

# Wayne-Westland OBSERVER

THURSDAY 03.03.16 || HOMETOWNLIFE.COM || PART OF THE USA TODAY NETWORK



## Wayne puts public safety question on ballot

**LeAnne Rogers**  
Staff Writer

In an effort to stabilize public safety services and overall city finances, Wayne voters will be asked to approve the city joining a public safety authority that comes along with a 14-mill property tax levy.

The city council voted unanimously Tuesday to follow the recommendation from the community financial task force to put the question before voters. It is expected that the question will be placed on the August primary ballot, which would allow the tax increase to be collected beginning on the winter tax bill.

Voters would be asked to consider allowing Wayne to join Hazel Park and Eastpointe in the South Oakland Regional Services Authority. Like Wayne, those two communities are not contiguous and the authority serves only as a funding method — the millage is levied and sent back to the cities to fund public safety.

“Levying the 14 mills is the best way to keep our public safety and avoid an emergency financial manager. The majority of us recommended this,” financial task force member Jill Lezotte-Kates said, speaking on behalf of the group.

See **BALLOT**, Page A2

## Good food, good company



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

At Sts. Simon and Jude Catholic Church in Westland, Don Iminski fries shrimp, the most popular menu item.

Surprisingly, shrimp is ‘the biggest seller’ at Lenten fish fry

**LeAnne Rogers**  
Staff Writer

Like many area churches and some community groups, Sts. Simon and Jude Catholic Church annually hosts a Lenten fish fry, although the name may be somewhat of an oxymoron.

“Shrimp is our biggest seller,” said Ushers Club member Curt Frizzell, who runs the fish fry.

Along with fried cod, the weekly menu also features baked fish and grilled cheese sandwiches.

“I’m a regular at the fish fry. I come for the gluten-free, the broiled fish and french fries. They use a separate fryer for the fries,” said Loretta Sovel, who was sitting with fellow parishioners Terry Connolly and Kathy Hansen, who directs public relations for the church.

It was the first time the three had



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Joe Randazzo sells 50/50 raffle tickets to diners at the Sts. Simon and Jude Catholic Church fish fry.

See **FISH FRY**, Page A2

## Woman tentatively agrees to repay WHA

**LeAnne Rogers**  
Staff Writer

A Westland woman has conditionally agreed to repay \$15,000 to the Westland Hockey Association as part of a felony diversion plea on charges including embezzlement.

Sheri Benton, 45, agreed to the arrangement as part of waiving her preliminary examination Monday in Westland 18th District Court. Along with embezzling more than \$20,000 but less than \$50,000 from the youth hockey group, Benton is charged with writing insufficient funds checks.

The plea agreement was made conditionally for preliminary examination purposes; it is subject to acceptance by a Wayne County Circuit Court judge after Benton is arraigned and the charges proceed at that level.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Ryan Lukiewski described the conditional waiver of the preliminary examination as requiring Benton to repay \$5,000 when her plea is accepted and another \$10,000 over the diversion period, likely to last one year.

Benton would also admit to civil liability for another \$5,000. In return, the charges would be dropped against Benton if she has met the conditions and doesn’t commit any crimes during the diversion period.

During the hearing before Judge Sandra Cicirelli, Benton agreed that she understood the agreement and that she was waiving her right to the preliminary examination. She is scheduled for arraignment March 14 in circuit court.

“We’re as satisfied as we can be,” said WHA treasurer Greg Green, who attended the hearing with WHA president Tracy Posey.

The WHA and the Ice Dogs hockey team are the listed complainants in the charge filed against Benton.

Westland police reported that the hockey group initially thought about \$8,600 was missing over a period of time dating back to 2013, when Benton was serving as WHA treasurer. Instead, police said the financial records were closely scrutinized and approximately \$45,500 was missing over three years.

The charges are that Benton used WHA money to pay personal expenses, including \$8,000 on her mortgage.

“The money mostly went out in cash and miscellaneous charges on a debit card that (Benton) only had access to,” Posey said.

Since discovering money was missing, Green said the WHA has revised its policies for handling funds. “We are running a tighter ship. If hindsight was 20/20,” he said. “We’d like to put this all behind us.”

WHA has received \$30,898.51 reimbursement from insurance, which will receive repayment of funds repaid by Benton.



Benton

rogers@hometownlife.com



PRICE: \$1

**OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC**  
hometownlife.com  
A GANNETT COMPANY

© The Observer & Eccentric  
Volume 51 • Number 83

Home Delivery: (866) 887-2737 | Return Address: 29725 Hudson Dr., Novi MI 48377

**INDEX**

Business.....	A6	Homes.....	B7	Services.....	B7
Crossword Puzzle.....	B7	Jobs.....	B6	Sports.....	B1
Entertainment.....	B10	Obituaries.....	B9	Wheels.....	B7
Food.....	B11	Opinion.....	A8		

## Home Equity Loans

rates as low as **3.25%** APR\*

\*Home Equity Line of Credit Annual Percentage Rate (APR) of 3.25% is based on credit worthiness, loan amount and Loan to Value (LTV), and assumes auto pay discount. Variable rates are based on the published Wall Street Journal Prime Rate. Subject to change without notice. Maximum rate 18.00% APR. An early termination fee of \$300 applies on lines closed within 24 months. Equal opportunity lender. NMLS #440274 Federally insured by NCUA. ©2016 Community Financial

**COMMUNITY FINANCIAL**

CFU.ORG/HOME | 877.937.2328

## BALLOT

Continued from Page A1

Wayne has a more than \$2 million structural deficit and has seen an approximately 45-percent drop in property values since 2008. The city's general operating millage is maxed out and city auditors project Wayne will run out of money by Labor Day 2017.

If voters approve Wayne joining SMORSA, state law requires that all members levy the same amount of millage. In this case, that is 14 mills. But like Hazel Park, Wayne doesn't need the full amount and has discussed reducing the general operating millage as an offset.

"I don't and won't support it, but I believe the issue should be voted on," task force member Bob Boertje said. "I would like to see it in

November, when there are more voters."

Whether the question appears on the August or November ballot, former City Manager John Zech said that he supports the proposal.

"No one on council or in the administration had anything to do with the 2008 housing market collapse," he said. "Or Ford Motor Co. choosing to close a plant in Wayne. Or state shared revenues (losses). It was a one, two, three, four punch."

Through efforts to cut spending, the police department is down to 24 officers and 12 firefighters, Zech noted.

