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## A gift: Teacher's legacy lives on

**LeAnne Rogers**  
Staff Writer

After joining the Wayne-Westland Community Schools district in 1969, Christine Smith spent decades teaching at Jefferson Elementary School.

The connection to the Norway school goes back further — Smith and her sister Norma Cost-Smith lived on Shiawassee Court as children and attended the school for



Smith

several years. "Christy's life started at Jefferson and she stayed at Jefferson," Smith-Cost said. "She decided the kids in Norway didn't have the assets they needed. She did so much to help them make their way. My sister loved the kids — she taught during school and after school."

Having spent a couple of years teaching at Stevenson Middle School, Smith retired in 2008. Never married, Smith, 69, died Dec. 26 after a lengthy battle with cancer cared for by her sister in Florida.

The school's name changed to Jefferson Barns and it closed in 2010. The building found new life as the Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center in 2015.

Someone sent Smith-Cost a copy of a *Wayne-Westland*

*Observer* article about the opening of a learning lab inside Jefferson Barns. That prompted a \$1,000 donation to the learning lab from Smith-Cost in memory of her sister.

"I thought, 'What can I do to help the poor children of Norway?' We were poor children in Norway," Smith-Cost said. "Our family and education can help you get on. Christy gave so much to Norway."

Funded by a state grant, the Jefferson Barns learning lab

provides access to computers and tutoring for area youngsters after school and each Saturday.

"We're going to use the donation to provide refreshments for the kids," Westland Community Development Director Joanne Campbell said. "We can't use the grant for that and, with the kids coming straight from school, they need refreshments."

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## SOUND OF MUSIC

Symphony outreach program aims to inspire

**Brad Kadrich**  
Staff Writer

Rose Kachnowski remembers going to a symphony concert at Ford Auditorium as a child and the way it inspired her to take up music.

Now she's hoping the Livonia Symphony Orchestra can have the same effect on local elementary school students.

The LSO Board of Directors was at Cooper Elementary School in Westland with nine symphony musicians Friday, hoping to inspire the next generation of musicians to stick with it.

"We want the kids to be inspired to continue with their instrumental music," said Kachnowski, herself a piano player. "That's really the goal."

It's part of an outreach program sponsored by the LSO, helped in no small measure by its partner, Livonia-based AlphaUSA. The symphony is seeking donations of used instruments to be refurbished and distributed to children who otherwise might not be able to afford them.

It's using a \$7,000 grant from the Worthington Foundation to pay for the program. AlphaUSA is providing storage space and other support to the program.

"We're trying to provide community," Kachnowski said. "We want to keep the kids interested... not all the kids can afford instruments, so we're trying to get instruments to them. We want these kids to be able to do all the things other kids can do."

The donations of refurbished instruments are coming in handy. Emerson music teacher Karen Danke said some of her students can't afford an instrument of their own — or to rent an instrument



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The brass players: Bruce Sole on trombone, Carl Karoub on French horn and Paul Roche on trumpet.



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Cooper students listen as Robynn Rhodes plays the flute.



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Ahmed Al-Mansori and Alex Williams listen to the Livonia Symphony Orchestra.

## Approval granted for Mexican restaurant patio on Wayne Road



LEANNE ROGERS

Los Amigos Mexican restaurant will be adding an outdoor patio.

**LeAnne Rogers**  
Staff Writer

Plans for a new outdoor patio at a local Mexican restaurant have been approved.

Located on the west side of Wayne Road, just south of Cowan, Los Amigos will be adding a 1,000-square-foot patio addition.

Plans call for a new door to be installed to access the patio, which will be on the northeast side of the building. The patio would be enclosed with an aluminum fence and a cooler side of the building.

"I have some general comments. I've been there many times," Councilman Michael Kehrer said. "There has been a strolling mariachi band. I assume they will stroll outside."

Outdoor music at another business located nearby — Ashley's which has an outdoor beer garden — has been an issue, Kehrer said. The amplified live music at Ashley's has been the source of ongoing complaints by neighbors living to the east.

"It needs to be looked at; in a small way, it could add to the problems," he said.

Representing Los Amigos,

general manager David Corona said the working musicians didn't stork well for the restaurant and didn't involve drums or any amplification.

"Regarding Los Amigos, they were very easy to work with. I asked (Corona) to address some other issues like lighting and the trash dumpster," Mayor William Wild said. "He went over and above."

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— and she doesn't want economics to play a factor in the love of music. "We don't want cost to be an issue," Danke said. "If a kid wants to play an instrument, we want them to be able to play an instrument."

Symphony musicians were at Cooper on Friday, showing them the workings and sounds of woodwind instruments, strings and brass instruments. The audience was made up of sixth-grade music students, nearly all of whom are playing an instrument now.

The goal is to keep them playing instruments as they advance to middle school, where Emerson Middle School Principal Ann Owen said she's noticed a drop-off in kids interested in playing music.

"At my school, a num-

*The audience was made up of sixth-grade music students.*

ber of kids are dropping out," Owen said. "They don't know this can be a long-term hobby or a career for them."

If the goal was to inspire the kids, it may have worked. Sixth-grader Alejandro Ordaz, who plays the French horn, said hearing the symphony "helped me know what I want to play in middle school."

"I really liked hearing the different parts," Alejandro said. "What I like about music is that I can work really hard and, when I perform, other people can enjoy my hard work."

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Bill Bresler | Staff Photographer  
Six members of the Livonia Symphony Orchestra played for the Cooper students, talked about their music and answered student questions. The orchestra members are Bruce Sole on trombone, Carl Karoub on French horn, Paul Roache on trumpet, Naomi Levine on cello, David Ormai on violin, Stephanie Urban on viola, Lisa Dills on clarinet, Robynn Rhodes on flute and Heather Hartwick-Gladden.



Violinist and concert master David Ormai and Stephanie Urban, on viola, playing Mendelssohn's "Wedding March."



Bill Bresler | Staff Photographer  
Naomi Levine plays the cello.

**TEACHER**

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The learning lab is drawing about a dozen children daily, but there is plenty of room for more students, Campbell said.

"The grant is for one year and, come September, it ends. We will need to fundraise all summer to pay for the teachers going forward," Campbell said.

In late September, as

her health failed, Smith returned to Michigan with Smith-Cost for a visit with former colleagues.

"I drove her around to every home we lived in — the duplex on Shiawassee is condemned, but not torn down yet," Cost-Smith said. "I got a lot of pictures of Jefferson Barns; (Smith) was so happy."

The sisters attended a lunch with retired teachers from Jefferson. Smith ordered carnations of different colors to give

to the attendees to match their outfits.

"I knew this was the funeral — she was there to see it. She said hello and goodbye. She was so happy to see everyone," Smith-Cost said. "She wrote a message to every teacher. They got to remember her with her writing."

Active in the teachers union at the local, state and national level, Smith spent her off-hours teaching Catholic religious education. Over the years, she attended dif-

ferent churches, including St. Mary's of Wayne and St. Dunstan, which was in Garden City.

"She was so devoted to whoever needed help. She was a generous giving soul. I respected her so much," said Smith-Cost, who summed up her sister's life in one phrase: "Mission accomplished."

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# Exam waived for woman accused of fleeing police

David Veselenak  
Staff Writer



Dorsey

The woman accused of causing several accidents and stealing a vehicle while running from police in Livonia will have the rest of her proceedings happen in downtown Detroit.

Ashley Dorsey, 27, of Detroit appeared Thursday in 16th District Court before Judge Sean Kavanagh for her case. She elected to waive her preliminary examination on several charges, including two counts of third-degree fleeing and eluding a police officer, two counts of assaulting/resisting/obstructing a police officer, one count of unlawfully driving away a motor vehicle, one count of receiving and concealing stolen property-motor vehicle, one count of third-degree child abuse and one count

of operating while license suspended or revoked.

Her arraignment at Wayne County Circuit Court is scheduled for 9 a.m. Thursday. If convicted, she faces a maximum of five years in prison.

Dorsey appeared in court wearing a cast and sling on her right arm. During the hearing, she pleaded guilty to a second-degree retail fraud charge stemming from an incident that took place in 2013 at the Livonia Meijer, 13000 Middlebelt. She told Kavanagh she was not able to originally appear in court for that charge because of child care issues during that time.

Police say Dorsey was

pulled over Feb. 16 by a Farmington Hills police officer near the intersection of Eight Mile and Newburgh, with the stop taking place in Livonia. Livonia officers arrived to assist. Police say Dorsey drove away from the traffic stop before it was completed at a high rate of speed with three of her children in the vehicle. A traffic accident involving four cars took place at Seven Mile and Newburgh, when police say Dorsey got out of her vehicle, left her children in it and drove away in another vehicle owned by a motorist who had stopped to help.

Another traffic accident then took place near Seven Mile and Farmington involving Dorsey and seven total vehicles, police said, and she struggled with police before being arrested. Only minor injuries were re-

ported during each incident. Her attorney requested her \$500,000 cash or surety bond be reduced, while Wayne County prosecutors argued to keep it at that level. Kavanagh opted to level bond at the current rate, calling the alleged incident "bizarre behavior" and citing the fact that it had been several years since she faced the retail fraud charge and had not returned to court.

Dorsey remains locked up in the Wayne County Jail as of Thursday. Kavanagh sentenced her to nine days in jail, the amount of time she had spent locked up before her hearing, on the retail fraud charge from 2013. She was given credit for those nine days served.

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## LIVONIA POLICE BRIEFS

### Police tackle shoplifting suspect

Livonia police were called Tuesday night to Walmart, 29574 Seven Mile, on the report of a retail fraud that had just taken place.

When police arrived, an officer spotted someone that matched the description of the suspect. The officer told him to stop walking, though the suspect then picked up speed and began running south toward Seven Mile. The officer told him to stop again, which he did not do. The officer finally caught up to the suspect and took him to the ground before handcuffing him. He was then detained. When police went back into the store, they spoke to a store employee, who said the suspect selected two televisions while in the store and attempted to leave without paying for them.

### Fraudulent scanning reported

Police were called Thursday afternoon to Walmart, 29555 Plymouth, on the report of a retail fraud that had taken place.

While watching the self-checkout area on camera, employees saw a woman at the check-out scan a discounted pair of underwear several times as several other items were placed on the belt in their place, which meant she was not paying full price for many of the items. She was approached by a store employee trying to leave and was taken into custody. Police arrived and arrested her.

- Compiled by David Veselenak from reports filed with the Livonia Police Department.

## REDFORD POLICE BRIEFS

### Elderly woman unharmed in home invasion

Cash and personal items were stolen Tuesday morning from an elderly Redford Township woman in the 20000 block of Woodworth. The woman answered a knock on her door shortly before 10 a.m. when a suspect police described as a light-complexed black male in his 20s, forced his way inside the home.

The approximately 5-foot-10, average build suspect told the woman one of her relatives owed him money. He took cash and other items before fleeing on foot. Redford Police said was wearing a black jacket and a black

and yellow knit hat at the time of the incident.

An investigation is on-going. Anyone with information about this home invasion is asked to call the department at 313-387-2551. Anonymous tips may also be reported to Crime Stoppers at 800-SPEAK-UP.

### High theft leads to tire chase

The theft of four tires from a home in the 14200 block of Brooke Lane in the early morning hours of Feb. 21 led to a high-speed chase into Detroit.

A township resident reported the theft while it was in progress at about 5:40 a.m. Two suspects described as wearing black pants, jackets and ski masks fled north-

bound on Brooke driving a blue Ford Fusion.

A Redford officer picked up pursuit of the vehicle as it turned northbound on Beech Daly from Lyndon. The Fusion, which police reported had tinted windows, then turned east on Five Mile Road and reached speeds of 80 mph as it went through the light at Telegraph.

The officer activated his emergency lights and continued pursuit into Detroit. The vehicle turned north on Beaverland and sped down the residential street at 70 mph. The Fusion continued north until Grand River, where it turned eastbound. The Redford officer lost sight of the vehicle near on Grand

River near Lahser Road and ended the pursuit.

### Televisions, laptop stolen

A pair of televisions and a computer laptop were reported stolen Monday afternoon from a home in the 15900 block of Winston Street. No signs of forced entry were present, but an unknown suspect appeared to have exited from the home's rear door as its dead bolt was unlocked.

The suspect stole the televisions and laptop from two main-floor bedrooms. No other items were reported missing from the home.

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By: Sam Potter  
Health Correspondent



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## Volunteers needed for Wayne parks

**LeAnne Rogers**  
Staff Writer

Wayne has 19 parks of varying size and at present, a wide range of maintenance levels thanks to the city's financial difficulties.

To help get the parks spruced up and cleaned up, resident Len Fisher has proposed setting up a commission of volunteers to take care of the parks.

"We citizens need to roll up our sleeves and be part of the solution — we who live in the neighborhood and benefit from the parks," said Fisher. "The job is immense but not overwhelming. We'll see the benefits in the community with your support."

The idea is to establish a group that can reach out to volunteers and coordinate efforts to maintain the parks. Fisher presented his proposal to City Manager Lisa Nocerini, Mayor Susan Rowe and the council.

"He (Fisher) is concerned about the parks and understands the city is limited in what it can do," said Nocerini. "We move the parks but there are opportunities for

flowers. We need to water, make sure the flowers aren't ripped up. The nets are cut off the basketball hoops."

With HYPE taking over the community center operation, the city no longer has a parks and recreation department. The parks and recreation advisory board was also disbanded.

DTE Energy had already contacted the city about adopting a park and Wayne-Westland Firefighters have adopted Goudy Park.

"There has been an overwhelming response. People are excited and want to get involved," said Fisher. "Some of the Little Libraries have been torn down. People complain about Wayne — they need to get involved."

Groups who have their names are parks like the Jaycees and Rotary, which has two parks, are being contacted along with other community organizations.

"The (Westland Area) Jaycees are gung ho. The First Congregational Church stepped up for a shift at the Veterans Memorial," said Fisher. With snow on the

ground, no work can be done and Fisher said he is waiting for a priority list from the Department of Public Works on what needs to be done in the parks.

Volunteers could handle a variety of tasks to spruce the parks like raking, picking up trash but not mowing.

Councilman Tom Porter recalled a prior volunteer task force that took care of parks. "I took care of Forest Park. (Resident) Alfred Brock did another park," he said. "We kept the parks clean. Speaking for myself, I was happy to do it."

A lot of people have wanted to contribute, Councilman Tony Miller said, but haven't had the leadership to organize their efforts. "I appreciate you stepping up to the plate. People want to be involved," he said.

Anyone interested in volunteering can call Fisher at 734-751-7051.

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## Observer & Eccentric to connect businesses with seniors

Observer & Eccentric presents the 13th annual Spring Senior Expo, on Tuesday, April 5, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

This annual tradition for seniors features diverse demonstrations & workshops, local business exhibitors, prizes, free admission to expo attendees, free parking, and free refreshments. Learn to live healthy, make wise financial decisions and enhance life to make it the best ever.

Businesses wishing to participate can take advantage of various exhibitor and sponsorship packages.

Prior to the expo, a Spring Senior Expo special publication will be inserted into all Observers, Novi News, Northville Record, Milford Times, and South Lyon Herald newspapers on Thursday, March 31, and in all Eccentric Newspapers



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The 13th annual Spring Senior Expo will be held April 5 inside Schoolcraft's VisTaTech Center.

on Sunday, April 3. This special publication will feature articles, interests and resources for the today's seniors. The publication will also include participating local business exhibitors and information on all demonstrations and workshops being offering for this year's event.

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in greater involvement and exposure, there are speaking, advertorial and various sponsorship level opportunities.

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## Holocaust Center hosts 'Taste of Klezmer'

The Holocaust Memorial Center will host "A Taste of Klezmer" at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 6.

Guests at the event will hear performances and stories by Klezmer musician Yale Strom and his band, Hot Pstromi, participate in a sing-along with Holocaust survivors and enjoy desserts.

Strom, an artist-in-residence in the Jewish Studies Program at San Diego State University, is a Detroit native and leading Klezmer expert.

Known for his 12 books, 15 recordings and eight documentaries, Strom will perform that evening with two members of Hot Pstromi: his wife Elizabeth Schwartz, a singer, and Peter Stan, an accordionist.

The admission charge for the event is membership to the Holocaust Memorial Center. To RSVP or for questions, contact Ruth Stern at 248-553-2400, Ext. 119, or at ruth.stern@holocaust-center.org.

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**Dance! American Art**

The Friends of the Livonia Library group is sponsoring a free slide show presentation of *Dance! American Art, (1830-1960)* on Sunday, March 13, at 2 p.m. at the Livonia Library.

The speaker, a docent from the Detroit Institute of Arts, will relate the works of American art such as the 19th century paintings from sacred dances of indigenous North Americans to Irish jigs to Spanish flamencos to Harlequin Renaissance to modern dance. There will be time for a question-and-answer period following the presentation. Refreshments will be served after the program.

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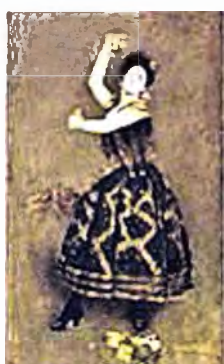
The March meeting of the 3D Photography Club takes place 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 9, at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road.

The March meeting will feature a presentation on View-Master, including rare photos inside the V-M plant and some of their best reels. After a refreshment break, there will be a "freebie" drawing which will include several View-Master items, and a 3D image competition with a Transportation theme.

For more information, visit [www.Detroit3D.org](http://www.Detroit3D.org), or call Dennis at 248-398-3591.

**Poisoning prevention**

The Redford Township District Library hosts experts from the Michigan Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program 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



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for children.

Register at [www.redfordlibrary.org](http://www.redfordlibrary.org) or call the youth desk at 313-531-5960, Ext. 105.

**Adult game night**

The Civic Center Library hosts an Adult Game Night Wednesday, March 2, from 7-8:30 p.m. Gamers can meet other adults and have fun with brain teasers, board games and a giant Jenga. No registration is required. For more information, call 734-466-2197.

**Bunny brunch**

The annual Livonia Bunny Brunch will take place on Saturday, March 19, at 11 a.m. at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. The event includes lunch, crafts and a visit from the Easter Bunny.

"We are pleased to be able to continue to offer affordable family events to the community," said Ted Davis, Livonia's parks and recreation superintendent. "Bunny Brunch is what signifies spring to many young families."

Tickets are available for \$5 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard. All attendees over the

age of 2 must have a ticket. For more information, call 734-466-2410.

**GriefShare meetings**

The congregation at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church has experienced the deaths of several members in the past few months. In an effort to respond to the grief and sorrow for their loved ones, the church will be starting a grief support group using the "GriefShare" materials. GriefShare groups meet weekly for 13 sessions to help face the challenges after the loss of a loved one and move toward rebuilding lives.

Each week, the GriefShare group will watch a video seminar featuring experts on grief and recovery subjects. After viewing the video, group members will spend time as a support group, discussing what was presented in that week's video seminar and what is going on in their lives.

