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Westland assessments up 9.7 percent

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Westland homeowners can expect to see an average 9.7 percent rise in property values when assessment notices arrive at the end of the month.

But that doesn't mean residents will be seeing that type of increase on their tax bills.

"Without a transfer or improvement the taxable value is based on the rate of

inflation which is .3 percent," Westland Mayor William Wild said. "As property values come back, the taxable values are held to the rate of inflation or 5 percent, whichever is less."

That's good news for homeowners — it means the price for which they should be able to sell their homes is increasing. But



Wild

thanks to Proposal A, the amount their property taxes rise are capped. Those property taxes are uncapped only if the property is sold or improvements such as an additional take place.

"Move-in ready, nicer houses seem to go very fast. The bank-owned houses may take a little longer to sell," said Jennifer Hoover, a real estate agent with Century 21 Dynamic in Westland. "The prices are going up from last year, 5 to 10 percent in some areas."

Selling homes in Garden City, Wayne, Livonia and Redford also, Hoover said she is seeing the same trends in those communities.

For the city, that means a major revenue source will be flat for the 2016-17 fiscal year.

"As part of our budget, we anticipated a 2-percent increase (in taxable values)," Wild said. "New homes will

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A before photo of Rob Gomez's 1951 Ford pickup which was abandoned in a Texas field.



Rob Gomez found his 1951 Ford pickup rusting and abandoned in a field in Texas.

Westland men take trucks to Autorama

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

For two Westland men competing in Autorama, it's a tale of two trucks — both award-winning, but on different paths.

Rob Gomez started with a rusted-out abandoned 1951 Ford F100 pickup truck and spent five years restoring it.

Bill McGlockin bought his 1999 Ford pickup with its custom paint new and has spent the intervening years adding chrome, metal and new lights.

"I'm not trying to brag but I always get first-place at shows," Gomez said. "I got the truck from Po-teet, Texas. I got it from a relative. My dad had a 1950 pickup and I wanted to have one like him."

The rusty shell of a truck was sitting in a field, "U.S. Army" still visible on the door. Gomez said it's the first vehicle he restored and he did all the work but the motor and drive train. It took him a year to get started after acquiring the truck.

"I'm a portable welder. That's



Bill McGlockin of Westland bought his 1999 Ford F-150 when it was new and has continually made custom upgrades.

why I'm good with fabrication — I do it all day," Gomez said. "It took four or five years to do the restoration. I did most of it myself — it took forever."

In restoring his truck, Gomez wanted to credit Derek Cooke and Faris Abdallah of S&A Auto Colli-

sion/Banks Auto Sales in Wayne for their help working on the truck.

"We replaced the fender and door, a full exterior buff job and detailed it," Cooke said.

When the weather is nice, Gomez said he drives the truck the truck daily. "I get in and go. I go to car cruises and do a lot of local car shows," he said. "I've put 1,000 miles on it — the last couple of years have been bad with rain."

The truck restoration project was done for his daughter Gracie, 10, who attends Wildwood Elementary School, he said. His next project is restoring a 1955 Chevrolet Bel Air two-door that will have a black-and-white body with a white top.

"You can always buy one (a vintage vehicle). It has a lot more sentimental value if you do it yourself. You can't put a price on what you built," Gomez said. "It's a party when you are done. I won't do a truck again — there are too many parts. It's like there is two of every-

thing." See TRUCKS, Page A2

Facade improvement grants offered by Wayne Main Street

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

The application process for a facade incentive grant is open for Wayne business owners just as one property is close to wrapping up its improvements through the Main Street Program.

"It was good. We're almost done with it. They're finishing the final touches — it went real good," said Paul Visingardi, whose building at 3032 S. Wayne Road has a new facade. "Inside was in pretty fixed up. It was a lawyer's office. I have

it for lease." Buildings located within the Main Street district are eligible for the facade incentive program. The funding cycle begins Jan. 1 each year and \$20,000 in funding is available.

Grants are awarded on a first-approved, first-funded basis. The grant offers a 50-percent reimbursement grant with a maximum of \$10,000 per project.

An informational meeting for busi-

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This building on South Wayne Road got a facade facelift (at right) helped by a Wayne Main Street facade improvement incentive grant.



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help us with the new taxable value and redevelopment in the community. That's where we will look for a tax base increase — new homes in coming years.”

With Westland nearly 80 percent built up, Westland the city many have to consider some zoning changes to precipitate new building. The city has a zoning and planning Master Plan update expected to get underway this year.

Westland's commercial properties are seeing an average assessed value increase of 1.4 percent while industrial property values are up an average of 10.4 percent.

“Our industrial prop-

erty is about full right now — there isn't a lot to offer there,” Wild said. “Buildings got cheap and got bought up.”

Property owners who wish to challenge their assessments can make their case to the annual Board of Appeals. This year the board will meet from 1-9 p.m. on March 14; 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, March 15-16; and consider mailed appeals 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, March 17. Appeals are heard by appointment only. Call 734-467-3160 for an appointment.

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TRUCKS

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'Had to have it'

McGlocklin's 1999 Ford had a custom's 1999 Ford had a specialty paint shop in Shreveport, Louisiana. He spotted it at Jeram-Duncan Ford.

“I was looking for a truck. They said they had a nice one in the back. It was love at first sight — I had to have it,” said McGlocklin, who paid \$37,000 for the truck. “As I walked up, it was a neat color combination. I thought they did a nice job with the decals but it wasn't decals — it was paint. Every color is a factory color for that year.”

Like Gomez, McGlocklin stores his truck during the winter. “In the summer, I drive the wheels off it. I'll go to three shows a week,” he said. “I'm constantly out of town. It's a working truck — I haul stuff in it.”

That includes earning two first-place finishes and one second-place during five visits to Carlisle, Pennsylvania truck nationals.

“I have 160 trophies, from 6 feet to 1-foot tall. I do quite well and enjoy it.



At far left, A custom-made steering wheel matches wheel holders and dash trim on a 1999 Ford pickup. At left, the interior of the 1951 Ford pickup is simple and clean.



Front-end detail on Rob Gomez's 1951 Ford pickup.



The front end of this 1999 pickup has a Lincoln grille and custom lights. The bumpers are chromed.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Someone will come up with a newer brighter idea,” said McGlocklin, a City of Detroit Transportation Department retiree.

Over the years, McGlocklin has spent a lot of money and time on custom upgrades to the truck. That includes the custom steering wheel, the chrome caps on engine fluid openings, a Lincoln-style front grill,

painting the door handle, a leather hood liner and LED headlights, which McGlocklin is getting ready to switch out with newer tarp.

Under a tarp in his garage, McGlocklin has a 2010 Mercury Milan as an upcoming project. But what he said he is really looking for is a 1941 Ford pickup for his wife.

“I'll make it happen for her as soon as I find it.

She's been in my corner,” McGlocklin said.

In its 64th year, Autorama is the largest and one of the oldest hot rod/custom car shows in the other country. It's taking place at Cobo Arena in Detroit Friday through Sunday, Feb. 26-28.

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ness and building owners was held earlier this month with a presentation by Wayne Main Street Executive Director Lindsey Wooten.

The grant program was created to encourage private investment in historic facades by providing financial incentives. Historically sensitive rehabilitation and dramatic improvement of facades in downtown Wayne will encourage good design that will serve as quality examples to preserve the architectural character

that is distinctive to Wayne, said Wooten.

“By improving the appearance of the building facades, the program helps to improve the economic viability of the downtown,” Wooten said.

Visingardi, owner of Vizzy's Pizza, has a second building that was formerly a hair salon located next to 3023 S. Wayne Road, which is also vacant. Those buildings are on the east side of Wayne Road just south of Glenwood. Nearby, the Dairy Queen and Helium Studios both have had facade improvements.

“I have had the building 15 years. It needed a facade improvement,” Visingardi said. “She

(Wooten) was very helpful. There are a few touches left — some signs and lights will be going up.”

There is also a free design services program which business and building owners can use independently of the facade program or in combination with the incentive grant.

Wayne Main Street Facade Incentive Grant guidelines and applications are available at the Wayne Main Street office inside the Wayne Historical Museum, 1 Town Square, or can be downloaded from <http://downtownwayne.org/business/grant/>.

For more information,

contact Wooten at 734-629-6822 or visit during open office hours from noon to 3 p.m. Wednesdays and 4-7 p.m. Thursdays.

Wayne Main Street, a Michigan Main Street program, is a nonprofit 501(C)(3) organization working as a positive force working with the community, business and property owners to preserve, enhance, and promote the historic downtown as a vibrant destination for residents.

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Young Lakers help fill food pantry shelves

Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Steve Frigerio and his players know there are folks going hungry around the area, so they did something about it.

Frigerio, who coaches the 7-8 Grade Lakers youth basketball team in the Garden City Youth Athletic Association, and his team recently handed the Garden City food bank more than 100 pounds of food collected by players and parents.

It's the second year Frigerio and the Lakers have done the food drive. "I was looking for a

foundation I could support in the city," Frigerio said of the original idea.

Nine players for the Lakers got involved in collecting the food, from a variety of sources. Some raided their own cupboards or bought extra food at the store. Others went door-to-door collecting. Some were simply donated by friends, family and neighbors.

However it was collected, the team delivered more than 100 pounds of not only food, but health care items and toiletries to the pantry, housed in the Maplewood Center.

"I think charity is important," said 12-year-old player Max Messner. "Giving back to the community is good."

Thus far, the Lakers are the only team contributing, but Frigerio said he's trying to get other teams from the six-team league to help.

"Eventually, I'd like to see the whole league get involved," Frigerio said. "It's a good way to show my kids that helping other people is more important even than the basketball."

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BRAD KADRICH

Helping out with the 7-8 Grade Lakers food drive were (front, from left) Danielle Rodgers, Derrek Burns, Max Messner, Donald Wlodyka, Jake Vermilye and Sean Smith, and (back, from left) Christine Messner, David Burns, Steve Frigerio, Scott Rodgers, Cam Smith and Randy Vermilye.

Chevelle owner's childhood dream comes to Autorama

Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Donny Spears of Canton has fond childhood memories of trips his family made to Autorama, where he marveled over hot rods and custom cars that seemed far beyond a young boy's reach.

He saw it as an elite club, out of his league. Not anymore.

Spears, 43, has been chosen to show his ruby red 1972 Chevy Chevelle when the 64th Detroit Autorama roars into Cobo Center Feb. 26-28.

"I'm super-excited about it," he said. "I've never done anything like this."

Spears, a crane operator and married father of three, bought his Chevelle for \$7,000 three years ago in Oakland County after he saw a Craigslist ad.

"It was going to be a race car. It had a roll cage in it," he said. "I cut that out and restored it from the ground up."

Another \$20,000 later and his Chevelle is among a select group of 800 top-tier cars chosen for what is billed as America's Greatest Hot Rod Show — the biggest and one of the oldest of its kind in the country.

"I think this means a lot to him," Abby Spears said of her husband. "It's like being a kid again."

He will have company at Autorama, too. His brother Ricky Spears will be showing his 1965 Buick Riviera and his cousin Dennis Spears — both of Garden City — will display his 1967 Chevrolet Camaro. And a friend, Rob Gomez of Westland, is showing his 1951 Ford pickup truck.

Donny Spears and his three brothers grew up around muscle cars. He recalls a 1970 Plymouth Road Runner their late father, Larry Spears, had.

"We're from a muscle car family," he said. "My whole family had Chevilles and Camaros."

Aside from his Chevelle, Spears also has a 1955 Ford Customline and a 1955 Mercury.

With a little help from his friends and family, Spears worked tirelessly for six months to restore his Chevelle. It has a 408 cubic inch motor and comes with its SS ghost stripes — closely matching the car's color — on the hood and trunk lid.

Spears has taken his car to various shows and has driven it during events such as the Woodward Dream Cruise.

"I think it's a great hobby for him," his wife said.

Spears said his Chevelle was chosen for Autorama after he submitted a portfolio, including pictures and background information about it.

This year, he will return again to a place where, as a young boy, he was in awe of the cars he saw on this display. This time, though, he's part of the show.

Autorama hours are noon to 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28.

"It was going to be a race car. It had a roll cage in it. I cut that out and restored it from the ground up."

DONNY SPEARS,
Chevelle owner

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Donny Spears, who used to visit Autorama as a child, will be in the show this year for the first time with his 1972 Chevy Chevelle.

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Firefighters practice ice rescues at Madonna

David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Jumping into a frigid, cold St. Francis Pond at Madonna University is Karen Sanborn's way of connecting to the university and her family.

Sanborn, the university's director of marketing, donned a yellow suit Friday morning to keep warm before jumping into the pond as a part of a training exercise done by the Livonia Fire Department, an agency she has high respect for.

"I grew up with a grandfather who was a fire chief and an uncle who was a fire chief and a lot of cousins," she said. "I really respect what they do. So part of it was just to get exposure for their training. They're prepared for anything."

Firefighters were at the Livonia university all week preparing to train on saving people who may fall into the area's icy waters, be it in a small pond or Newburgh Lake. Lt. Matt Ream of the Livonia



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Karen Sanborn, director of marketing for Madonna University, floats Friday in St. Francis Pond as two Livonia firefighters complete a training exercise designed to teach them how to rescue people stuck in cold water.

Fire Department said the work done at Madonna was something the department always does when temperatures dip below freezing. Friday was no exception with the weather, with temperatures leaving a thick sheet of ice over the pond.

"This is our annual ice water rescue training," he said. "It's a refresher that all of our personnel go through except

added this year was a new piece of equipment, the MAR-SARS rescue sled."

Firefighters first went out and cut a hole in the middle of the pond where the depth was about 6 feet. Sanborn was then led out to the middle of the pond before jumping into the water, floating with the help of her water suit. She was helped out of the waters by firefighters and placed on the sled. She

was then pulled to safety.

Low frequency, high risk

Sanborn said Paul DeNapoli, the director of the university's fire science, emergency management and OSEH program, was instrumental in getting her out in the pond.

With so few bodies of water in Livonia, Sanborn said the university was pleased to showcase its staff and space to help train the city's firefighters.

"It's about education and service, which are core values at Madonna. And it's about a great partnership we have with Livonia Fire and Rescue," she said. "We're happy to be able to offer a place for their training."

The efforts are done to ensure safety for not only areas around Livonia, but across western Wayne County: several firefighters are a part of the Western Wayne County Urban Search and Rescue Team, which are sometimes used in other communities as well if

called.

During the training, firefighters always have some sort of security line to be able to bring them back to shore if needed.

"When you're a rescuer, you're on a tag line attached to that board which is attached to land," fire department engineer Nathan Lee said. "We're always trained to some shore-based system."

It's training that the fire department admits isn't used often in Livonia, but still important if someone, perhaps ice fishing or skating on a body of water like Newburgh Lake, were to fall in and need help.

"Part of our job is being prepared for these low-frequency, high-risk events," Ream said. "The only way to do that is to try and recreate them in some way."

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GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

Fraud

On Feb. 9, a Garden City man told police that he had been contacted by collection agency regarding over \$1,000 owed to a Verizon wireless store. The collection agency had the last three digits of his Social Security number and his name.

The purchases were made in July, he said, with an account address in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Larceny

A resident of an apartment at 28833 Pardo told police Feb. 14 that her former roommate had stolen \$72, which she had hidden in her bedroom closet. She said that he had already stolen \$400 which she had given him toward the rent.

Because the former roommate had left, she said he blocked all attempts to call

him. The officer left a message on his cell phone after he reported being hung up on during the first call.

Fraud

On Feb. 12, a resident in the 500 block of Lytle Place told police that he had been notified that two blank checks had been stolen from his home and were recently cashed for \$400. Both were made out to a name he said he didn't recognize.

The resident told police that he believed the checks had been stolen up to a year ago.

Stolen vehicle

A 1997 Honda Accord was reported stolen from a home in the 2000 block of Belton overnight Feb. 12. The owner told police he arrived home about 6:30 p.m. and later fell asleep on the living room sofa before going to bed at 11:30

p.m.

The next morning, he said he noticed his jacket had been moved from where he had left it on a chair. His car keys were missing, he said, adding that he believed the front door unlocked.

Retail fraud

An employee at Rite Aid, 29447 Ford, told police Feb. 10 that two men came into the store about 8 p.m. and walked out with a 19-inch flat-screen television and two other items, possibly speakers, without paying.

Another employee reported seeing the men enter the store but lost sight of them until they walked past the check out area. The television was valued at \$150.

LeAnne Rogers

WAYNE COP CALLS

Larceny

The owner of a home in the 31000 block of Tyler told police Feb. 5 that someone had stolen the air conditioning unit, valued at \$1,300. The owner, a Garden City man, told police the house is a rental unit but had been vacant since October.

After deciding to sell the house, the owner said he had been at the home frequently preparing for city inspections. When he returned Feb. 5, he said he found the backyard gate was open and the air conditioning unit was gone.

A neighbor told police that she had heard noises from the home the previous day but assumed it was the owner.

Vandalism

A Taylor man told police Jan. 27 that someone scratched the rear and front bumper and the rear window of his 2011

GMC Sierra pickup truck while it was parked at GSA International, 32500 Van Born, where he works.

Suspended license

Stopped for running a red light Feb. 9, a Lincoln Park man was arrested for driving with two license suspensions, cited for the red light violation, having an improper license plate, driving with a suspended license and held on two warrants.

Community meeting

Wayne Police Chief Alan Maciag will hold his monthly community meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, at the police department 33701 Michigan Ave., just east of Howe. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting to get information and ask questions.

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DADS AND DAUGHTERS TWIRL THE NIGHT AWAY

Clinton London and his daughter, Lilly, are no strangers to the Father-Daughter dance held at HYPE last week.

This was the third time Clinton and Lilly have attended the dance.

"As far as I'm concerned it will be a life long tradition," Clinton said.

The Londons were among dozens of cute couples took to the dance floor at HYPE.