"That's not sufficient. Public safety is woefully understaffed and I'm concerned for them," he said. "More importantly, I'm concerned for residents and businesses. We must maintain public safety and that includes DPW and the building department."

Without the ballot question and millage being approved, Zech said Wayne will never again be the city that residents have known.

"I want to say I don't have a horse in this race, but I have family and friends in Wayne," said Joe Cadillac, a retired Wayne firefighter. "I'm so dismayed at the situation in Wayne."

State law allows property values to plummet, but limits tax increases to the rate of inflation or 5 percent annually, whichever is less.

"Residents are going to have to support this and approve it," Cadillac said. "The values of homes won't go up without more police and fire. The residents will benefit from this."

Retired Wayne Fire Chief Tim Reynolds agreed. "When your property taxes drop 43 percent, they will not go again at the rate they went down," he said. "We're talking decades to recover. I want people to educate themselves."

Under his comments, Councilman Ryan Gabriel read from an employee manual from Quicken Loans, where he works. It talked about the importance of being open to the unknown and how usually a no comes before a yes.

"You only say no if you have exhausted all the possibilities to yes. It's not about who is right, but what is right," he said.

Thanking Gabriel for his comments, Councilman Anthony Miller said, "It's really up to residents what they want in the community."

irogers@hometownlife.com  
734-883-9039  
Twitter: @LRogersObserver

## FISH FRY

Continued from Page A1

joined for dinner — all three came solo. "It's a big friendly congregation, so you can always find someone to sit with," Sovel said.

"I come for the company," said Connolly, whose wife Mary didn't make the fish fry.

Eating shrimp, Hansen made the popular pick from the menu, while both Sovel and Connolly preferred the baked fish.

That doesn't necessarily mean it's all healthy eating each Friday during Lent — even with baked fish, customers can have french fries, a baked potato with sour cream and butter or Frizzell's famous mac and cheese. Not to mention dinner at the Westland church includes choice of a dessert provided by members of the Mother Cabrini Guild, along with a choice of a soft drink or coffee.

"I make four pounds of mac and cheese. I can't tell you the secret recipe, but there is only one cheese," said Frizzell, who has done the fish fry for 10 years. "We average 60-70 dinners each week. We do carry-outs, too. Most fish fries don't include dessert and a drink."

Most of the fish fry customers are parishioners from Sts. Simon and Jude, said Frizzell, who works full time at the Michigan Assembly Plant in Wayne. Some preparations for the dinner begin the night before and Frizzell arrives about 2 p.m. each Friday to get potatoes wrapped in foil for baking and cut the fish.

Frizzell's only prior experience at cooking for the public was a stint at a coney island inside Westland Shopping Center some years ago. Now his crew in the kitchen includes his sons-in-law Adam Lasser and A.J. Chambo.

"There are six people



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Christine Frizzell and Ed Jankowski work the dessert table.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Curt Frizzell places baked cod in the warming oven at the Sts. Simon and Jude Catholic Church fish fry.

back there in the kitchen, all guys. If they need me, I'm here. When we're slow in the kitchen, I come out to talk to people and ask how their food was," Frizzell said.

Unlike most Lenten church fish fries, which wrap up Good Friday, Sts. Simon and Jude wraps up a week earlier and doesn't serve the Friday immediately before Easter.

"We have so much going on, we're swamped," Frizzell said, referring to the Mass and

potluck held Holy Thursday. More than 200 people participate, with food ranging from pasta salads, pierogi and kielbasa to Nigerian hush puppies made by Nigerian nuns assigned to the parish.

The fish fry is open 4:30-7 p.m. Friday with dinner prices ranging from \$8.50 to \$10.50. Sts. Simon and Jude is located 32500 Palmer, east of Venoy, in Westland.

irogers@hometownlife.com  
734-883-9039  
Twitter: @LRogersObserver

## WESTLAND OBSERVER

Published Sunday and Thursday by Observer & Eccentric Media

### Community Office:

29725 Hudson Drive • Novi, MI 48377 • 866-887-2737  
Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
hometownlife.com

Editor: Brad Kadrich  
734-678-2386  
Email: bkadrich@hometownlife.com

Sports: Ed Wright  
734-578-2767  
Email: ewright@hometownlife.com

### Subscription Rates:

Newsstand price: \$1.00 Thursday & \$1.50 Sunday  
\$8.25 EZ pay per month  
\$52.00 six months  
\$104.00 per year  
\$91.00 six months mail delivery  
\$182.00 per year mail delivery

### Home Delivery:

Customer Service: 866-887-2737  
Mon.-Fri. 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
After hours, leave voicemail  
Email: custserv@hometownlife.com

### To Advertise:

Classified Advertising & Obituaries: 800-579-7355  
Legal Notice Advertising: 586-826-7082  
Fax: 313-496-4968 Email: oeads@hometownlife.com  
Print and Digital Advertising:  
Lisa Walker, 313-378-3151  
Email: lwalker@michigan.com

### Advertising Policy:

All advertising published in this newspaper is subject to the conditions stated in the applicable rate card, copies of which are available from the advertising department. We reserve the right not to accept an advertiser's order. Our ad-takers have no authority to bind this newspaper and only publication of an ad constitutes acceptance of the advertiser's order.

# ALEX AND ANI®

DESIGNED TO CONNECT YOU™



available at

Golden Gifts

33300 W. SIX MILE RD | LIVONIA, MI | 734.525.4555

LO-0000274148

©2016 Alex And Ani, LLC

# Fly the 'Yankee Doodle Dandy' during new museum show

The Yankee Air Museum will have special rates for rides on its historic World War II C-47 aircraft, "Yankee Doodle Dandy" on Saturday, April 9. Weather permitting, the plane will fly in conjunction with the Detroit Aviation and Airline Collectibles Show at historic Willow Run Airport.

The show will be in Hangar 1, bay 7 at 801 Kirk Profit Drive, Ypsilanti. This is an opportunity to experience a flight through the eyes of a paratrooper on an aircraft of the type that served in combat and set the stage for the D-Day landing at Normandy. All rides at the show will be at the member rate of \$175.

The C-47 is the most unique of the museum's vintage flying aircraft. It is a Douglas DC-3 commercial airliner converted for military use, especially active during World War II. It has been fully restored inside to look and feel like the WWII war bird that it was and restoration is ongoing, most recently on the original radio equipment.