GriefShare will be held on Mondays and will begin on March 14, from 6:30-8 p.m., at Christ Our Savior Lutheran, 14175 Farmington Road in Livonia in the chapel. This is free for all who would like to attend, but registration is requested to know how many to prepare for. Please register at [www.christsaviors.org](http://www.christsaviors.org) under Events tab. For more information, contact Mike McGrath at 734-459-1274 or Linda Hollman at the church office, 734-522-6830.

**Dueling pianos**

Wayne Rotary is hosting a St. Paddy's Dueling Pianos Party Friday, March 11, at the HYPE Recreation Center, 4635 Howe. The cost is \$20 per person or a table for 10 at \$100. Refreshments will be available for purchase. The doors open at 6:30 p.m. with the show starting at 7:30 p.m.

Get tickets at Henry's Service Center, at the Wayne Library or at

HYPE Recreation. For more information, call Gayle Rediske at 734-502-3202 or at [gaylerediske@gmail.com](mailto:gaylerediske@gmail.com).

**Senior classes**

City of Wayne Senior Services, in conjunction with The Senior Alliance, offers a series of classes for seniors:

» **Balance, Free**, eight-week series beginning Tuesday, March 22, through May 10, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Classes teach practical strategies to reduce the fear of falling, set realistic goals for increased activity, make environmental changes to reduce fall risks, etc. Pre-register by Tuesday, March 15.

» **Beginners Tai Chi Class**, a no-impact exercise proven to help with memory, breathing, as well as balance. No special equipment is needed. Class will start on Tuesday, May 3. Class runs in 10-week sessions, \$65 per session. Must be pre-registered by Wednesday, April 20.

» **Golden Hour Club**, a social group that meets on the second and fourth Thursday of the month for a potluck luncheon. Starts at 11 a.m. After the luncheon, cards/games and socializing takes place. Anyone 50 years and better is welcome.

» **Sometimes Travelers Group**, open to anyone 30 years and older. Membership is \$5 per year (July-June). Day, overnight and extended trips are offered.

The Wayne Senior Services Office is located in the HYPE Recreation facility, 4635 Howe Road, where all classes will also be held. Pre-register by calling Nancy @ Wayne Senior Services, 734-721-7460.

**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 *Pearl and Lullaby*, *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 performance 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 the library's events calendar at [www.westlandlibrary.org/events](http://www.westlandlibrary.org/events).

**Year of Mercy**

As part of Pope Francis's announced Jubilee Year of Mercy, St. Michael the Archangel Church of Livonia will be hosting a special celebration, "24 Hours for the Lord," from 7 p.m. Friday, March 4, through the 8:30 a.m., closing Mass on Saturday morning, March 5. The event will feature several Masses, special Mercy Stations of the Cross, several opportunities for reconciliation, and 24 hours of Eucharistic Adoration. There will also be some special snacks, activities, and "time-outs" for families and children during the 24-hour period. The celebration is open to all area Catholics.

The church is located at 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, between Farmington and Merriman roads, in Livonia. Those interested in signing up to be part of the round-the-clock Adoration Team should call the parish office at 734-

261-1455, Ext. 200 or see the website at [www.livoniastmichael.org](http://www.livoniastmichael.org).

**Neighbors and friends**

Livonia Neighbors and Friends, a Women's Club in Livonia, holds its general meeting Tuesday, March 8, at 7 p.m., at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church, located on 34567 Seven Mile in Livonia. The meeting will be followed by a club favorite — pizza and bingo.

Livonia Neighbors and Friends is open to women who live/work in Livonia and its surrounding communities. General meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month, September through May, at 7 p.m. Special activity groups continue to meet year-round. For more information visit the group's website at <http://livonia.neighborsandfriends.tripod.com>

**Burger Center speaker**

The Burger Transition Center and Garden City Schools present consultant, author and lecturer Hal Wright, who will speak on "Planning Your Child's Future, including supported independence." The event takes place 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 9, at Garden City High School.

Wright is a parent of an adult with Down syndrome. He helps individuals, families and professionals to create plans that ensure an adult with a disability a rightful place in the community appropriate to his or her capabilities, needs and resources.

This is a parent-oriented event. RSVP is recommended and can be done by calling 734-762-8470, Ext. 329, or emailing [palmerl@gardencityschools.com](mailto:palmerl@gardencityschools.com)

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**with little or no tax consequences. Thank you. I figured at most I would have to take out \$5,000 a year from my Roth to cover my expenses. I went to one of these free seminars on Social Security and they recommended to me that I take Social Security today and put the proceeds into an annuity. They told me the annuity would grow tax-deferred and then I could start drawing down on it once I retired. My question to you is, Do you think this strategy makes sense? I am in a 28-percent tax bracket.**

**A:** That strategy

makes sense for only one person: the person selling you the annuity. From a tax standpoint and a financial standpoint, the strategy makes no sense. First, let's look at the tax consequence. What they did not tell you is that your Social Security is going to be subject to tax. In your situation, since you earn more than \$34,000, 85 percent of your Social Security will be subject to income tax. As you mentioned, your current bracket is 28 percent, which means you will pay 28 percent tax, plus state income taxes on 85 percent of your Social Security. On the other hand, if you wait to take Social Security until you're no longer working, your Social Security will virtually be tax-free. After all, since your only taxable income will be your Social Security, you will basically be

in a zero percent tax bracket. By taking Social Security now as opposed to delaying it, you are actually increasing your taxes substantially. Keep in mind that when you make withdrawals from your Roth IRA, there are no tax consequences. In addition, when you factor in your personal exemptions and your standard deduction, you can see that you virtually would have no income subject to tax. Even if there were some taxable income, you would be at the lowest bracket, not your current 28 percent. By delaying your Social Security, you are saving a substantial amount on taxes. From a financial standpoint, the strategy also makes no sense. By delaying Social Security until the time that you sell your business, you're

earning basically 8 percent on your earnings. By putting the money into the annuity, you're only going to earn about 1 percent. From a pure financial standpoint, this strategy makes no sense. What would you rather earn, 1 percent or 8 percent? When it comes to collecting Social Security, it's important that you have a strategy; no one strategy fits everyone. Look at your individual situation before you make a decision. When it comes to husband and wife, it is even more important that they have a strategy between the two of them to collect Social Security. With regard to going to seminars, I always caution people to be careful. It's not that I'm against seminars; I have done hundreds throughout my career. I do cau-

tion attending seminars where the goal is to sell you something. Many of these seminars are high-pressured — why put yourself in that uncomfortable position? All the seminars I give, whether they're at public libraries or through an organization, are always free and meant to educate someone, not sell them anything. People should be cautious about going to seminars where the main goal is to enhance the pockets of salespeople who couldn't care less about what's good for you. Good luck!

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

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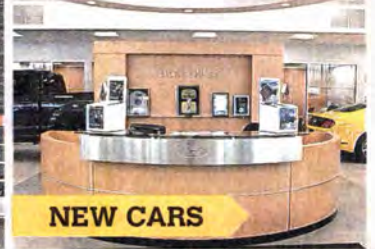
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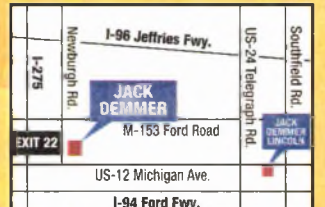
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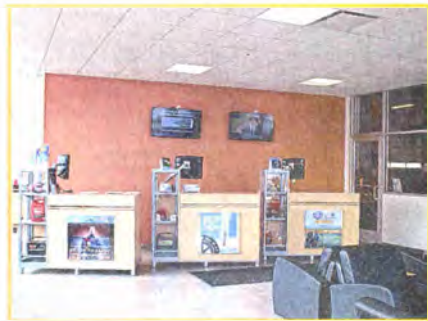


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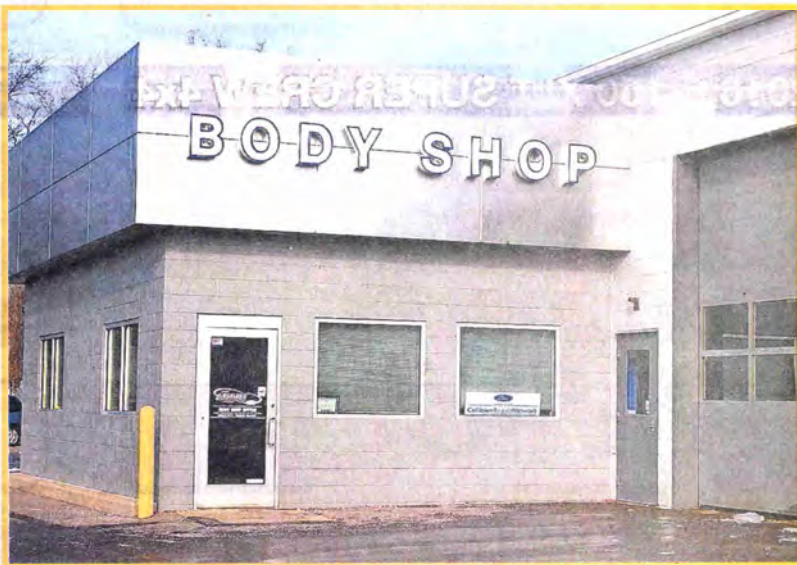
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# Steve King highlights arts partnership's fundraiser

**Joanne Maliszewski**  
Staff Writer

The Partnership for the Arts and Humanities is kicking off its winter fundraiser "Old Time Rock-n-Roll" featuring Steve King & the Dittilies at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 5, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill Road, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton.

The event boasts the fifth time Steve King has performed for the fundraiser that contributes to ongoing efforts to transform the historic Henry Ford Village Factory into the Village Arts Factory at Ridge and Cherry Hill roads.

"People have asked why we keep inviting the same band. Well, we sell it out every time he comes," said Jill Engel, partnership executive director. "We have 400 seats and have more than 300 sold. It is phenomenal."

The event features a welcome reception at the theater that will feature samples from Plymouth restaurants Aqua, Barrio and Ironwood.

At 8 p.m., guests will have an opportunity to sing along and dance to the band. "We have a wide age range of guests - from 30s to 80s. Steve King plays a wide variety of music," Engel said.

An additional treat for the evening will be a performance by a 2015

Canton Idol Middle School winner, Grace Rembinski, 12, who sings in the Discovery Middle School Choir and Beckridge Girls Choir. Rembinski is a seventh-grade national junior honor student at Discovery. She will perform during the welcome reception.

The event includes Iron Mountain, as the main sponsor, marketing sponsors Community Financial Credit Union and *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, while the reception sponsors are IBEX Insurance Agency & Aisin World Corp. of America.

Tickets are \$35 per person and may be purchased at [www.cantonvillage theater.org](http://www.cantonvillage theater.org) or at 734-394-5300.

The fundraiser is a step toward transforming the Henry Ford Village Factory into the Village Arts Factory, which has been under preparation for renovation since its purchase in 2012. Construction and renovation are expected to get fully underway this year, Engel said.

The 14-acre site is formerly known as auto magnate Henry Ford's Village Industry. The site includes a dormitory, the Ford factory - both of which are on the National Historic Register - and an industrial warehouse.

The site is where Ford had one of 19 village industries, 18 of which



Crews work on the factory on the 14-acre site at Ridge and Cherry Hill roads.

were for farmers who could work at the factories during their off-season. The one in Canton served as a factory at which disabled World War II veterans could live in the dormitory, receive rehabilitation and work.

Engel and the partnership have a number of fun things planned for the site as an arts and education center: Walking and bike trails, for starters, studios for artists and - with a number of inquiries already - the factory could boast a brewery and eatery. There are plans for an

art and healing program, which will tie back to the history of the site and Ford's interest in helping veterans.

"Our goal is to have an open house on our property this spring for the public to come out to visit and hear the story behind our project," Engel said.

In an attempt to market the Village Arts Factory to the general public, Engel was given the job of assigning a project to Leadership Canton. Participants will develop a plan to market Canton amenities, such as the Village Theater, the Sum-

mit and banquet center, Softball City, the Canton library, and of course, the Village Arts Factory.

"How do we reach people of all ages and cultures to share the places located in their backyard?" Engel asked, referring to the marketing project.

For more information about the Village Arts Factory, go to [www.partnershipforarts.org](http://www.partnershipforarts.org).

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To register for Day Camp, 248-374-0200 or go to [www.northvillecommunityfoundation.org](http://www.northvillecommunityfoundation.org).

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# New book chronicles growing up in WWII Army life

**Diane Gale Andreassi**  
Staff Writer

Beverly Chiasson is best known as a champion of issues ranging from fighting developers to rallying against half-day classes in Livonia. Now the 86-year-old New Hudson woman is in the public eye with a new book about growing up on an Army base during World War II.

She self-published a 75-page account *Remembering World War II with Prisoners of War — as a Teenager*, and the books rolled off the printing presses and into her apartment at Abbey Park at Mill River where she lives with her husband, Ray.

Chiasson was at an AMVET meeting at Abbey Park when she shared stories about her life at Fort Robinson Army base in Nebraska, and she captured the attention of local photographer Jane Purslow who suggested she write a book.

### Words flowed

Using a pen and yellow note pad, Chiasson immediately started pouring out her life as a teen during World War II. The book focuses on anecdotes about German prisoners of war who were captured by the English and sent to an internment camp about three miles from Fort Robinson where Chiasson lived with her family.

The prisoners "had the life of Riley," Chiasson said. "If they worked, they made 80 cents a day and if they didn't work they made 10 cents daily that they could spend on candy, pop and cigarettes. In those days, cigarettes were 15 cents and pop and candy bars were a nickel.

"We weren't really supposed to fraternize with the prisoners, but no one could speak German,



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Abbey Park resident Beverly Chiasson wrote the memoir "Remembering World War II with Prisoners of War as a Teenager."

so you couldn't talk to them anyway," Chiasson said.

That didn't stop one prisoner from giving her two bottles with intricate small scale ships inside—she kept one and donated the other to the Fort Robinson Museum.

The war also brought Chiasson together with Ray, a Dearborn native, who was stationed at Fort Robinson to train dogs. Apparently, the first time Ray saw Beverly he told a friend he was going to marry her.

### Romance begins

He was right. They have been married 68 years, have five children, 11 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Chiasson, whose smooth skin and perfectly coiffed hair erases a couple of decades, winked and playfully laughed as she explained

the book includes some of the love letters she shared with Ray while he was in the service.

Over the years, Chiasson was active politically everywhere they lived: Livonia, Novi and Green Oak Township. Her volunteer work got the attention of city officials who named her Livonia's Citizen of the Year in 1972, which was the same year she earned an Americanism award from a Livonia VFW group.

"I was a former grass roots political warhorse," said the longtime Livonia precinct delegate. "My husband called me the Bull Dog."

After business college, Chiasson worked four years as an executive secretary at Ford Motor Company, raised her children and dove into a multitude of political issues. When she

launched her writing career last year, she decided against using a computer.

"I've always operated with a typewriter, a phone and a fax machine," she said adding that she can get her answers faster using a phone than email. "If I want to talk to somebody I call them up or they call me."

Her first 100 books were delivered last week. They sell for \$19.99.

"This is my legacy," she said. "Actually, I could write three books. If I never would have gone to that AMVET meeting, it never would have happened."

While details haven't been decided, some of the proceeds from the book will go to AMVETS, she added.

Books will be available at a signing from 1-2 p.m., March 23 at the



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Beverly Chiasson plans a book-signing event on March 23.

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# Journalist Steve Patterson: From North Farmington High School to NBC News

Aileen Wingblad  
Staff Writer

North Farmington High School alum Steve Patterson started 2016 with a new job - NBC News network correspondent.

Patterson, who graduated from NFHS in 2003, most recently worked in Philadelphia at CBS, and prior to that at KSDK in St. Louis.

The *Farmington Observer* recently caught up with him to get details on his journey from Farmington Hills to a high-profile news gig.

**Observer: Please give a brief synopsis of your journey from North Farmington High School to NBC (college/degrees, professional experience, etc. and where you are based/live now).**

**Patterson:** "Underachiever" is a great word for me in high school. I was an average student with a below average work ethic. Mainly ... I didn't have a "thing." For some ... being diligent in class went without saying. Back then, I felt like I had nothing to fight for. I needed that to succeed. That's what I found in college.

I graduated in 2003. Somewhere between being lost and found post



North Farmington alum Steve Patterson can be seen on NBC Nightly News and the Today show.

high school, I knew I wanted to write and decided film was the path for me ... screenwriting, directing, something. I almost went to film/art school before my parents convinced me to try something else.

At Michigan State ... I fell in love with journalism and everything just clicked. I found my thing.

I wrote for a campus magazine, interned at an alternative weekly and got on staff at the student run *State News* before moving to broadcast where I did hosting, mod-

erating, anchoring and reporting on campus, all leading to an internship at CBS News in New York.

By senior year, I was waking up at 2 a.m. as a newsroom assistant at WLNS in Lansing to edit the morning show before going to class in the morning, then to my job as an editor at the newspaper, then back to work at the TV station.

That led me to a recruiter (Thanks, Joe Grimm) for Gannett's Talent Development Program, which did as it

promised. In 2008, during the height of the Great Recession, I had a reporting gig right out of school at WZZM in Grand Rapids. From Grand Rapids I moved to KSDK in St. Louis in 2011. From St. Louis to KYW in Philadelphia in 2013. From Philly to where I am now.

**Observer: When did you hire in at NBC, and describe a typical day - if there is such a thing.**

**Patterson:** I was named an NBC News Correspondent at the very end of 2015. I'm beginning my network career reporting on stories out west, based in NBC's Los Angeles Bureau.

You hit the nail on the head ... there really isn't a typical day here.

Last week for example: I followed a trio of Orange County prison escapees from on the lamb in San Francisco to back behind bars. Tuesday, I hopped in a single-engine plane with an atmospheric scientist studying the methane levels above a natural gas well leak. We flew just 200 feet above a palm and pool community. Friday, I was cleared by NASA to sit in on a NOAA/NASA briefing on El Nino at Edwards Air Force base.

In between, I'm trying to set up a shoot for tomorrow, cultivating those NASA sources I met last week (working on a pair of really really cool stories involving the future of flight) and trying to get a follow up off

the ground from that dramatic leak through a story pitch. Pitching is huge here.

**Observer: What has been the biggest thrill so far in your career?**

**Patterson:** In 2010, at my first job, I did a months-long investigation into a slum lord who was destroying the lives of dozens of homeowners with a predatory foreclosure scheme. After my story aired, he was stripped of his Realtor license and subsequently arrested.

On the day I found out I was being honored with an Emmy Nomination for writing, we learned of his apparent suicide. That experience was an early lesson in the power of journalism. I was humbled and awed by it.