What made them so cute? It was fathers dancing with their daughters at the annual dance.



Clinton and Lilly London have made the Father-Daughter dance an annual tradition.



Four-year-old Abigail Beaubien of Wayne shows her father, Rori, a few classic dance moves.



Charlee Richards, 3, takes a moment to smell the carnation her father, Mike Richards, pinned on her.



Five-year-old Saybre Hylton of Wayne didn't need to do much but flash a sweet smile to get her father up for a dance.



Sonny Izenwata and 4-year-old daughter Tamia enjoy doing the Duck Dance together.



Image 2318: HYPE board member Ryan Lazar shares some cookies and refreshments with his 3-year-old daughter, Nada.



Mike Richards helps his 3-year-old daughter, Charlee, to put on her dancing shoes.



The music of Frozen provided plenty of dance inspiration for Ben and Mackenzi Goetz of Westland.



Father and Daughter Ted and Sidney Kosin of Wayne make spins and dips look easy.



A slow dance and a long hug was had by T. Hill and daughter Natrielle, 6.



Carnations and candy hearts were presented to everyone in attendance.



KELLY DOBSON Nick McIntyre shoots some cell phone video of daughter Emilie while she does a few spins for her dad.

Beaumont Hospital-Wayne gets Hero Hall

As the controller at Beaumont Hospital-Wayne, Jay Bonnell works behind the scenes to fulfill the needs of staff and physicians so they can provide the best in care to the community.

So when it came time for Bonnell to be recognized for his own philanthropic efforts, it was no surprise to those who know him that he opted instead to defer that recognition to others.

As an Oakwood Foundation President's and Legacy Society Member, Bonnell took his naming opportunity to honor the exceptional team at Beaumont-Wayne.

The result was the Hero Hall, named in honor of site president Eric W. Widner and dedicated to showcasing the staff and physicians who provide exceptional care to patients.

"Jay has made a tremendous impact on the programs and services

we provide at Beaumont Hospital-Wayne," said Michelle Anderson, interim executive director of the Oakwood Foundation. "He has made this impact in the most humble and unassuming manner."

His gifts have helped provide equipment for the Beaumont Breast Care Center-Wayne, supported the Summer Speech Therapy Program and more. Bonnell offered a challenge grant that matched Spirit of Giving Campaign contributions by management at the hospital and he has also made arrangements through his estate plan to make a significant gift to support patient care.

"Jay has taken significant personal action by making charitable investments in areas that impact patient care, and, challenging our staff and leadership to do the same," said Dr. Neelam Kumar, Oakwood Found-



Division President Eric W. Widner and Jay Bonnell, corporate controller of Beaumont Hospital-Wayne, stand near the new Eric W. Widner Hero Wall featuring physicians and clinicians who provide excellent, compassionate care to patients.

ation, Chair and Physician Supervisor of Pathology at Beaumont-Wayne. "The wonderful thing about Jay is that he sees the personal side of things. He speaks directly to our physicians, our

patients, their family members and staff each day. I think that Jay has a unique perspective into the impact of charity and philanthropy."

The wall is prominently located in the

hallway behind the main lobby. The photos of team members who have gone above and beyond to impact the lives of patients are displayed on a gray background under special lighting. It's

already full. "I can see the impact each day I come to work," Bonnell said.

Widner said even though Jay chose to honor him with the naming of the hero hall, it's Jay's spirit that reverberates through the hallway.

"Jay's enthusiasm and his passion for this hospital, for our coworkers, the physicians and for our patients, radiates from him," Widner said. "This hallway is designed to celebrate the caring heroes on our team, but it really demonstrates Jay's commitment to excellent patient care and the community. We are so fortunate to have him as a partner, as a colleague and as an investor in our efforts."

"I think this is a fantastic way to honor the dedicated staff members and physicians who go above and beyond to provide exceptional care to our patients and their families."

Workshop focuses on small-business marketing

The Garden City Downtown Development Authority will offer a "How To Successfully Grow and Market Your Small Business" free workshop Thursday, Feb. 25, at Albert's on the Alley, on Middlebelt north of Ford Road in Garden City.

Tom Borg of Tom Borg Consulting will present. Social time is at 8 a.m. and the workshop is 8:30-10 a.m. Register at 734-261-2830 by Feb. 22.

Topics include:
» Create a "unique selling proposition."
» Increase your company's perceived value.
» Understand how to market a small business.

- » Identify the 10 elements of marketing.
- » 12-month marketing plans
- » Use a tool to test a new business idea.
- » Provide the four critical elements to keep customers coming back.
- » Identify and answer the four questions customers have for you.
- » Identify three ways to sell more.
- » Identify the four reasons people will buy your product or service, or why they won't.
- » Learn three types of advertising and the percentage of your advertising budget that should be spent on each area.

Tom Borg is a busi-

ness development expert and professional speaker.

He is a monthly guest on the Small Business Association of Michigan radio show. Borg also has been featured multiple times on Murray Feldman's WWJ News Radio 950. He is the author of the book *Making Service Count* and his articles have been published in *Crain's Detroit Business*, the *Detroit Free Press*, *Corporate Detroit Magazine*, *Entrepreneur* magazine, and other local and national publications.

File your income tax returns using free software

It's that time of year again, to start thinking about filing our 2015 tax returns. By now, most of you have gotten the majority of your tax information; the question is, now what? There are a number of ways of completing and filing your tax return. For example, you can buy a software package and do it on your own, you could do it by hand (something I don't recommend for most people) or you can hire a professional.

There is another way and the great benefit of this way is that it's free. Yes, there is a way for most of you to complete and file your return electronically without cost. There are no gimmicks — it is legitimate.

For more than a dozen years, the Internal Revenue Service has partnered with tax software companies to allow you access to their software for free. Many of the major tax software companies, such as TurboTax, H&R Block and TaxSlayer, participate in this program. In order to qualify for the free software, your adjusted gross income must be less than \$62,000. If your income is less than \$62,000, you can take advantage of this program.

Some people may



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

think that because this is a program sponsored by the IRS, there must be some gimmick or some catch. That's wrong. The software is basically the same software these companies sell on the open market. Therefore, you don't have to worry that it's somehow designed to favor the IRS; it's not. In addition, the question and answer format is designed to make sure you are taking all the deductions to which you are entitled. You do not have to be a tax expert to take advantage of the free software.

This year, you have 13 software packages to choose from. The key is that you can't go directly to these companies' websites. You must go through the IRS website. Go to <http://www.irs.gov/freefile>, to begin the process. Although the IRS program does not include state of Michigan tax returns, some of the software companies will also provide you with free state of Michigan tax preparation services.

We all know that taxes have become more com-

plex and it is more expensive than ever to have your return professionally prepared. According to the IRS, about 70 percent of Americans are eligible to use the free tax software service. People who have straightforward tax situations — such as income from wages, bank accounts and normal deductions such as mortgage interest, property tax and charitable contributions — should look to take advantage of this program. Those who have complex tax situations may wish to consult a professional. A substantial number of people can save significant money by taking advantage of the IRS program.

My philosophy has always been that money looks better in your pocket than it does anywhere else. I encourage you to take advantage of the IRS program. After all, just think how good you will feel knowing that as opposed to paying the IRS, you actually received something worthwhile for free!

Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. If you would like him to respond to questions, email rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Community support



The folks at the 7-Eleven at Cherry Hill and Hix in Westland made a donation of \$711 to PD Graham Elementary School. The money will be used to help fund PD Graham's Leader in Me program. Owner Sunpreet Sandhu and manager Emily Logan, along with Kevin Kismyna from the corporate office presented the check to Principal Jennifer Curry and staff at PD Graham.

downloaded from its website, www.parksidecu.org. Students must submit all required documents to Parkside's main office by April 1.

For more information about the scholarship competition, email marketing@parksidecu.org or call 734-525-0700.

Charity fundraiser

One Under Bar & Grill is the site of a fundraiser Saturday to benefit Livonia Kids and Families. The event, which runs

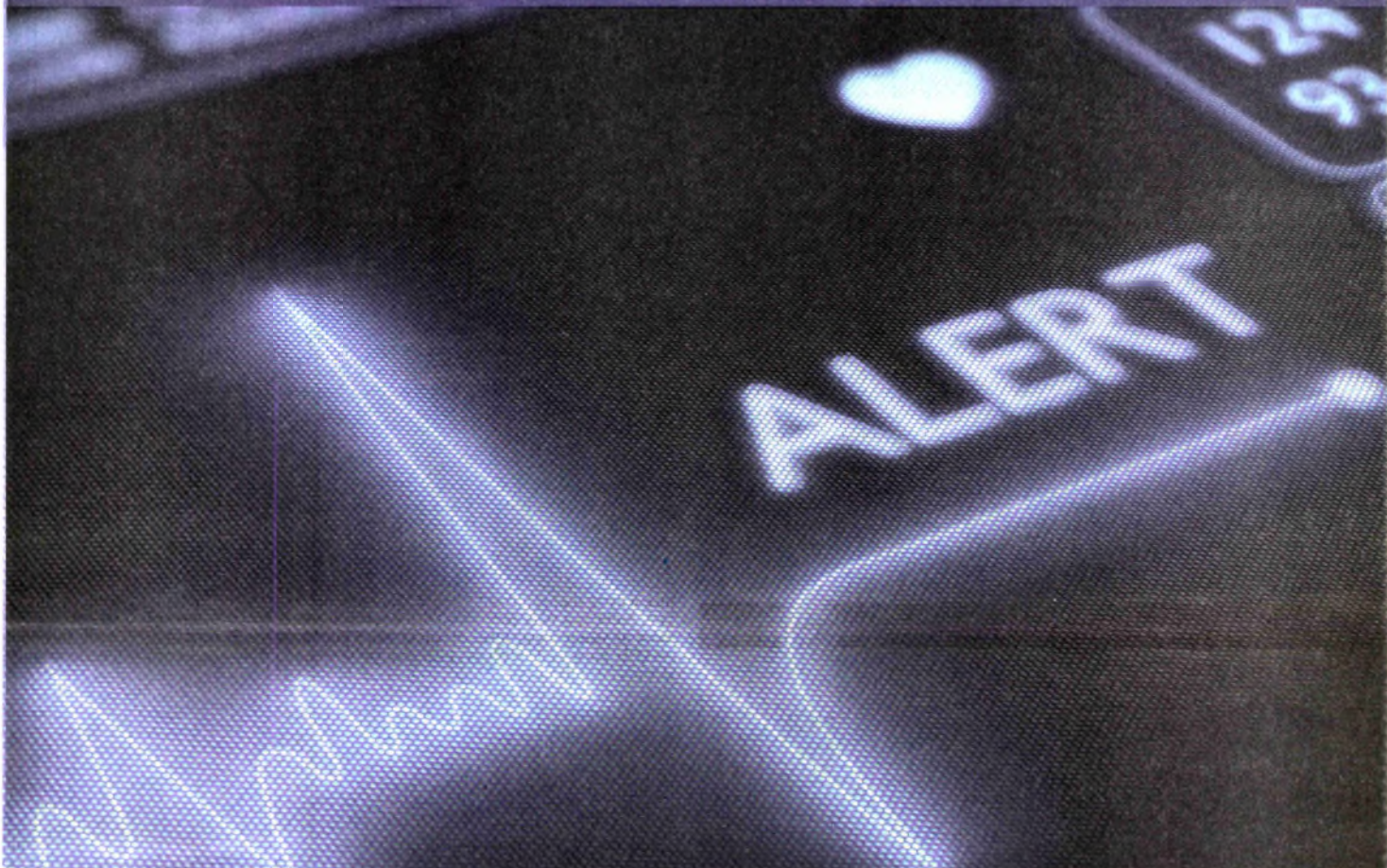
7-11 p.m., will feature a live performance by Driven2, which features former members of Al-phatraz covering classic rock songs.

The event will also feature a silent auction, door prizes, a raffle and appetizers. Tickets are \$25.

For tickets and more information, call Janice at 734-466-8820. One Under Bar & Grill is located at 35780 Five Mile in Livonia.

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OUR VIEW

AAA on-target on speed limit legislation; urge 'no' vote by your legislators

This newspaper recently received a letter from AAA Michigan with which we agree wholeheartedly.

AAA has long advocated for traffic safety measures and its AAA Michigan president, Steve Wagner, raises safety issues about current state legislation.

The Michigan House of Representatives will soon be voting on a package of bills aimed to increase the speed limits on Michigan's roadways. AAA Michigan has serious concerns with the legislation, Wagner says.

This proposal could potentially increase the speed limit to 80 mph. Wagner writes, "We recognize the need for a speed limit that keeps all traffic moving at a safe rate, but do we really want large

commercial vehicles traveling at speeds of 70 mph and cars driving at 80 mph? Given the current conditions of our roadways, we question the safety of traveling the current speed limit, let alone driving at increased speeds."

Wagner also cites driver distraction, including cellphones, texting, GPS and other evolving technology. Drivers at 80 mph are a greater safety risk when distracted, AAA notes.

Wagner adds, "Proponents will argue individuals are already driving faster than the posted speed limit and people tend to drive at a speed which they feel comfortable. We are also concerned about the negative effect a speed limit increase will have on newly licensed drivers and senior drivers."

He praises the House Transportation Committee

for incorporating the requirement of a safety study into the bills, an AAA recommendation, but adds there are additional factors to consider including roadway design, vehicle crash data and roadside development.

This newspaper also urges legislators to vote "no" on House Bills 4423, 4424, and 4425. Distracted driving is more prevalent than ever these days and puts all motorists and their passengers at greater risk, including young drivers just learning the rules of the road.

Make your voice heard by letting your representatives in the state Legislature know your views on this measure. "Safety first" is a common refrain, but it applies here and should be heeded by all who share Michigan's roadways.

GUEST COLUMNIST

We must address school violence

Unfortunately it is an all-too familiar headline: "School shooting leaves several dead, more injured." It is an epidemic that we in this country should not have to live through, nor tolerate. Ensuring our children are safe while at school should be one of this country's top priorities.

When I came to Lansing three years ago, I knew one of my main focuses as a legislator would be to look at Michigan's statutes regarding protecting children and



Rep. Robert Kosowski
GUEST COLUMNIST

try to strengthen them wherever I could.

This legislative session I have continued that trend by having over 40 percent of my introduced legislation be centered on kids' issues. Whether it be amending policies our Department of Health and Human Services has in place, dealing with our foster

care system or strengthening school polices on security planning, one of my central focuses as a state representative is to ensure our laws dealing with children are made stronger.

One bill I recently introduced that is at the top of my legislative agenda for this session is House Bill 5351. This legislation would create a school security task force that would be housed within the Michigan State Police.

Regrettably, school violence is becoming more and more commonplace in our society. The purpose of this task force would be to make recommendations for improving school policies and procedures in response to school shooting incidents in our state.

Under House Bill 5351, the task force would be required to

gather information concerning school shootings throughout the state, receive reports and testimony, review policies and procedures developed in other states to improve the school response to school shootings, create recommendations and guidelines for school policies and procedures for response to school shootings and submit a report with the task force's recommendations.

Another bill I introduced earlier this session is House Bill 5012. This legislation is part of a three-bill package that would direct the Michigan State Police to maintain a list of qualified volunteers to patrol school premises and make that list available to school districts. Individuals who volunteer would be eligible for a tax credit. In order to

meet the criteria to be a qualified volunteer, the individual must be a current or former certified law enforcement officer, be submitted to a criminal background check and be certified to carry a concealed firearm.

Being the father of two school-age boys, I cannot imagine a more important issue than making certain our kids are safe at school. House Bill 5012 will add another layer of protection into place in addition to the safeguards schools already implement. Hopefully, it will provide parents with some peace of mind.

In addition, earlier this month I sponsored House Bill 5308, which would exempt school boards from the Open Meetings Act and allow them to meet in closed session when discussing

security planning to address existing threats or to prevent potential threats to the safety of students and staff members.

The Open Meetings Act was originally enacted in 1976 with the intent of giving all Michigan citizens the right to know what happens in government by requiring public bodies conduct nearly all business in open meetings. I understand that Michigan's citizens should have the right to know what is going on in this state. However, protecting our children and ensuring they have a safe learning environment should be a given right as well.

Robert L. Kosowski is a State Representative and the House Democratic Whip for the city of Westland. His district includes parts of Westland and the city of Wayne.

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Local actors in Detroit Jesuit High's 'Big Fish'

The University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Academy presents the recently released musical, *Big Fish*. U-D Jesuit is the first amateur theater group in the Metro Detroit area to produce this funny and moving musical.

Based on the celebrated novel by Daniel Wallace and the acclaimed film directed by Tim Burton, *Big Fish* centers on Edward Bloom, a traveling salesman who lives life to its fullest, and then some.

Edward's incredible, larger-than-life stories thrill everyone around him — most of all his devoted wife, Sandra. But their son, Will (who is about to have a child of his own), remains frustrated with his father's stories of meeting witches, kissing mermaids, and joining the circus.

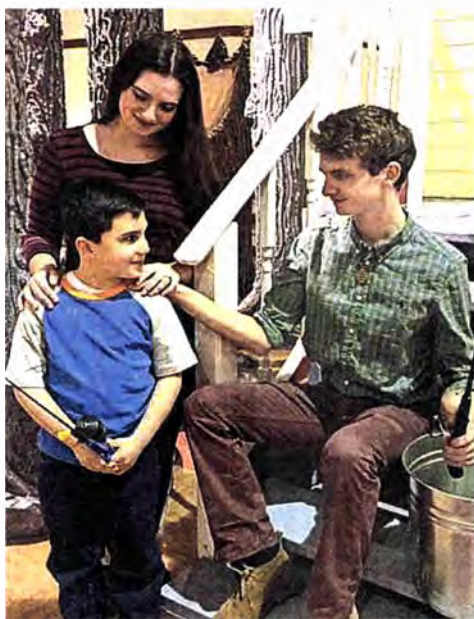
When his father receives a terminal diagnosis,

Will must decide whether to accept his father's wild stories as fact or find the truth behind the tales.