Many who flew the C-47 considered it the most rugged and reliable aircraft flown during World War II, largely because at that time the design specifications for commercial aircraft were



The World War II-era C-47 at the Yankee Air Museum.

more rigid than for military aircraft. C-47s towed troop-carrying gliders, dropped paratroopers into enemy territory, and air evacuated sick and wounded personnel. Many C-47s also served in the Korean and Vietnam wars and as recently as the Gulf War. Other post-war C-47s were retrofitted to once again fly as DC-3 passenger airliners.

"A ride aboard a C-47 is a perfect and affordable entry to war bird flying for only \$175 and is an experience you don't want to miss," said Bob Hynes, public relations director for the Yankee Air Museum. "After a pre-flight briefing, boarding and taxiing, the C-47 passengers will have

## AVIATION AND AIRLINES COLLECTIBLES SHOW

The Yankee Air Museum will present and host its first-ever gathering dedicated to aficionados of historic airlines. The event runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, April 9.

Dealers of airline postcards, collector cards, books, magazines, pins, models, brochures, posters and more will display and sell collectibles.

Admission is \$5 and children 15 and under are free. Admission includes all day access to the Yankee Air Museum. The show will be in historic Hangar 1, on the west side of Willow Run Airport, 801 Kirk Profit Drive, Ypsilanti.

For more information, go to the [www.DetroitAviationShow.com](http://www.DetroitAviationShow.com) website.

excellent views, from about 1,200 feet, of the Bomber Plant and the surrounding area."

The April 9 flights are scheduled at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., noon, 1 p.m. and 2 p.m.

Reservations for C-47 rides are recommended

and "walk up" space may be available. To reserve a ride or for additional information, go to the YAM website at [www.yankeeairmuseum.org/flyC47](http://www.yankeeairmuseum.org/flyC47), email C47rides@yankeeairmuseum.org or contact Geof Bush at 734-776-7569.

## Accordianist to join Michigan Phil for March 13 concert

Accordian virtuoso and Detroit native Peter Soave will join the Michigan Philharmonic next month to perform a modern work by California composer Max Si-monicic.

The program, "An Accordian Affair," is at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 13, at First United Methodist Church. Simoncic's piece is called *Accordian Concerto* and Soave performed at its world premiere in Stockton, Calif., in 2011.

The program will also include *Dance of the Tumblers* from *The Snow Maiden*, by Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov, and *Symphony No. 5 in B-flat major* by Sergei Prokofiev. The Michigan Philharmonic Youth Orchestra will join the Michigan Phil for the performance of *Dance*



MICHIGAN PHILHARMONIC Peter Soave will join the Michigan Philharmonic next month.

*of the Tumblers*. First United Methodist is at 45201 North Territorial. A 1:15 p.m. talk will precede the concert.

For more information and to reserve tickets, go to the Michigan Phil's website, <http://www.michiganphil.org/index.html>.

### Redford Township District Library Budget Hearing Legal Notice

The Redford Township District Library will be holding a public hearing on Monday, March 21, 2016, at 4:00 p.m. at the Redford Township District Library, 25320 W. Six Mile Rd., Redford, MI 48240 in regards to the 2016-2017 library budget. A copy of the budget will be available before the hearing at the Library's Adult Reference Desk.

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

Published: March 3, 2016

LO-000077940 2x8

### CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 5 2/22/16

Presiding: President Godbout  
Present: Cicirelli Bryant, Coleman, Hammons, Herzberg, Johnson, Kehr  
48: Appr. authorization of \$75,000 in Emergency Water & Sewer Expenditures for the purpose of water testing within the City identified as having boundaries of Wayne Road, Wildwood Road, Palmer Road and Glenwood Road.  
Mtg. adj. at 10:00 p.m.  
Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