In a more recent example here at the network ... on my fourth day of work, when I was supposed to be going through a period of "orientation," I was rushed to a story in Philadelphia about a police officer being shot with a lone wolf ISIS sympathizer.

I don't know any correspondent who led Nightly News on their first day on air and their fourth day at work ... it was good to get that one under my belt.

**Observer: What has been your favorite story to report on so far?**

**Patterson:** At the Network, it has certainly been the Porter Ranch methane gas leak. This natural gas well in a canyon above this affluent SoCal community has spilled more than 200 million pounds of methane since it ruptured in late October. It's the greenhouse gas equivalent of half-a-million cars on the road. I was lucky enough to get an exclusive with the only guy with a special designation from the FAA to fly low enough into the plume to study the data on how much is being released.

It was a very visual story to tell, fun to shoot from the air and more to the point ... extremely important to expose.

**Observer: What has been the toughest part so far of getting where you are today?**

**Patterson:** Constant pangs of self-doubt throughout my career.

You're not the kind ... you know old enough, you look this way, you sound that way, too this, too that, etc. It's an incredibly harsh, overly-critical sink or swim job. The internal confidence necessary to keep going has to be nearly unending ... and of course it never is.

Luckily, I love a job that provides a challenge like that. It makes me feel alive.

**Observer: Tell us something about your job that you believe many people would be surprised to hear.**

**Patterson:** I'm sure a lot of people know this, but even if "many" it's more like "some" it's worth saying for them: There isn't a single component of my job more important than writing. It is the fundamental element of journalism and that includes what we do in broadcasting. Nothing means more to me and the people I work with than strong writing and storytelling. It may be difficult to see past the bright lights, make-up, talking heads and teleprompters but at the end of the day nothing is more valued.

**Observer: Describe the "glamor factor" you're experiencing as a national network correspondent.**

**Patterson:** Zero.

There's nothing glamorous about going to work at four in the morning and leaving at seven or eight at night, knowing that you're not going to have a day off for several more weeks. There's nothing glamorous about crafting a script, tracking a line and accurately delivering a report.

The only difference now is that the technology is better, the people are more driven, the collaboration is incredible and the stakes are as high as they can be.

If glamor is measured by viewership or salary or resources then there may be an argument for it being a part of a stage this big. But none of my bosses measure it that way, none of my co-workers measure it that way and certainly none of our viewers do. They expect incredible storytelling and accurate reporting ... that expectation is in every local market across the country and it has nothing to do with prestige or glamor.

**Observer: How much celebrity status are you enjoying?**

**Patterson:** Ha ha, well I'm really right now. It's a huge joy to see them applauding my work and rooting for me to succeed. It's great that they can see me do my job no matter where they are or I am. I love that and it feels really good.

Real celebrity in this job though comes from repetition and consistency. I've been on the TODAY Show and Night-

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

A public accuracy test will be conducted at the time and location listed, for the purpose of testing the accuracy of the tabulating equipment, and programs, which will be used to record and tabulate voted ballots for the Presidential Primary Election, to be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 in Garden City, Wayne County, Michigan.

Location: Civic Center  
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If enrollment applications exceed the number of available spaces, a random selection will be held at AMA lower campus, 14800 Middlebelt Road on March 24, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

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### NOTICE TO ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS SECURED BY THE TAXING POWER OF THE CITY AND THE RIGHT OF REFERENDUM THEREON

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Garden City, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, intends to issue and sell its general obligation capital improvement bonds pursuant to Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, in a principal amount not to exceed Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000) for the purpose of paying the costs of the acquisition and construction of improvements to the City's sanitary sewer system, including rehabilitating certain sewers throughout the City with cured-in-place pipe lining, together with all necessary interests in land, rights-of-way, appurtenances and attachments thereto.

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THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS shall be payable from the general funds of the City lawfully available for such purposes including property taxes levied within applicable constitutional, statutory and charter tax rate limitations. It is the current intent of the City to use revenues generated from the operation of the sanitary sewer system to pay debt service on the bonds.

#### RIGHT OF REFERENDUM

THE BONDS WILL BE ISSUED WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS UNLESS A PETITION REQUESTING SUCH A VOTE SIGNED BY NOT LESS THAN 10% OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE CITY IS FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK WITHIN FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. IF A VALID PETITION IS FILED, THE BONDS MAY NOT BE ISSUED WITHOUT AN APPROVING VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY VOTING THEREON.

THIS NOTICE is given pursuant to the requirements of Section 517, Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended.

Allyson Bettis, City Clerk  
City of Garden City

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### CITY OF WESTLAND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC NOTICE

#### NOTICE OF CANCELLATION

#### REGULAR ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 16, 2016

The Zoning Board of Appeals meeting scheduled for March 16, 2016 has been cancelled due to the lack of agenda items.

The next regularly scheduled Zoning Board of Appeals meeting will be held on April 20, 2016 in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, MI at 5:30 p.m.

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# ONE CENTURY

Canton man celebrates 100 years of family, friends, good health

**Joanne Maliszewski**  
Staff Writer

For Melvin Rising there are plenty of reasons why he has had the pleasure of turning 100 years old this month.

"There's no numbers left," said the Canton resident, referring to his age and who now lives at the Four Seasons Nursing Center in Westland, referring to his age.

But he attributes staying active and well, a shot now and then of whiskey hasn't hurt, either. "He road his bike until he was 80," said his daughter, Betty, one of six children. "He would collect pop cans. He said he wasn't riding his bike for free."

Melvin also continued gardening at his Canton home until he was 95.

And there are those McDonald's hamburgers he has loved so much. When visiting Melvin Monday, the family presented him with a bacon burger.

While there are plenty out there who would say McDonald's burgers and whiskey may not be the way to a healthy life, Melvin might be the anomaly. He didn't go to the doctor until he was 89, his family said.

On Sunday, Feb. 25, Melvin's wife, Wilma, 84, and his children kicked



Melvin Rising and his family at his 100th birthday party. From left are his children Patty Burbo, Dennis Rising, Barb Cusin, Bob Rising and Ken Rising. Sitting with Melvin are his wife, Wilma, and daughter, Betty Platte.



Melvin Rising of Canton turns 100.

off a birthday day party that left him delighted. By the way, Melvin also has 14 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

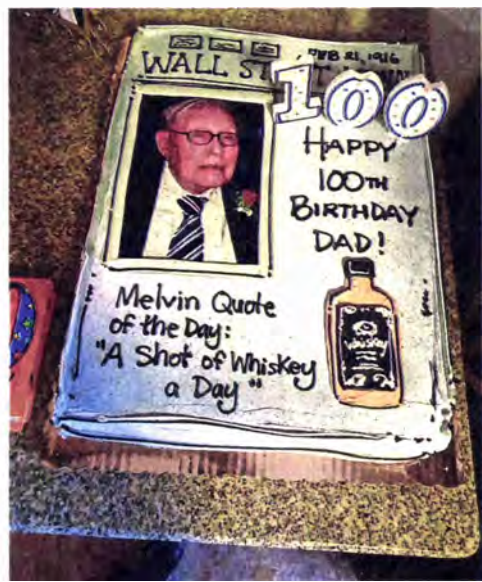
*Wilma, who was raised on a Kentucky farm, met Melvin when she worked at Cunningham's drugstore. He stopped for coffee and asked her if she would go to the ball game that evening. Wilma told him she couldn't because she had to work.*

His children are Betty Platte, Patty Burbo of Canton, Barb Cusin, Ken Rising, Mike Rising of Garden City and Dennis Rising.

"He's all over the place," said daughter Patty, adding that her dad, now in a wheelchair because his legs are weak, stops to talk to everyone he can at Four

Seasons, where he moved in August last year. Married to Melvin for 64 years, Wilma said she never expected her husband to reach the 100-milestone, but is glad he has.

Wilma, who was raised on a Kentucky farm, met Melvin when she worked at Cunningham's drugstore. He stopped for



The perfect birthday cake for Melvin Rising.

coffee and asked her if she would go with him to the ball game that evening. Wilma told him she couldn't because she had to work. "He told me, 'I'll be here then to take you home.'"

No doubt Melvin has witnessed a lot of history in 100 years. "He'll bring up living through the Depression and the CCW camp in Tennessee, where he worked," Wilma said.

In his 100 years, Melvin who was born in North Dakota, moved to Minnesota and Tennessee and finally, to Michigan where he tested air-

planes for Ford Motor Co. He also worked on the railway, for General Davis and for Parke-Davis for 20 years.

The father who knew how to save money always told his kids, "wake up in the morning and rejoice," said daughter Betty.

Patty recalls her dad reminding his kids that, "You have to get along with people and talk to people."

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## Chicks 4 Charity hosting Trivia Night for kids on March 9

Chicks 4 Charity of Canton will host Trivia Night on Wednesday, March 9, to benefit Courageous Kids.

Registration for the

event begins at 6 p.m., followed by trivia at 7 p.m. The event will be at Kickers All Star Grill, 46555 Michigan Avenue, Canton.

Courageous Kids is a nonprofit that inspires hope by helping kids cope with life-threatening medical conditions. "We do this by planning


continuous fun and exciting events. In doing so, our goal is to provide our courageous kids and their families with positive anticipation, distraction, family bonding and emotional support," according to the organi-


zation. There is a \$20 donation for trivia. Raffles and prizes will be awarded to a winning team. Kicker's will donate a portion of the night's sales and Woman's Life Insurance Society will

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# JOURNALIST

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ly News so far still less than a good dozen times, viewers often need a few hundred to really connect.

To get to a place like that can take working countless hours for years to consistently get on. It takes a lot of hard work and trust. I'm just getting started.

**Observer: Much of the media is under fire these days for being perceived as biased or "having an agenda." Your thoughts?**

**Patterson:** I think if the media at large has any agenda, it's the agenda of whatever the best storyline is. We love drama. I think sometimes

that love puts people in the wrong places, making the wrong calls. We're humans trying to tell stories. Humanity always gets in the way. However, I think the aim, at least mostly.

**Observer: Can you point to a teacher at NFHS who had a major influence on you?**

**Patterson:** Of the things that really gave me a spark and instilled a sense of duty and responsibility back then ... I can still feel the lessons I learned in band class. Marching, concert, jazz, etc. Both directors Carl Gippert and Jason Lowe probably don't know the affect they had on the greater spectrum of my life. It was big.

**Observer: What skills have helped you land this latest job?**

**Patterson:** The big one for me has always been writing. I think being skilled in how to craft and tell a story is invaluable beyond compare and it really divides good from great. It's stark.

Beyond that, obviously at this level you need a little bit of everything ... being able to dig, cultivate sources, having a pension for variety, etc. but I'm often surprised how far humility and the ability to see things from the ground level can take you. And then you have to be crazy enough to work these hours and still love it.

**Observer: Do you have career goals beyond NBC?**

**Patterson:** Right now? No. I mean I have a front row seat on the edge of

history right now! I mean I'd love to be the guy Americans turn to when the world turns another page. I want to expose the truth and hold the powerful accountable. I want to challenge conventional wisdom, hold the powerful accountable and give voice to reason ... that's always the goal. Right now, it's important for me to stay focused on the task at hand: be consistent, be reliable and tell good stories.

**Observer: Any advice for aspiring journalists?**

**Patterson:** You have to love it. Truly, deeply, with wild abandon. Journalism is not a journey to be taken lightly. Don't get me wrong, it's rewarding, it's fun, it's inspiring and it can be one of the most powerful crafts the world has ever known. But because of that ... it's also extremely selective, extremely demanding, extremely time consuming and, at times, extremely unfair.

So always my biggest advice: before even getting into the how to break in or how to navigate the politics or even how to tell a good story ... know your relationship to journalism. This is not something you can go and get a degree in and then start collecting a paycheck. It's a grind.

I believe to truly be successful, it has to be at or near the center of your world. That's a real drag if you're not in love.

**Observer: Why did you choose this career?**

**Patterson:** It's the best line ever: I get paid to tell stories. Period. That's the dream for me.

More broadly speaking: I am a professional artist. I get paid to create.

I think because of the suits and the "Type A" personalities that people tend to associate our jobs with lawyers or brokers, etc. At its core though, Journalism really isn't a profession ... it's a craft. It's extremely creative, often important, always eventful, and once in a while ... life changing.

**Observer: Are you "living the dream" now? What do you do when you aren't working?**

**Patterson:** Honestly, I haven't had big enough period of "not working" to reflect on that. I'm into my fifth week at the network and have had exactly three days off. I imagine if I had a few moments I would do a lot of sleeping.

I am learning how beautiful California is. When I do have a little time, I try to explore. A few weeks ago, spent the

day driving ... took the coastal highway to Malibu, ate seafood, watched the sunset. It was sublime.

Yesterday, I was called in at 4 a.m. to update a story for the west coast on the TODAY Show. By 7 a.m. I was live with Matt Lauer on the lead story. By 10 a.m., I started writing a story we shot a few days ago. By 2 p.m. we started editing. By 5 p.m. I was told to stay in case something broke and to start looking ahead to my story airing Saturday. By 6 p.m. we had an approved script for the story we started editing at 2. I was out of there about 8 p.m.

Despite all that ... it was one of the fastest days of my life. I am most certainly living the dream.

**Observer: How often do you come back to Farmington Hills?**

**Patterson:** Unfortunately, these days, barely ever. Social media has its benefits.

**Observer: Anything else you'd like to share?**  
**Patterson:** Just gratitude. Thanks for the interest.

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## CITY OF LIVONIA PUBLIC NOTICE TO ALL QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF LIVONIA COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN

### NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT:

A public accuracy test of the election software and tabulation equipment will be held at 3:00 P.M., on Wednesday, March 2, 2016, at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan.

The accuracy test will be conducted for the **PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION** to be held on **TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2016**, in the City of Livonia.

SUSAN M. NASH, CITY CLERK

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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD NOTICE OF BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD DURING THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 15, 2016

The Redford Township Board will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed Township budget for fiscal year 2016-2017, in the Redford Township Hall, 15145 Beech Daly, Redford, MI 48239, on Tuesday, March 15, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

**The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.**

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the Clerk's Office, 15145 Beech Daly, Redford, MI, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

I hereby certify the Redford Township Board will hold a **Public Hearing** on Tuesday, March 15, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., in the Redford Township Hall, 15145 Beech Daly Road, Redford, MI, (313) 387-2700, and that public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to Act No. 267, Public Act of Michigan, 1976, including in the case of a special or rescheduled meeting notice by publication or posting at least eighteen hours prior to the time set for the meeting. This meeting is open to all members of the public under the Michigan's Open Meetings Act, 2410.02.

GARTH J. CHRISTIE, CLERK  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD

The Charter Township of Redford, (P.C., ZBA, Board of Trustees, etc) will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting or public hearing, upon seven (7) days notice to the (PC, ZBA, Board of Trustees, etc.). Further, individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Township Clerk by writing to 15145 Beech Daly Road, Redford, MI 48239, or by calling (313) 387-2754.

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## CITY OF GARDEN CITY BOARD OF REVIEW DATES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO all property owners of the City of Garden City that the Board of Review will meet in session on the following date and time to examine the assessment roll for the current year:

Tuesday March 8, 2016 9:00 a.m.

The Board of Review will meet in session on the following days and times to hear appeals on the assessment roll:

**NOTE: Meetings located in THE GARDEN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE ROOM with late night appointments on Wednesday only**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>March 14, 2016</b>	<b>9:00am - 4:30pm</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>March 15, 2015</b>	<b>9:00am - 4:30pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>March 16, 2015</b>	<b>1:00pm - 9:00pm</b>

**APPEALS BY APPOINTMENT or WRITE-IN.** Write-ins must be received by Wednesday March 16th.

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The 2016 Assessment Roll will be open for inspection March 9, 2016 and March 10, 2016 in the Assessment Office from 9:00a.m. To 5:00 p.m.

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WHAC BASKETBALL HONOR

## Sabol is 'WHAC Player of Year'

### Boys hoops district brackets

Sophomore forward second straight Crusader to win award

Madonna University sophomore forward Becca Sabol has been named the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference's women's basketball "Player of the Year," leading a cast of six Crusaders who received post-season honors in an announcement made by the league office on Wednesday. Sabol, who is from Shelby

Township and a transfer from Concordia University in Ann Arbor, is the second-consecutive WHAC Player of the Year honoree for head coach Carl Graves and the Madonna women's basketball program. Michele Hayes took home the prestigious honor at the end of the 2014-15 campaign. Sabol ended the regular



Sabol

season as the lone player in the WHAC to average a double-double (16.3 points and 10.3 rebounds per game). The only WHAC player to be named NAIA Player of the Week, Sabol put together an impressive first season in a Crusader uniform by posting a WHAC-leading 13 double-doubles while scoring 20 or more points in 10 of 26 games played. The sophomore forward tallied a career-high 27 points in the Crusaders' 77-62 upset

of No. 6 Davenport on Jan. 27 and pulled down a personal-best 15 rebounds on three occasions. Sabol, who is also a member of the WHAC's all-defensive team, was joined by fellow sophomore Lindsey Hernden (Washington, Mich./Romeo High School) as first team all-conference nominees after the pair led the Crusaders to a 16-10 overall mark and a 16-6 record in conference action in

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Area boys high school basketball teams will be scattered throughout several district tournaments beginning March 7 when "March Madness" tips off. In the Class A District 19 tournament hosted by Livonia Franklin, Livonia Stevenson and Redford Thurston will square off in a 5:30 p.m. contest on Monday, March 7. The host Patriots will take on Dearborn Heights Crestwood in the 7 p.m. game that night.

The Stevenson-Thurston winner will advance to a March 9 5:30 p.m. semifinal against Garden City. The Franklin-Crestwood victor will play Churchill in the second semifinal later that night. The title game is set for March 11 at 7 p.m., with the champion advancing to the following week's Cass Tech-hosted regional.

In another compelling Class A district tournament hosted by Belleville, Wayne Memorial will tangle with Taylor Truman at 7 p.m. on March 7, with the winner advancing to a March 9, 7 p.m. showdown against Westland John Glenn.

The championship game is set for March 11 at 6 p.m. The district champion will advance to the following week's regional event at Ypsilanti Lincoln.

In a Class B district tournament hosted by Livonia Clarenceville, Redford Union will face off against Detroit Henry Ford in an opening-round game set for March 7 at 6 p.m.

The host Trojans will match up against Detroit Communications Media in the evening's night-cap.

An RU victory would propel it into the March 9 semifinal against Detroit Old Redford Academy at 6 p.m. A Clarenceville win would send it into that night's 7:30 p.m. semi against Southfield Bradford Academy. The title tilt is scheduled for March 11 at 6 p.m.

Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division champion Lutheran Westland will open its Class C, District 71 tournament at Whitmore Lake at 6:30 p.m. against Ann Arbor Greenhills. The winner of that contest will play Canton Prep on March 9 at 5:30 p.m. with the district title game set for March 11 at 7 p.m.