Wallace described this musical perfectly when he said, "*Big Fish* is about a father and a son, a husband and his wife, a hero's imaginative journey through the world. It is about family, mortality, love, and the power of dreams."

Performances of *Big Fish* are on Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 25-27, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 28, at 2 p.m. at Thurston High School, located on Schoolcraft Road in Redford.

Tickets are available online or at the door for \$15. For more information on *Big Fish* or to purchase tickets, visit the U-D Jesuit website at www.uofdjhs.org/spring-musical. You may also email musicaltickets@uofdjhsuit.org or call 313-862-5400, Ext. 2673.



Six-year-old Shane Anders of Dearborn (left), Isabella Valentini of Livonia and Teddy Berg of Detroit are featured in the U-D Jesuit High School's production of "Big Fish."



Anne Koziara and Michael Cuschieri (both of Farmington Hills) find love among the daffodils in "Big Fish" at the University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Academy.

Canton man is Legion post's February veteran

Howard Lappek, a World War II veteran from Canton, was honored as the February 2016 Veteran of the Month by the Sons of the American Legion Squadron of the Myron H. Beals American Legion Post 32 in Livonia.

Lappek served in the Army from 1945-47. Raised in northwest Detroit, Lappek was a teenager at Cooley High School as World War II was coming to an end. He was an only child and had many uncles who were like big brothers to him.

They were all in the military and fighting during the war and Lappek wanted desperately to help them all get home. In fall 1945, at age 17, he convinced his parents to sign for him to allow him to join the Army.

Lappek was inducted in October 1945 and sent



Howard Lappek, a World War II veteran from Canton, was honored as the February 2016 Veteran of the Month.

to Fort Sheridan, Ill., and then to Fort Bliss, Texas, for basic training. He was assigned to the Quar-

termasters Corp and also served as an MP. There were many servicemen returning from Europe and the Pacific and the military was struggling to get everyone discharged or placed.

Lappek was sent to Camp Polk, La., to Fort Benning, Ga., and then to Fort Ord, Calif. On the way to Fort Ord, the train stopped in New Mexico at White Sands. The soldiers were all asked to exit the train and count off by threes. All the number ones were sent way off into the desert, the number twos were to go half way out and the number threes were to stay by the train.

They were not told what was going on, but suddenly the ground trembled under their feet and then they were told to get back on the train. "No one knew what just

happened and no one asked, we just went on about our business," Lappek said.

"In Fort Ord, we were divided into two groups, Task Force Willowah and Task Force Frigid," Lappek said. "We were told we would be heading north for cold weather training."

In late 1945 relations between the U.S. and the Soviet Union worsened and the possibility of armed conflict played an important role in the army's plans to conduct winter operations in the arctic. These operations were to test the endurance of soldiers exposed to harsh winter conditions and also test clothing, weapons, vehicles and other equipment that would be used in combat.

Howard was assigned to Task Force Willowah and sent to the Aleutian Islands. He was put on an LST and sent to the island of Attu, where in 1942 11,000 U.S. troops had battled Japanese forces in two weeks of fighting and drove them from the island. Howard's assignment was to search the island for remains of soldiers from that battle so they could be sent to the Quartermaster Corps-Grave Registration for documentation.

Lappek married in 1950, has two children, four grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild, with another on the way. He retired in 1994 from the GM Spring and Bumper Plant in Livonia as a pipefitter after 35

years service. He has been a member of Post 32 for 26 years.

Lappek was interviewed and presented a plaque with his picture and service information by members of the S.A.L. Veteran of the Month Committee. An additional plaque was also put on display in the vestibule of the American Legion Hall.

The S.A.L. invites local residents to attend its monthly meetings to listen to the Veteran of the Month. The public is also encouraged and to nominate veterans to be honored at its meetings. Nomination forms can be picked up at the American Legion Hall, 9318 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48150.

CITY OF WESTLAND 2016 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

The City of Westland Board of Review will be conducting the 2016 March Board of Review and will convene in the City Council Chambers at 36300 Warren Road, Westland, Michigan 48185.

The regular Board of Review schedule is as follows:

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING: Tuesday, March 8, 2016, 9:30 a.m.

APPEAL HEARINGS BY APPOINTMENTS ONLY
Monday, March 14, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 15, 2016 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 16, 2016 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

MAIL-IN APPEALS REVIEW ONLY
Thursday, March 17, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed. Hearings are by appointment only. COMPLETED 2016 BOARD OF REVIEW PETITIONS ARE NECESSARY, and must be submitted to the Assessor's Office, prior to your appointment. The deadline for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal in person before the Board of Review is Wednesday, March 16, 2016.

A resident or non-resident taxpayer may file a petition with the Board of Review without the requirement of a personal appearance by the taxpayer or a representative. An agent must have written authority to represent the owner and it must be submitted to the Board of Review on the form prescribed by the assessor's office. Written petitions must be received by Wednesday, March 16, 2016 to be reviewed by the Board. Postmarks are not accepted.

Copies of the notices stating the dates and times of the meetings will be posted and published in the local newspaper.

All Board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act". If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Assessor's Office at (734) 467-3160.

Richard LeBlanc, CMC
City Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE TO ALL PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE CITY OF LIVONIA BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING - 2016

You are hereby notified pursuant to chapter VIII Section 6, of the Charter of Livonia, the Board of Review will conduct Public Hearings on the following dates in the Board of Review Conference Room of the Assessor's Office in the City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan and such additional meetings as may be necessary for the purpose of reviewing the assessment roll for the year 2016 and hearing any taxpayers deeming themselves aggrieved by the said assessments.

The meetings of the Board of Review provide the only opportunity after March 8, 2016 for property owners to present protests or suggestions relative to the assessed valuation placed on property by the Assessor for the year 2016. Property owners deeming themselves aggrieved by the assessments will have the opportunity to be heard and may obtain further information from the Office of the City Assessor.

First Session				
Tuesday	March 8, 2016	Organizational Meeting	9:00a.m. - 1:00p.m.	
Thursday	March 10, 2016	9:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.	1:30p.m. - 4:00p.m.	
Friday	March 11, 2016	9:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.	1:30p.m. - 4:00p.m.	
Second Session				
Monday	March 14, 2016	9:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.	1:30p.m. - 4:00p.m.	
Tuesday	March 15, 2016	9:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.	1:30p.m. - 4:00p.m.	
Thursday	March 17, 2016	9:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.	2:00p.m. - 9:00p.m.	
Friday	March 18, 2016	9:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.	1:30p.m. - 4:00p.m.	
Monday	March 21, 2016	9:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.		

Pursuant to Public Act No. 165, Public Acts of 1971, we hereby give notice that the following tentative ratio and multipliers will be used to determine the State Equalized Value (S.E.V.) for the year 2016.

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The Aspen Institute, a Washington, D.C.-based educational policy group, considers schools for the prize based upon their performance in four areas: student learning, certificate and degree completion, employment and earnings, and access and success for low-income and minority students.

Scrapbooking event

SS. Simon & Jude will host a scrapbooking event from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at the church, 32500 Palmer, in Westland.

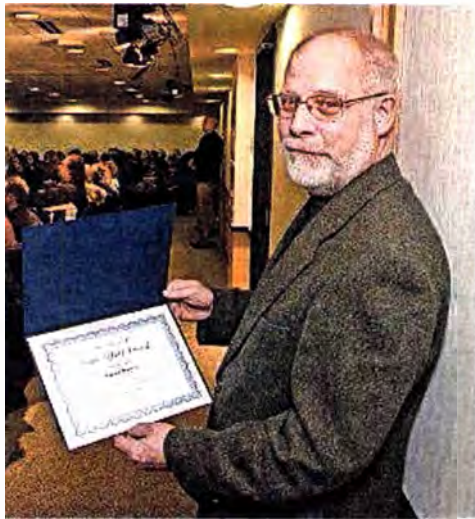
Vendors will be available, and food, beverages and snacks will be provided. The public is welcome. Cost is \$35 for the full day, \$20 for a half-day.

For more information contact Sandy at 734-721-4867 or Karen at 734-634-3934.

Bellarmino festival

The parish community of St. Robert Bellarmino Church is hosting its 2016 annual festival Thursday to Sunday, May 12-15.

Thursday night will feature carnival rides only. Friday, Saturday and Sunday will feature

Team effort

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Schoolcraft College faculty member Gene Keyes, an instructor in the college's Advanced Manufacturing program, received the LPS Team Effort Award at the Livonia School Board meeting Feb. 8. The purpose of the LPS Team Effort Award is to recognize outstanding groups or individuals who have made exceptional contributions to the school district. Keyes was recognized for his willingness to help support the LPS industrial education programs and for facilitating professional development for LPS staff. Keyes also helped LPS staff see the facilities and programs at Schoolcraft College that are preparing students for high-paying, in-demand manufacturing jobs, which allows teachers to better prepare their students for future careers.

carnival rides, a game tent, food, a beer tent, Vegas, bingo, live entertainment and a grand prize raffle drawing.

The church is on the corner of West Chicago and Inkster roads, and serves the communities of Redford, Livonia and Dearborn Heights. For more information, call 313-937-1520, Ext. 142.

Movie night

Warren Road Church is hosting Movie Night at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26. Guests will watch *War Room*, a movie that organizers call a "great film about the power of prayer." Free popcorn and refreshments will be available.

The church is at 33445 Warren Road in Westland. No reservations are required.

Traveling Shakespeare

The Pigeon Creek Shakespeare Company will visit the Westland Library at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 6. The program will feature scenes from multiple Shakespeare plays, including *King Lear*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and more.

This program is made possible by a grant from the Michigan Humanities Council, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Pigeon Creek's perfor-

mance ties in with *Station Eleven*, the 2015-2016 Great Michigan Read selection. The novel by Emily St. John Mandel features a touring Shakespeare company that travels through Michigan after a global flu epidemic, bringing art and culture into the lives of small communities of survivors.

All are welcome to attend. For more information, call the Reference desk at 734-326-6123 or visit www.westlandlibrary.org/events.

Video game group

At 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, join the Adult Video Game Group at the Westland Public Library. Show off your PlayStation and Xbox skills in competitions for a chance to win prizes. Free-play games include *Call of Duty: Black Ops III* and *Mortal Kombat X*. Enjoy free pizza, snacks and pop.

The group will play once a month on a Saturday at 2 p.m., at the library. Upcoming dates include Feb. 20, March 19 and April 23.

Adults 18 years or older are invited to attend and must show a valid driver's license or state ID at the door. For more information, call the Reference desk at 734-326-6123 or visit westlandlibrary.org/node/8606.

American Legion Lent

American Legion Post 32, 9318 Newburgh Road, Livonia, is hosting its Lenten fish fry from 5-7:30 p.m. every Friday during Lent.

The menu is fried cod, baked cod, shrimp and baked chicken. Dinners include fish or chicken, choice of side, coleslaw, bread or rolls and coffee. Price is \$8.50 for fish or chicken dinners and \$9 for shrimp. Bake sale desserts are also available.

Mom2Mom sale

St. Edith/St. Colet hosts a Mom2Mom sale from 8:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 9, featuring 74 tables of great deals on gently used maternity, baby and children's items.

St. Edith Church is located at 15089 Newburgh in Livonia. Admission is \$2 from 8:30-9 a.m.; \$1 from 9 a.m. to noon.

For more information, email m2msale@stecmops.org.

Colbeck hours

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, and District Manager Penny Crider will hold monthly office hours for February in Livonia from 11 a.m. until noon Friday, Feb. 19. The office hours will be held at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center and will be open to the public.

Colbeck will be on hand to answer questions and respond to concerns any residents of his district may have. No appointment is necessary.

Colbeck represents the 7th Senate District, which encompasses the cities of Livonia, Northville, Plymouth and Wayne, as well as the townships of Canton, Northville and Plymouth. For more information or to contact Colbeck, visit www.SenatorPatrickColbeck.com or call 517-373-5713.

St. Patrick's Day dinner

St. John's Episcopal Church hosts a St. Patrick's Day dinner from 5-7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 17, at the church located at 555 S. Wayne Road (between Cherry Hill and Palmer) in Westland.

The menu includes a corned beef dinner, dessert, beverage and fun activities.

For more information or tickets, call 734-721-5023.

Origins of Motown

The Livonia Civic Center Library, in celebration of Black History Month, hosts a celebratory and informative program on the Origins of the Motown Sound presented by Joel Stone of the Detroit Historical Society at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18. Stone is senior curator of the Society, which oversees the Detroit Historical Museum and about 250,000 artifacts in the City of Detroit's collection.

The free event and will take place in the

library's auditorium, will last approximately 45 minutes and have a brief question-and-answer session immediately following.

Bonamici recital

Native born Livonian Anthony Bonamici will perform a recital at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, at Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church, 24110 Cherry Hill, just west of Telegraph on the north side of Cherry Hill.

Bonamici left in the fall of 1994 to study in Russia at the famed Moscow State Tchaikovsky Conservatory. As a child studying with Professor Donald Morlock, Schoolcraft College, he was giving recitals with orchestras and taking part in international competitions for piano and composition.

Bonamici has performed on numerous occasions with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra and he currently performs in chamber concerts and recitals. He is also engaged in pedagogical activities, teaching piano and chamber ensemble classes at the State Russian Herzen Pedagogical University.

Tickets are available at the door for \$20. Pre-concert sales are \$15. Call 313-565-2424 or pay with credit card at dearbornsymphony.org.

Wayne Memorial reunion

The Wayne Memorial High School Class of 1966 is holding a 50th year class reunion Saturday, May 14. For more information, visit www.waynehighalumni.com.

Poisoning prevention

The Redford Township District Library is hosting experts from the Michigan Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 29. Experts say lead poisoning is the top environmental threat facing Michigan children. Material for all ages will be provided at this event, including coloring pages for children.

Register at www.redfordlibrary.org or call the youth desk at 313-531-5960, Ext. 105.

**CITY OF WESTLAND
2016 ANIMAL LICENSES**

Licenses must be obtained on or before Tuesday, March 1, 2016 for all animals age four (4) months or older. A statement of rabies vaccination must be presented upon applying for an animal license. If the pet is spayed or neutered, a veterinarian's certificate must be presented. Beginning Wednesday, March 2, 2016, a \$5.00 penalty will be assessed. Licenses may be purchased at:

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Wayne County, Michigan**

To all residents and interested parties:
The following legal notices are available for review on our website.

The minutes (including approved ordinances) from regular and special Council meetings are available at:
www.gardencitymi.org/minutes

Current requests for bids and proposals are available at:
www.gardencitymi.org/purchasing

You may also access this information at City Hall or the Garden City Library during regular business hours, or in the Police Station Lobby 24 hours a day.

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Sealed proposals for the **PERRINVILLE SCHOOL RELOCATION PROJECT**, will be received at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154 until 2:00 P.M., local time on **Tuesday, March 1, 2016** at which time the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud.

A **mandatory pre-bid meeting** will be held at the Perrinville School site (33344 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland, Michigan 48185) at 10:00 am on **Tuesday, February 23rd, 2016**. **Proposals will not be accepted from those vendors who do not attend.**

The City of Livonia seeks proposals for the following:

The relocation of the historic masonry Perrinville one-room Schoolhouse from its existing site at 33344 Ann Arbor Trail in Westland to the Greenmead Historical Village in Livonia to be placed west of the Kingsley House at 37995 Eight Mile Road. The Building Moving Contractor will be responsible for building move logistics, including coordination of all municipal/utility entities along the move route, demolition of existing foundation, restoration of original building site, staging of building at a temporary location at Greenmead, and final placement of building on a new foundation after its construction by building restoration contractor under Phase 2 work.

Instructions and specifications may be obtained by registering with the Michigan Inter-Governmental Trade Network (MITN) at www.mitn.info

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check in the amount of five percent (5%) of the proposal, payable to the City of Livonia, as security for the acceptance of the contract. A bid bond on the Michigan Standard Form, issued by an approved Surety Company, may be furnished in lieu of a certified check.

All proposals shall be opened publicly at the date and time specified. Each proposal shall be recorded together with the name of the vendor. Proposals shall be in accordance with the requirements of this notice in order to be deemed "responsive."

Proposals are to be submitted in a sealed envelope, plainly marked "**PERRINVILLE SCHOOL RELOCATION PROJECT**" and received by the City Clerk on or before the time and date given above.

The Prime Contractor shall demonstrate that they have successfully completed projects in the last five (5) years of equal scope (i.e. masonry building relocation) in the State of Michigan and where each year totaled more than \$100,000 in structure relocation work.

No vendor may withdraw his proposal within one hundred twenty (120) calendar days after the date set for opening thereof. The City of Livonia reserves the right to accept any proposal, to reject any or all proposals and to waive irregularities therein. Portions of this Contract may be deleted due to unforeseen circumstances without compensation. Acceptance of any proposal does not constitute a binding agreement until a written Contract is signed by both parties.

Linda McCann
Community Resources Director

Dennis K. Wright
Mayor

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Beatles photos on display at Birmingham art gallery

Jay Grossman
Staff Writer

"Ladies and gentlemen, the Beatles!" With those words, Ed Sullivan introduced America to four lads from Liverpool who would go on to become one of the most popular musical acts in history. The date was Feb. 9, 1964, and for the Beatles it was the first of four appearances on the *Ed Sullivan Show*.

In celebration of that iconic moment, the Robert Kidd Gallery in Birmingham is displaying a rare collection of color photographs taken of the Beatles during their fourth and final appearance on the *Ed Sullivan Show*.

The six photographs capture the Beatles as they rehearse and perform on the *Ed Sullivan Show* on Aug. 14, 1965, right before the band played at Shea Stadium to kick off its North American tour.

"The pictures are amazingly clear and crisp," gallery director Gerard Marti said. "It's like being there."