James Godbout  
Council President

Richard LeBlanc  
City Clerk

Published: March 3, 2016

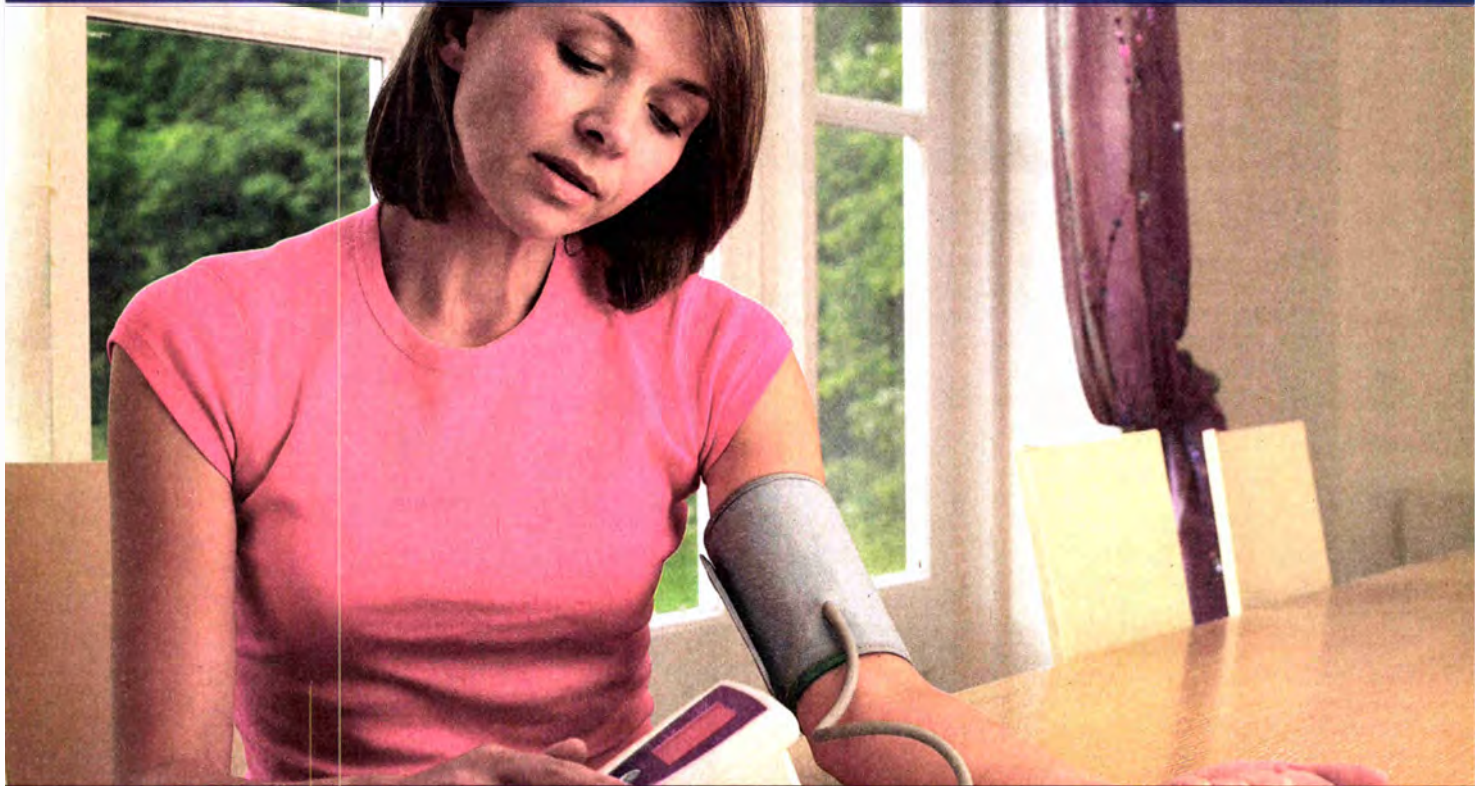
LO-000073662 2x8

**Hellenic Cultural Center**  
Presents  
**Lenten Fish Fry Friday**  
Every Friday During Lent • 5:00pm-8:00pm  
Buffet Includes: Fried / Baked Cod, Fried Calamari, Pasta, Fries, Slaw, Salads, Soup, Rolls/Butter, Coffee, Tea, or Soft Drinks.  
**ADULTS...\$11.75 KIDS Under 11...\$6.75 Under 3...FREE**  
36375 Joy Road (W. of Wayne Rd.) Westland • 734.525.3550  
Saint Constantine & Saint Helen Church

**St. Michael's Parish**  
**"ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT"**  
**LENTEN FISH FRY**  
All Fridays in Lent Except Good Friday  
**4:30-7:00 pm**  
In the School Cafeteria  
Full dinners w/choice of fried or baked Icelandic cod  
Adults: \$10 - Seniors \$8 - Kids 3-11 \$5 - 3 & Under FREE  
Carry Out: \$9 for 2 pieces of fish; \$10 for 3.  
11441 Hubbard Rd., S. of Plymouth Rd. • Livonia • 734-261-1455 ext. 200  
[www.livoniastmichael.org](http://www.livoniastmichael.org)

## PROVIDENCE-PROVIDENCE PARK HOSPITAL

# Do you have high blood pressure?



## Introducing the Spyril HTN Global Clinical Trial

You may be eligible for this study if you're between 20-80 years old and have a systolic blood pressure (upper number) reading between 150-180 mm Hg.

As a condition of the study, you may be asked to stop taking your drugs under the guidance of your physician.

For more info visit [www.spyrialhtntrials.com](http://www.spyrialhtntrials.com) or contact

Jean Kelly RN, BSN, CCRP  
Providence-Providence Park Hospital, Southfield  
Phone: 248-849-3369  
Email: [jean.kelly@stjohn.org](mailto:jean.kelly@stjohn.org)



Believe in better

# Dozens of cops in Livonia for conference

David Veselenak  
Staff Writer

The Embassy Suites Detroit-Livonia/Novi may have just been the safest place in town Tuesday morning.

That's because about 140 law enforcement officers from across the state were inside the hotel on Victor Parkway at a presentation being done on President Barack Obama's Task Force on 21st Century Policing. Topics covered included constitutional and effective policing, body cameras and procedural justice, among others.

Livonia Police Chief Curtis Caid said the topics reflect an effort by police departments to connect to the communities they serve more closely so the relationship is a healthy one.

"What we're trying to accomplish is an educational component," he

said. "Coming together as regionally and analyzing the recommendations, seeing what's applicable to each of our agencies, implementing those items that are good for the community sooner rather than later."

One way Caid said the Livonia Police Department hopes to accomplish one of those goals is by being open about its role in the community and welcoming community members to meetings it intends to hold in the community in the future.

Law enforcement officers from as far west as Kalamazoo and as far north as Cadillac were in attendance to listen to attorney Eric Daigle, who represents munic-



Muery



Livonia Police Chief Curtis Caid, here presenting Exceptional Service awards to Donette and Donald Paul at the police awards ceremony, said the conference was trying to accomplish an educational component.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

palities and police departments in court on a regular basis. He touched on many topics throughout the day at the hotel, which is going through a major renovation.

## Policies in place

One unique attendee to the event was David Gelios, special agent in charge at the Detroit field office of the FBI. Having those proper policies and training

exercises under law enforcement's belts is an important component to prevent issues from happening to members of a law enforcement force.

"My observation is stressing the importance of having policy, training and good supervision in place in the things that you do," he said. "You have to have all three of those pillars to be proactive and to protect yourself."

"If you have a lack of policy, if you have a lack of training, then courts or various authorities can hold that you were negligent in doing your duty."

Garden City Police Chief Bob Muery said he's taken away ideas of how to create policy within his department. With Garden City being a smaller department, there are fewer minds to craft those policies that need to be solid and defensible.

In the past, most departments would have had someone at the top of the hierarchy crafting community policing policies. Now, Muery said, it's important other police officers, residents and other stakeholders work together to craft policies as well.

"So the biggest benefit I'm taking away from this has to do with policy development and reaffirmation of the idea that policy has to be constantly reviewed and updated," he said. "This speaker has brought up some interesting points on the sources for our policies and what those sources are."

"What I'm taking away from this is a broader view has to be taken into account. We all need to be on the same page."

dveselenak@hometownlife.com

## GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

### Fraud

» A Garden City man told police Feb. 26 that he was doing online banking when he noticed two unauthorized debits on his credit union checking account. Each was for \$403 or \$806 total. The transactions were made in New York state.

» On Feb. 29, a man told police he had moved from Garden City to Wayne two weeks earlier. He had his mail forwarded and said he received a bill from WOW cable service for \$266.67.

The man said he had never opened an account with WOW and called to dispute the bill. He was

directed to file a police report. The man told police he suspects his mother may have opened the account since she had done similar things using the information of family members.

### Vandalism

A resident in the 33000 block of Marquette told police Feb. 29 that someone had smashed the rear window of her vehicle while it was parked in the driveway overnight. She said she had been having a dispute with her ex-husband.