Last, but not least, Westland Huron Valley Lutheran will battle Lutheran South in a Class D district opener March 7 at 6 p.m. at Allen Park Inter-City Baptist. A win would catapult the Hawks into the March semifinal round against the hosts.

### Reporting results

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

DIVISION 2 REGIONAL HOCKEY



ED WRIGHT

A Livonia Stevenson player motors up the ice during a game earlier this month against Livonia Churchill.

## FASTEN YOUR SEAT BELT!

Livonia hockey teams primed for post-season

Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

If you thought the intensity level was off-the-charts high during the three Livonia hockey teams' regular-season match-ups against one another this winter, wait until Monday and Wednesday nights. The tension is expected to be thick enough to slice with a slap-shot when Churchill and

Franklin meet Monday at 7 p.m. at Eddie Edgar Arena in a Division 2 pre-regional showdown featuring state-ranked teams. The two rivals needed three overtimes to decide a winner (Churchill) during last year's pre-regional contest. Monday's winner will advance to Wednesday's 6 p.m. regional semifinal at Eddie Edgar against Stevenson, which has its sights set on ad-

vancing to the D2 championship game for the second consecutive year (The Spartans lost to Birmingham Brother Rice last March). The lone survivor of the Livonia schools will advance to Friday's 7 p.m. regional final at the Plymouth Cultural Center against one of the three Plymouth-Canton Educational Park squads. Led by No. 2-ranked Stevenson (17-6-1), all three Livonia teams are ranked in the top 15 in Division 2 by the Michigan

High School Hockey Coaches Association. Churchill is ranked No. 7 while Franklin is ranked 13th. "Perhaps this year more so than the last several years, advancing out of Livonia is always the first major challenge of the playoffs," said Churchill head coach Jason Reynolds. "This year, all three high schools have very competitive teams. Ultimately, the team that advances will have

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HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

## 53-and-OH!

Franklin's Atienza in pursuit of perfection

Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

Following in the footsteps of an ultra-successful older sibling is not nearly as easy as Livonia Franklin junior wrestling phenom Nathan Atienza is making it look. Employing an entirely unique — but similarly effective — style than his older brother and mentor Jordan, who is a former state champion at Franklin and current standout grappler at Central Michigan University, Atienza has emerged as one of the most-respected wrestlers in the state. The junior 145-pounder heads into this week's MHSAA Division 1 individual wrestling tournament with a sterling 53-0 record and a winning streak

that dates back to last March when he lost in the 140-pound state championship match to Grand Ledge's Dylan Steward, who remains at 140 this year. Among the opponents determined to crack the goose egg in Atienza's won-loss record are Utica's Owen Donovan, who is 45-0, and Bloomfield Hills' 26-0 Kajuan Caldwell — although, if they've watched any tape of Atienza's work, the other unbeaten know they're going to have their work cut out for them. "Because Jordan was so successful, I've had people ask me every year, 'Is (Nathan) as good as his brother?'" said Franklin head coach Dave Chiola. "I always tell them, 'They're completely different,'

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Livonia Franklin junior Nathan Atienza holds up the 145-pound brackets following last week's Division 1 individual regional tournament at Saline.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

# Ladywood outshines St. Catherine's, 44-27

Shirk excels across the board for Blazers

**Ed Wright**  
Staff Writer

The Livonia Ladywood girls basketball team ended its 2015-16 home schedule in style earlier this week by upending Wixom St. Catherine's, 44-27.

The Blazers had their way on the boards, thanks

to solid efforts from Natasha Strzelewicz, Ally Audia and Maggie Shirk, each of whom grabbed five rebounds. Erika Selakowski led the Blazers with nine rebounds and seven points.

Ladywood shared the ball extraordinarily well as sophomore Kate Roney and junior Shirk each notched four assists.

Topping the scoring ledger for the winners was Shirk, who scored 10

points. Also making solid offensive contributions were Audia (nine points) and Monica Rzepka (five points).

Ladywood will open the Class B district tournament Monday when it hosts Detroit Old Redford at 5:30 p.m.

**JV Blazers win**

Ladywood's junior varsity contingent also fared well against the Stars, winning, 36-12. The

Blazers were productive at the free-throw line, making 16-of-24 attempts.

Several Blazers contributed to the offensive attack. Natalie Stevenson led the way with seven points, followed by Lauren Hartwig (six), Emily Paluk (five), Bridget Rogers (four) and Matyson Vlademar (three).

The Blazers finished the season with a 5-11 mark.



Maggie Shirk goes up for a shot for Livonia Ladywood during a recent game.

KENSINGTON CONFERENCE FINAL

# Ryan Express derails Livonia Churchill's Kensington title bid

Canton big man nets 19 points, 11 boards

**Ed Wright**  
Staff Writer

Logan Ryan, the Canton boys basketball team's "Chief" operating officer, can drain threes, block shots, throw down dunks and tell a good joke — all with an easy-going flair.

The 6-foot-7 stretch forward's repertoire was on full-force display Friday night as he led Canton to a 52-42 triumph over visiting Livonia Churchill (12-7) in the KLA Association championship game.

The Chiefs (19-0) will host Thursday's 7 p.m. KLA Association title game against the winner of the Hartland-Walled Lake Western game.

Ryan converted his first three shots — a game-opening slam followed by two twine-tickling triples — kick-starting a 19-point night that included 11 rebounds, two steals, a pair of rejections and who knows how many tension-breaking one-liners.

"It's great playing with Logan," Canton senior guard Hamoudy Turfe said. "He's a character. He's always calm and cracking jokes; he keeps us loose. He's never serious and he never gets mad, so he keeps us in check."

While Turfe's skill set isn't quite as flamboyant as Ryan's, the 5-11 guard does things that don't go unnoticed by his teammates and coaches.

The highlight of his solid 12-point night was a six-point scoring stretch early in the third quarter that helped stretch the Chiefs' lead to 28-19.

"What Hamoudy does is so vital to this team's success," Ryan said. "He plays good defense, he helps us get open and he can hit the three. It really is a privilege having him on this team."

"Hamoudy's been doing this for us all season," Canton head coach Jimmy Reddy said. "He scores in stretches for us a lot. Sometimes when our offense gets stale, he's the one who will score four, six or eight points in a row for us."

The first half of Friday's game was a defense-dominated chess match in which both teams struggled to find open looks.

Canton, which carried a 22-15 lead into the half, made just 8-of-23 first-half shots against Churchill's revolving defenses, which included a scrappy



Churchill's Jon Hovemale (right) goes fouled while taking the ball hard to basket Friday night against Canton.



Joan Andoni releases a rare open jump shot Friday night.

1-3-1 zone trap. The Chargers' shooting was even colder as they connected on just 6-of-20 shots. Normally a dangerous perimeter shooting team, Churchill canned just 1-of-11 first-half triple tries.

"When you play against their zone, you have to move the ball and be patient because they have guys running all over the place," Turfe said. "You have to move the ball fast and move

without the ball."

Both teams did a lockdown job against usually dangerous scorers: Joan Andoni of Churchill, who was limited to just four points (all in the second half), and Obi Okoli of Canton, who was held without a field-goal attempt in the first half before contributing two fourth-quarter buckets.

Trailing 28-19 in the wake of Turfe's third-quarter surfing barrage, the Chargers went to

work, rallying hard thanks to aggressive play from junior Jerron Hampton (eight points) and senior Jon Hovemale (17 points), whose and-one fast-break layup at the 1:59 mark of the third quarter brought Churchill to within 31-30.

But just when it looked like robust crowd might be in for a down-to-the-wire finish, Canton did what 19-0 teams do, reeling off a 13-0 run that stretched to the 4:25 mark of the final quarter to put the game on ice.

The game-changing roll included a top-of-the-key three by freshman guard B. Artis White and two soft triples from Ryan.

Ryan put an exclamation point on the night with a two-hand slam with 1:51 left, extending Canton's lead to 47-33.

"Logan is a nightmare match-up for people," Reddy said, "because he has a nice tough outside and he's tough around the rim, too."

The conference title is Canton's first since 2013.

"The past two years, we were bounced out in the first round, so it's nice to win it again," Reddy said.

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## SPORTS ROUNDUP

**'78 Churchill football players sought**

Members of the undefeated 1978 Livonia Churchill varsity football team are invited to attend the school's Hall of Fame induction ceremony on Wednesday, March 23, at the Italian-American Hall, which is located at 39200 Five Mile Rd.

The evening's festivities are set to start at 6 p.m.

All team members will be welcomed into the induction ceremony free of charge. Head coach Ken Kaestner will be in attendance.

Also inducted that night will be former Churchill long-distance runners Sara Kroll and Rachel McFarlane.

For more information, contact the Churchill athletics office at 734-744-2650, ext. 46117.

**GC needs JV softball coach**

The Garden City High School softball program is searching for a junior-varsity coach for this spring. Interested candidates are encouraged to contact Garden City athletic director Rob Phillips at 734-762-8363 or philir@gardencityschools.com.

**Stevenson pom clinic**

The Livonia Stevenson pom program will be hosting a one-day clinic on Saturday, April 9, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the school's field house.

The clinic, which will be instructed by members of the team's coaching staff and current athletes, costs \$30, which includes a light lunch and T-shirt for all attendees.

The clinic promises to be a fun opportunity for young girls to find out what pom is all about, or for more-experienced pom participants to sharpen their skills.

Students attending must wear gym shoes and work out clothes, and are encouraged to wear their hair pulled

back. To register, contact stevensonvarsity-pom@gmail.com or call 248-880-1881.

**Churchill sports tryouts**

Following are details regarding Livonia Churchill's spring sports tryouts:

» Girls Tennis — Monday March 14 at 2:45 p.m. at Dearborn or Farmington courts. For more information contact Denise Berg-Grant at dberggr@livonia-publicschools.org;

» Sideline cheerleading — Monday May 23 at 6 p.m. in Churchill gymnasium. For more information, contact Amanda Weldon at amweldon53@yahoo.com;

» Boys golf — Monday, March 14 at 3 p.m. at Oasis Golf Dome or Whispering Willows Golf Course. For more information, contact Paul Worley at paulworley@pga.com;

» Baseball — Monday March 14 at 2:45 p.m. in the Churchill fieldhouse. For more information, contact Ron Targosz at rtargosz@livoniapublicschools.org;

» Pom — Monday, May 16 at 6 p.m. in Churchill gymnasium. For more information, contact Meredith Lanski at lanski@msu.edu;

» Boys and girls track and field — Monday, March 14 at 2:45 p.m. in Churchill gymnasium. For more information, contact Rick Austin (boys) at raustin@livoniapublicschools.org or Patrick Daugherty (girls) at pdaugherty@madonna.edu.

» Softball — Monday March 14 at 4:45 p.m. in Churchill fieldhouse. For more information, contact Steve Gentilia at churchillsftball@gmail.com;

» Girls soccer — Monday March 14 at 2:45 p.m. in Churchill gymnasium. For more information, contact Reid Friedrichs at rfriedri@livoniapublicschools.org.

All athletes must have a valid physical on file to try out.

COLLEGE COMMITMENT

## Gregory signs with LTU



Livonia Stevenson senior soccer standout Tyler Gregory recently committed to play college soccer for Lawrence Technological University in Southfield. The senior captain was one of the top holding midfielders in the state, combining speed, strength and toughness to help the Spartans win the middle of the pitch. A four-year varsity player, Gregory finished his senior season with 10 goals and seven assists. Gregory earned all-state honorable mention and all-KLAA honors and he plays club soccer for AC Milan-Detroit U-18s. "I don't think there have been very many four-year varsity players in the history of Stevenson boys soccer program," noted Stevenson head coach Ken Shingledecker. "Tyler really broke out this year and led us in goals from the holding midfield position. He's another guy that is fantastic in the classroom."

## SABOL

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the regular season. Sophomore guard Cris Harper (Sterling Heights/Lake Superior State) earned honorable-mention accolades.

Crusaders Justice Dean (Garden City),

Kelsey Gerhardt, Emily Johnson and Sabol earned academic all-conference honors.

Johnson, a first-year member of the women's basketball team after enjoying a stellar Crusader volleyball career, was named the Crusaders' representative on the WHAC's "Champions of Character" team.

Hernden, also a first-time member of the conference's first team, enjoyed a successful sophomore campaign during which she was the Madonna's second-leading scorer, averaging 15.6 points per game.

The sharp-shooting sophomore drained a team-high 86 threes while recording nine

20-point games this season, including a career-high 29 points at North-western Ohio on Dec. 9.

Hernden enters WHAC postseason play as the league's leader in three-pointers made per game, connecting on 3.3 shots from beyond the arc on average over 26 games played this season.

HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

# Lutheran Westland has 'Faith' in Andy

Warrior senior grappler advances to Palace

Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

When the heat was on during his blood-round match at last week's MHSAA Division 4 individual regional match, Lutheran Westland senior wrestler Andy Faith proved he is a cool customer.

Tied 2-2 with New Lothrop's Cole Wendling, with 40 seconds left in the third period in a showdown that would earn the winner a trip to the D4 state finals at the Palace of Auburn Hills, Faith escaped a near-pin predicament to post a thrilling 4-2 victory.

The triumph improved

Faith's record to 29-11 and punched him a ticket to Thursday's first-round state-finals match against Blissfield's Noah Nieman (16-4).

"Andy is very tough," said Warrior head coach Dan Unger, when asked about his team's lone state-qualifier. "He's the best scrambler on our team, too. In his blood round match on Saturday, his opponent was this close (holding his fingers a couple inches apart) from getting back points against him, but he managed to slide out of it and win."

Faith, who also excelled on the football field for the Warriors, started wrestling in third grade.

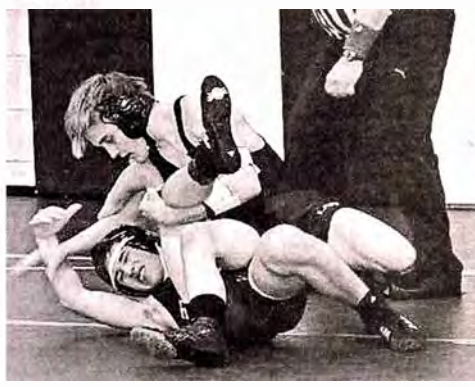
"My dad wrestled and I had a lot of other family members who wrestled," he said. "I like it because



Lutheran Westland's Andy Faith earned a fourth-place regional medal last week at New Lothrop.

you get out of it what you put into it. It's a great feeling to get rewarded for hard work."

Among Faith's most-memorable victories this winter was a triple-over-time decision against a



Lutheran Westland's Andy Faith is pictured during his successful quest to reach the Division 4 individual state meet.

Division 1 wrestler from Dearborn Edsel Ford.

He's been sharpening his mat skills leading up to his Palace debut in other school's wrestling rooms,

including Westland John Glenn.

"I'll probably be a little nervous at first," he said, when talking about his Palace experience.

"But nervous energy can be a good thing."

Lutz moves on

Clarenceville junior Greg Lutz qualified for the Division 3 state meet with a third-place finish at the Richmond regional.

He pinned Birch Run freshman Trent Naragon in the opener (3:08) but lost the semifinal match.

Lutz (35-14) rebounded with a major decision over Bridgman senior Anthony Akins, 17-3, and defeated Naragon again in the consolation final, 9-2.

Clarenceville had four wrestlers who were one win away and just missed going to the state meet — Dyland Brigham, Joe Sanchez, James Ascott and Jacob Weiss.

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KENSINGTON CONFERENCE FINAL

## Talented Wayne trio stymies Chiefs in 45-37 victory

Strong first half helps down Canton girls

Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Seemingly every time the basketball found itself in the hands of Wayne Memorial's Amara Chikwe or Camree Clegg in the first half, it swished through the cords to make life tougher for the Canton Chiefs.

Launching a variety of perfect shots from points all over the Canton end of the gymnasium Friday night, Chikwe, Clegg and freshman guard Jeanae Terry combined for 28 of the Zebras' first-half output of 30 points.

They were unstoppable in taking a 30-20 lead into the intermission of the Kensington Conference final at Canton and the Chiefs had no answer after that, as Wayne earned a 45-37 victory.

"The first half, they shot 40 percent and that put us in a hole we couldn't get out of," said Canton junior forward Erin Hult, who had a pretty good night herself with 17 points. "We had a lot of turnovers in the first half and they got easy buckets."

Wayne (15-4) slowed down offensively in the second half, managing only 15 points.

But the Chiefs, (15-4) still fell behind, 40-26, after three quarters and only got to within six in the final minutes (43-37) following a jumper by Hult from the left corner with about 1:30 to go.

Not even a three-minute stretch when the dangerous Chikwe (18 points, 11 in the first half) was sitting on the bench in foul trouble (she had four) could lift Canton back into serious contention for the victory.

With Chikwe on the sideline, Zebras head coach Jarvis Mitchell remained confident simply because he had two of his first year with the team — still on the court.



Canton's Madison Wolfbauer (left) defends against Wayne Memorial's Mya Garrett during Friday's conference final.



Wayne Memorial's Amara Chikwe (left) tries to alter a shot by Canton's Madison Archibald.

One of them, sophomore guard Clegg, a transfer from Detroit Country Day who scored

13, came up with a highlight-reel over the head layup, opening up a 43-32 edge.

Chance to rally

If the Chiefs were to claw back into the game, it would have been following a high-glasser from the key that Hult scored with 3:33 to go to slice the Wayne lead to 43-35.

Hult was fouled on the play (she did miss the foul shot) and pumped her first in the air as she tried to pump up her teammates.

Seeing that emotion was Mitchell, who turned to Chikwe and told her to get back into the game — with directions to avoid being whistled for a fifth foul.

"The last thing I want them to do is get too

much momentum where I can't put out that fire," said Mitchell, whose team went from 0-20 in 2014-15 to co-KLAA champs in one season. "Canton is one of those teams, they're like a California wildfire. Once they get going, man, it's going to take a whole bunch of water to put 'em out."

"So I saw the spark going (on the Hult basket). I saw the first tree burning, I said, 'Wait, before that second tree catches on fire, let me make sure this don't spread.'"

The Zebras and Chiefs originally were set to play Wednesday, but a snowstorm postponed the contest to Friday. Because of that — and with Class A districts beginning Monday — Wayne will share the association title with whomever wins Friday's Lakes Conference final.

In the final minutes, the Zebras almost played keepaway as Terry, Chikwe and Clegg kept throwing the ball around the perimeter while seconds whittled off the clock.

"I got great guards that handle the ball very well. I trust them blindly," Mitchell said. "They know how important it is to take care off the basketball. They've been doing it all year."

Earlier in the game, the Zebras took care of scoring the basketball, too.

"Give Wayne credit. They're an athletic team, they shot well, they shot 40 percent in the first half and they know how to play basketball," Canton coach Rob Heitmeyer said. "I was proud of our girls; they were very spirited."

Canton, in the Plymouth district, will host Salem at 6:30 p.m. Monday, while the Zebras face district host Westland John Glenn at 5 p.m. Monday.