The Beatles appearance happened to coincide with the final black and white episode of the *Ed Sullivan Show*. At the end of the evening, Sullivan broke the news that his show would begin broadcasting in color the following week.

"This is very first time these photographs are being displayed in this form and medium," Marti said. "Of course, a couple of these shots have been seen in the press since 1965, but this is the first time the entire set of six pictures is being made available to the public as a limited edition."

Three of the photos capture the actual studio performance that was later aired Sept. 12, 1965. Two of the shots show the group rehearsing, while the final photograph is of Paul McCartney performing the song *Yesterday* by himself, without the other three Beatles.

"There is a funny picture of Paul looking upset about the sound and complaining that he can't hear himself," Marti said. "They were no longer this shy band playing their first major television performance. By then, the Beatles were professionals and massively popular."

Marti said the photographs were acquired from the estate of Howard Grafton, a photographer who had developed a friendship with the Beatles and was given full access to the set of the *Ed Sullivan Show*. The Beatles performed six songs that evening: *I Feel Fine*, *I'm Down*, *Act Naturally*, *Ticket to Ride*, *Yesterday* and *Help*.

"Every other photographer authorized on the set used black and white film," Marti said.



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The show was taped the day before the Beatles played at Shea Stadium to kick off their North American tour.



The Robert Kidd Gallery in Birmingham is displaying a rare collection of Beatles photographs taken during the band's August 1965 appearance on the Ed Sullivan show.

All six photographs are signed and numbered by Grafton and only 25 sets are available worldwide, Marti noted.

Located at 107 Townsend Street, the gallery carries an eclectic mix of contemporary artists — along with paintings,

sculptures and limited reproductions by John Lennon, Paul McCartney, Steven Tyler, Mick Fleetwood and other rock star celebrities.

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Individuals who for years have aspired to become a classroom teacher can now do so using Michigan's Alternate Route to Interim Teacher Certification Program. Schoolcraft College's Alternate Route Program now enables qualified individuals to become certified classroom teachers through an accelerated program

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Individuals who are interested in learning more about the opportunity to become a certified classroom teacher through Schoolcraft's Alternate Route Program can contact Schoolcraft's Teacher Education office at 734-462-4335 or go to www.schoolcraft.edu/arcteacher.

No injuries as man drives into apartment building

The Garden City Fire Department had an incident Tuesday just south of the Middlebelt fire station at the single-story apartments. Fire Chief Catherine Harman reports one of the tenants drove his car into the apartment. There was

property damage but no injuries.

Fire and police were on the scene. The apartment is not inhabitable. Ken Buccilli from the Buccilli Group, who does building inspections, instructed the property owner to have a structur-

al engineer do an assessment, Harman wrote in an email to the *Observer*.

The Salvation Army is putting up the tenants at a hotel for two nights. They don't have renter's insurance, Harman wrote.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3 OF THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF LIVONIA AND AMENDING ARTICLE III OF ORDINANCE NO. 543, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AND CITED AS "THE CITY OF LIVONIA ZONING ORDINANCE" BY ADDING SECTION 3.3936 THERETO.

THE CITY OF LIVONIA ORDAINS:

Section 1. The report of the City Planning Commission, dated December 28, 2015, setting forth its resolution 12-96-2015 recommending approval of Petition 2015-11-01-10, having been considered by the Council, and the Council having conducted a public hearing on January 6, 2016, on said petition, and having concurred in the recommendation of the City Planning Commission, the Council hereby adopts said Petition 2015-11-01-10 to amend the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map of the City of Livonia and all proceedings heretofore conducted on said petition are hereby approved.

Section 2. Article III of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance, Ordinance No. 543, as amended, is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

Section 3.3936. Petition 2015-11-01-10 submitted by the City Planning Commission is hereby approved, and the zoning classification of the premises hereinafter described is hereby changed from R-3 to P:

LAND IN THE CITY OF LIVONIA DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTH ¼ CORNER OF SECTION 3, T.1N., R.9E, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN; THENCE N.89°17'23"E., 164.98 FEET ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SECTION 3; THENCE S.00°37'22"E., 60.00 FEET; THENCE CONTINUING S.00°37'22"E., 300.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE N.89°17'23"E., 329.96 FEET; THENCE S.00°37'17"E., 115.00 FEET; THENCE S.89°17'25"W., 329.96 FEET; THENCE N.00°07'22"W., 115.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. (Tax ID No. 46-009-99-0087-000);

and the Northeast 1/4 of Section 3 of the Zoning Map is hereby amended to conform to the change made in this section.

Section 4. The attached map designated "Amendment No. 952 to the Zoning Map of the City of Livonia" showing all of the amendments and changes made in the foregoing Section 2 of this ordinance is hereby approved, established and made a part hereof.

Section 5. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

Section 6. Should any portion of this ordinance be held invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of any of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

The above ordinance was passed at the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Livonia held Monday, February 1, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

Susan N. Nash, City Clerk

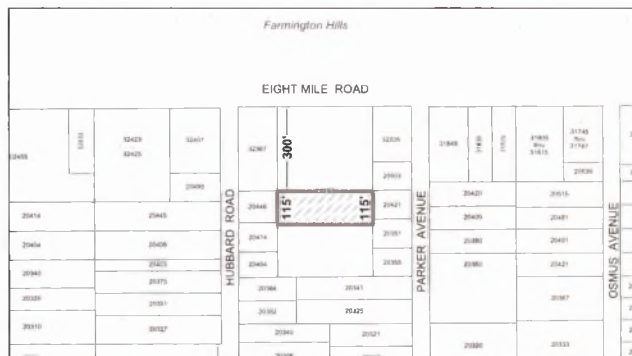
The foregoing ordinance was authenticated by me on this 3rd day of February, 2016.

Dennis K. Wright, Mayor

Approved as to form:

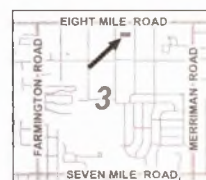
Donald L. Knapp, Jr., City Attorney
Dated: February 3, 2016

BOUNDARY OF DISTRICT AS AMENDED FROM R-3, ONE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL - 80' X 120' LOTS TO P, PARKING



PETITION NO. 2015-11-01-10
A PART OF THE N.E. 1/4 OF SECTION 3

AMENDMENT NO. 952 TO THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN
ORDINANCE NO. 2995
Adopted by the City Council on 2/1/16



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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Blazers scorch DC in final seconds



Ladywood's Erika Selakowski rips down a rebound during a game earlier this season. TOM BEAUDOIN

Ladywood clips Falcons with two late free throws

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The sub-title of the Livonia Ladywood girls basketball team's dramatic victory Saturday over Dearborn Divine Child could be "The Ally Rally."

With the Blazers trailing the Falcons 39-38 and five seconds on the fourth-quarter clock, Ally Audia drained a pair of cold-blooded free throws to give her team a clutch 40-39 victory.

While the final-seconds heroics were impressive, it was Audia's game-long performance that really shone through as she finished with 25

points — close to one-third of the game's entire point total — and four rebounds.

Audia made five of six free-throw attempts throughout the contest.

Also making major contributions to the Blazers' triumph were Erika Selakowski, who registered nine points, six rebounds and three-for-four marksmanship from the line; Maggie Shirk, who added four points, three assists, seven rebounds and three steals; and Abbey Reppen, who made her presence felt on the glass with eight rebounds to go along with her two points.

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Jones excelling

On Saturday, Feb. 13, former Livonia Franklin long-distance standout Keenan Jones, who was running unattached for the "Tobin's Harrier Track Club," won the mile at the prestigious Grand Valley State University Big Meet with a time of 4:16.4 seconds, which converts to a 1,600-meter time of 4:14.9.

Jones out-ran over 70 collegiate entrants in the event.

Jones, a 2015 graduate of Franklin, is planning to transfer to Oakland University to run for head coach Paul Rice beginning in the fall. OU is a Division 1 program.

PREP WRESTLING

Summer no time to chill for Rockets

Year-round commitment is what makes John Glenn thrive

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Laid-back summers and success-driven high school wrestlers simply don't mix.

That is the glazed-in-sweat message delivered by members of Westland John Glenn's successful wrestling program, which has earned a top-10 Division 1 ranking from michigan-grappler.com while rolling to a 26-4 record heading into Wednesday's team regional tournament in the Rockets' gym.

Thanks to a summer schedule packed with high-caliber camps and competitions, John Glenn is on the brink of qualifying for the MHSAA Division 1 Wrestling Finals at Central Michigan University for the first time since 2010.

The success-coated program also advanced 10 wrestlers to Saturday's D1 individual regional tournament at Saline High School.

Advancing to Mount Pleasant won't be easy, given that the Rockets will have to defeat Southgate Anderson in a regional semifinal before facing, in all likelihood, state-power Temperance Bedford in the final.

But if they don't make it, it's not due to a lack of commitment.

"We press in the summer;

See THRIVE, Page B2



ED WRIGHT
Pictured are John Glenn captains Payton Beneteau and Genaro Accerrano.

PREP PROFILE



Churchill senior guards (from left) Joan Andoni, Dayton Davis and Jon Hovermale are primed to lead the Chargers to a successful late-season run. ED WRIGHT

TRIPLE THREAT

Churchill's senior-guard threesome make up one of area's most dynamic back-courts

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Pick your poison, cross your fingers and, oh, keep those feet moving.

Those are the best words of advice for defenders who are faced with the challenge of containing Livonia Churchill's senior guard trio of Jon Hovermale, Joan Andoni (pronounced "Yan") Andoni and Dayton Davis, all of whom can frustrate opponents with lane-piercing drives and long-distance treys.

Heading into Thursday's KLAA first-round tournament game at South Lyon, the terrific trio had accounted for 36 points per game for the Chargers (Andoni was averaging 15 points per game, Hovermale 13 and Davis eight) — impressive, considering the team isn't blessed with a 6-foot-5 inside threat whose presence would help create some space for the guards.

As it turns out, they're pretty good at creating their own space. Armed with long-range accuracy from beyond the three-point arc (especially Andoni, who is shooting threes at a 40-percent clip) and phenomenal dribble-penetration abilities, opponents are forced to choose which forte' to eliminate from the trio's bag of tricks.

"We had 'Senior Night' on Friday and seeing them walk out there, you realize how fun and easy it's been coaching these guys," said Churchill head coach Jimmy Solak. "We're going to miss all five of our seniors, but I've known Jon since he was in third grade be-



ED WRIGHT
Joan Andoni proves he's not just a perimeter threat during a drive against Stevenson earlier this season.

cause his brother Steve used to play here and his dad, Greg, is a counselor and coach here. Joan is a three-year varsity guy and Dayton is a two-year varsity player.

See TRIPLE, Page B2

MU baseball

The Madonna University baseball team suffered a hard-luck 4-3 setback to the Cumberland Phoenix on Saturday in Lebanon, Tenn.

The Crusaders put runners on second and third late in the game, but a double play extinguished the threat.

The loss left the Crusaders with a 2-1 record. They will now take a two-week break before visiting St. Catherine on Feb. 27-28.

Trailing 4-2 heading into the seventh and final inning, the Crusaders did not quit. Zack Byron (Dexter, Mich./Macomb Community College), Ben Matigian (Livonia, Mich./Churchill) and Jimmy White (Cincinnati, Ohio/Sinclair Community College) connected on back-to-back-to-back singles with White driving home Byron to cut the Phoenix lead to 4-3.

With runners on second and third and nobody out, the Crusaders were doubled up on a line-out to third base, ending any chance of a comeback as the Phoenix held on for the narrow 4-3 victory.

Jack Zimmerman (Tecumseh, Ontario/St. Anne's Seconardy) suffered the loss for the Crusaders after the Phoenix strung together a pair of hits, one being a three-run home run, to make up the difference in the one-run decision.

Seven different Crusaders recorded hits while White, Taylor Grzelakowski (Fraser, Mich./Fraser High School) and Ryan Lambrecht (Lake Orion, Mich./Lake Orion High School) each batted in a run for the blue and gold.

Redford Soccer Club registration

The Redford Soccer Club is hosting open registrations on Tuesday, Feb. 23 from 6-8 p.m. at the Redford Community Center.

More information can be acquired by calling 734-744-9094 or 313-995-4234; or by visiting the Redford Soccer Club's Facebook page.

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HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

Regional qualifers 2 wins from Palace

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Win two before you lose two. That is the straight-forward, yet challenging, equation facing the talented area wrestlers who advanced to this Saturday's Division 1 individual regional tournament at Saline High School.

Win two matches on Saturday, and you have punched your ticket to the MHSAA Individual State Tournament set for March 5 at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

To qualify for Saturday's competition, grapplers had to place in the top four at this past weekend's district-level events.

After Detroit Catholic Central, which qualified 13 wrestlers into the regional round, the most-represented teams will be Westland John Glenn and Temperance Bedford — both of whom have 10 qualifiers and were on a collision course to meet in the final of Wednesday's regional team tournament hosted by the Rockets.

Livonia Franklin pushed five wrestlers into the regional, including undefeated defending state champion Nathan Atienza.

Atienza was the picture of perfection at Canton, rolling to a 145-pound district title with two pins and an injury default in the final.

Franklin's other district titleists were 135-pound Jeremy Nelson and 215-pound Josh Retting.

"Nathan was dominant as usual," said Franklin head coach Dave Chiola. "Nelson wrestled 140 all year but looks really good to make a run at 135. Retting is healthy again and is looking great."

"There's no doubt in my mind that Josh would be undefeated if we had him at 215 all year, but he is a total team guy and made some sacrifices. I think he's primed to be on the podium."

If the cards fall the wrong way at Saline, Retting may have to face off against teammate and good friend Joe Fortin in a 215 blood-round match.



SCOTT CONFER

Livonia Churchill's Chase Gardner (top) won an individual district championship with a victory over Salem's Seth Dunn Saturday at Canton.

Fortin (39-8) placed third in the district.

"Joe Fortin is also looking good," said Chiola. "He can beat anyone on any given day; he just needs to have a good tournament Saturday."

Franklin's 171-pound Andres Garza will also be looking to earn a state-tournament berth after placing fourth in the district.

"I was really hoping for a couple more," Chiola said. "It was a weird district. We double entered at five weights, which we have never done before. There were some very tough weights where we seemed to have kids, and then some weights that weren't that tough, but we just don't have kids there."

"Anything can happen once you get to regionals. I've seen kids that looked like a lock not make it out and kids that looked like they were the eighth-best kid there and still qualify. That's why it's such a fun day."

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Roaring Rockets

This has the potential to be a special week for John Glenn's state-ranked wrestling program, which is poised to qualify for the team state finals on Wednesday before possibly sending multiple athletes to the Palace based on what unfolds on Saturday.

Leading the individual charge will be 112-pound sophomore Michael Mars, who will carry a formidable 45-2 mark into Saline's gym on Saturday after notching four first-round pins at the district. The opponent who lasted the longest against Mars (96 seconds) was his teammate, Isaac Lefler, who placed fourth at 112 to extend his at least one more weekend.

Mars will face Crestwood's Tarik Shalhout (42-12) in Saturday's opening match.

John Glenn's 135-pound representative, John Siemasz (46-3) is also expected to be a tough out at the regional. Siemasz wasn't quite as dominant as Mars at the Wayne Memorial-hosted district, but he did post three convincing wins — one via pin and another by a 16-1 margin. He'll face Canton's Walter Beavers (11-19) in Saturday's first round.

Rocket 215-pounder JaWuan Peete also has some momentum heading into Saturday after he placed second in the district. Peete, who is 39-10, will face Fortin in a first-round bout Saturday in what promises to be a titanic match.

Also turning in regional-qualifying efforts for the Rockets were 189-pound Alec DiRetto (30-8), who posted a gutsy

3-0 blood-round triumph before placing third with a 4-2 win; 285-pound Avery Casey (38-10); 103-pound Kyle Borthwell, who will take his 40-7 mark against Fordson's Mojahid Ahmed (30-6); 125-pound Anthony Gibson, who will square off against Salem's Cam Shaughnessy; 140-pound Payton Beneteau who rallied back from a slow start in the district by posting three pins and a technical-fall win; and 171-pounder Logan Beaudoin (19-7), who will face Detroit Catholic Central's Tyler Morland (36-1).

Wayne's state-qualifier is 125-pound Nick Daniels (33-14), who will face CC's Cameron Amine in the first round Saturday.

Good day for Chargers

Churchill's Chase Gardner looked strong while taking the 152-pound district title at Canton. Gardner (29-8) recorded a 32-second pin to open things up before edging Novi's Brent George, 9-8, in the semis. Gardner finished his day with an exclamation point by pinning Salem's Seth Dunn at the 3:14 mark.

Gardner's next test will be provided Saturday morning by Wyandotte's Ethan Delannes (33-15).

Gardner will be joined in Saline by teammates Zack Leck (38-8), who placed third in the district at 160 thanks to a couple of nail-biting victories of 3-2 (in the blood round) and 6-2 in the third-fourth match; 171-pound Aldo Bella (27-8); 112-pounder Ethan Englehart, who placed second after winning a thrilling 9-4 overtime decision against CC's Davis Rastigue before losing a hard-fought 3-0 outcome to Shamrock State's Moscovici; and 119-pound Josh Mussen, who placed third in the district thanks to a pair of clutch decisions over Salem's Avashded Rai and Stevenson's Taylor Droste.

Dtorste and Tarik Alcodray (44-8) will represent Stevenson at Saturday's tournament.

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"You don't really get emotional about it until after the final game, but 'Senior Night' was kind of the first realization that, hey, these guys aren't going to be here next year."

Although the trio of Chargers make the game look easy most of the time, they've paid their dues to get to that level, Solak said.

"Jon and Joan have been basketball junkies ever since I've known them, and Dayton became a gym rat, too, during the offseason," Solak said. "They have three different styles, but all three are effective styles. They definitely get the most out of their talents."