— By LeAnne Rogers

## WESTLAND COP CALLS

### Fraud

» A Westland woman told police Feb. 24 that between Feb. 15-21, someone had used her debit card to spend \$159 on 21 Uber rides. She said she had no idea who had access the account or where the rides took place.

» On Feb. 22, a Westland woman told police that she received mail telling her accounts had been opened in her name with balances at Kohl's for \$400; Victoria's Secret for \$551.34; and an undetermined amount with Sprint.

The woman said that the accounts had all been opened in Texas, where

she has never been. She said she had contacted all three companies to close the accounts, but was unsure if other accounts had been opened.

### Attempted break-in

A resident of the Hawthorne Club Apartments, 7598 N. Merriman, told police Feb. 24 that she arrived home to find someone had damaged the door to her apartment. It was apparently an attempt to break-in, but she said no entry was made and nothing was missing.

— By LeAnne Rogers

## WAYNE COP CALLS

### Larceny from a vehicle

A resident at the Alex's Manor Apartments, 35330 Van Born, told police that he woke up for work about 3 a.m. Feb. 24 to find the four aluminum wheels and tires had been stolen from his 2016 Dodge Challenger. The vehicle was left sitting on a cinder block and a brick with the lug nuts left on the ground. The tires and rims were valued at \$4,000.

The man said he had parked the car in the parking lot about 7:30 p.m. the previous evening.

### Larceny from a vehicle

On Feb. 26, a man told police that someone had broken into his vehicle while he was parked at Wayne Industries, 36253 Michigan Avenue. He said his wallet was stolen and his credit cards had been used without his permission.

### Vandalism

A car was reported spray-painted overnight Feb. 29 while it was parked in the 3500 block of Barry.

— By LeAnne Rogers

ST. MARY MERCY  
MEDICAL GROUP  
SANTA JOSEPH MERCY HEALTH SYSTEM

Westside  
Obstetrics • Gynecology & Urogynecology

## Women's Health Presentations

Dr. Paul Makela, urogynecologist, provides insight and education about a variety of female conditions including bladder dysfunction, overactive bladder and pelvic prolapse. Grab a friend, your sister or mom and learn about the latest therapies and procedures available that may help eliminate or reduce your symptoms or pain, and improve your quality of life. Attend any date!

March 16

April 29

St. Mary Mercy Livonia

Classrooms 1 & 2

36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia

5:45 p.m. - Check-in  
6 p.m. - Presentation

### REGISTER NOW!

Free of charge but registration is required. Please call 734-655-1980.  
Light refreshments will be served.

Dr. Makela is a member of St. Mary Mercy Medical Group, a network of primary care and specialty physicians who provide comprehensive medical care, health maintenance and preventative services to help you and your family stay healthy.



Isn't it time you discovered Remarkable?  
stmarymercy.org/westside

YOU'RE INVITED TO A

# Culinary Exploration of Waltonwood

Join us for a tour at either of our Canton communities, and along the way you'll enjoy small plate tastings of our Culinary Directors' favorite regional cuisine. During your visit you'll also get a better understanding of the services and amenities we offer.

March 22nd  
4 - 6 p.m.

at

Waltonwood at Carriage Park

2250 N Canton Center Rd.

Canton

(734) 335-4276

March 24th  
5 - 7 p.m.

at

Waltonwood at Cherry Hill

42600 Cherry Hill Rd.

Canton

(734) 335-1830

RSVP by March 18th  
to the communities above

WALTONWOOD  
Redefining Retirement Living®  
SINGLES



Independent Living, Licensed Assisted Living & Memory Care

www.Waltonwood.com



St. Robert Bellarmine Church fish fry volunteers Bob Hester, Harold Jackman, Linda Welsh, Keith Kuras and Ron Bush are ready for a busy night of hungry customers.

TOM BEAUDOIN

# DINERS CALL ST. BELLARMINE'S FISH FRY 'BEST IN REDFORD'

**Scott Daniel**  
Staff Writer

What do 450 pounds of Atlantic cod, bushels of potatoes, gallons of soup and tubs of tartar sauce have in common?

If you answered St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church's Friday Fish Fry, you're correct. That's how much food it takes to serve 1,000 or more guests each week during Lent at the township parish. St. Bellarmine, which sits at the corner of West Chicago and Inkster roads, will serve dinner from 4-7 p.m. every Friday until March 26.

"It's the best Lenten fish fry in Redford," said Gary Danhoff, a township resident. "It's a chance to relax and have a nice supper together."

He, wife Patty and friend Cheryl Bush attended the event last Friday night, eating in the church's gymnasium along with 400 other guests. Patty Danhoff said they've gone to every fish fry in Redford over the years.

"This is the best one," she added. "We plan to come here every week."

During Lent, many Christians give up luxuries — like meat — as a form of penitence. Making that sacrifice a little less painful is the job of about 40 volunteers each week.

Work starts on Tuesday with receiving fresh food from various suppliers. Cooking, mixing of sauces and other prep work begins on Wednesdays and continues right up until the doors open on Friday.

That's when the full volunteer team assembles. St. Bellarmine's men's club president Jim Vote said several Redford organizations are among the volunteers. Those groups also share in proceeds from the fish fry.

"We reach out to groups in town to help them raise funds, too," he said. "We like to spread the wealth."

Sean Griffin, a St. Bellarmine parishioner, has volunteered the past several years. He doesn't have a defined role, but instead does whatever is needed, from setting tables up in the gym to finding open seats for diners.

"I'm usually all over the floor to make sure everyone has what they need," said Griffin, a Redford resident. Helping put on the fish fry is an expression of his faith, he added. "I like to see everyone having a great evening. If we have to work harder to make that happen, so be it."

Dinners range from \$9 to \$10.50 and includes a drink and a pair of side items. Cod dinners are all you can eat, but St. Bellarmine also offers other types of fish from week to week. Additional side items, such as hash puppies, coleslaw, soup and mac-n-cheese are available for \$2 each.

"We serve a very good, quality meal," said Vote. "No one leaves here hungry."

But you don't actually have to eat at St. Bellarmine's. The church offers carry-out and drive-through services. "We do things a little different here," Vote said.



Patty Chappell of Redford goes through the drive through for her fish dinner as volunteer Emma Delcotto delivers the delicious food.