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PREP PROFILE



Although Lutheran Westland's Taylor Jones has entered the Warriors' record book with her impressive defensive skills, she can also score.

## GIRL OF 'STEAL'

Lutheran Westland's Jones possesses dynamic ball-hawking skills

Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

If future opponents of Lutheran Westland girls basketball team were wise, they'd subscribe to some form of home-security system.

The only problem is, it would be going off all the time, due in large part to junior guard Taylor Jones — the Warriors' "Girl of Steal."

Equipped with lightning-reflexes and instincts to match, Jones has worked her way into the school's basketball record books the old-fashioned way — by playing lights-out defense.

Entering Friday night's regular-season finale, Jones had piled up a single-season record 101 steals — a decent career number for most high school players.

Making Jones' swipes a double-whammy for opponents is that she turns many of her thefts into uncontested lay-ups at the other end, as her 12.5-points-per-game scoring average attests.

"I anticipate pretty well and I'm kind of quick, which helps," Jones said, when asked about her defensive skills.

A rare junior team captain, Jones has the entire package when it comes to her basketball skill-set, confirmed Lutheran Westland head coach Sandi Wade.

"The number one thing with Taylor is that she's a hard worker," said Wade. "The other girls see how hard she works and they feed off that, which is especially important when we're playing defense."

"A big reason for her steals is she is very instinctive. She has a knack for it. Tonight (Tuesday) she had four steals, and she was disappointed. That's a lot for most players."

Jones sharpened her hoops skills at Garden City's St. Raphael's Catholic School. She has dreams of playing college basketball, but that will have to wait another year, during which she is, strong bet to break her own steals record.

## PERFECT

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which is true. Having that burden to follow a successful brother can really be tough on a kid, but Nathan never let it bother him. Now he's carving out his own success."

Compared to his brother's fire-breathing, always-on-the-attack style, Nathan Atienza is more of an even-keeled, ultimate technician-like victory machine.

"It drives my dad (Armand) a little crazy sometimes that we're so different," the younger

Atienza said, smiling. "Jordan is more of an attack, attack, attack guy, while I'm more laid back, waiting for my opponent to make a mistake I can take advantage of."

"I try to get my opponent to wrestle at my pace. I like to think I'm good both on top and on the bottom, and I can ride just about anybody out."

Atienza's amazing success rate — his overall high school won-loss record is 157-14 — has been generated by a cut-no-corners workout regimen, a deep-rooted will to win and a rare set of instincts, Chiola observed.

"Nathan's success

comes from all the hard work he puts in over the course of the entire year," Chiola said. "He really loves to compete. He remains very calm on the mat. Even when he's in awkward positions, he remains calm and in control."

"He's not a very traditional type of wrestler, but his style is very successful. Sometimes I'll watch him hit a move in a meet I've never seen him even try in practice. As a coach, I had to get used to that. I've watched him mature quite a bit on the mat. When he was a freshman and things weren't going his way, he would allow his emotions

to take over. I don't see that anymore. Now he stays very much in control."

Not surprisingly, Atienza's path to wrestling greatness was ignited by his older brother's passion for the sport.

"When I was 5, my parents signed up Jordan to wrestle in a club at Plymouth High School," Atienza remembered. "I didn't want to do it at first, but after I watched a couple of his practices, I thought it looked cool, so I tried it. I liked it right away."

During that inaugural season on the mats, the kindergartener's wrestling career was kick-

started when he had his right arm lifted for the first time as a 49-pound dynamo.

"Jordan has always been a huge influence for me," he said. "We talk all the time on the phone about how we're doing, about technique and about who I have coming up."

Chiola said the younger half of the Atienza wrestling legacy has grown on the mat and off since his younger days.

"Nathan went from Jordan's little brother, just hanging around the team, to having to set an example for his teammates," Chiola said. "The fact that we have a big

group of freshmen this year that look up to him has made it more important for him to lead by example, on and off the mat."

Atienza is an exceptional student and the owner of a 3.5 grade-point average. A member of Franklin's student congress, he said wrestling has taught him a long list of life lessons.

"It's taught me the importance of hard work and sacrifice, and to always give my best effort," he elaborated. "I think it will help me later in life, especially when I'm looking for jobs and face any kind of adversity."

MADONNA BASKETBALL

# Dierker goes out with a bang

Junior nets 29 points in loss to Aquinas

Despite receiving a career-high 29 points from junior Chris Dierker (Salem High School), Madonna men's basketball team fell on the road Wednesday in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference quarterfinal game, 70-58, to fourth-seeded Aquinas.

The Crusaders finished the season with an overall record of 17-14 while Aquinas (21-10) moved on to meet the winner of Friday's Da-

venport-Siena Heights game in the conference semifinals. The Crusaders shot 32 percent from the floor in each half compared to a 43-percent clip for the Saints.

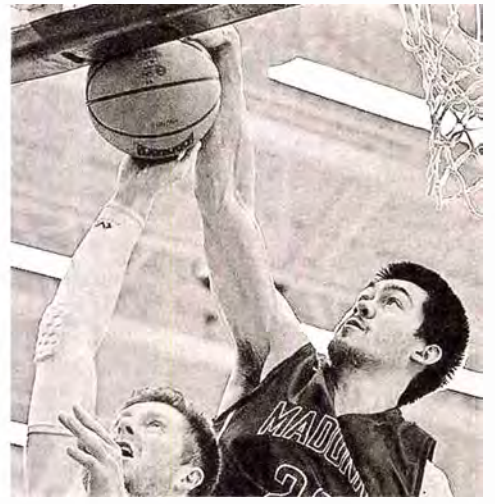
Dierker had the hot hand for MU early and often, pouring in 15 first-half points to keep the Crusaders within striking distance at the break.

Dierker's first-half points flurry accounted for more than half of the Crusaders points in the opening half as they trailed the Saints, 37-29. Khalil Malone (Pon-

tiac, Mich./Waterford Mott High School) checked in with four points in the first half while Clarke Lamb (East China, Mich./St. Clair High School) reeled in a team-high six rebounds in 11 minutes.

The Saints pulled away early in the second half, taking a 47-32 lead over the Crusaders at the 16:29 mark of the stanza. The Crusaders battled back to get to within seven on several occasions before timely shots by the Saints ultimately led Madonna's demise.

Dierker, who canned 10 of 18 shots, was followed by Malone and Andrew Myers (Clarkston, Mich./Clarkston High School) who chimed in with six points each while Dean Kolstad (Hickory Corners, Mich./Gull Lake High School) grabbed eight rebounds. Dierker finished with seven rebounds, one shy of his season average. Playing in their final game for Madonna were seniors Zak Lewis (Petoskey, Mich./Petoskey High School) and Tyler Stewart (Salem), who combined for seven points and six rebounds.



MADONNA UNIVERSITY  
Madonna's Chris Dierker is pictured blocking a shot during a game earlier this month.

GIRLS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

# Warriors reach 16-win mark by toppling Macomb

Friday night's regular season-capping 61-37 victory over Macomb Christian was kind of the calm before the storm for Lutheran Westland's girls basketball team.

The Warriors finished with a stellar 16-4 record heading into next week's brutally-tough district tournament that is headlined by state-ranked Ypsilanti Arbor Prep.

"The win tonight made us one of the top five teams in school history with 16 wins in a season," said Warriors head coach Sandi Wade. "We had four girls in double figures tonight and really played together as a team."

Leading the Warriors on Friday were junior guard Taylor Jones, who contributed 16 points and six steals, Bethany Hoehne, (12 points), Rachel Reddeman (11 points) and Makayla



ED WRIGHT  
Pictured with head coach Sandi Wade are Lutheran Westland senior basketball players (from left) Eleanor Storck, Bethany Hoehne and Caylin Hindle.

Wyly, who scored 10. The Warriors actually shot better from three-point range (55.6 percent) than two-point range (43 percent).

**Buzzer-beater upends Stevenson**  
Maija Gillen's 25-foot three-point swish with two second left handed

Livonia Stevenson a heart-breaking 36-35 loss in the final regular-season game for both teams. The Spartans battled back from a 27-19 fourth-quarter deficit to take a 35-33 lead before Maija's buzzer-beater.

"We gave her a little bit too much space," said Stevenson head coach

Tim Newman. "We battled back the whole game."

The Spartans were hampered by shaky shooting as they made just six of 39 two-point shots. They were polar opposites at the free-throw line, where they drained nine of 10. Junior guard Grace

Lamerson paced the Spartans with 11 points. Brie Mass converted a rare four-point play during the comeback as she connected on three while getting fouled, then buried the free throw.

**GC toppled**  
Garden City never found its groove Friday night at Allen Park, which steamrolled the Cougars, 57-19, in the final regular-season game for both teams.

The Jaguars surged to a 16-4 first-quarter lead and 27-10 halftime advantage against the mistake-prone Cougars, who turned the ball over 40 times.

Lindsey Michalak led the Cougars with eight points and eight rebounds. Cassie Leleniewski added four points while Kaylee Hewer and Amber Swisher netted three points a piece. Erin

Fish led the Jags with 17 points.

**HVL wins**  
Huron Valley Lutheran closed out its regular season Friday night with a 60-41 victory over Southfield Christian.

"Our full-court pressure helped us out tonight and turned defense into quick offense for us," said HVL head coach Kris Ruth. "As a team, we had 30 steals, which was fantastic."

Golchuk continued her season-long torrid scoring pace by netting 40 points on 18-for-25 shooting. She also swiped 19 steals. Kim Beckerman and Ashley Setian scored six points each for the winners.

HVL (7-13) led 17-7 after one quarter, 32-21 at the half and 48-30 with eight minutes to play.

BOYS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

# Lakeland steamrolls Spartans, 86-52

Brad Emmons  
Staff Writer

The White Lake Lakeland boys basketball team couldn't have written a better script on Senior Night.

The Eagles honored and started their five upperclassmen Friday at home and all 13 players scored in an 86-52 KLA consolation bracket victory over a depleted Livonia Stevenson squad.

The Spartans dressed only eight players - three varsity reserves and five JV call-ups - after a majority of varsity players were serving a one-game suspension following late game altercation Monday at home in an 82-66 loss to Walled Lake Central.

"We had heard Stevenson had some kids suspended with the fight and we didn't know how many, we just heard some rumors," Lakeland coach Bob Brugger said. "They were kind of over-matched and had a JV team, and so we had some fun tonight. It worked out well because it was senior night, everybody got in

the game, everybody scored, so it was kind of a reward for these kids that have been working so hard all four years."

Senior point-guard Travis Seka, a native of the Bronx, N.Y., posted a triple double to lead the Eagles (12-7) with 16 points, 13 rebounds and 11 assists.

The 5-foot-7 Seka, who was playing in front of his mother Sabine Koman and 9-year-old sister Ruth for the first time in his career, nearly had a quadruple-double adding seven steals.

Lakeland, which led 21-11 after one quarter and 46-16 at halftime, was led by sophomore guard Joe Rzeppa (12 points) as he nailed three straight triples during the second quarter 25-5 uprising.

The Eagles, shot 35-of-69 from the floor (50.7 percent), including 10 from beyond the three-point arc.

Lakeland also got 10 points from senior guard Ellis Her, while senior forward Ruben Ayar and sophomore guard Sean Cullen contributed nine

apiiece. Sophomore center Cass Phillips chipped in with eight points, including a nifty alley-oop dunk from Seka with 3:57 left in the final quarter to put an exclamation point on the win.

Juniors Michael Grisa and Chris Tanderys paced the Spartans (9-10) with 13 and 12 points, respectively, while JV call-up Parker Graham, a sophomore, added 11.

Stevenson, which likes to play an up-tempo, run-and-gun style, made only 18-of-60 shots from the floor (30 percent), while committing 16 turnovers.

"We had a lot of great looks, so it was a learning experience for the guys that were here because they don't play that much," Stevenson coach Kareem Smartt said. "So I thought it was a great experience for everybody."

Of the eight players available, only the 5-11 Tanderys had seen any significant varsity playing time this season. A snow day on Thursday, coupled with a parent and

team meeting in the two days following the loss to Walled Lake Central, also cut into the Spartans' practice time.

"We tried to throw a game plan in," said Smartt, who was missing all five regular starters. "They executed it for the most part, but we didn't hit a lot of shots. But they played hard and that's what I was looking for, especially from some of the younger guys."

**Warriors win again**

Lutheran Westland moved another win closer to a perfect 20-0 regular season Friday night when it overwhelmed Macomb Christian, 76-46. The 19-0 Warriors will look to notch win No. 20 on Tuesday against Whitmore Lake.

The Warriors were led by Zach Burk, who netted 14 points and 10 rebounds. Brent Croft added 16 points while knocking down four three-point shots, and Tim Contreras contributed 10. Contreras was two-for-two from beyond the arc. Lutheran Westland



TOM BEAUDOIN  
Redford Union's Eric McCarter soars in for a layup during the Panthers' narrow loss to Crestwood.

controlled the boards, getting 10 rebounds each from Luke Smith, Ben Brown and Burk. Kory Barikmo picked up nine assists.

"After Tuesday's down-to-the-wire finish with Parkway, it was nice to have some time to relax," said LW head coach Jim Hoelt. "With this win tonight, we tied the school record for wins in a season, and our undefeated regular season is in

sight."

**Trojans triumph**

Livonia Clarenceville posted a 61-49 road victory over Allen Park Cabrini Friday night.

The Trojans were paced by Mitch Kubiak and Quentin Banks, who scored 20 and 17 points, respectively.

Ty Lakner also emerged with a career-high 15 points.

## REGIONAL

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already been battle-tested heading into the regional championship game.

"What makes this year special is that you have the winner of the Canton, Plymouth, and Salem battle waiting on the other side. You have really strong KLA rivalries in play, so it makes this upcoming week really exciting."

Playing against rivals added to the win-or-done scenario puts the stakes through the roof, said Franklin head coach Denis Gagnon.

"Playing city rivals make the games that much more fun and exciting for the players," Gagnon said. "But in do-or-die playoffs, it doesn't really matter whether you're

playing a city rival or Ironwood; both teams want to advance regardless of the opposition."

Stevenson has been rock solid all season while playing one of the toughest schedules in the state. The Spartans' most-impressive credential is their balance, which is reflected in the fact that its top four point-earners - Joe Alcantara, Shane Leonard, Adam Olson and Ben Kowalski - have tallied between 33 and 30 points.

With reigning Michigan high school goalie of the year Cullen Barber (1.77 goals-against) back and better than ever, the Spartans will be a tough out.

The Chargers have been the most surprising of the three, given that they've improved their record from .500 a year ago to 18-5-1 this winter. Churchill has been fueled



MICHAEL VASILNEK  
Churchill's Tyler Haydu advances the puck during a game earlier this season.

by a balanced scoring attack, led by Nolan Cioch's 42 points, and solid defense that has been anchored by junior goalie Andrew Broyles.

"I've been incredibly proud of this team all season long," said Reynolds. "Without question, this has been one of the most mentally focused teams I've had the plea-



TOM BEAUDOIN  
Franklin's Nick Salisbury has been a pivotal player this season for the Patriots.

sure of coaching.

"We've experienced a lot of success against some very tough competition. We know that it isn't going to get any easier from here, but I think we've proven our ability to rise to the occasion in the big games. I believe that comes from having a

very competitive pedigree."

The Patriots, who are powered by the one-two punch of forwards Chase Wallis and Brendan Whitney, both of whom have registered 55 points, are still waiting to knock off a highly-rated team.

"We've pretty much beaten the teams that we should've beaten, but we have yet to beat a top ten team," Gagnon revealed. "We've been talking about improving daily and hitting our peak come Monday, and hopefully, we play our best hockey of the year when it matters most."

"I've been very impressed with our team's work ethic and focus at practice and their desire to get better. We've had a lot of fun this year and I really hope that our boys, especially our seniors, are rewarded for their commitment to our pro-

gram."

Given that all three schools generate large and vocal student-cheering sections, the atmosphere at Eddie Edgar promises to be electric next week.

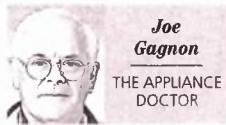
"The environment will be naturally high-energy, which I believe will benefit us," said Reynolds. "The key for us will be consistency in executing our game plan against each team."

"We've played solid games against each of the teams in our region, so we can approach each game with confidence. We respect every opponent, but there's no reason to fear anyone. We'll focus on the region, one game at a time, and if we make it beyond that point, we'll focus on the next game. There's no reason to think too far ahead, though."

# Consumers need timely warnings about appliance defects

**L**et me begin this column with a big thank you to all you readers who called me or emailed me on my last column about my three-day Amish visit. I can only add that it was a trip of a lifetime and opened my eyes to what a wonderful way of life they live. Valorie and I did have dinner at their home when the temperature was 61 degrees, just a week ago, and I did finally have a ride in a buggy going down the road.

Meanwhile, I've spent some time with state Rep. Gary Glenn discussing a proposed law dealing with appliance recalls. It appears he will be doing some research



**Joe Gagnon**  
THE APPLIANCE DOCTOR

and putting it into a format to be brought up in a committee meeting in the state Legislature.

Here's my view on the problem: We all know what happens in the auto industry when a defect is discovered in a vehicle — immediate action is taken to ensure customers are safe while driving. A failure to report a defect is taken very seriously and stiff fines are imposed.

In the case of major or small appliances, there is hardly any action taken

to notify homeowners of such a defect. Today, millions of appliance owners have appliances in their homes that are under recall and they do not know of their potential to cause a fire. The fact that manufacturers are making the information available is not enough. Television and the media play a small role in informing consumers and, with luck, you may see it on a one-time basis. This is just not enough and, as a result, people are dying because they have failed to contact a manufacturer regarding a fault in a product that can cause a fire and be repaired free of charge.

## Warranty cards

The published information stating that a warranty registration card should be sent in on the purchase of an appliance is not working because manufacturers simply aren't notifying customers. And they're saving money for each customer they don't notify. All of this is a very serious problem in America today with the potential to become much worse once the Chinese start to export appliances into this country; that is right around the corner.

A recent story on Canadian television had two appliance service technicians, each with more than 30 years of

experience, explain the lack of quality in products today and the much-reduced life expectancy of major appliances. It seems that the only goal of production today is to make more money than last year. The cost of installing cheap parts from overseas is of no consequence and neither is the health of the person spending their money.