Unless something crazy occurs over the next month, Andoni will graduate in June as the owner of the Churchill single-game scoring record (39 points).

Playing with a charismatic flair, he can fill the net consistently from 25 feet in — whether his shot is contested, or not.

"I don't remember what the drill was, but there was a time in practice when Joan rattled off like 10 straight long shots with a hand in his face ... it was pretty amazing," remembered Davis.

While focusing solely on basketball, the 6-foot-2-ish two guard has often drawn the opposition's best defender.

"I think every shot I take is going in," he said. "You have to be confident or you're not going to be good."

"Any time you score 39 points in a high school game like Joan did (against Wayne the sophomore year), I don't care who you are, it's a 'Wow!' moment," reflected Solak.

The earliest of Hovermale's long list of "Wow!" performances came his freshman year when he drained a buzzer-beating shot to send the Chargers' game against Wayne into overtime. They ultimately won. "When Jonny made that shot — and it was from NBA three range — I thought to myself, 'This kid is going to be really good,'" Solak said. "And I was right."

Hovermale, who is considering playing college basketball at either Madonna University or Cornerstone University, said he plays better when the stakes are high.

"The bigger the crowd, the better," he said, smiling. "Like the Canton game the other night (a thrilling double-overtime loss), now, that was fun."

The newest member of the threesome, Davis has meshed in quickly, his coaches and teammates emphasized.

"Dayton's best skill is his ability to penetrate into the lane — even if he doesn't score," said Hovermale. "That is so huge because if he doesn't shoot, he draws defenses to him and opens things up for us outside."

All three Churchill guards have earned multiple post-season awards, with more likely to follow once this season ends.

Hovermale, who has been a varsity starter since the second game of his freshman season, earned honorable mention all-KLAA accolades his first two seasons and first-team all-conference honors last year. Andoni was an all-conference player as a 10th-grader and honorable mention after an injury-riddled junior campaign, while Davis was all-conference last year in his first full season with the varsity.

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HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY

Churchill defeats Walled Lake Northern, 2-1

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Griffin Ahmet's goal less than two minutes into the second period proved to be the difference-maker for Livonia Churchill's hockey team, which out-skated host Walled Lake Northern, 2-1, Saturday in Kensington Lakes Activities Association cross-over game.

The victory improved the Chargers' record to 17-4-1.

"I thought we were a bit slow in getting started tonight," noted Churchill head coach Jason Reynolds. "Maybe it was a bit of an emotional letdown, after a hard-fought battle with Stevenson (on Wednesday). In any event, we need to make it a priority to dictate the pace of the game every night, and tonight I think we allowed Walled Lake Northern to do that."

"We managed to get pucks to the net, but we didn't capitalize on second and third opportunities to score. Rebounds are critical against solid goaltending, and I thought their netminder had a strong performance."



MICHAEL VASILNEK

Churchill's Joe Wozniak looks for an open teammate to pass to during a game earlier this season.

Churchill grabbed a quick 1-0 lead 3:09 in when Josh Friend scored off assists from Conor Burnette and Nolan Cioch.

The Knights netted the equalizer with 3:17 left in the opening stanza when Jacob Frelich lasered the puck into the back of the net from Cameron Tomy.

Ahmet's game-winner came with 15:15 to go in the second period. Spencer Kovacs and Daniel Dawes picked up helpers on the play.

Churchill held a dominating 44-26 shots-on-goal advantage.

Phill recognized for achievement



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State Rep. Laura Cox recently presented Livonia Stevenson girls swimming-and-diving coach Greg Phill with a honor of his being named as a finalist for the National High School Athletic Coaches Association "Coach of the Year."

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that's how you get better," said John Glenn senior captain Payton Beneteau, moments after completing a rigorous practice last week. "We used to do two or three things in the summer, but now we're up to about seven. That's the way it is. You have to put the work in."

"Some of my (non-wrestling) friends think I'm a little crazy and nuts for doing all this," added John Glenn junior co-captain Genaro Acerrano, smiling. "But I love it. I want to be good."

Among Acerrano's off-season projects last summer was attending the highly-regarded J Robinson Wrestling Camp in Minneapolis, Minn. The 28-day offering fine tunes even the most-accomplished

grappler's skill set with a grueling mix of endurance- and technique-sharpening drills.

"One day, I had to get up at 5 a.m. and run 15 miles," Acerrano said, when asked to describe the camp's demanding agenda. "When the camp was over, I felt much more confident about myself and my wrestling skills."

John Glenn head coach Bill Polk attributed his program's successful run to a simple concept.

"We try to out-work everybody," said Polk. "It's all about hard work. A lot of our kids in the program were set up by wrestlers that came before them. Every year we try to add something to our summer wrestling program. It's gotten to the point where we don't have to call them in the summer to tell them what's coming up. We tell them the schedule at the banquet and they show up."

Polk added that athletes don't have to commit themselves solely to wrestling in order to succeed.

"We have a lot of baseball players, football players and a few track guys," he said. "I encourage kids to be two- or three-sport athletes. You only get to go through high school once."

"The key is I want them to stay busy. If they're not in another sport, they better be here (in the wrestling room)."

The Rockets' handful of dual-match losses this winter have come against state powers Detroit Catholic Central, Hartland, Brighton (by six points) and defending D4 champion New Lothrop (by one point).

Among John Glenn's collection of accomplishments are a first-place finish at the Michigan Duals, and KLAA division and conference championships.

"I think the turning point in our season was at the Michigan Duals in Bay City," Polk said. "It's a strong tournament with about six or seven ranked teams. We beat four of them, which is what really started to turn people's heads a little."

Record-wise, the Rockets are paced by 112-pound sophomore Michael Mars, who is the defending state champion at 103 pounds; and John Siemasz, who is close to reaching the 50-win plateau.

Polk emphasized that Mars had two losses heading into Wednesday is indicative of his team's grueling schedule.

"The way I feel, if I have a kid who is undefeated at the end of the year, I'm not doing my job," he said. "We chase the best competition we can find, so if you're truly an undefeated champion, you've definitely earned it based on who we wrestle."

THE WEEK AHEAD

- BOYS BASKETBALL**
- Thursday, Feb. 18**
- Canton at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
- John Glenn at Salem, 7 p.m.
- Churchill at South Lyon, 7 p.m.
- Wayne at Pinckney, 7 p.m.
- Franklin at Brighton, 7 p.m.
- Friday, Feb. 19**
- Fordson at Clareenceville, 7 p.m.
- Crestwood at RU, 7 p.m.
- Luth. South at HVL, 7:30 p.m.
- GIRLS BASKETBALL**
- Friday, Feb. 19**
- Luth. South at HVL, 6 p.m.
- Royal Prep at GC, 7 p.m.
- TU at Dearborn, 7 p.m.
- HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY**
- Thursday, Feb. 18**
- Ladywood at Liggett, 5:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Feb. 20**
- CHS. Championships at Joe Louis Arena, TBA
- PREP WRESTLING**
- Saturday, Feb. 20**
- Div. 1 individual regional at Saline, TBA
- HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING**
- Friday, Feb. 19**
- KLAA Association Tournament at 300 Bowl, 9 a.m.
- BOYS SWIMMING**
- Friday, Feb. 19**
- KLAA Division Diving, TBA
- Saturday, Feb. 20**
- KLAA Division Swim Meet, TBA
- PREP GYMNASTICS**
- Saturday, Feb. 20**
- KLAA Conference Meet, TBA

BOYS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Thurston triumphant over Redford Union

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Redford Thurston's always-reliable combination of D'eauntae Jackson and Brandon Marshall were their hard-to-contain selves Tuesday night against Redford Union.

In a usually-tight, well-placed game featuring cross-town rivals, the Eagles prevailed 63-56 thanks in large part to Jackson's 25 points and Marshall's 23.

The result left Thurston with a 9-8 record while RU slipped to 3-11.

"It was a close game all the way," said Thurston head coach Brian Bates. "We finally got up nine in the fourth and rode it out from there, but I thought Redford Union played really well, and we played really well."

The Panthers were led by Eric McCarter's 15 points. Jacob Gagnon and Kevin Ho-gains both netted 10 points for RU.

Thurston led 18-16 after one quarter, 30-25 at the half and 46-41 with eight minutes to play.

Warriors outlast Baptist Park

Brent Croft's Stephen Curry-like shooting performance led Lutheran Westland to a 85-77 victory over Taylor Baptist Park Tuesday in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference showdown.



Redford Thurston mainstay D'eauntae Jackson (15), pictured playing tight defense during a game earlier this season, scored 25 points in the Eagles' victory over Redford Union.

ED WRIGHT

The triumph improved the

Warriors' record to 16-0 overall and 11-0 in the MIAC Red Division. Baptist Park slipped to 5-12 and 4-9, respectively.

Croft made an unheard of eight three-point shots (out of 12 attempts) and finished with a game-high 27 points.

Luke Smith also excelled for the winners, adding 26 points, 12 rebounds, four assists and two steals.

Zach Burk recorded his usual double-double, scoring 16 points with 13 rebounds.

Ben Brown and Robert Marshall both scored six points for the Warriors.

Lutheran Westland led 19-11 after one quarter, 39-29 at the half and 61-44 with eight minutes left. Baptist Park rallied late with a 33-point fourth quarter, but it couldn't catch the blazing Warriors.

"I don't think this was our best efforts tonight, but a win is a win," said LW head coach Jim Hoelt. "Our team defense was sluggish, closing out on shooters, and we were slow reacting to the ball. However, our guys had a gutsy performance tonight."

"We battled through a lot of adversity. I'm proud of our team. This game was not supposed to be this close, but we know we're going to get everyone's best effort. I'm happy to get the win tonight."

Hunter Stevens led Baptist Park with 26 points. Zabne Dalpiaz added 19.

GC topples Annapolis

Garden City's boys basketball team earned a second-place finish in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference's Red Division Friday night thanks to its entertaining 69-58 victory over visiting Dearborn Heights Annapolis.

The Cougars improved to 9-7 overall and 6-4 in the division. Annapolis finishes division play with a 5-5 mark.

The game was tight through three quarters with GC clinging to a 44-43 advantage. Led by its terrific trio of Robbie Moyers, Brandon Grace and Vinnie Bakerian, GC posted 25 fourth-quarter points to pull away.

Grace and Moyers led all scorers with 20 points each. They combined for 17 fourth-quarter points. Bakerian, who contributed six points in the final quarter, scored 17.

GC senior Denzel Tinsley scored nine third-quarter points despite not feeling 100 percent. Cameron Walter led the Cougars with 12 rebounds.

The first quarter was jammed with momentum swings. Annapolis scored the first 10 points before GC countered with an 11-0 run. Annapolis then put together six straight points.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Zebras stampede Cougars

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What a difference a year and a rebuilt roster have made for Wayne Memorial's girls basketball team.

Several months after suffering a 53-1 setback to South Lyon East, the Zebras turned the tables on the Cougars Tuesday night, sprinting to a 58-31 victory in a first-round Kensington Conference tournament playoff game.

The result left Wayne with a 13-4 record while East slipped to 7-10. The Zebras finished second in the KLAA South Division during the regular season while the Cougars finished third in the Central.

East was limited to just nine-for-46 shooting from the field by the long, scrappy and relentless Wayne defense, which forced 22 turnovers.

The Cougars missed the mark on all 12 of their second-quarter shots and fell into a 39-11 halftime abyss.

The game had the makings of a competitive contest during the opening minutes as the teams battled to a 6-all deadlock.

But the Zebras' trapping full-court press created a succession of easy lay-ups for the hosts, who reeled off an 8-0 run to close out the first quarter.

Camree' Clegg, a transfer from Detroit Country Day, paced the Zebras with 17 points, four rebounds and a couple sweet no-look dimes.

Amara Chikwe, a transfer from Ann Arbor Huron, contributed 13 points, five rebounds and two steals to the winners' cause.

Patrolling the paint for the Zebras was Taylor Prep transfer Maya Garrett, who scored seven points, snatched five rebounds and blocked three shots.

Zebra freshman guard Janae Terry scored 12 points with seven rebounds and two steals.

Adrianna Gonzales, a rare hold-over from Wayne's 0-20 season a year ago, added six points off the bench.

East was led by guard Peyton Jones, who scored 22 points, but found net on just five of 20 shots. Jones was stellar at the freethrow line, however, sinking all eight of her attempts.

Abby Jones also played well for the visitors, netting five points and seven rebounds.

Peyton Jones accounted for her team's entire first-half points output until Abby Jones scored a bucket with 9.8 seconds left before halftime.

East made 11 of 14 free-throw attempts. Wayne was also sharp from the stripe, draining 13 of 17.

Jayah Hicks grabbed seven rebounds to share top honors with Terry.



Wayne's Amara Chikwe launches a mini-hook during Tuesday night's victory over South Lyon East.

TOM BEAUDOIN



Wayne's Jayah Hicks banks in a short shot Tuesday night.

TOM BEAUDOIN

East junior guard Katherine Crapps didn't score, but chipped in with four rebounds, two steals and slick ball-handling against the Zebras' torrid press.

Warriors topple Trojans

Lutheran Westland improved to 14-3 Tuesday night with a 61-27 victory over visiting Livonia Clarenceville.

The Warriors led 19-7 after one quarter and 32-13 at the break.

Several Lutheran Westland players contributed to the 34-point victory, most notably junior guard Taylor Jones, who racked up 13 points and eight steals.

Bethany Hoehne (14 points) and Makayla Wyly (10 points) also figured prominently in the winners' offensive attack. Rachel Reddeman tacked on eight points and nine rebounds while Kelli Orme dished out a team-high five assists.

Freshman Myla Hoskins

scored 13 points to lead Clarenceville.

Senior A'Sha Whittaker added eight points and Maddie Jaber four. Michaela Nesler, Kylee Hammond and Jaber forced turnovers that allowed the Trojans to take advantage of a few fast-break opportunities.

Clarenceville will play Lutheran High School South next Tuesday at home. The seniors will be honored at halftime.

Whittaker scored a season-high 17 points Monday as Clarenceville lost to visiting Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook. Hoskins added four points.

In a 36-21 loss Friday to Redford Thurston, Hoskins scored 10 points, Whittaker and Raven Redding four apiece. Jaber, Nesler and Hammond came together on defense and forced some turnovers.

Stevenson wins

Livonia Stevenson toughed out a 24-20 victory over Lakeland in a KLAA non-tournament game hosted by the Spartans.

The Spartans improved to 8-9 while the Eagles slipped to 2-15.

The game's leading scorer was Lakeland's Skylar Baer, who tossed in 10 points.

Stevenson was paced by senior post players Audrey Stahr and Paige Ackman, who scored six points each.

Stevenson never trailed after earning an 8-4 lead after one quarter. The Spartans doubled their advantage to 16-8 at the half before Lakeland constructed a mini-rally that brought it to within 18-15 with eight minutes left.

Stevenson made six of 11 free-throw attempts.

Ocelots sign Stevenson's Wilson



Livonia Stevenson senior softball standout Cori Wilson recently signed a letter of intent to play college softball for Schoolcraft College.

Garden City varsity wins title



MICHAEL VASILNEK

Garden City's varsity pom team continued its dominance at the Mid-American Pom state championship earlier this month in East Lansing. The team out-scored eight other varsity teams from throughout the state to capture the first-place trophy.



HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING

Panthers framing a solid season

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Redford Union's boys bowling team split a pair of Western Wayne Athletic Conference matches recently.

The Panthers edged Livonia Clarenceville 18-12 and dropped a 28-2 decision to Belleville, leaving their record at a sterling 10-4, which is good enough for second place in the WWAC.

Competing at Cherry Hill Lanes against the Trojans, the Panthers split the Baker games, dropping the opener 158-145, before bouncing back to claim the night-cap, 162-136.

The two teams also split the pair of traditional games, with Clarenceville taking a 932-897 win before RU rebounded to earn a 959-917 triumph.

The Panthers were fueled by strong performances from anchor Brendan Kerkhof's 221 and the ever-reliable David Nordstrom's 210.

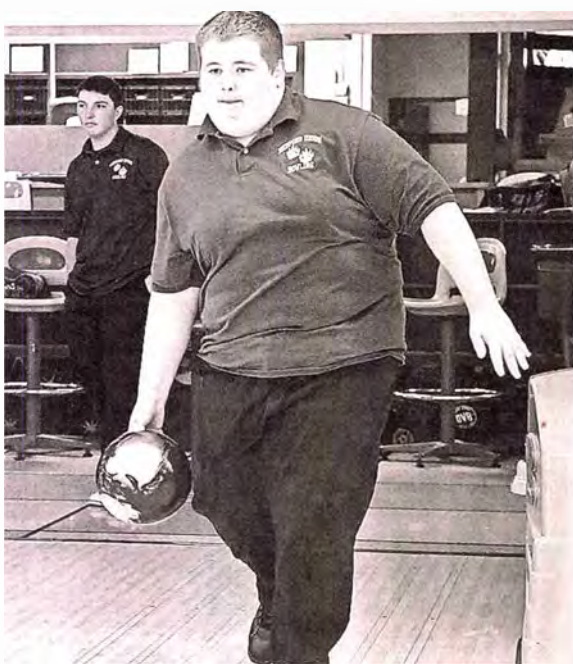
In the junior-varsity match, Jack Shroat was splendid, registering a 188 game.

The loss to the Tigers at Thunder Bowl didn't go quite as well for the Panthers, who lost both Baker Games and both traditional contests. Kerkhof was again the main man for RU, rolling a 202, while Jon Havier turned in a 189.

Nick Laidler was on fire for the JV squad, posting a 198.

RU girls lose two

The Panther ladies dropped a 29-1 decision to Clarenceville



Redford Union's Kyle Keating delivers a shot during a practice earlier this month.