TOM BEAUDOIN



Valentine and Carolyn Sieczka look at the display table of foods that are served at the St. Robert Bellarmine Church fish fry.

TOM BEAUDOIN



Youth volunteers Adam Dwyer, Dominick Williamson and Sara Stawarz man the side dishes that are served at the St. Robert Bellarmine Church fish fry.

TOM BEAUDOIN



Diane and Bill Walker of Westland enjoy a fish dinner both baked and fried along with mac and cheese.

TOM BEAUDOIN

**Our Lady of Loretto**  
Located at Six Mile and

Beech Daly roads, the church has its own fish fry each Friday night from 4-7 p.m. A full

menu is offered with everything from cod, to shrimp, clams, orange roughy and

salmon. A two-piece dinner is \$8 and the seafood platter is \$10.

## O'Malley named hospital's first woman president

Beaumont Health Chief Operating Officer Carolyn Wilson has selected Constance O'Malley of Clarkston to be president of Beaumont Hospital-Farmington Hills, formerly Botsford Hospital.

O'Malley succeeds Paul LaCasse, who now serves as executive vice president of the Post-Acute Care division and Diversified Business Operations for Beaumont Health.

In this position, O'Malley leads Beaumont Hospital-Farmington Hills and also has responsibility for the hospital's vari-

ous out-patient services. She will ensure the hospital delivers on Beaumont Health's mission of providing compassionate, extraordinary care every day. O'Malley begins her new position March 7.

"I am thrilled to lead Beaumont-Farmington Hills," O'Malley said. "With our \$160 million construction project underway, we are improving our facilities to



O'Malley

create a more comfortable, efficient and private healing environment for our patients and their families. The Farmington Hills area is a terrific community and I look forward to meeting and working with community members and business leaders."

O'Malley is the fourth president of the hospital and the first woman in the role. Botsford General Hospital opened in 1965. Previous presidents include LaCasse from 2005-16; Gerson Cooper, who currently serves as vice chair of the Beaumont Health board of

directors, from 1984 to 2004; and Allen Zieger, from 1965-83.

O'Malley has served as vice president and chief operating officer of Beaumont Hospital-Troy since 2012. At Beaumont-Troy, she was responsible for daily operations and ambulatory services. She previously served as vice president of Surgical Services, Trauma, Transplant and Ambulatory Services at Beaumont Hospital-Royal Oak with administrative responsibility for the Beaumont Medical Center-West Bloomfield.

Before coming to

Beaumont, O'Malley held a variety of leadership positions with Ascension Health-St. John Providence Health System and Detroit Medical Center, including vice president of Clinical Services, chief nursing officer and chief operating officer. She has more than 30 years of health care experience and began her career as a surgical nurse at Providence Hospital.

O'Malley has a bachelor of science in nursing from Oakland University and a master of science in health service administration from Madonna University. She has been

a fellow of the American College of Health Care Executives since 2012. O'Malley serves on many nonprofit boards and previously led both the Oakland and Macomb County Medical Control Authorities as president.

"As a health care executive with more than 30 years of experience, Connie has the capability and knowledge to lead Beaumont Hospital-Farmington Hills," LaCasse said. "She comes with a strong skill set in strategic planning, hospital and ambulatory operations, physician relations and health system growth."

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### Business expo

Livonia Chamber of Commerce officials are letting potential participants know exhibit spaces are now available for the 30th annual Livonia Business Expo.

The event takes place 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday, May 4, at Laurel Park Place Mall.

More than 90 exhibit spaces will be setup throughout the Laurel Park Place mall concourse. Exhibit space includes an eight-foot, black skirted table, two chairs and two feet of floor space behind the table for you to post portable signs or display products.

Space can be reserved, and more information is available, by calling Laura Tahmouch at 734-427-6055, or via e-mail at tahmouch@livonia.org.

#### Chamber events

The Livonia Chamber of Commerce hosts or sponsors the following events:



More than 90 exhibitors will take part in the Livonia Chamber of Commerce's 30th annual Livonia Business Expo May 4 at Laurel Park Place Mall.

» Tuesday, March 15, Brewin' Business — Sponsored by Community Alliance Credit Union, to be held at the Cozy Corner Cafe, 36083 Plymouth Road, from 7:30-9 a.m. It's free for chamber members.

» Saturday, March 19, Sixth annual Livonia Home Show — Sponsored by Bright House Networks at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission and parking.

The event will feature more than 50 local businesses. Limited exhibitor spaces remain. Cost is \$150 per member for a 10x10 space.

» Wednesday, March 23, I-275 Project Meeting — MDOT representatives will detail plans for the I-275 construction project at the Best Western Hospitality Hotel, 16999 S. Laurel Park Drive from 8-9 a.m. Cost is \$5 per member.

## IT support firm launches new Farmington Hills office

Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

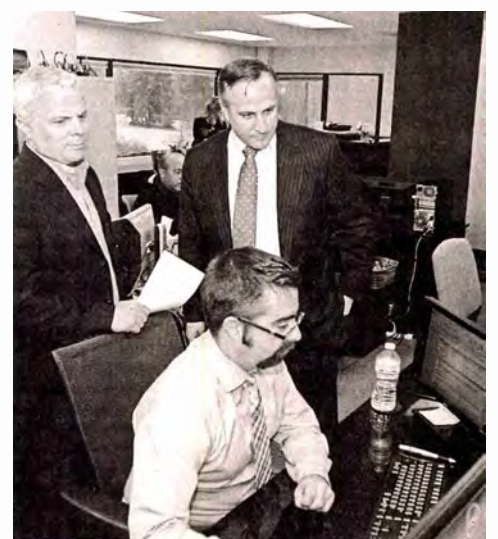
Even though the company has been supporting clients since 1999, officials at CASS Tech, a company providing IT consulting and managed services, were worried fewer people might know much about them following their recent move to a new facility in Farmington Hills.

So the folks at CASS, a Service Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business, opened their doors to visitors last week, hosting an open house and inviting local city officials to tour the new facility and learn a little more about what the firm does.

"We (gave) clients and area businesses a 'behind the scenes' look at how IT companies manage with technology in the 21st Century," Blair Ackman, the company's COO/CFO, told the *Farmington Observer* in an email. The event was designed to "celebrate our recent move," Ackman said.

CASS Tech provides all levels of IT consulting and managed services for small- and medium-sized businesses, providing IT support such as technical helpdesk support, computer support, and consulting. The company's goal according to its website, is to "provide enterprise-level IT practices and solutions to the small business sector."