Is there a solution to this world-wide problem? There are times in our history when we do ask our government to intercede and this is an occurrence of just that. I believe that appliance makers have the capability to install a warning light on each product to

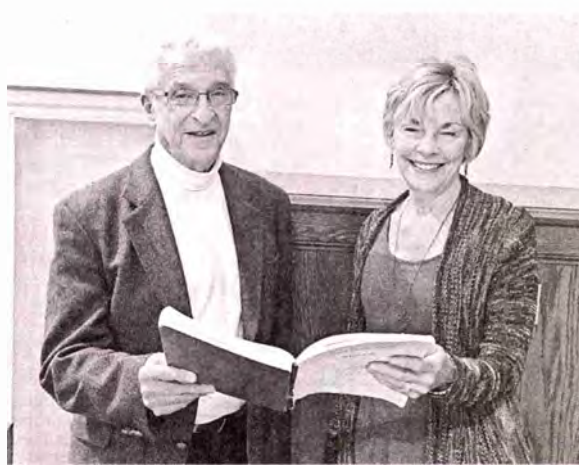
be activated by technology with the push of a button. Each manufacturer should be held responsible to make sure that the warning light goes on any product they produce. As in the auto industry, they will be dealt with severely for failing to do so. These are the companies that make billions of dollars from your everyday customer and can certainly afford to ensure future sales through customer care policies such as described. Stay tuned.

*Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m. each Saturday on WAAM-AM (1600). You can email your problems and questions on appliances to [applid@twmi.rr.com](mailto:applid@twmi.rr.com).*

# Northville, Plymouth Presbyterian churches sing 'Messiah'

First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth and First Presbyterian Church of Northville are planning a joint presentation of the Easter portion of Handel's *Messiah* Sunday, March 20, at the downtown Northville church. The concert will be presented at 6 p.m. and will feature the combined choirs of the two churches, professional soloists and musicians from the Great Lakes Consort.

The Northville church presented *Messiah* every December for many years. When Carole Halmekangas, interim director of music at FPCN, decided to revive the tradition, she contacted Jerry Smith at the Plymouth church to see if he and his choir would be interested in a joint concert. The two musicians worked together for 27 years at Ward Presbyterian Church and con-



**DIANE LAHIF**  
**Carole Halmekangas**, interim director of music at FPCN, contacted Jerry Smith at the Plymouth church to see if he and his choir would be interested in a joint concert.

choral director. He currently serves First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth as director of music ministries.

This Easter concert will focus on Part II of Handel's *Messiah*. Part II contains work that illustrates the suffering and resurrection of Christ and culminates with the *Hallelujah Chorus*. The concert will also feature other favorite arias and choruses, including *I Know That My Redeemer Liveth*.

The two choirs have been practicing separately for several months and recently met for the first of their two joint rehearsals. "The sound was amazing," Halmekangas said. "Both choirs were well-prepared and I was so impressed with their technical ability, as well as the beauty of their singing. Even though the combined choir contains more than 60 members,

they are able to sing softly and with great emotion as well as with enormous power. Concertgoers are in for a real treat."

The concert will feature professional soloists Kim Swan (soprano), Louise Fisher (alto), James Moore (tenor) and Theodore Jones (baritone).

The chorus and soloists will be accompanied by Sharon Smith at the piano, Halmekangas at the organ and members of the Great Lakes Consort playing string instruments. Jerry Smith will be at the podium as director.

The concert is open to the public at no charge. A free will offering will be accepted to help cover the cost of the professional musicians. A reception following the concert will be held at First Presbyterian Church of Northville.

tinue to maintain a warm friendship and respect for each other's musical talents.

Both musicians have been active in the Detroit music scene for many years and earned their

doctoral degrees from the University of Michigan. Halmekangas served at Ward Presbyterian Church for 45 years until her retirement in 2012 and has been with First Presby-

terian Church of Northville since 2014. She has been an organist, accompanist and choral director for many Detroit musical groups. Smith has had a long career as both an educator and

**CITY OF LIVONIA PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 502 of Act 110 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 2006, as amended, and Articles XIX and XXIII of Ordinance #543, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Livonia, as amended, the City Planning Commission of the City of Livonia will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 15, 2016, in the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, beginning at 7:00 p.m. on the following items:

**Petition 2016-02-02-02 submitted by Wade Shows, Inc.** requesting waiver use approval pursuant to Section 11.03 (l) of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, to conduct a carnival in the parking lot of Sears, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Livonia, consisting of amusement rides, games and food concessions from May 20, 2016 through May 30, 2016, inclusive, on property at 29500 Seven Mile Road, located on the northwest corner of Seven Mile Road and Middlebelt Road in the Southeast 1/4 of Section 2.

**Petition 2016-02-02-03 submitted by Midwest Memorial Group** requesting waiver use approval pursuant to Section 6.03(e) of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, to construct an addition to an existing mausoleum at the Mt. Hope Memorial Gardens Cemetery at 17800 Middlebelt Road, located on the east side of Middlebelt Road between Six Mile Road and Pickford Avenue in the Southwest 1/4 of Section 12.

**Petition 2016-02-06-02 submitted by the City Planning Commission.** on its own motion, pursuant to Section 23.01(b) of the Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, to determine whether or not to amend Article XIII, P District Regulations, of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance No. 543, as amended, by removing Section 13.03(d).

The above-mentioned petitions will be on file in the City Planning Commission office, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan during the period of five (5) days immediately preceding the said hearing and may be examined by any and all persons during the normal working hours Monday through Friday.

**R. Lee Morrow, Chairman**  
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

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**NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD MARCH 2016 BOARD OF REVIEW**

Notice is hereby given that the 2016 March Board of Review for the Charter Township of Redford will meet at the Redford Township Hall, 15145 Beech Daly Road Redford, Michigan 48239 in the Board Room for the purpose of reviewing the 2016 Assessment Roll. Appeals will be heard BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. You must call the Assessor's Office at (313) 387-2730 to schedule your appeal.

**THE BOARD WILL MEET ON THE DATES AND TIMES INDICATED BELOW**

Tuesday	March 8, 2016	Organization Meeting 11:00 A.M.
Thursday	March 10, 2016	9:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.
Friday	March 11, 2016	9:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.
Monday	March 14, 2016	3:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.
Thursday	March 17, 2016	3:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.
Friday	March 18, 2016	9:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

THE BOARD OF REVIEW PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A TAXPAYER TO PROTEST THE VALUATION PLACED ON THE ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE YEAR 2016.

NON-RESIDENT APPEALS BY MAIL WILL BE ACCEPTED THROUGH MARCH 18, 2016.

**ATTENTION POVERTY APPEALS: PLEASE CONTACT THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE FOR POVERTY APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AT (313) 387-2730.**

**GARTH J. CHRISTIE, CLERK**  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD

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**CITY OF GARDEN CITY Notice of Election**

To the Qualified Electors of the City of Garden City, Wayne County, Michigan:

Notice is hereby given that the Presidential Primary will be held in the City of Garden City on,

**TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2016**

From 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the following polling places:

Precincts 1 and 6	Farmington School 33411 Marquette
Precincts 2 and 5	Memorial School 30001 Marquette
Precincts 3 and 4	Lathers School 28351 Marquette
Precinct 7	Maplewood Center 31735 Maplewood
Precinct 8	Henry Ruff School 30300 Maplewood
Precinct 9	Civic Center 6000 Middlebelt
Precinct 10	Douglas School 6400 Hartel

Candidates of the Democratic and Republican parties seeking nominations for the following office are to be voted upon:

President of the United States

All polling places are handicapper accessible. To obtain election instructions in an alternative format (audio or Braille), contact the Clerk's Office at 734-793-1620 prior to Election Day. If you anticipate difficulties at your normal polling place please phone the City Clerk's Office to arrange an alternate location. Absentee Ballots for this Election are available at City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt, through 4:00 P.M., Monday, March 7, 2016, to anyone who meets one of the following requirements: Electors age 60 or older; Electors who expect to be absent from Garden City the entire time the polls are open on Election Day; Electors who are physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another; Electors who cannot attend the polls due to tenets of their religion; or Electors who are confined to jail awaiting arraignment or trial. Furthermore, any voter who requires assistance to vote by reason of blindness, disability, or inability to read or write may be given assistance by a person of the voter's choice, other than the voter's employer or agent of that employer or officer or agent of the voter's union.

In addition to our regular hours, the City Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, March 5, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the sole purpose of absentee voting.

**ALLYSON M. BETTIS**  
CITY CLERK  
CITY OF GARDEN CITY, MICHIGAN

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**CITY OF WESTLAND PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION MARCH 8, 2016**

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF WESTLAND, County of Wayne: Notice is hereby given that a Presidential Primary Election will be held in the City of Westland on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. at which time will be on the ballot Democratic and Republican candidates for the office of President of the United States in order to select the nominee for each party.

The places of voting for the Presidential Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 will be as follows:

Precincts	Locations
1, 13, 18 & 19	Schweitzer School, 2601 Treadwell
2, 11, 23 & 32	Elliott School, 30800 Bennington
3 & 7	Stottlemeyer School, 34801 Marquette
4 & 8	Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road
5, 24 & 29	Edison School, 34505 Hunter
6, 9 & 10	Adams Middle School, 33475 Palmer
12, 25, 30, 31 & 35	Cooper School, 28550 Ann Arbor Trail
14	Marshall Middle School, 35100 Bayview
15	Greenwood Villa, 7600 Nankin Ct
16	Holliday Park Club House, 34855 Fountain Blvd.
17 & 37	P. D. Graham School, 1255 S. John Hix
20	Wildwood School, 500 N. Wildwood
21 & 42	Johnson School, 8400 Hix
22	Westland Meadows Club House, 30600 Van Born
26 & 33	Hamilton School, 1031 Schuman
27 & 36	Western Wayne Skill Center, 8075 Ritz
28	Church of Christ - Annapolis Park, 30355 Annapolis
30 & 31	Hayes School, 30600 Louise
34 & 38	Dyer Social Service Center, Senior Wing - 36745 Marquette
39	Landings Apartment Club House, 7000 Lakeview
40 & 41	Hellenic Cultural Center at St. Constantine Church, 36375 Joy

The polls for said election will be open at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 p.m. on said day of election. Every qualified elector present and in line at the hour prescribed for the closing thereof shall be allowed to vote. Voting sites are ADA compliant.

A sample of the ballot may be obtained at the City of Westland City Clerk's Office, at <http://www.cityofwestland.com/departments/city-clerk> or at [Michigan.gov/vote](http://Michigan.gov/vote)

Registrations to vote will be accepted in the following locations:

- City or County Clerk's offices during normal business hours
- Secretary of State Offices located throughout the state during normal business hours

Absent voter ballots are available through the Westland City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, Michigan. The voter, before the issuance of a ballot, must complete an application for ballot. Applications are available at the City Clerk's Office or may be filed out and printed from the following website: <http://www.cityofwestland.com/departments/city-clerk>

The last day to apply for a ballot by mail is Saturday, March 5, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. Persons qualified to vote absentee may vote in person in the City Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, March 7, 2016. Absent Voter Ballots must be returned to the City of Westland City Clerk's Office by 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 2016

**Richard LeBlanc**  
Westland City Clerk

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## Former business exec spends hours trapping feral cats

Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

The toughest part about trapping cats is the waiting. "I remember the time my friend and I were in a trailer park. We were there for hours. We were starving. We had to go to the bathroom," says Cheryl Phillips, who snares feral felines for spaying and neutering.

The weather can be grueling, too.

"Blizzard, I've done that before. I've been out there trapping in sub-zero temperatures."

And the travel can be exhausting.

"I've gone as far as Flint, Owosso, wherever I'm needed."

Since 2012, Phillips, a Northville resident, has caught more than 100 "community cats" — the feral animals and abandoned pets that roam neighborhoods and often live in outdoor colonies. Working in conjunction with the Humane Society of Huron Valley's TNR (trap-neuter-release) program, Phillips often spends weekends trapping cats and transporting them to HSHV where they are spayed or neutered, given rabies vaccinations and are micro-chipped. When they've recovered from surgery, she returns them to the trapping site for release. The idea is to stop the reproduction cycle and ultimately reduce the number of community cats, along with cat intakes at animal shelters. At HSHV stray cat intakes dropped 23 percent since the program started.

"We have to stop this overpopulation," says Phillips, who blames the problem on irresponsible cat owners and shelters that release cats for adoption before they are spayed and neutered. "I try to do whatever I can."

Phillips, who is married and owns three cats, retired in 2014 from Masco Corp., where she served as vice president and director of global purchasing. She is an adjunct professor at University of Michigan - Dearborn and, after retirement, turned consulting work into a full time job. She served on the board of the Michigan Humane Society (MHS) for five years, but became increasingly critical of its shelter practices and euthanasia rate. She quit the board in June 2011 — and three other board members followed.

Phillips didn't allow the experience to rob her passion for animals. She became more tenacious than ever, taking TNR classes at HSHV and then responding to calls for help.

"I've been all over the place. There was one cat in Ann Arbor ... I had to go back four times to try to get him. Sometimes they are so smart."

### Setting the bait

On a recent Saturday morning, Phillips, and her helpers, Gayle Dickerson of Westland and Nancy Tranchida of Commerce Township, hoped the trapping would be fast and easy. They'd caught a break in the weather, with sunshine and



SHARON DARGAY  
Cheryl Phillips lines up traps before moving them to the front porch of a home in Rochester.



SHARON DARGAY  
Cheryl Phillips of Northville adds tuna to her cat trap.



SHARON DARGAY  
Nancy Tranchida of Commerce gets ready to spoon tuna onto plates for the traps.



SHARON DARGAY  
Cheryl Phillips of Northville shows off the logo of her new book about a pit bull she rescued. She also named a nonprofit foundation after the dog.



SHARON DARGAY  
Cheryl Phillips uses a combination of her own traps and traps from the Humane Society of Huron Valley.



SHARON DARGAY  
Cheryl Phillips' book is written from a rescued pit bull's perspective.



SHARON DARGAY  
Nancy Tranchida (left) and Cheryl Phillips get ready to fill traps with food.

a morning air that felt like spring.

They prepped nine traps with soft padding and small plates of tuna, before placing them on the front porch at Patricia Kane's house in Rochester. Kane began providing food, fresh water and shelter to a colony of neighborhood cats three years ago. The colony population decreased, but nine kittens recently joined the group. Fearing they would soon reproduce, she called Phillips for help.

"We had re-homed everybody except two cats. They were pretty happy. And we hadn't seen those cats around the neighborhood," Kane said. "And then neighbors alerted me this year that kittens were born, but they did nothing. They'd pick up the kittens and pet them, then put them back and did not do a thing about them."

"So, they come here and once they come I have to deal with it."

Phillips and her crew often

spend hours in their cars, waiting patiently for the traps to close. They take breaks at local restaurants and then return to the trapping site to wait longer. After the cats are trapped, Phillips immediately takes them to HSHV, where she has after-hours access to the building.

Three community cats warily checked out Kane's front porch but didn't take the bait and left. Phillips and Kane figured strong winds and too many traps made the animals uneasy.

The group left empty-handed after more than eight hours on the job. Phillips vowed she would return.

### Rescuing

"Believe me we have spent many hours in areas that we didn't even see a cat," said Dickerson, who began assisting after Phillips trapped a cat for her. "I was given her name and she came out and trapped him, had him fixed and now he's at my house. His name is

Sweet."

Tranchida worked with Phillips at Masco and helped her friend with rescues even before she started trapping cats.

"We were on the way back from a meeting and I was following Cheryl," Tranchida said, adding that Phillips stopped her car and allowed a stray dog to jump in. "She was in the car with him and I ran to get a bowl, leash, collar and everything. When you're with Cheryl you never know what's going to happen."

Last year Phillips rescued a dog from the Southfield expressway. She has taken abandoned kittens from beneath shrubbery and at vacant homes. She once trapped a skunk inadvertently, but sweet-talked it from the cage and it didn't retaliate.

"My car is full of rescue stuff all the time," Phillips said. "I have everything in there." She even keeps a bale of straw in her car during winter for outdoor dog houses and

cat shelters. "I've always loved animals."

She started a nonprofit foundation and named it after a pit bull, "GG" (Gorgeous Girl) that she rescued in 2009 while working on a Habitat for Humanity house in Detroit. She even wrote a short novel, "GG's Journey: From Lost To Loved" from the dog's perspective. GG tells her own story of being homeless, found, placed in a shelter where she was misunderstood because of breed stereotypes, fostered and then adopted. The book was released in November and is available from amazon.com and through ggsgourney.com in digital and paperback versions.

Phillips hopes the story brings awareness to the plight of homeless animals, especially pit bulls. She plans to use proceeds to continue her rescue work. Her long-range plans include opening a cat sanctuary in north Oakland County, where at-risk children could connect with felines.

## Labs fetch first place in AKC breed popularity ranking

Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Labrador retrievers rank first in purebred popularity. They've been the top dog in America for the past 25 years, according to the American Kennel Club, (AKC).

The organization tallies purebred dog registrations each year and uses those statistics as the basis for its annual breed popularity list, which it released this week. According to AKC's 2015 stats, the Labrador retriever took the top spot.

Marla Stuck isn't surprised. "I think it's because they are naturally a friendly dog. They are super duper smart and they are easy to train and good with children. You can't have a better family dog. If you want a guard dog, you're not going to get a Lab," said Stuck, presi-

dent of MI Lab Rescue.

But there's a downside to popularity.

"People go to the breeder and buy these puppies and then no one wants to potty train and clean up," Stuck said.

"People buy this dog because they want to go hunting and then they never hunt. Or they don't want to train them and don't understand positive training like we do. They don't want to walk them. Labs are athletes and if you don't exercise them, it makes them go crazy."

Or they buy a puppy as a family Christmas gift, but soon discover dog ownership is too much work.

"So, a lot of people don't understand basic stuff before getting a dog and how much work it is. The shelters are full



MI Lab Rescue president, Marla Stuck, loves black Labs. Her fur kids are Baloo, Jasmyn and Doc.

### TOP 10 AKC DOG BREEDS IN AMERICA

1. Labrador retriever — "Friendly, active, outgoing. Labs play well with others."
2. German shepherd — "Smart, confident, courageous and steady. A true dog lover's dog."
3. Golden retriever — "Intelligent, friendly and devoted."
4. Bulldog — "Calm, courageous and friendly, dignified but amusing."
5. Yorkie — "Curious, friendly, merry...loving and lovable, happy, easygoing and companionable."
6. French bulldog — "Playful, smart, adaptable and completely irresistible."
7. Yorkshire terrier — "Affectionate, sprightly, tomboyish."
8. Poodle — "Active, proud, very smart."
9. Rottweiler — "Confident guardian, loving, reserved with strangers and affectionate and loyal with his family."
10. Boxer — "Active, bright, fun-loving, and loyal."



# Therapy Choirs of Michigan to sing in Lansing

The Therapy Choirs of Michigan will sing its 18th annual Capitol Concert, noon-1 p.m. March 2 at the Capitol in Lansing. The show is free of charge and open to the public.

The Farmington Hills-based organization consists of singers with special needs, such as traumatic brain injuries, developmental disabilities, Down's syndrome, autism, blindness, mental illness and other challenges. They perform in three choirs, the original Therapychoir, the Macomb Oakland Regional

Center Singers in Auburn Hills, and the Livingston County Special Needs Singing Group. Community members, known as "Volunteer Voices," also sing with the groups.