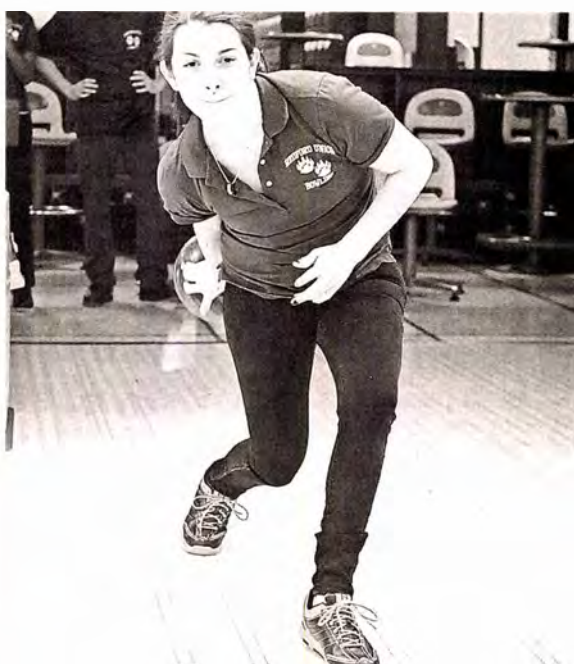
and a 23-7 match to the Tigers.

RU fell into a deep hole against Clarenceville when it lost both Baker games (151-95 and 187-156). The traditional games also went the way of the Trojans: 936-698 and 862-629.

Despite the loss, Lizzy Pi-

geon performed well for the Panthers with a 160 game — six pins higher than teammate Mia Sopko. The loss dropped the Panthers to a more-than-respectable 9-5.

The Lady Panthers started well against Belleville, winning



Redford Union's Lizzy Pigeon shows sharp focus while delivering a practice shot at Mayflower Lanes earlier this month.

the first Baker game, 129-125, before dropping the second game, 148-109.

The traditional contest were also tight. Belleville capture game one, 685-565, before the Panthers surged back with a 693-689 triumph in game two.

Pigeon flew high again for the Panthers, leading the team with a 170 game. Sopko was the next-highest Panther, registering a 160 game.

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SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE BASKETBALL



Launching a jumper Saturday for Schoolcraft's men's basketball team is Ja'Christian Biles.

JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Ocelots take top spot in MCCA Eastern

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Before Schoolcraft College hosted Mott Community College for Saturday's men's basketball showdown of the top two teams in the MCCA Eastern Conference, there was no special message from Ocelots head coach Abe Mashhour — even though a handle on the conference lead was at stake.

"Coach didn't go out of the conference routine, he just told us to play hard and that's what we did," said sophomore guard Dre Black, a Westland John Glenn product. "One game at a time, one possession at a time, stay within the team and keep moving forward."

Schoolcraft took care of business, rolling to a 80-58 victory to take a two-game lead over Mott with three games remaining. The Ocelots improved to 16-10 overall and 11-2 in the Eastern Conference.

"Our team, it's one game at a time," said guard Tyler Johnson (Howell), who scored 11 Schoolcraft points in a row during the second half and led the squad with 20 for the game. "It's a process. We can't overlook anybody, because we can't stoop down to anybody's level. It's college basketball and everybody can play."

Johnson shrugged off his stretch of hot shooting, which featured two treys and a put-back over a span of 2:15.

"It was good. I know my team looks at me to shoot," Johnson said. "I just found a rhythm and got it going."

He then smiled and said he got more enjoyment out of dishing the ball to center R.J. Coil for a trey from the left wing with 7:30 left to break his scoring streak.

"I like that a little more than hitting my own," Johnson said. "Especially R.J., because he's a shooter, too. We start working the pick and pop and he's a big man that can do that."

"When he hits, it's a big up on our bench because everybody's playing good."

Coil was one of the key performers, albeit off the bench, in the victory. In 20 minutes, he registered nine points and led the team with 16 rebounds — 11 on the defensive glass.

Mashhour praised the production his team enjoyed throughout the lineup, particularly that from Johnson and Coil. Ten players registered at least two points.

"Tyler can get it going," Mashhour said. "He did it last week against OCC; he had six threes in the second half in the first 10 minutes."

About Coil, the coach said it was good to see him rewarded with nearly a double-double against the Bears.

"R.J. works so hard and he's getting better every day and he's getting healthier, which is a big thing for a guy who is 6-9 and 250 pounds," Mashhour said. "He did a great job today, not only with rebounding, but just contesting and changing shots on the defensive end and offensively he was solid."

Also in double figures for the Ocelots were Black (10 points, seven assists) and guard Ja'Christian Biles (13 points).

Helping the cause with eight points and four boards despite being hobbled by an ankle injury was forward Anthony Wartley-Fritz. Canton alum Davon Taylor also had seven boards.

Schoolcraft led, 35-22, after the first half and closed out the win with a 45-36 edge in the second half, hitting 7-of-12 attempts from behind the 3-point line (58.3 percent).

For Mott (16-9, 8-4), Darrin Mayo scored 19 points.

"We control our own destiny and that's exactly the position you want to be in this time of year," Mashhour said.

COLLEGE BOWLING

STRIKE FORCE

Schoolcraft men roll to MCCA/Region XII championship; women qualify for nationals

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Schoolcraft College bowlers soon will be shuffling off to Buffalo.

The men's and women's bowling teams both qualified for the National Junior College Athletic Association finals to take place in Buffalo, N.Y. after finishing first and second, respectively, at Friday's regionals.

"I let the kids know it's going to be a business trip," said Patrick Yelsik, head coach for both Schoolcraft bowling teams. "Are we going to have a good time? Absolutely. But we're going to go there to take care of business, we're going to handle what we know we can handle and that's to perform to the best of our ability."

Really knocking down the competition with a stellar performance up and down the lineup was Schoolcraft's men's squad — easily winning the 2016 MCCA/Region XII championship at Merri-Bowl Lanes in Livonia.

Led by Garden City alum Kacey Brezovsky, who led the field with a tally of 1,453 pins — edging Muskegon's Mark Edens by 25 pins — the Ocelots steamrolled their way to their first-ever regional crown.

Schoolcraft amassed a 8,757 total, well ahead of Muskegon (7,334), Kirtland (7,278) and Wayne County (7,174).

"They won by 1,400 pins which in bowling terms is probably a 90-point victory, it's unheard of in bowling," said Yelsik, MCCA/Region XII coach of the year. "They came out ready to go, from the get-go, from top to bottom. We played completely up to our potential so it was really awesome to see."

Work pays off

About Brezovsky's first-place finish in the individual standings, Yelsik praised the bowler's unending work ethic and quest to improve.

"Kacey's one of the hardest workers on the team, he's always at practice, one of the first ones to show up and one of the last ones to leave," Yelsik said. "I know it's a cliché in sports, but in a sport like bowling, perfect practice really does make perfect."

"He's always out there perfecting his game and it's really nice to see him get some of these accolades because it couldn't happen to a nicer kid. He works his tail off in the classroom, he works his tail off with the sport."

Five off the top eight finishers on the men's side were Ocelots. In addition to Brezovsky, others spearheading the lopsided regional victory were Andrew Gury (third, 1,415), Sean McKinney (fourth, 1,396), Sam Berger (sixth, 1,326) and Ben Jakes (eighth, 1,290).

"Every single school there has a couple horses," Yelsik continued. "Their first and second bowlers they can really go."

"The difference with us is we've got our top three that we've carried us all year, but in our spots 4-8, those guys are really interchangeable. Yesterday they all really produced."

Those lower spots were filled by Jakes, Eric Deyonker (11th, 1,166), Drew Garrison (12th, 1,160) and Jason Bley (13th, 1,158).

Brezovsky and Gury also were named doubles champions (totalling 1,314 over three games). Named to the all region/conference team were Brezovsky, Gury, McKinney and Berger.

Yelsik said it was great to defeat Muskegon, last season's regional champion and "the gold standard of bowling in the conference. ... We're really happy to knock them off the hill, for us to take the top spot."

SC women 2nd

On the women's side, the Lady Ocelots qualified for nationals thanks to finishing second with a total of 6,516 (trailing first-place Muskegon's 6,881).

Schoolcraft was sparked by Rachel Boucha, a Salem High School alum from Canton who finished third overall with 1,176 and won MCCA Freshman of the Year honors.

Placing 4-6 were Ashley Mattia (Redford Union, 1,071), Ashley Schou (Livonia, 1,044) and Kaylin Janiczek (Livonia, 1,036).

Rounding out the Schoolcraft lineup were Chelsea Dziekan (Garden City, 11th, 882) and Cierra Cox (14th, 848).

Boucha and Schou also won the doubles trophy with a score of 979; both were named to the all region/conference team along with Mattia.

"I was really happy to see her had a great showing," Yelsik said and gave kudos to Mattia, "who's been a pretty consistent performer all year."

"I can't imagine there's too many teams out there that had both their men and women qualify," Yelsik added.

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Trade group advertising touts Realtor use in buying, selling property

Buying a home isn't as easy as clicking a few buttons and getting the home of your dreams, as the current real estate advertising landscape leads many to believe, according to the National Association of Realtors. The reality is that real estate transactions can be stressful and there are often challenges and obstacles along the way.

To communicate Realtor value in helping consumers succeed in all things real estate, the NAR has launched a new advertising campaign, "Get Realtor®." The campaign targets hyper-connected and emerging generations of home buyers, sellers, owners and investors.

Technology has advanced modern life in many ways and allows people to do more online than ever before, a NAR press release notes. With a few keystrokes or taps on a screen, consumers can shop for a mortgage, learn about the

buying or selling process and browse through photos of homes for sale. But access to information doesn't automatically translate to success when buying or selling a home, the NAR adds. In other words, when it comes to the biggest purchase many people will likely ever make, consumers need to "Get Realtor®."

"When it comes to real estate and the Internet, today's consumers don't always know what they don't know," said NAR President Tom Salomone, broker-owner of Real Estate II Inc. in Coral Springs, Fla. "The Get Realtor® campaign demonstrates how Realtors - members of the National Association of Realtors - can help buyers, sellers and investors succeed. We want today's consumers to understand that having a Realtor at their side is their competitive advantage in the real estate transaction."

NAR's consumer advertising campaign began 17 years

ago, and launches in 2016 with a whole new look and feel to help modernize consumer perceptions of Realtors, particularly among millennials, who are currently the largest home buying segment.

"Contemporizing an established brand will take time. To reach new generations, we've created advertising that is dramatically different and bold enough to break through the clutter and get noticed, and help drive consideration of Realtors," said Salomone. "Also, our own research found that consumers have anxiety about reaching out from behind their tech screens for professional assistance, including from a Realtor. With this campaign, consumers will be exposed to a redefined brand in more contemporary channels that demonstrates why consumers need to Get Realtor®."

The Get Realtor® campaign currently includes so-

cial, digital, print, and radio creative; NAR's media mix is shifting significantly from previous campaigns to the social and digital side for greater engagement with tech-savvy consumers who are increasingly going mobile, getting their content on demand, and sharing information across their social networks.

The Get Realtor® campaign is the first created in partnership with advertising agency Arnold Worldwide, which was named NAR's agency of record in 2015 for its strategy, creativity and extensive history of helping clients reinvent their brands, including Volkswagen, Ocean Spray and Progressive.

For additional information about the strategy and research behind the new campaign, and to view current campaign materials, visit www.realtor.org/consumer-advertising-campaign.

Nonprofit Corporation Act changes explained, decried

Q: I have heard about changes made to the Michigan Nonprofit Corporation Act during a lame duck session of the Legislature last year. What are some of the most onerous provisions that you are aware of?

A: It would take a full-time column to advise you of many of the anti-consumer provisions which the Legislature sneaked through during a lame duck session with no public hearings, etc. One of the most egregious provisions is the fact that directors of nonprofits, including community associations, whether they are paid or not, are only liable for gross negligence. This is a legal concept which is extremely hard to establish as it is, in effect, considered an intentionally negligent act. Moreover, the rights of shareholders-members of nonprofits to bring action against the Board of Directors on behalf of the association, i.e., commonly referred to as a derivative action, is greatly restricted. This was a windfall for insurance companies among other heavily funded interest groups.

Q: We purchased a property that we thought was 14 acres. We thought there was wood on it and we sold the wood to a timber company and then we sold the land to another party. Our neighbor is now objecting to the timber harvesting asserting that the land is his. A survey revealed that significant change in the legal description contained the chain of title took place 20 years ago. In fact, a neighbor owned the rest of the area where the timber was taken. What is our recourse?

A: While you may try to seek a reformation of the deed, in a recent case out of West Virginia, on similar facts, the trial court ordered rescission of the deed because the deed did not describe the land that the parties had bargained over and the superior title prevented the original land owner from conveying the missing acreage to a third party. The court reasoned that while a court of equity has the power to decree the reformation of a deed executed through a mutual mistake of the parties, to the true intent of the parties, rescission is also appropriate in the same circumstances. The court further stated that where an agreement is rescinded, the general rule is, that it must be rescinded entirely to allow the parties to be placed as near as may be to status quo. But each case must be tried on its own facts.

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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 14-18, 2015, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

City	Address	Sale Price
BEVERLY HILLS	15573 Buckingham Ave	\$245,000
	16114 Lauderdale Ave	\$340,000
BIRMINGHAM FARMS	22750 Windyfern Dr	\$1,300,000
BIRMINGHAM	650 Brookside Ave	\$795,000
	2681 Dorchester Rd	\$775,000
	1707 E 14 Mile Rd Unit B	\$71,000
	1758 Graefield Rd	\$125,000
	236 Pleasant St	\$278,000
	662 Purdy St	\$179,000
	734 S Bates St	\$179,000
	1629 S Elm St	\$292,000
	411 S Old Woodward Ave Unit 903	\$320,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	1932 Pine Ridge Ct	\$365,000
	4045 Fox Lake Dr	\$485,000
	2468 Hickory Glen Dr	\$572,000
	785 Hickory Heights Dr	\$439,000
	4100 Lakeridge Ln	\$555,000
	1466 Lenox Rd	\$588,000
	7133 Lindenmere Dr	\$375,000
	850 N Valley Chase Rd	\$370,000
	1132 Timberview Trl	\$275,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	899 Bloomcrest Dr	\$495,000
	2770 Colonial Trl	\$175,000
	6863 Crestway Dr	\$410,000
	2675 Douglas Dr	\$265,000
	767 Hawthorne Ct	\$440,000
	4016 Hidden Woods Dr	\$340,000
	4165 Nearbrook Rd	\$700,000
	85 S Berkshire Rd	\$475,000

950 Trailwood Path # B	\$142,000
6807 Vachon Dr	\$350,000
6940 Woodbank Dr	\$295,000
5185 Woodlands Dr	\$295,000
5409 Woodview Dr	\$465,000
COMMERCIE TOWNSHIP	
4003 Cherry Garden Dr	\$240,000
4675 Ponderosa St	\$159,000
1085 Ridgemont St	\$110,000
5943 Stonewall Cir	\$455,000
8769 War Bonnet Dr	\$240,000
2064 Warbler Ct	\$305,000
FARMINGTON	
35556 Lark Harbor Ct	\$165,000
22750 Manning St	\$193,000
22804 Power Rd	\$165,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
29475 Ashford Pkwy	\$220,000
31284 Aspen Dr	\$230,000
23769 Barfield St	\$175,000
27915 Berrywood Ln Unit 68	\$79,000
37226 Brentwood Cir	\$147,000
25098 Chapelweigh Dr	\$198,000
36755 Chesapeake Rd	\$335,000
23922 Cora Ave	\$225,000
38916 County Cir	\$129,000
35277 Edgemoor Ct	\$175,000
39047 Geneva Dr	\$180,000
23565 Glencreek Dr	\$200,000
27832 Kendallwood Dr	\$130,000
31218 Oak Valley Dr	\$270,000
22246 Ontaga St	\$140,000
31490 Orchard Brook Ct	\$161,000
30594 Orchard Lake Rd Unit 43	\$88,000
34660 Princeton St	\$208,000
21164 Rensselaer St	\$54,000
30941 Rockdale Ave	\$99,000
21522 Roosevelt Ave	\$184,000
24800 Springbrook Dr	\$175,000
37892 Stableview Dr	\$297,000
30489 Stockton Ave	\$170,000
35597 Vicksburg St	\$263,000

31740 Wayburn St	\$167,000
29418 Windmill Ct	\$370,000
25440 Witherspoon St	\$355,000
33852 Yorkridge St	\$300,000
FRANKLIN	
30545 Birchway Dr	\$233,000
30676 Harlin Cir	\$685,000
26431 Wellington Rd	\$700,000
HIGHLAND	
2759 Buena Vista Dr	\$160,000
2581 Davista Dr	\$225,000
3760 Hide Away Ln	\$340,000
5616 Jada Dr	\$258,000
1774 La Salle Blvd	\$157,000
3449 Lido	\$179,000
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18811 Alhambra Ave	\$230,000
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MILFORD	
2387 Dundee Trl	\$290,000
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1182 Concord Ct	\$205,000
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25594 Arcadia Dr	\$567,000
24565 Bashian Dr	\$125,000
47455 Beckenham Blvd	\$560,000
45799 Bristol Cir	\$490,000

42548 Cherry Hill Rd	\$242,000
41554 Cornell Dr	\$195,000
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23755 Greening Ct	\$335,000
40939 Kingsley Ln	\$375,000
23557 Meeting Hall Ln	\$105,000
47178 Northumberland St	\$585,000
24525 Old Orchard St	\$123,000
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29276 Westonland Dr	\$238,000
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58202 Belfore Ct	\$345,000
24986 Carnegie Ln	\$98,000
61367 Dean Dr	\$151,000
712 E Lake St	\$103,000
235 Eagle Way	\$205,000
61173 Greenwood Dr	\$87,000
985 Heartside St	\$208,000
25754 McCrory Ln	\$319,000
22822 Spyc Glass Hill Dr	\$460,000
SOUTHFIELD	
20007 Boardwalk Blvd	\$120,000
21760 Concord St	\$149,000
21115 Constitution St	\$182,000
29760 Fall River Rd	\$445,000
28123 Fontana Dr	\$155,000
29131 Leemoor Dr	\$155,000
17271 Lincoln Dr	\$95,000
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17570 Roxbury Ave	\$149,000
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27645 Sutherland St	\$151,000
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19170 W 9 Mile Rd	\$170,000
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10320 Degrand St	\$372,000
9265 Gale Rd	\$165,000
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767 Golden Shrs	\$497,000
870 Pembroke Dr	\$424,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 5-9, 2015, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