CASS partners with many types of businesses in the area, and strive to eliminate IT issues "before they cause expensive downtime," compa-



CASS Tech President Robert Stants (left) and Chief Operations Officer Blair Ackman with tech specialist Phillip Franklin in the operations room.

ny officials said.

Farmington Hills Mayor Dr. Ken Massey said the new facility for CASS Tech is good news for the company and for the city.

"It's nice to see a long-time Farmington Hills company expand its footprint," Massey said. "It's good to see a good community citizen grow."

According to its website, CASS Tech's Managed Service Plan ensures proactive care, 24/7 access to remote and on-site server remediation services and live help desk support.

CASS was recently added by the Department of Veterans Affairs as a Service Disabled Veteran

Owned Small Business (SDVOB). CASS will now be participating in Veterans First Contracting Program opportunities with Veterans Affairs as well as GSA opportunities.

In a letter to business owners, CEO Robert Stants said he derives great satisfaction from the success of his clients.

"I love seeing my clients succeed, hearing that their profits have gone up and their expenses have gone down," Stants wrote. "As my clients grow, my business grows along with them. It is in my company's best interest to provide the best service possible."

### IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

## CORE Nutrition and Fitness on a fast track

#### Q. Your business specialty?

A. Relationship building, one-on-one coaching, group fitness classes, customized meal plans. First-timers all always free for their first visit.

#### Q. Tell us about your business, including the types of services and/or products you feature.

A. We offer customized nutrition plans, one-on-one coaching and accountability and group fitness classes for all age ranges and fitness levels.

#### Q. How did you first decide to open your business?

A. Culturally, there is great need for places of encouragement. Somewhere to make friends and get 1 percent better every day. We offer free workshops every month! They all revolve around fitness, nutrition and mindset.

#### Q. Why did you choose Canton?

A. I was raised in Canton. I love this city and the surrounding area. We are passionate about building relationships and plugging people in.

#### Q. What makes your

#### DETAILS

**Name:** CORE Nutrition and Fitness  
**Address:** 8345 Ronda Dr. Canton, MI 48187  
**Owners:** Jeremy and Rachel Royer  
**Hometown:** Canton  
**Opened:** June 2015  
**Employees:** 20-plus and growing fast  
**Hours:** We post our event/class schedule monthly  
**Contact:** 734-578-3788, raeroyer@yahoo.com or check us out on Facebook

#### business unique?

A. Our coaches and clients. Everyone takes a stand for one another. You can feel the passion for people radiating through the club.

#### Q. How has it changed since you opened?

A. It's grown a lot! We started with six coaches, now we have over 20. We also offer all sorts of new class types and times.

#### Q. Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with our readers about your experience so far as a small-business owner?

A. Every day, we bring free lunches to local businesses. We feel it's the best way to show people that proper nutrition can be convenient and delicious. We want to thank every business

that we have visited for being so kind and for letting us serve your employees.

#### Q. How has the recent economy affected your business?

A. Business is good!

#### Q. Any advice for other business owners?

A. Lock arms with your community! Get to know the local businesses, the people and the events. Make a difference for people and Canton will be very receptive; plus, it's fun!

#### Q. What is in store for the future of your business?

A. We will continue to take a stand for our communities health and battle the obesity epidemic. We will continue to impact one person and business at a time.

## CDs with Flexibility

25-MONTHS

1.30%  
APY\*

37-MONTHS

1.50%  
APY\*

■ Guaranteed rate of return

■ Plus, up to two penalty-free withdrawals<sup>1,2</sup>

Open your account today!



Birmingham • Bloomfield Township • Detroit • Ferndale  
Farmington Hills • Northville • Novi • Sterling Heights

LevelOneBank.com • 888-880-5663



\*Annual Percentage Yield. The posted APY assumes interest is credited to the account. Minimum deposit to open is \$10,000. Minimum daily balance required to obtain APY is \$10,000. Available for consumer clients and new deposits only. Account not available for Businesses or IRA. Withdrawals and fees may reduce earnings on the account. Rate is accurate as of 2/15/2016 and is subject to change at any time. You will have 10 calendar days after the maturity date to withdraw funds without a penalty. Level One reserves the right to change this account at any time. 1. 25 Month CD Up to two early withdrawal penalties will be waived when withdrawn no sooner than 12 months after the initial date of deposit, provided funds are available and withdrawals do not occur within 7 business days of each other. A withdrawal that occurs prior to 12 months after the initial date of deposit or within 7 business days of a previous withdrawal will be subject to an early withdrawal penalty of 365 days interest on the amount withdrawn. At time of maturity, the CD will automatically renew as a 24 month CD, regardless of the original monthly term unless funds are withdrawn or we are notified in writing prior to maturity of intention not to renew. 2. 37 Month CD Up to two early withdrawal penalties will be waived when withdrawn no sooner than 24 months after the initial date of deposit, provided funds are available and withdrawals do not occur within 7 business days of each other. A withdrawal that occurs prior to 24 months after the initial date of deposit or within 7 business days of a previous withdrawal will be subject to an early withdrawal penalty of 365 days interest on the amount withdrawn. At time of maturity, the CD will automatically renew as a 36 month CD, regardless of the original monthly term unless funds are withdrawn or we are notified in writing prior to maturity of intention not to renew.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Cardio drumming**

CORE Nutrition and Fitness Club sponsors a Family Cardio Drumming night to raise money to help MacGowan Elementary School purchase drum kits for its physical education classes.

The event takes place 7-8 p.m. Friday, March 4, at MacGowan Elementary, 18255 Kinloch, in Redford. Cost is \$10 per family for drum and shake sample.

CORE Nutrition and Fitness Club, with organizer Carol Phillips and PE teacher Bill Putman, is promoting a healthy, active lifestyle for all ages.

**Public transportation**

The League of Women Voters of NW Wayne County is hosting a meeting Monday, March 7, concerning the progress and current challenges of public transportation in the southeast Michigan region.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m., at the Livonia Civic Center Library (32777 Five Mile Road) and the public is welcome. The speakers are: Travis Gonyou, Community Outreach communications manager for the Regional Transit Authority, and Megan Owens, executive director of Transportation Riders United.

**Dance! American Art**

The Friends of the Livonia Library group is sponsoring a free slide show presentation of Dance! American Art, (1830-1960) at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 13, 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 Harlem Renaissance to modern dance. There will be time for a question-and-answer period following the presentation. Refreshments will be served after the program.