Speakers at the performance will include State Rep. Christine Greig, a representative from the National Association of Mental Illness, and speakers from The Coalition Protecting Auto No-Fault Insurance (CPAN), and experts in the field of rehabilitation.

For more information visit TCM's website at: [www.therapychoirs.org](http://www.therapychoirs.org).



SUBMITTED  
Therapy Choirs of Michigan sings in the Capitol in Lansing.

## TOP DOGS

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of the number one breed."

A quick check of Petfinder.com turns up 525 Labs or Lab mixes for adoption within 100 miles of Livonia's 48150 zip code. Eighty-seven German shepherds, AKC's second most popular breed, are listed for adoption within the same geographic area.

Stuck started the Ypsilanti-based rescue two years ago upon the urging of an acquaintance. The non-profit organization has a seven-member board of directors and volunteers who foster the dogs. MI Lab Rescue adopted out 16 dogs its first year, 23 dogs last year and four this year. Stuck said the organization placed two new rescued Labs in foster care this week.

"She was a puppy mill dog," Stuck described



This yellow Lab is in foster care with MI Lab Rescue. She'll be available for adoption after she is spayed and an ear infection has healed.

one of the newcomers. "They used her as a puppy mill dog and then tied

her to a picnic table at a shelter up north and drove away."

### Dog decides

Stuck said all of the rescue's dogs are vetted

and spayed or neutered. The organization requires a home visit and a meet and greet before an adoption is finalized. The dogs have the final say. "I tell people if the dog doesn't want to be with you, the dog won't be with you."

Stuck recalls one potential adopter that passed the home visit, but failed to make the cut after the dog became shy, stressed and urinated inside the house.

"My vice president knelt down and (the dog) put both paws around her head and hugged her tight. When I opened the door she made a beeline for my van."

### New life

In some cases, dogs go from a rags-to-riches existence when they're placed with a new family. Stuck said an adopter in Plymouth offered the perfect setting — a big backyard — for their rescued Lab, which initially had been heartworm positive and came

from a shelter in Mobile, Ala.

"We got quite a few of ours from Alabama. We had one pup that had been tossed out onto a highway in Alabama. Someone took it to a shelter there, but it was a high-kill shelter."

MI Lab Rescue pulls dogs from high-kill shelters in Michigan and Alabama. Its adoption fees are \$250 per dog. Stuck said her organization spends approximately \$1,000 on each dog it prepares for adoption. All of its members are volunteers and they rely on donations to pay expenses.

Its first fundraising event is a four-person golf scramble, 10 a.m. May 21, at Pine View Golf Course, 5820 Stony Creek Road, Ypsilanti. Register for MI Lab Rescue's Par For Pups golf outing or check out the rescue's success stories and adoptable dogs at [milabrescue.com](http://milabrescue.com).

[sdargay@hometownlife.com](mailto:sdargay@hometownlife.com)

### 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		Organizational Meeting	
Tuesday	March 8, 2016	9:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.	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.

CLASS	RATIO	S.E.V. FACTOR (MULTIPLIER)
Agricultural	50.00	1.0000
Commercial	50.00	1.0000
Industrial	50.00	1.0000
Residential	50.00	1.0000
Personal	50.00	1.0000

Note: Appointments for the Board of Review may be made beginning Monday, February 22, 2016 by calling the Assessor's Office at 734.466.2220.

Linda Gosselin, Assessor

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### ADVERTISEMENT FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

#### CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL AND QUALIFICATIONS TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR LPD COMPREHENSIVE ROOF REPLACEMENT

Sealed proposals 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 15th, 2016 at which time the RFP's will be secured by the City Clerk. 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." Late proposals will be returned unopened.

**A mandatory pre-bid meeting** will be held in the West Conference Room at the Department of Public Works Building, 12973 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan (734) 466-2655 at 9 A.M. on Tuesday, March 1st, 2016. Proposals will not be accepted from those firms who do not attend.

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

All Addendums will be posted on the MITN website. Any information not obtained from the MITN website should not be relied upon. Each response to the proposal must be provided to the City of Livonia electronically in Adobe (PDF) format. Faxed proposals in response to this request will not be accepted.

All proposals shall be sealed in envelopes, plainly marked with: **CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL AND QUALIFICATIONS TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR LPD COMPREHENSIVE ROOF REPLACEMENT, name of vendor** and shall be addressed to the City Clerk, City of Livonia, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154.

No vendor may withdraw his proposal within 120 calendar days after the date set for opening thereof.

The City of Livonia reserves the right to reject or accept any or all proposals in whole or in part and waive any irregularities therein. Acceptance of any proposal does not constitute a binding agreement until a written Contract is signed by both parties.

Doug Moore  
Superintendent of Public Service

Dennis K. Wright  
Mayor

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### CITY OF LIVONIA ELECTION NOTICE

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF LIVONIA,  
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A

#### PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

Will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2016, at which time, candidates of the Republican and Democratic parties for the following office will be voted upon in the City of Livonia, Wayne County, Michigan:

#### PRESIDENT

#### THE VOTING PLACES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Precinct	Location	Address
1A	Clarenceville JHS	20210 Middlebelt Road
1B	Clarenceville JHS	20210 Middlebelt Road
2A	Clarenceville HS	20155 Middlebelt Road
3A	Webster School	32401 Pembroke Street
3B	Webster School	32401 Pembroke Street
4A	Webster School	32401 Pembroke Street
7A	Holmes School	16200 Newburgh
8A	Holmes School	16200 Newburgh
8B	Holmes School	16200 Newburgh
9A	Cass School	34633 Munger Avenue
10A	Riley School	15555 Henry Ruff Road
11A	Coolidge School	30500 Curtis Avenue
12A	Coolidge School	30500 Curtis Avenue
13A	Riley School	15555 Henry Ruff Road
14A	Riley School	15555 Henry Ruff Road
15A	Buchanan School	16400 Hubbard Road
16A	Cass School	34633 Munger Avenue
16B	Buchanan School	16400 Hubbard Road
17A	Hoover School	15900 Levan Road
17B	Hoover School	15900 Levan Road
18A	Holmes School	16200 Newburgh
19A	Randolph School	14470 Norman Avenue
19B	Randolph School	14470 Norman Avenue
20A	Frost School	14041 Stark Road
21A	Frost School	14041 Stark Road
22A	Kennedy School	14201 Hubbard Road
22B	Kennedy School	14201 Hubbard Road
23A	Roosevelt School	30200 Lyndon Avenue
23B	Roosevelt School	30200 Lyndon Avenue
24A	Roosevelt School	30200 Lyndon Avenue
24B	Riley School	15555 Henry Ruff Road
25A	Emerson School	29100 West Chicago Ave
31A	Rosedale School	36651 Ann Arbor Trail
31B	Rosedale School	36651 Ann Arbor Trail
32A	Garfield School	10218 Arthur Avenue
33A	Garfield School	10218 Arthur Avenue
34A	Grant School	9300 Hubbard Road
34B	Grant School	9300 Hubbard Road
34C	Grant School	9300 Hubbard Road
35A	Emerson School	29100 West Chicago Ave
35B	McKinley Center	28030 Cathedral Avenue
35C	McKinley Center	28030 Cathedral Avenue
36A	Emerson Center	29100 West Chicago Ave
36B	Cleveland School	28030 Cathedral Avenue

#### RELATIVE TO THE OPENING AND CLOSING OF POLLS

The polls of said election will be open at seven (7:00) o'clock A.M. and remain open until eight (8:00) o'clock P.M. Eastern time of said day of election.

#### VOTER INSTRUCTIONS IN ALTERNATIVE FORMAT

To comply with the voting accessibility requirements, the voting instructions will be provided on a CD. Any voters who request the voting instructions in an "alternative format" in advance of the election will be supplied with a copy of the CD. Arrangements for obtaining the instructions in an "alternative format" should be made by contacting the clerk in advance of the election no later than 4:00 p.m. on the Friday preceding the Election. In an instance where a voter contacts his or her local clerk in advance of the election to request that the voter instructions be available in an "alternative format" in the polls, the clerk will arrange to have a cassette player available in the polling place.

#### ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR CITY OF LIVONIA RESIDENTS

Voter's may obtain an absentee ballot by submitting an application to the Livonia City Clerk's office. Applications may be printed from the City of Livonia website ([www.ci.livonia.mi.us](http://www.ci.livonia.mi.us)). you can call the Clerks office at 734-466-2121 and leave your name and address to have an application sent to you, or you can pick up an application at the City Clerk's office, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, MI, 48154. The last day we can mail an absentee ballot is Saturday, March 5, 2016. Voted Absentee Ballots must be returned to the Livonia City Clerk's office by 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 2016.

SUSAN M. NASH  
LIVONIA CITY CLERK

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## RELIGION CALENDAR

### FEBRUARY 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

### LENTEN 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:** 248-626-2515, ext. 117

### MARCH 24 HOURS FOR THE LORD

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Friday, March 4 through 8:30 a.m. closing Mass on Saturday, March 5  
**Location:** St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia  
**Details:** The event will feature several Masses, special Mercy Stations of the Cross, several opportunities for reconciliation, and 24 hours of Eucharistic Adoration. There will also be some special snacks, activities, and "time-outs" for families and children during the 24-hour period. The celebration is open to all area Catholics. A full schedule is listed at livoniast-michael.org. Anyone interested in being part of the round-the-clock Adoration Team should call the parish office or visit the church website  
**Contact:** 734-261-1455

### BUDDHISM CLASS

**Time/Date:** 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, March 24, April 14 and 28, and May 12 and 26  
**Location:** The Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington, 25301 Halsted, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Free five-week secular practical Buddhism class will apply Buddhist teachings to daily life through meditation, reflection and discussion. Secular Buddhism emphasizes the teaching of Eastern philosophy practices in a way that allows each individual to become their own teacher. Ideas such as "awakening" and "enlightenment" are goals in which there is no "one true way"  
**Contact:** 248-478-7272; uuFarmington.org

### EGG HUNT

**Time/Date:** Noon-1 p.m. Sunday, March 20  
**Location:** Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge Road, Canton  
**Details:** Children may hunt for candy and small toys inside plastic eggs that will be hidden inside the church and have a photo taken with the Easter bunny. Free  
**Contact:** 734-495-0035

### EASTER SERVICE

**Time/Date:** 7:15 a.m. Sunday, March 27  
**Location:** Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia  
**Details:** Service will be held outdoors except in extreme weather conditions. Coffee and refreshments will be served after the service. An Easter breakfast will start at 9 a.m.  
**Contact:** Mary at 248-471-1322

### FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

**Time/Date:** 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 13-May 15; no class on March 27  
**Location:** Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia  
**Details:** Course consists of 9 video lessons with guided discussions and planning tools for people at all stages of life. The course teaches how to get out of debt, save for the future, plan for emergencies, and save for college and retirement. Cost is \$93. Scholarships can be arranged  
**Contact:** Bruce Walrad at bwalrad@aol.com; 734-748-4427

### GRIEF SHARE

**Time/Date:** 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, beginning March 14  
**Location:** Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia  
**Details:** The group meets weekly for 13 weeks and will include a video and discussion each week. Participants will also have the opportunity to journal in a workbook. Free but registration is required at christoursavior.org  
**Contact:** Mike McGrath at 734-459-1274 or Linda Hollman at 734-522-6830

### SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

**Time/Date:** Noon-2 p.m. Sunday, March 6  
**Location:** Divine Mercy Roman Catholic Regional School, at the current site of St. Raphael Catholic School, 31500 Beechwood, Garden City  
**Details:** Preschool-eighth grade  
**Contact:** 734-425-4420

### SOUP SUPPER, SPEAKER

**Time/Date:** 5:30 p.m. Friday, March 18  
**Location:** Resurrection Catholic Parish, 48755 Warren Road, Canton  
**Details:** A meatless meal of soup and bread is followed by Deacon Paul F. Lippard's discussion of "Living Lent with Mercy." Stations of the Cross will follow. RSVP to the parish office  
**Contact:** 734-451-0444; resoffice@resurrectionparish.net

### SPRING CARNIVAL, SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

**Time/Date:** 1-4 p.m. Saturday, March 12  
**Location:** Concordia Lutheran School, 9500 Leverne, Redford  
**Details:** Carnival games, book fair, food and open house for prospective students  
**Contact:** 313-937-2233; concordials.org

### VESPERS

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. Sunday, March 20-April 17  
**Location:** St. Lazarus Serbian Orthodox Cathedral Ravanica, 4575 E. Outer Drive, Detroit, March 20; St. Mary the Protectress Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral, 21931 Evergreen Road, Southfield, March 27; Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church, 39851 W. Five Mile, Plymouth, April 3; St. Michael Russian Orthodox Church, 26375 W. Chicago Road, Redford, April 10; and St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church, 2160 Maple, Troy, April 17  
**Details:** Members of the Clergy Brotherhood of St. John Chrysostom of Metropolitan Detroit will conduct the services. An inter-Orthodox chorus will sing the responses  
**Contact:** Olga Liskiwsky at 248-252-8184; Olga-liss0910@gmail.com

### VIDEO 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.livoniast-michael.org.

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

### EXERCISE

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

### MOMS

**Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church**  
**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May  
**Location:** 14175 Farmington

Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners  
**Contact:** Ethanie Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463  
**Dunning Park Bible Chapel**  
**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays  
**Location:** 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford  
**Details:** MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.  
**Contact:** Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

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

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

**Location:** Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia  
**Details:** Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows  
**Contact:** Parish office at 734-464-1223  
**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

**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, tablets, eReaders on the third Saturday of each month. Use the doors on east side of church.  
**Contact:** Lynn Hapman at 734-466-9023

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

**Steve's Family Restaurant**  
**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday  
**Location:** 15800 Middlebelt, 14 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.  
**Contact:** 313-534-0399

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

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

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

**Detroit World Outreach**  
**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday  
**Location:** 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 202  
**Details:** 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

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**BROWN, ENA SHACKFORD**

Age 94, of Bloomfield Hills, February 21, 2016. Born on October 25, 1921. Ena grew up in Newport and Jamestown, Rhode Island as a Navy junior, the daughter of USN Capt. Chauncey Shackford and Ena Voight Shackford. She graduated from The Wheeler School in Providence, and worked as a stenographer for the Navy during World War II. She met Walter F. Brown, her future husband of 64 years, at a dance in Newport when he was in training as a WW II PT Boat commander, and they married upon his return from the Pacific in 1945. Through numerous corporate transfers across the country with Walt's work for the U.S. Rubber Company (Uniroyal), which led to Detroit, Ena continually adapted to every circumstance and made lifelong friends along the way. Ena had been a resident of the Birmingham/Bloomfield area since 1959, and for 20 years was a winter resident of Vero Beach, Florida, where life centered around Riomar Country Club. Among many interests, she enjoyed golf and bridge with friends at Bloomfield Hills Country Club, trips with Walt to U.S. Seniors Golf Association tournaments, and travels in Europe. She was a long time member of Christ Church Cranbrook's Altar Guild, and a volunteer at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Ena was a gracious lady, and all will remember her wonderful laugh, extraordinary memory and, above all, her love of family and good friends. She was predeceased by husband Walter and brother Charles Chauncey Shackford. Dear mother of sons Shackford (Joan) and Bowden (Elaine) Brown and daughter Ena Anne Brown. Loving grandmother of Albert (Karen), Lauren, Bowdy and Brett. A memorial service will be held privately. A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500. Sign guestbook and share memories at A.J.Desmond.com



**DIXON, STEPHANIE (SMITH)**

Of Bloomfield Hills, MI and Mount Dora, FL passed away peacefully in her home Sunday, February 21st, 2016 after a 15 year battle with multiple myeloma (bone marrow cancer). She was born February 1st, 1942 and she was raised in Birmingham, Michigan. Stephanie was a graduate of Birmingham High School and the University of Michigan where she was a member of Delta Gamma sorority. She met John, her husband of 48 years, when she was just 7 years old and they began dating 14 years later. She made her career as a dental hygienist before devoting herself to raising her children, spending much of her time as a school volunteer and scout leader. Over the years, Stephanie enjoyed raising her children, collecting primitive antiques, interior decorating, and traveling with her 22 dearest lifelong friends. She is survived by her husband John Dixon of Bloomfield Hills, MI and Mount Dora, FL, daughter Kerrie (Aaron) Van Natter of Dexter, MI, son Mark Dixon of Bloomfield Hills, MI, twin brother Steve (Carol) Smith of Empire, MI, sister Lauri (John) Beldo of Menominee, MI, brother Mark (Peggy) Smith of Howell, MI, and granddaughters Lake and Sadie Van Natter of Dexter, MI. A private memorial service with interment at Christ Church Cranbrook is planned for the summer. Donations may be made in her memory to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation, 383 Main Avenue, 5th floor, Norwalk, CT 06851. [themrfl.org](http://themrfl.org)

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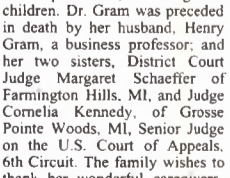
**GARTZ, BRUCE R.**

February 25, 2016 age 56 of Canton. Beloved husband of Kim. Dear brother of Glenn (Debbi), Kevin, Nora (Kevin) Hawes, Susan (Les) Sherrick. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Memorial Service Thurs. 11:30 a.m. at the Uht Funeral Home 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland. Family will receive friends Thursday 10-11:30 a.m. Family requests memorials to the Michigan Humane Society. Please visit and sign a tribute at [www.uhtfl.com](http://www.uhtfl.com).



**CARROLL, PAULINE C.**

86, of Farmington Hills, died February 25, 2016. Beloved wife of the late James (d. 1972). Devoted mother of Bruce (Joan); grandmother of Chandler and Christian; sister of Suzanne Seely and Madeline Mugerichian. Sadly, Pauline was also preceded in death by children, Patty Carroll and James Carroll Jr.; sisters, Francis and Irene. Funeral Service Tuesday, March 1, 12:30 p.m. at the Heenev-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (between 9-10 Mile Rds., just N. of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Visitation Monday 6-9 p.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre. Memorial gifts suggested to the American Cancer Society. [heenev-sundquist.com](http://heenev-sundquist.com)



**GRAM, DR. CHRISTINE ELISE**

Was born on December 29, 1924, in Detroit, Michigan, and passed away peacefully at her home in Farmington Hills, MI, on February 11, 2016, surrounded by family. Dr. Gram was President of Oakland Community College, Auburn Hills Campus, from 1986-1994, where she started as an economics instructor in 1965. She had six children, two step-children, and 15 grandchildren. Dr. Gram was preceded in death by her husband, Henry Gram, a business professor; and her two sisters, District Court Judge Margaret Schaeffer of Farmington Hills, MI, and Judge Cornelia Kennedy, of Grosse Pointe Woods, MI, Senior Judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals, 6th Circuit. The family wishes to thank her wonderful caregivers, especially Lee and Linda. A natural leader, she had the gift of making those around her do and feel better. She will be missed by many and especially her family. Celebration of Life Service, 11:00 a.m. Saturday, April 16, 2016 at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, 26165 Farmington Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48334. Visitation from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the service. Memorial contributions may be made to the Special Olympics, First Presbyterian Church of Farmington or a charity of your choice.  
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**HARVEY, JUNE L.**

Age 92, February 19, 2016 of Garden City. Beloved wife of the late Donald. Loving mother of Donald G. (Ruthella), the late Richard and Sherry. Also survived by 5 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren. A celebration of June's life will be held at The Grande Parlor, 6221 Merriman Rd., Garden City (between Ford Rd. & Maplewood) on Sunday, March 13 from 12 pm - 4 pm. Please share a memory of June at [www.rgrgharris.com](http://www.rgrgharris.com).