City	Address	Sale Price
CANTON	41557 Bedford Dr	\$118,000
	4128 Berkeley Ave	\$130,000
	4336 Brookstone Dr	\$276,000
	536 Cherry Orchard Rd	\$186,000
	308 Cherry Stone Dr	\$143,000
	4205 Elizabeth Ave	\$150,000
	1513 Elmhurst St	\$107,000
	49706 Flushing Ave	\$500,000
	45130 Gaddes Rd	\$270,000
	40439 Glen Eagle Ln	\$135,000
	44350 Harsdale Dr	\$228,000
	47833 Hastings Rd	\$408,000
	46981 Hidden River Cir N	\$334,000
	49713 Lansdowne St	\$385,000
	39729 Lynn St	\$150,000
	204 Meadowlake Rd	\$168,000
	858 Morning Dove Ct	\$300,000
	44029 N Umberland Cir	\$129,000
	1471 Oakview Dr	\$172,000
	41528 Pineridge Dr	\$155,000
	6573 Poppleton Rd	\$480,000
	354 Princess Dr	\$210,000
	354 Princess Dr	\$214,000
	43432 Proctor Rd	\$169,000
	45232 Saltz Rd	\$185,000
	46526 Scotia Ct	\$377,000

2558 Siever Dr	\$320,000
43701 Stuart Dr	\$180,000
47722 Ten Point Dr	\$450,000
1284 W Crystal Cir	\$260,000
40997 Westfield Cir	\$246,000
1610 Whittier Dr	\$175,000
GARDEN CITY	
6637 Arcola St	\$115,000
32568 Bridge St	\$164,000
6455 Fairfield St	\$117,000
31720 Hennepin St	\$105,000
351 N Leona Ave	\$60,000
28529 Rosslyn Ave	\$40,000
6624 Sharon St	\$105,000
LIVONIA	
39010 Allen St	\$185,000
9587 Cavell St	\$127,000
36225 Club Dr	\$318,000
15931 Deering St	\$27,000
33751 Elmira Ct	\$223,000
17451 Fairfield St	\$251,000
19456 Fairlane Ct	\$365,000
9007 Fremont St	\$77,000
15630 Green Lane Ave	\$170,000
14751 Harrison St	\$268,000
9928 Hubbard St	\$157,000
36234 Mallory Ct	\$223,000
20010 Mayfield St	\$172,000
31453 Merivale Park Dr	\$137,000
16001 Oak Dr	\$128,000
28343 Pembroke St	\$125,000
16783 Penn Dr	\$265,000
29514 Pickford St	\$141,000
30531 Puritan St	\$170,000
29191 Roycroft St	\$109,000

15029 Susanna St	\$177,000
30206 Vassar St	\$168,000
31110 Wentworth St	\$150,000
31110 Wentworth St	\$45,000
28653 Westfield St	\$126,000
14277 Westmore St	\$204,000
NORTHVILLE	
46605 7 Mile Rd	\$125,000
44617 Broadmoor Cir N	\$465,000
16691 Highland Ln	\$523,000
19609 Neptune Ct	\$120,000
46625 W Main St	\$400,000
PLYMOUTH	
8821 Brookline Ave	\$269,000
45771 Danbridge St	\$385,000
521 N Harvey St	\$228,000
1032 N Holbrook St	\$210,000
9748 Normandy Dr	\$420,000
13928 Oakwood Ct	\$503,000
13952 Orchard Ct	\$420,000
49131 Plum Tree Dr	\$378,000
51362 Plymouth Heights Ln	\$365,000
49916 Pointe Xing	\$138,000
42955 River Bend Dr	\$290,000
12462 Woodgate Dr	\$212,000
REDFORD	
8989 Brady	\$90,000
17317 Brady	\$29,000
25433 Dover	\$75,000
11767 Farley	\$50,000
25601 Glendale	\$790,000
26032 Grand River Ave	\$49,000
26038 Grand River Ave	\$67,000
9361 Kinloch	\$105,000
11708 Kinloch	\$60,000

18516 Lennane	\$40,000
19748 Lexington	\$50,000
9045 Riverview	\$80,000
9054 Rockland	\$91,000
17415 Summer	\$60,000
9624 Winston	\$87,000
WAYNE	
3625 Gloria Tr	\$6,000
5233 Harding St	\$75,000
4660 Howe Rd	\$53,000
3462 Pershing St	\$167,000
3351 S John Hix Rd	\$80,000
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1807 Alberta St	\$40,000
30236 Ann Arbor Trl	\$129,000
49704 Avondale St	\$110,000
2613 Caledonia Ct	\$25,000
31351 Fernwood St	\$60,000
35626 Florane St	\$60,000
6350 Glastonbury St	\$130,000
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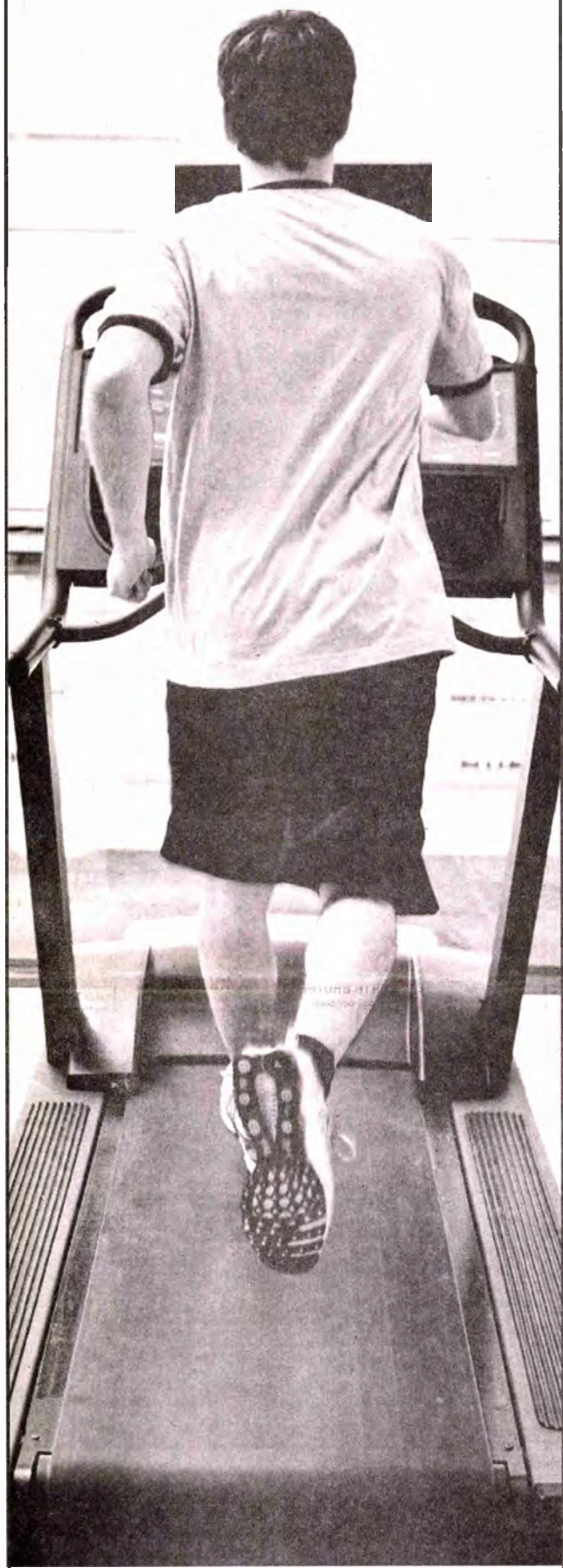
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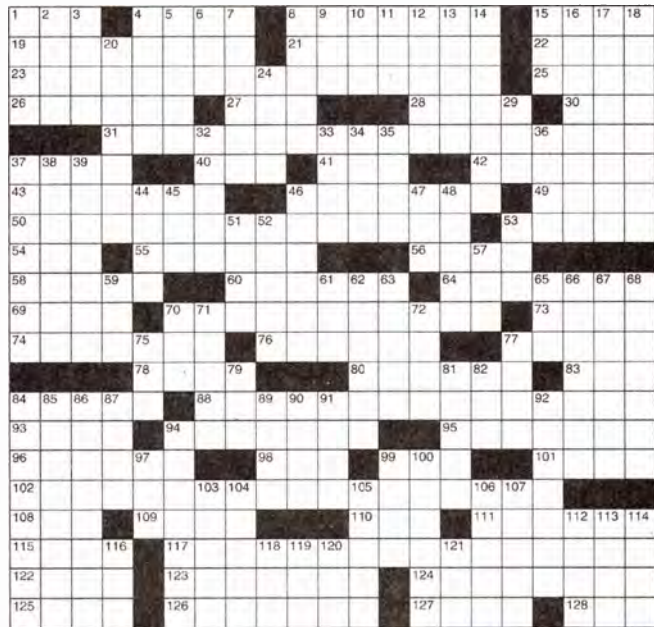
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- ACROSS**
- 1 —Mart (retail giant)
 - 4 Hushed "Hey!"
 - 8 Part of PETA
 - 15 Some snakes
 - 19 Extra refrigerator convenience
 - 21 Pre-euro Greek coin
 - 22 Scrutinize, with "over"
 - 23 Extremely bad weather, e.g.
 - 25 Deep purple
 - 26 Skating great Yamaguchi
 - 27 Canton-born architect I.M.
 - 28 Big cracker brand
 - 30 Drink name suffix
 - 31 Offering at a memorial service
 - 37 Org. for Michelle Wie
 - 40 '60s psychedelic
 - 41 Nero's 1,006
 - 42 Apply an oily liquid to
 - 43 Folding art
 - 46 It glances off the bat and counts as a strike
 - 49 A while ago
 - 50 Prevention of a blaze from spreading
 - 53 Madden
 - 54 "Dracula" director
 - 55 "—doin' it!"
 - 56 Melt
 - 58 Dunne of movies
 - 60 Slow, tempo-wise
 - 64 Not less than
 - 69 To be, at the Louvre
 - 70 Longtime tech ad slogan (and a hint to this puzzle's theme)
 - 73 Essence
 - 74 Actress Dawson
 - 76 Hip-hop record label
 - 77 — suggest
 - 78 About
 - 80 African land
 - 83 Some vinyl records
 - 84 Philately
 - 88 Clash between social groups
 - 93 Besech
 - 94 Husky-toned
 - 95 Ominous
 - 96 "All of Me" director Carl
 - 98 Little hotel
 - 99 Notable time stretch
 - 101 One writing briefs: Abbr.
 - 102 Efforts to protect ecosystems, say
 - 108 Simile middle
 - 109 —avis
 - 110 Existential declaration
 - 111 How very close games are won
 - 115 Mixed breed
 - 117 Calamitous effects
 - 122 Love god
 - 123 Deep green
 - 124 Repeat
 - 125 Desiccated
 - 126 Late-night flights
 - 127 Draws on
 - 128 Here-there linkup
- DOWN**
- 1 Laundry detergent brand
 - 2 Aspire PC maker
 - 3 — Strauss jeans
 - 4 Trilogy start
 - 5 Yarn bundle
 - 6 Minute div.
 - 7 Recurring themes
 - 8 Murphy of "48 Hrs."
 - 9 Prefix with glyceride
 - 10 Toque, e.g.
 - 11 Here, in Arles
 - 12 C minor, say
 - 13 Prenatal test, briefly
 - 14 Track racer's windup
 - 15 iPhone extra
 - 16 Comforting in sorrow
 - 17 Discretion
 - 18 College term
 - 20 Text or email
 - 24 Dweeby sort
 - 29 Buddhism school
 - 32 Film director Eastwood
 - 33 "Hurry up!"
 - 34 Half of a zygote
 - 35 Cairo's river
 - 36 When morning ends
 - 37 More exalted
 - 38 In advance of
 - 39 Bridge parts
 - 44 Skin ailment
 - 45 Dairy sound
 - 46 Conclusion
 - 47 Blowup stuff
 - 48 "—to Be You"
 - 51 "Imagine —"
 - 52 Helped
 - 53 Saddlery tool
 - 57 Supped
 - 59 School lobby gp.
 - 61 Many a PC image file
 - 62 Bite, break or bruise
 - 63 "August: — County"
 - 65 Mileage rating gp.
 - 66 Send in via helicopter, maybe
 - 67 Diamond-shaping method
 - 68 Abounding in prickly plants
 - 70 Grafton's — for "Innocent"
 - 71 Saw edge
 - 72 Apple desktop
 - 75 Hip-hop music
 - 77 Stupid
 - 79 — Day Will Come
 - 81 Jack Sprat's dietary rule
 - 82 Genetic cell stuff
 - 84 Family appellations
 - 85 Value highly
 - 86 Rabble-rouser
 - 87 Diner list
 - 89 Beef cut
 - 90 Sunbather
 - 91 — Reader
 - 92 Tiling
 - 94 One walking
 - 97 Flub up
 - 99 Gabor and Mendes
 - 100 French composer
 - 103 Felipe —
 - 104 Competed in a regatta
 - 105 Fruit coats
 - 106 "— hope so!"
 - 107 Butter substitutes
 - 112 Thom —
 - 113 "Mr. Nobody" star Jared
 - 114 River of Flanders
 - 116 Mao — tung
 - 118 In advance of
 - 119 Low coral reef
 - 120 Bullring shout
 - 121 Victims of NFL sacks



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6	5	3	4	6	7	2	1	8
8	9	3	2	4	5	6	7	1
4	7	1	2	2	8	5	6	3
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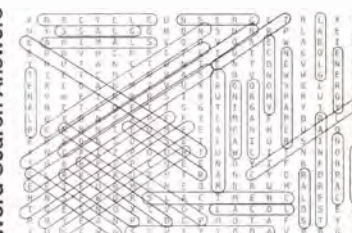
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- SUSTAINABLE
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- TRADE
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Crossword Answers

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 TICMAKER BRACHMA PROPE
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Word Search Answers



RELIGION CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 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

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: 734-425-4421
FILM
Time/Date: 6:45 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26
Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills
Details: "A Pattern of Evidence - the Exodus" is a documentary by filmmaker Timothy Mahoney.

Contact: 734-421-1760
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Time/Date: 6:45 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26
Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills
Details: "A Pattern of Evidence - the Exodus" is a documentary by filmmaker Timothy Mahoney.

Dinner is available and features chicken gyros. Make reservations by Wednesday, Feb. 24
Contact: 248-553-3380

FISH FRY

Time/Date: 4:30-7 p.m. Friday, through 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, through March 16
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: "A 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

LENENT DISCIPLINES

Time/Date: 10:10-11 a.m. Sunday, through March 20 and 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, through 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: 248-625-2515, 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-eighth grade. The school offers licensed latchkey, and bus service for resident of Wayne and Westland schools
Contact: 734-728-3315; stmi-chael@lutheran.org

SOUP SUPPER, SPEAKERS

Time/Date: 5:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19 and March 18
Location: Resurrection Catholic Parish, 48755 Warren Road, Canton
Details: A meatless meal of soup and bread is followed by a discussion. Crystal Squire, development director of AAA Pregnancy Resource Center in Livonia talks about "Marriage, the Baby and Family," at the February session. In March, Deacon Paul F. Lippard will discuss "Living Lent with Mercy." Stations of the Cross will follow each session at 7 p.m. RSVP to the parish office
Contact: 734-451-0444; resof-ice@resurrectionparish.net

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

AUDIO SERIES

Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. Thursday, through March 10
Location: St. John's Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road, Westland
Details: "Sacred Conversations on Racial Justice"
Contact: 734-721-5023

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: Invention Wendy Motta, a seven-year Zumba practitioner, teaches Zumba through drop-in classes. Each costs \$3. Participants should bring water, a towel and wear athletic shoes. For more information, email Motta through zumba.com
Contact: 313-408-3364

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

HEALING SERVICE
Time/Date: Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month
Location: The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia
Details: The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Offertory candles are available for a free will offering in the vestibule of the church.
Contact: Rev. George Shalhoub at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey 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: Ethanief Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

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

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

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

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

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, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.
Contact: 313-534-0399

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

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 hangups. Child care is available for free
Contact: Jonathan@Connectionchurch.info or 248-787-5009

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Tuesday, 4:00 p.m. for Thursday papers
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ALLEN, HELEN M. CHAIVRE

95, of Farmington, died February 15, 2016. Helen was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 44 years, John A.: a son, John; and siblings, Louis Chaivre and Rosemary Donohue. She is survived by five children, Michele (Robert Weed) Mooney, Celeste (Jim) Novak, Louis (Miryam), Thomas (Chryse) and Robert; 13 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; God-children, family and friends. Visitation Sunday, Feb. 21, 4-8 pm, with a 5 pm rosary, at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd. Funeral Mass Monday, Feb. 22, 10:00 am (in state 9:30 am) at Our Lady of Sorrows, 23615 Power Rd., Farmington. Memorial contributions: Marygrove College or Christ Child Society.

HUTTON, ROBERT DOYLE SR.
 Age 84, died at Gulfcoast Hospice in Zephyrhills, FL on Thursday, February 11, 2016. Born, November 4, 1931 in Vincennes, IN. He lived in Plymouth, MI, prior to settling in Florida. He retired from Walbridge Aldinger in 1986. Survived by his children, Michael Hutton (Jean), Kimberlee Denski (David), Mark Hutton (Lynette), Kari Bradberry (Benjamin) and Robert Hutton, Jr. (Kristin). Brother Joseph Hutton (Joan) and several grandchildren/step grandchildren (Siri, Tyler, Kai, Robbie, Nicholas, Sean, Chaz, Trevor, Dustin and Jared). Preceded in death by his wife, Joanne and two brothers, William and Dale.

