serving 169, fat 7.2g, cholesterol 0mg, sodium 81mg, carbohydrates 25g, fiber 1g



CHOCOLATE HAZELNUT BISCOTTI

Prep time: 30 minutes
Cook time: 50 minutes
Serves: 30

1 cup Sunsweet Amaz!n Diced Prunes
1/4 cup whole hazelnuts
2 cups whole wheat pastry flour
1/2 cup cocoa powder
1 teaspoon instant espresso powder
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup unsalted butter, at room temperature
1 cup sugar
2 eggs, large
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/2 cup bittersweet chocolate chunks

In a bowl, soak the Amaz!ns in warm tap water for 5 minutes. Drain well.

Preheat oven to 350°F. Toast the hazelnuts until lightly fragrant, about 10 minutes. Rub the hazelnuts between a dishtowel to remove some of the skins (it's not necessary to remove all skins). Using the back of a sauté pan, crush the hazelnuts until some but not all of the nuts are cracked in half or in quarters.

In a separate bowl, whisk together the flour, cocoa powder, instant espresso powder, baking powder and salt. In a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, cream the butter and sugar. Beat in the eggs one at a time, then add the vanilla extract. With the mixer on low speed, add the flour mixture in three stages, mixing briefly in between each addition. Mix in the Amaz!ns, chocolate and hazelnuts until just incorporated. Let rest for 20 minutes to allow the flour to hydrate; this helps alleviate some of the dough's stickiness.

Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Turn the dough out onto a lightly floured surface and divide in half (each half will be about 525 grams). Shape each half into a log about 2 inches wide and nearly 13 inches long. Transfer to the prepared baking sheet. Brush the tops of the loaves with the beaten egg white.

Bake the loaves for 35 minutes or until firm on top but before the bottoms darken too much, then transfer to cooling racks. Lower the oven temperature to 300°F. Once the logs have cooled to a warm room temperature (after at least 30 minutes), use a serrated knife to cut the logs on a bias into 3/4-inch-thick biscotti. Place the biscotti on the baking sheet and bake for 5 to 7 minutes or until lightly golden brown. Working quickly to avoid burning your fingers, flip the biscotti over and bake for 5 to 7 more minutes.

Nutritional information: Calories per serving 132, fat 6.5g, cholesterol 20mg, sodium 43mg, carbohydrates 18g, fiber 2.5g, sugar 9g, protein 2.5g



GLUTEN-FREE CHOCOLATE NUT COOKIES

Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 15 minutes
Serves: 24

1/2 cup walnuts, lightly toasted
1/2 cup hazelnuts, lightly toasted
1/2 teaspoon salt
4 ounces bittersweet chocolate
2 egg whites, at room temperature
1/4 cup sugar
1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar
1/4 cup Sunsweet Amaz!n Diced Prunes

In a food processor, grind the walnuts, hazelnuts and salt into a coarse meal (do not over process). Melt the chocolate in a heat-proof bowl over a pot of barely simmering water, ensuring that the bowl doesn't touch the water. Alternatively, microwave the chocolate at half power for about 2 minutes. Cool slightly. Preheat oven to 350°F. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper.

In a stand mixer fitted with a whisk attachment, whip the egg whites, sugar and cream of tartar until the whites hold stiff peaks when the whisk is removed from the bowl, about 2 minutes. Gently fold the chocolate and nuts into the egg whites until the batter is uniform, then fold in the Amaz!ns. Using a 2-tablespoon ice cream scoop or a spoon, portion the batter onto the prepared baking sheets (Each cookie will weigh about 35 grams). Bake until firm on the outside but still soft in the center, about 12 minutes.

Nutritional information: Calories per serving 7, fat 5g, cholesterol 3mg, sodium 24mg, carbohydrates 7.5g, fiber 1.5g, sugar 4.5g, protein 1.5g



PLUMSWEETS MASON JAR TRAIL MIX

Prep time: 5 minutes
Serves: 4

1 cup almonds
1 cup pepitas (green pumpkin seeds)
1 cup large unsweetened coconut flakes
1 cup favorite whole grain cereal (such as puffed brown rice)
1 cup Sunsweet PlumSweets (use PlumSweets dark chocolate or Greek style)

Combine all ingredients in a bowl. Spoon mixture into mason jars. Makes a perfect gift.

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