**HOPKINS, RICHARD ARNE**

Age 47, passed away February 21, 2016. Dear son of the late Dr. Richard and Jane Erickson-Hopkins. Dear brother of Ingrid (Raymond Andresen) Hopkins and Toby S. (Brooks) Hopkins. A private memorial service will be held. Arrangements by Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, Utica. Please share a memory at [sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://sullivanfuneraldirectors.com)

**HYDE, MARION McCRACKEN**

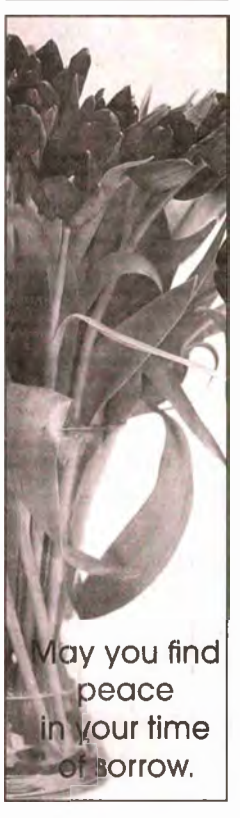
February 20, 2016, Age 91, formerly of Pleasant Ridge and Bloomfield Hills. Proud graduate of Denison University. Longtime Director/Coordinator for the United Way. Beloved sister of the late Shirley McCracken Essery. Dearest aunt of Victoria A. Essery. Great aunt of Serene M. Arena and Victor A. Arena. Family appreciates the loving care at Woodward Hills Care Center. Services will be held privately. Memorial tributes to HOPE Warming Center (Pontiac), COTS (Coalition On Temporary Shelter), or Alternative for Girls. A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500. View obituary and share memories at [AJDesmond.com](http://AJDesmond.com)

**PEARL, ELSIE IRENE (TUO - MISTO)**

95, of Ft. Morgan, Colorado, formerly of Livonia, MI, went home to be with Jesus on August 16, 2015 after a brief illness. She was born on October 8, 1919 in Loudspur, MI to Anna and Karlos Tuomisto. She came to Detroit and met and married Bruce Pearl. They had two daughters. Elsie was a person who loved Jesus and lived her life accordingly. She had a big heart for helping others and a deep respect for life. She had a great sense of humor and loved to laugh. Elsie was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters, her brother, and a grandson, Christopher Hernandez. She is survived by her two daughters, Diane Kraudelt (Pearl) and her husband, Jeff, and Cynthia Pearl, seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Elsie would like everyone to know that Jesus loves you and He is the way to eternal life. Put your trust in Him. He will not disappoint you. Mom, grandma, Elsie—we miss you but look forward to the day we will be together again.

**POWELL, JEAN IRENE**

Passed 2/23/2016. Services at L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Westland. Viewing 3/3/2016 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., with service 2 p.m.







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## Impress employers with creative questions

BY MARY LORENZ  
CAREERBUILDER

One of the most commonly asked — and most underestimated — job interview questions is “Do you have any questions for us?” What seems like an innocent inquiry is actually a way for hiring managers to separate the truly remarkable job candidates from the totally mundane.

“The questions applicants ask during the interview often reveal their priorities in a way that nothing else during the interview does,” says Barry Maher, author of “Filling the Glass: The Skeptic’s Guide to Positive Thinking in Business.”

Here are what leading career coaches identify as their favorite interview questions and the reasons that these inquiries impress hiring managers.

### What is it you enjoy best about working here?

“This (question) sets you apart because all too often, job seekers only ask about benefits or work hours,” says Chavaz Kingman, an executive consultant and the CEO of AYF Consulting Corp. The insight you gain from getting a personal perspective on what it’s like to work for the company will help you decide whether you and the company are a good fit.



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### Do you have any concerns about my qualifications that would prevent you from selecting me for this position?

This question “is a great way to show the interviewer you are open to feedback and willing to grow,” says Rachel Ritlop, a career and business coach for millennials. It also gives you an opportunity to address your interviewer’s concerns on the spot.

### Why did the previous person leave this position?

“While it’s impossible to learn everything about company culture in a job interview, this question can provide deeper

insight,” says Joni Holderman, a professional résumé writer at Thrive! Resumes. For instance, if you find out the person was promoted, it shows there are opportunities for upward mobility. If you learn that the person left for other reasons, you may want to probe further. You may find out there is high turnover, which could indicate a deeper cultural problem.

### What is an unexpected benefit of working here that someone outside the company might not know?

Not only will this reveal other benefits about working for the company, it will likely trigger positive emotions from the interviewer. “By getting them to

think about a positive aspect of their job, they will associate that thought with you, the candidate,” says Sahil Punamia, a career strategist at the Aspiring Professional.

### What is the least appealing aspect of this job?

Not many hiring managers want to talk about the down-sides of the job, because they are trying to sell you on the position. However, this question is crucial for two reasons, says Andrew Pearl, a certified résumé writer and interview coach at Precision Resumes Inc. “First, it gives the job seeker a clear indication if the job will be a bad fit. Second, it gives the candidate the op-

portunity to highlight his value relating to the most challenging aspect of the job.”

### Would you mind telling me what you did yesterday?

When job candidates ask what a typical workday is like, they are often told that “every day is different.” But this question provides real insight into what a day on the job actually looks like, Punamia says. It also takes the conversation to a more personal level. “By taking an interest in someone’s workday, you’re showing that you are genuinely interested in working at the company and learning more,” he says.

### What advice would you give to someone starting this position?

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Mary Lorenz is a writer for the Advice & Resources section on CareerBuilder.com. She researches and writes about job-search strategy, career management, hiring trends and workplace issues.

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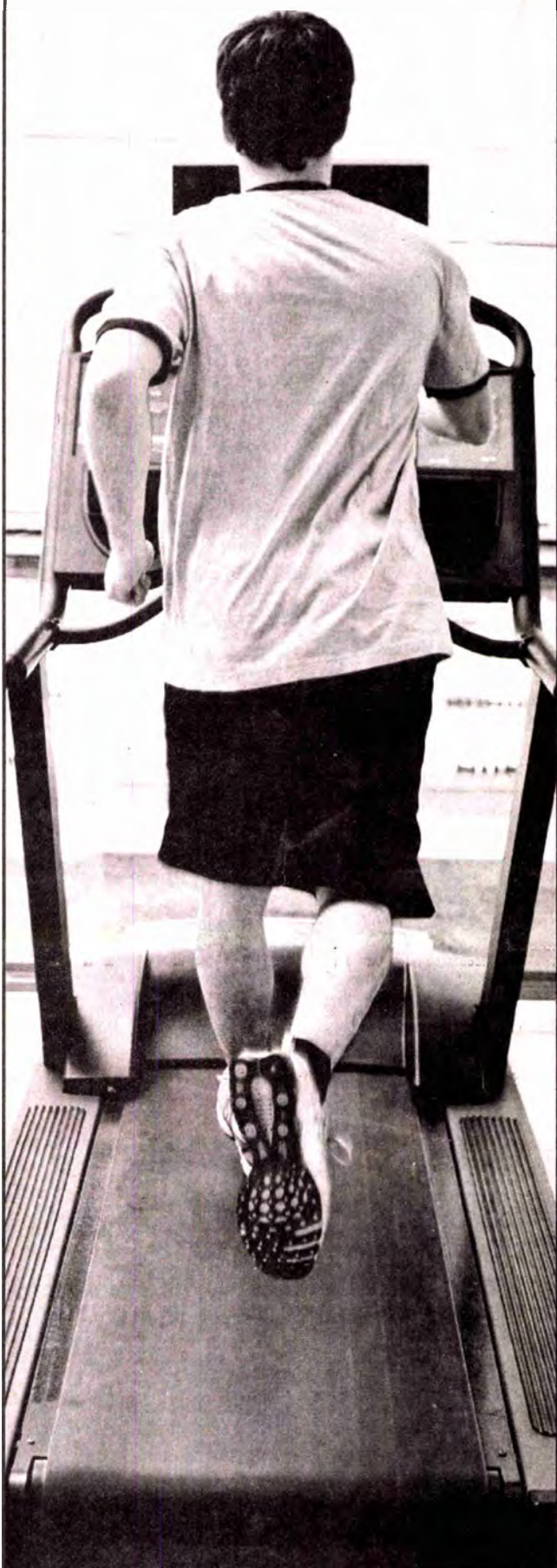
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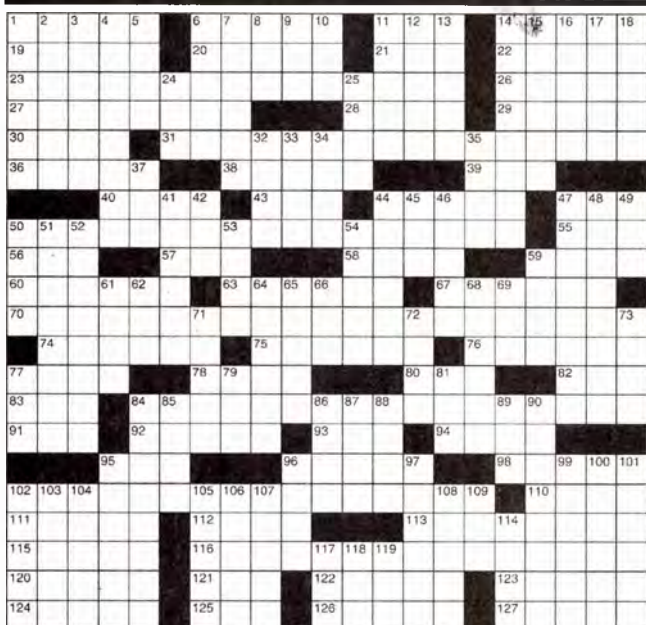
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Sag down
  - 6 "Your Business" channel
  - 11 Solo seen with Chewbacca
  - 14 Snapshot
  - 19 Meet with fellow grads
  - 20 Classic name in arcades
  - 21 Santa — Zoo
  - 22 Biblical king in Matthew
  - 23 Start of a riddle
  - 26 "I come from — down under" (1981 hit song lyric)
  - 27 English king called "the Conqueror"
  - 28 Sunnise side
  - 29 Concerning kidneys
  - 30 Airline to Lod
  - 31 Riddle, part 2
  - 36 1987 NFL MVP John
  - 38 Some tournament rounds, informally
  - 39 "There — god!"
  - 40 Comply with
  - 43 Ore- — (maker of Crispers!)
  - 44 Sticky stuff
  - 47 Vainglory
  - 50 Riddle, part 3
  - 55 Down time
  - 56 "Eh" grade
  - 57 Very old
  - 58 Choir female
  - 59 High-school grad, e.g.
  - 60 Stick (to)
  - 63 Catch sight of
  - 67 State-of-mind missions, in military slang
  - 70 Riddle, part 4
  - 74 Diving result
  - 75 Not casual
  - 76 Lead role in "La Cage aux Folles"
  - 77 End in — (finish evenly)
  - 78 Océano filler
  - 80 Thai language
  - 82 Little peevee
  - 83 Part of DOJ: Abbr.
  - 84 Riddle, part 5
  - 91 Certain poem
  - 92 Check cashier, say
  - 93 Kicker Groza
  - 94 Seeks some answers
  - 95 Brand of brake fluid
  - 96 "Greetings"
  - 98 Calyx part
  - 102 End of the riddle
  - 110 Firework part
  - 111 City near Giza
  - 112 Holy likeness
  - 113 Prehensile-tailed fish
  - 115 Fight
  - 116 Riddle's answer
  - 120 Nobel winner
  - 121 Immense time span
  - 122 Subparts
  - 123 Penetrating
  - 124 Was nervy enough
  - 125 007, for one
  - 126 Ballerina's skill, in Paris
  - 127 Actress
  - 128 Witherspoon
- DOWN**
- 1 Bank in a check transaction
  - 2 Replenish the stock of
  - 3 Make illegal
  - 4 "He's a priest," per Ogden Nash
  - 5 Gilpin of "Frasier"
  - 6 Mottan rock
  - 7 Giant step
  - 8 No, in Ayr
  - 9 Lingerie garment
  - 10 Op. — (abbr. in a footnote)
  - 11 Responses to jokes
  - 12 "— of robins in her hair": Joyce Kilmer
  - 13 Three-nation pact of '94
  - 14 Old Jewish sectarian
  - 15 Capital of Montana
  - 16 Bornean ape, briefly
  - 17 Relating to musical pitch
  - 18 In an unusual way
  - 24 Spa reaction
  - 25 100-yr. stretches
  - 32 Ballet bend
  - 33 Verdi work
  - 34 Apple option
  - 35 — and kin
  - 37 Kobe cash
  - 41 Florida birds
  - 42 Driver's peg
  - 44 Meudas' counterparts
  - 45 At a boat's back
  - 46 "It's hard to — Trane"
  - 47 GOP symbol
  - 48 Fights
  - 49 Have little to
  - 50 Bankbook ID
  - 51 Put back on the roster
  - 52 Certain organ part
  - 53 Bygone bird
  - 54 Long-eared leapers
  - 59 Little city
  - 61 Qualified
  - 62 By means of
  - 64 Hang in there
  - 65 Prized violin, for short
  - 66 Fidel's friend
  - 68 Pabst beer
  - 69 "— haw!" (rodeo cry)
  - 71 Of ill repute
  - 72 Golfer Sandy
  - 73 Film terrier
  - 77 Big whoop
  - 79 "Shucks"
  - 81 Sly-fox linkup
  - 84 Bought the film rights to
  - 85 Performs like Snoopy Lion
  - 86 Makeup of Hawaii
  - 87 Noodlehead
  - 88 Waikiki wiggling
  - 89 Accepts
  - 90 Send in troops, e.g.
  - 95 Holy place
  - 96 Innuendo
  - 97 Inceptions
  - 99 Chase
  - 100 Frozen or liquid things
  - 101 "Joan of Arc" star
  - 102 Pungent
  - 103 Dr. of radio
  - 104 Winter coat feature
  - 105 Hill helpers
  - 106 Inside story
  - 107 Singer Bono
  - 108 Tantalize
  - 109 Snead of golf
  - 114 Frosty coat
  - 117 "Slung" stuff
  - 118 — steady basis
  - 119 Wine, in Paris

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5	6	3	1	4	7	2	8	7
9	2	8	6	2	5	4	7	1
6	5	1	8	9	4	2	5	9
8	2	4	9	1	1	4	3	6
3	9	2	2	5	6	1	4	8
7	5	4	4	4	8	9	1	6
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# Car Report

## Lexus Launches New RX with Sleeker, Bolder Styling – But with Aim To Keep Segment Leadership



By Dale Buss

The iconic Lexus RX wheezed to a close in 2015, with sales falling off by more than 6 percent from a year earlier.

Was it because buyers

and dealers lost enthusiasm for the 2015 version as they looked forward to the launch right now of a completely redesigned 2016 RX? Were supplies curtailed in the transition? Was it because of greater competition from rivals for the coveted mid-size luxury-crossover segment that has drawn more entrants? Was it because of internal competition with the compact Lexus NX crossover.



Analog clock complements the instrument panel's clean layout.

just a segment below RX, which notched nearly 44,000 sales in its first year while RX was fortunate to top 100,000 sales in its 17th year? Or was some of each factor to blame?

Lexus executives are hoping the actual answer becomes moot as American consumers embrace the all-new, fourth-generation RX that they're rolling out to dealers now, with a radically streamlined new design and some new touches inside — but not enough change that anyone could scream the brand has ruined the venerated model that essentially created the mid-sized, off-road luxury-SUV market in 1998.

In fact, just a few weeks into its launch, Lexus executives in early January were reporting that there was "overwhelming buyer interest" in some of the most salient features of the new RX, including Luxury and F Sport packages, the available 12.3-inch navigation screen, Lexus Safety System+ which can avoid or mitigate collisions across a wide range of vehicle speeds under certain conditions, and both interior and exterior styling, including the 20-inch-wheel option.

"All of this is before we've officially launched our advertising support," which is scheduled for the first quarter, said Jeff Bracken, group vice president and general

manager of Lexus.

The new exterior design is more chiseled and seems to lower the profile of the new RX even though it actually has increased most interior proportions because, while the same height as the previous generation, the new model is longer and wider.

It also has a yawning black grille that some call the "spindle" design but which, to me, more resembles the shape of a lab beaker or a nuclear-plant cooling tower. The front bumper is more aggressive and available triple L-shaped LED headlamps modernize the look. They join all-new LED fog lamps and LED daytime running lights as well as a more aggressive front bumper and muscular fender flares.

Another distinctive styling cue is the blacked-out C pillars, which give the illusion of a floating roofline never before seen in a Lexus product. And the 20-inch wheels add to the RX's enhanced stance, replacing the current model's 19-inch option.

In any event, more than a few reviewers have remarked that the new RX exterior design goes too far in their opinions, and some have insisted that the 2016 version of the vehicle may be enough for the nameplate to hold on to its No. 1 position in the segment — but doesn't bring much new to the



The new 2016 Lexus RX makes a bold new styling statement.

market. "All iconic design is polarizing," Brian Bolain, Lexus corporate marketing communications and product marketing manager, told me. "With the new RX, we knew we had to build upon the model's already storied legacy and provide a fresh new perspective on a perennial category leader." He said it's off to a strong sales start and that "in consumer research, the new RX was consistently chosen above its competition."

Speaking of marketing support: The advertising campaign for the new RX showcases what Bolain called the "duality" of the vehicle's well-established sophistication and its more modern design edge in TV ads that are meant to appeal to well-heeled millennials.

although it's not positioned as a family vehicle. And unlike when it launched the single RX in 1998, Lexus is able in one of its ads to tout the family of products that has grown up around the nameplate which also offers some duality, including a hybrid model and the new F Sport performance version.

Expect Lexus to be essentially proven right with its approach to giving the 2016 RX a clear path to success, including sales increases as well as holding on to its No. 1 spot in the segment. Lexus is doing more right these days, even including just a 2-percent decline in 2015 sales in the challenged luxury-sedan segment. And with RX being so important to the overall franchise because of how hot its segment is these days, Lexus will do all it can to make sure the icon stays iconic.

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