KLOCKE, ANNA R.
 September 12, 1926 - January 19, 2016. Arrangements by: PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. www.phillipsfuneral.com



MAGRAW, JAMES R.
 Age 73, life long farmer, of Marlette, Michigan died Sunday, February 14, 2016 at St. Mary's of Michigan Medical Center in Saginaw. Mr. Magraw has lived in Marlette Township the past 40 years and was previously from Plymouth, Michigan. He was born April 13, 1942 in Plymouth, Michigan son to the late Russell and Janet (Waldecker) Magraw. He graduated from Plymouth High School in 1960 and went on to M.S.U. where he received his Agricultural degree. He married Terry L. Mettetal April 8, 1967 in Plymouth. Mr. Magraw was a member of Pepsi-Cola Collectible Club. James enjoyed collecting Pepsi-Cola memorabilia, going to antique shows and most of all, spending time with family and friends. He is survived by his loving wife Terry of 49 years of marriage, Michelle and Todd Collins (Daughter) of Grand Blanc, Dave and Shellie Magraw (Brother) of Marlette, Rob Magraw (Brother) of Marlette, Grandchildren Dillon, Chase and Page Collins of Grand Blanc. He was preceded in death by his parents Russell and Janet R. Magraw. Cremation has taken place at May Memorial Crematory in Port Huron, Michigan. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Donations may be given to the family. Arrangements By Marsh Funeral Chapel, Marlette, Mi. (989) 635-3658. www.marshfuneral.com



ALVER, GEORGE BERNARD

February 14, 2016, age 84 of Plymouth. Beloved husband of Patsy Alver. Loving father of Pamela (David) Pedlow and Michael (Diana) Alver. Proud grandfather of Kyle and Kristyn Pedlow and Shelby. Molly and Harley Alver. Funeral Service Saturday 11 a.m. at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170. Visitation Friday 2 - 8 p.m. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com

HUGHES, OLIVE

Passed away on February 5, 2016, at the age of 88. She was a kind loving woman with a beautiful voice and contagious smile. Beloved wife of the late Henry Hughes. Dear mother of Jon and Kathy Hughes, Pat and Mark Merlo, Dawn Hughes and Vicky Silva. Trevor and Terence Cruz-Hughes. Proud grandmother of Allison Hughes.

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 Church As You Remember It!

Rock royalty Russ Gibb talks about life

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Russ Gibb has always been a member of Detroit's rock royalty.

On Saturday, Feb. 20, The Dick Wagner "Remember the Child" Memorial Concert will make it official.

Gibb, legendary former music promoter and founder of the Grande Ballroom, will receive the concert's first Dick Wagner Rock Royalty Award.

"I'm still trying to think about it. I've been asking everybody what did I do that was so spectacular? I don't think I've earned any awards," Gibb said, adding that friendships are reward enough.

The show starts at 7 p.m. at the Fillmore Detroit, 2115 Woodward Ave., in Detroit, and will feature more than 25 musicians including Brad Whitford of Aerosmith, Peter Keys of Lynyrd Skynyrd, the Frost, and David Winans II, among others. Tickets are \$20-\$50 through ticketmaster.com. Call 888-458-7900 for the \$110 VIP package that includes a meet-and-greet with the artists.

The concert benefits the Children's Miracle Network and area children's hospitals. Wagner was a Michigan guitarist and songwriter who also donated his talent to benefit children's charities.

Like Wagner, Gibb took an interest in both rock music and in helping children over the years.

He devoted his early career to music, attracting local artists such as the Frost and the MC5, and nationally-known bands including The Who, Pink Floyd and Led Zeppelin to the Grande Ballroom, from 1966-72. He also promoted bands at large concert venues, worked as a radio DJ, pioneered the first radio call-in show, and invested in "Creem," a local music magazine.

But teaching was his passion and a constant throughout his career. He taught both junior high and high school and developed the media production curriculum and a state-of-the-art video facility at Dearborn High School.

These days, Gibb would rather talk about his students or his dogs, Maxwell and Blackout 6, than reminisce about the Grande's glory days. Or even listen to rock and roll.

"I don't pay too much attention to it," he said, referring to rock music. "I'd rather read a good book."

Dogs, blogs

He enjoys watching his dogs, two Labrador retrievers that share everything from their food to Gibb's bed. Gibb has loved dogs since childhood and remembers selling his Lionel train set to buy medication for one of his beloved pups that had contracted leptospirosis.

"I had to give it up to buy penicillin for my dog so he could live. I've been in love with dogs ever since. That's a true story."

He pens other stories and observations at his website, russgibbatrandom.com. Posts include writings, photos, video clips, and emails from former students.

"I've been blogging 14, 15 years before it was even invented. I was teaching video and the kids were telling me about it. I said, well, I can do this. And I did. I don't think they even had a name for it then."

He considers teaching "a gift from God," that God-given blessings should be shared, and that "love is the great-



Brad Whitford, Robert Wagner and Derek St. Holmes perform at the first annual Dick Wagner "Remember the Child" Memorial Concert.



Russ Gibb, former rock music promoter and founder of the Grande Ballroom, will receive an award for his contributions to the Detroit rock music scene.



Russ Gibb enjoys reading, his dogs and keeping in touch with former students.

est thing you can do in the world."

"I'm not a Bible thumper by any means, but I realize I learned more from my students than I could have ever learned from anywhere else. I learned something from them every day," he said, citing "persistence" as a major lesson.

Staying in touch

The Back Porch Video Reunion brings former students and their teacher together every December, although some former students, like

California-based director, Tom De Cerchio, frequently call, email or stop by Gibb's Dearborn home to visit.

"He's like a member of the family at this point," said De Cerchio, in a phone interview. "I'm very close to him. He's an amazing human being."

De Cerchio took Gibb's mass communications class every semester in the 1970s. Even though that was well before Gibb developed a video curriculum at Dearborn High School, Gibb brought his knowledge of the record business, communication, advertising

and promotion into the classroom, De Cerchio said.

"He was such a character, like no teacher I'd ever met. I hated school and the thing that happened to me and a lot of other students in high school was that we learned to love school. I think that's his greatest achievement."

"He is rock royalty," De Cerchio said, adding, "But I think he wants to be known for his contributions to education."

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DETROIT ZOO

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

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

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

Contact: 248-541-5717

ARTS AND CRAFTS

HERITAGE PARK STABLES STUDIO

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

Location: Heritage Park, 24915 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills

Details: Sue Majewski, a mosaic glass artist, will lead the workshop, which will focus on decorating three-dimensional letters. Participants will design their project, set colorful glass fragments, and will grout. All supplies will be included. Cost for each workshop is \$65 for non-residents and \$55 for residents.

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

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: Exhibit hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, through March 19

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: 10th Annual Member Exhibition

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

THREE CITIES ART CLUB

Time/Date: Deadline for submissions is March 4

Location: Download entry form at threecitiesartclub.org

Details: The club seeks artists to submit original fine artwork, both 2-D and 3-D, for its spring art show, April 8-11 at the Westland Public Library. Submit up to three entries for \$30 on CD, flash drive or via email. Each additional piece is \$5. More than \$800 in prizes will be awarded

Contact: Marilyn Meredith at 313-231-3939; marilynmeredith@wowway.com

U-M MUSEUM OF ART

Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Feb. 20-May 29

Location: 525 S. State Street, Ann Arbor

Details: First U.S. exhibition of Chinese artist Xu Weixin focuses on portraits of Chinese coal miners and of Chinese historical figures during the Cultural Revolution

Contact: 734-764-0395; umma.umich.edu

VILLAGE THEATER

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

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: "Spirit of Detroit - Portraits by Donita Simpson," a photographic exhibit featuring 38 portraits of Michigan artists taken by Donita Simpson of Royal Oak

Contact: cantonvillagetheater.org



Clivia Dance Group will perform at the Chinese Spring Festival in Canton.

DANCE

BARN DANCE

Time/Date: 7-11 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26

Location: Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: The dance will feature square dancing and line dancing with lessons and professional callers. No experience necessary. Food and refreshments available. Open to adults, 21 and over. Tickets are \$18 by Feb. 19, \$20 after. Get them at recreg.fhgov.com or at the Costick Center

Contact: 248-473-1830

Contact: facebook.com/ComericaCares

FESTIVAL

CHINESE SPRING FESTIVAL

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Saturday, March 12

Location: The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

FILM

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19 and 25; 4:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 20-21

Location: 760 Penniman, Plymouth

Details: "Snotlight," \$3

Coming up: "Brooklyn," 7 p.m. and 9:10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 26-27;

4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28

Contact: 734-453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Feb. 19, and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Feb. 20

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

Details: "To Catch a Thief," featuring Cary Grant and Grace Kelly, \$5

Contact: 313-898-1481; redfordtheatre.com

HISTORY

KELSEY MUSEUM

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

Location: 434 State St., Ann Arbor

Details: "Leisure and Luxury in the Age of Nero: the Villas of Opiontis near Pompeii," explores the lavish lifestyle and economic interests of some of ancient Rome's wealthiest and most powerful citizens. Includes more than 200 items on loan from Italy. Admission is free

Contact: 734-764-9304

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth
Exhibit: "It's a Downtown Abbey Thing," looks at the PBS series "Downton Abbey" in relation to events from 1912-1930 in southeast Michigan and the U.S.

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

Contact: 734-455-8940

Elevate Lenten fish dinner

Preparing seafood at home during Lent can be a snap with a little inspiration.

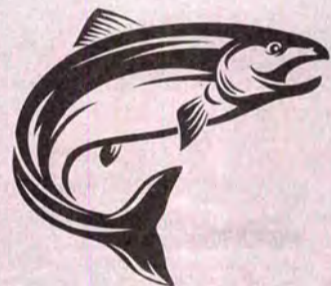
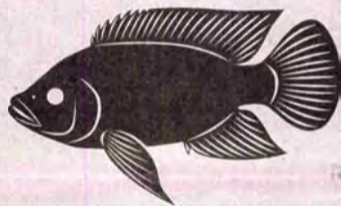
Make an easy DIY fish marinade using olive oil, vinegar, spices and herbs for a delicious seafood dinner the whole family will love. Or simply swap meat for seafood in easy meals such as pizza, pasta and burgers.

Chef Kevan Vetter of the McCormick Kitchens says the trick is to "keep it exciting" during Lent. For example, he suggests mixing salmon with Cajun seasoning and bread crumbs to make a patty, and topping it with lime mayo.

"Seafood is perfect for a relaxed Friday night, because proteins like salmon, tilapia and shrimp don't take long to cook."

Find more Lent-inspired recipes at McCormick.com.

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INDIAN SHRIMP TACOS WITH MANGO COLESLAW

Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 8 minutes
Makes: 8 servings

1/2 cup lime juice
1/4 cup olive oil
2 tablespoons honey
2 teaspoons curry powder
1 teaspoon garlic salt
1 teaspoon ginger, ground
1 pound large shrimp, peeled and deveined
1 package (14 ounces) shredded coleslaw mix
1 cup chopped, peeled and seeded mango or 1 cup chopped tomatoes
1/2 cup chopped fresh cilantro, divided
8 flour tortillas, 6 inches
1/2 cup chopped cashews

Mix lime juice, oil, honey, curry powder, garlic salt and ginger in small bowl until well blended. Place shrimp in large resealable plastic bag or glass dish. Add 1/2 cup of the marinade; turn to coat well. Refrigerate 15 minutes. Meanwhile, for the Mango Coleslaw, place coleslaw mix, mango, 1/4 cup of the cilantro and remaining marinade in large bowl; toss to coat. Cover. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Remove shrimp from marinade. Discard any remaining marinade. Heat large skillet on medium-high heat. Add shrimp; cook and stir 3 to 4 minutes per side or until shrimp turn pink. Stir in remaining cilantro. Serve shrimp in warmed tortillas topped with Mango Coleslaw and cashews. (Store any remaining coleslaw in refrigerator. Serve on other tacos and sandwiches.)



GREEK TUNA SALAD POCKETS

Prep time: 10 minutes
Makes: 4 servings

2 tablespoons lemon juice
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 1/2 teaspoons oregano leaves
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
1 pouch (7 ounces) albacore tuna, packed in water
1/2 cup chopped tomato
1/2 cup finely chopped red onion
1/2 cup crumbled reduced fat feta cheese
2 whole wheat pita breads (6 1/2-inch)
1 cup baby spinach leaves

Mix lemon juice, oil, oregano and garlic powder in medium bowl until well blended. Add tuna, tomato, red onion and feta cheese; toss lightly. Cover. Refrigerate at least 1 hour or until ready to serve. Cut pita breads in half. Line with spinach leaves. Spoon tuna mixture into pita pockets.



GARLIC HERB TILAPIA

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes
Makes: 4 servings

1/2 cup (1/2 stick) butter, softened
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
1/2 teaspoon McCormick Perfect Pinch Italian Seasoning
1/2 teaspoon mustard, ground
1 pound tilapia fillets
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon black pepper, ground

Preheat oven to 400°F. Mix butter, garlic powder, Italian seasoning and ground mustard in medium bowl until well blended. Place fish on foil-lined shallow baking pan. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Spread fish with herb butter mixture. Bake 10 minutes or until fish flakes easily with a fork. Cooking tip: Try recipe with red snapper, striped bass, flounder or sole. If desired, substitute 1/2 teaspoon each basil leaves and thyme leaves for the Italian seasoning.

FISH MARINADE

1/2 cup oil
1/2 cup vinegar
1/2 teaspoon sea salt

Mix ingredients and use as marinade.

» Variation: For Balsamic Honey Marinade, add 1 teaspoon ground cumin, 1 teaspoon honey, and a pinch of coarse ground black pepper. Use balsamic vinegar.

» Variation: For Asian Fish Marinade, add 2 tablespoons orange juice, 1 1/2 teaspoons ground ginger, 1 teaspoon brown sugar, 1 teaspoon soy sauce, 1 teaspoon garlic powder, and 2 teaspoon sesame seeds toasted. Use rice vinegar.

CITY BITES

New Holland Brewing Co., released two limited release beers and a seasonal pale ale this month.

The company describes the flavor of Night Tripper imperial stout as a "dark chocolate, malty." Carhartt Woodsman, also a limited release, is a wood-aged pale ale made in collaboration with the Dearborn-based work apparel company, Carhartt.

The brewery's first seasonal beer of the year is White Hatter blend of "soft malt, fruity tones, hoppy tones, and delicate spicing of a Belgian White."

According to New Holland's "online beer finder" Night Tripper and Carhartt Woodsman are available at stores and restaurants throughout southeastern Michigan, although the limited release beers may sell out fast.

Rocky Zebari, owner of Beer Baron in Livonia, had just three bottles of the Night Tripper stout left late last week.

"I taste most of the beers.



Carhartt Woodsman is available this month in limited release from New Holland Brewing Co.

One of my jobs is to educate the customers. Every porter is different. Every stout is different. Night Tripper, it's very limited. And another thing, the alcohol is 11 and a half percent," Zebari said, adding that higher alcohol content may explain some of its appeal. "I love stout. This is the kind that

you drink one bottle and after drinking, you better stay away from the wheel.

"Carhartt is popular because of the name. People like it because of the name," he said.

Beer Baron, which boasts more than 2,000 different beers, doesn't carry the White Hatter but Zebari said he stocks the Imperial Hatter, Rye Hatter and Mad Hatter.

The brewery beer locator showed the seasonal White Hatter available in Toledo, Almont and Flint and beyond.

For more about New Holland Brewing Co., visit newhollandbrew.com. For more about Beer Baron, visit beerbaronlivonia.com; 248-987-6563.

Here's a sampling of local beverage and food events:

Whiskey, mac, brews

Royal Oak — Sample your way through scotch, bourbon and whiskey — more than 100 whiskeys from around the world will be available — at "Whiskey Business," 8-11 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 20, at Royal Oak Farmers Market, located at 11 Mile and Troy Street, just east of Main.

Meet brand ambassadors and taste whiskey-inspired appetizers from numerous restaurants. Tickets are \$50 for the general session and includes 10 tasting opportunities. More tastings and food will be available for purchase. The VIP session starts at 7 p.m., costs \$70 and includes 15 tasting opportunities. Visit whiskeybusinessmi.com

Mac N' Brews will bring more than 20 restaurants and 20 breweries together for a mac n' cheese, craft brew and comfort food tasting event, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 25 at Royal Oak Farmers Market. Tickets are \$50 general admission and include 10 craft beer samples. VIP entry is at 6:30 p.m., costs \$65 and includes 15 samples. Sample comfort foods, like Chicken Pot Pie Soup from Zoup!, Pulled Bacon Mac N Cheese from Mt. Chalet, and Korean Style Mac N Cheese from Chef Raymore Catering.

Visit macnbrews.com for tickets.

Boogie Woogie Ball

Farmington Hills — Oakland Community College's Culinary Studies Institute will serve hors d'oeuvres, a five-course meal, and signature 1940s-era beer, cocktails and wines at its 1940s USO Boogie Woogie Ball, 6 p.m. Feb. 25, in Tirrell Hall, 3rd Floor J-Building on the OCC campus, located on Orchard Lake Road, just south of I-696. The OCC Community Jazz Band will play sounds of the era. Tickets are \$55. oaklandcc.edu/culinary

Barbecue, beer

Farmington — Barlow's Gourmet Sauces will serve Slow Apple Smoked Chopped Pork and Smoke House Meatloaf dinners with sides at Farmington Brewing Company's winter barbecue, 4-9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, 33336 Grand River Ave. Admission is free to this family-friendly, all ages event. Dinners cost \$10. 248-957-9543.

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