**Vintage toy show**

The Livonia Elks host a Vintage Toy Show from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 26, at the Elks Hall, 31117 Plymouth Road (east of Merriman). Customers may find comic books, Hot Wheels, games, lunch boxes, Star Wars and Star Trek items, sport and non-sport cards, posters, movie/TV items, models, G.I. Joes, music memorabilia, records, beer signs and more. Admission is \$5, kids under 12 free. For information, call Joe (daytime) at 586-775-3289 or Jacque at 586-329-8213.

**Photography club**

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 its 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, go to [www.Detroit3D.org](http://www.Detroit3D.org), or call Dennis at 248-398-3591.

**Bunny brunch**

The annual Livonia Bunny Brunch will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 19, 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 \$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.

**American Legion Lent**

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

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

**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

**Mural finished**



Three Livonia Public Schools students worked several Saturdays to brighten up the St. Christine's Soup Kitchen - a project sponsored by the Holmes Middle School Student Senate. Since November Stevenson High School students Kayla Blankenship and Jordan Green along with Holmes Middle School student Natalie Koelzer, worked tirelessly to draw and paint the mural that now graces the wall of the dining room at St. Christine's. At the project's conclusion, the diners clapped and congratulated the artists on a job well done.

to respond to the grief and sorrow for its loved ones, the church will be starting a grief support group using the "Grief-Share" materials. Grief-Share 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 Grief-Share 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 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, beginning March 14, at Christ Our Savior Luther-

an, 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. Register at [www.christoursavior.org](http://www.christoursavior.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 on 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:

» Matter of Balance, free, eight-week series from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 22 through May 10. 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 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 at 11 a.m. the second and fourth Thursdays of each month for a potluck luncheon. 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 Co. will visit the Westland Library at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 6. The program will feature scenes from multiple Shakespeare plays, including *King Lear*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and more.

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

Pigeon Creek's performance ties in with *Station Eleven*, the 2015-16 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 go to the library's events calendar at [www.westlandlibrary.org/events](http://www.westlandlibrary.org/events).

**Neighbors and friends**

Livonia Neighbors and Friends, a Women's Club in Livonia, holds its general meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile. 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 at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month, September through May. Special activity groups continue to meet year-round. For more information, go to the group's website at <http://livonianeighborsandfriends.tripod.com>

**ENROLLMENT OPEN HOUSE**

**Tipton Academy**  
Pre-School and Kindergarten Round-Up  
March 2nd - 9am  
March 3rd - 7pm

Open Enrollment  
March 7th - March 24th

Enrollment Open House  
March 13th - 11 am - 2pm  
March 18th - 10 am - 1pm  
March 23rd - 4 pm - 7pm

- Enrolling Pre K-8th Grade
- Full day Kindergarten
- Latchkey before/after school
- Enrichment classes - Music, Theatre, Art, Technology, Science, Spanish, P.E., Health
- Sports Program
- Small class sizes (NOT TO EXCEED 24)

1615 Belton • Garden City, MI 48135  
In the Former St. Dunstan School Building  
734-261-0500 • 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

FREE • FREE • FREE • FREE • FREE

MJR DIGITAL CINEMAS  
It's More Fun at MJR

OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC  
hometownlife.com

**2016 FREE CHILDREN'S SPRING FILM FESTIVAL**

SHOWN AT THIS GREAT MJR DIGITAL CINEMA  
**WESTLAND GRAND DIGITAL CINEMA 16**  
6800 N WAYNE RD • 734.298.2657

THE FREE SHOW FOR THIS WEEKEND  
MARCH 5TH & 6TH IS

**Goosebumps**

FREE TO CHILDREN 12 & UNDER UNTIL THEATRE CAPACITY EVERY SAT & SUN FEBRUARY 27TH THRU MARCH 20TH 2016  
ADULTS \$1 • TICKETS AVAILABLE DAY OF SHOW ONLY  
NO ADVANCE TICKET SALES

[www.MJRTHEATRES.com](http://www.MJRTHEATRES.com)

A MICHIGAN COMPANY OWNED & OPERATED SINCE 1980

FREE • FREE • FREE • FREE • FREE

**Spring Savings**

Hershey's Shoes Has a Large Selection of Quality Children's Shoes

stride rite saucony KEEN new balance

Ride for baby boys Ride for baby girls

M-W-XW Many Other Styles To Choose From

Volt for boys Kotaro 2 for girls

Hershey's Shoes Coupon  
**\$5.00 OFF Any Children's Shoes**  
**\$10.00 OFF Any Adult Shoes**

Any regular priced children's or adult shoes. With coupon. Expires March 31, 2016. Not good with any other offer or previous sales.

**Hershey's Shoes**  
Quality Footwear For The Entire Family  
29522 Ford Rd. at Middlebelt  
Garden City  
Proudly Made in the USA  
(734) 422-1771

## OUR VIEW

# Prove transparency by using FOIA

Gov. Rick Snyder is employed by Michigan taxpayers. So are our legislators. Yet they continue to scoff at the notion of being accountable to the very people who elect them. Yes, they are accountable come election time, but what about all the important work being done — or not being done — in the interim?

It is way past time for the governor's office and the Legislature to be subject to the same Freedom of Information Act as the rest of the state's public bodies. Taxpayers have a right to know how the state's business is being conducted. The governor and legislators don't merit special dispensation.

Snyder, addressing the Flint water crisis during the 2016 State of the State, said, "You deserve better. You deserve accountability. You deserve to know the buck stops here with me. Most of all, you deserve to know the truth and I have a responsibility to tell the

truth. The truth about what we've done and what we'll do to overcome this challenge."

Truth starts with transparency. Transparency requires full disclosure.

The fact is when Snyder released more than 274 pages of personal emails last month, supposedly showing transparency on the water crisis in Flint, much was redacted. And some say there are more emails that went unreleased. For true transparency to work, all emails must be released.

As one of only two states with a blanket exemption from FOIA for the executive branch (the other is Massachusetts), Michigan seems to have followed a winding road with an attorney general's opinion also including the Legislature in the exemption.

Let's remember: FOIA law already has exemptions within which government agencies, municipalities and public school districts and universities oper-

ate. Under Section 13 of the act, there are 24 subsections exempting items ranging from trade secrets to Social Security numbers to information that might, if public, impede ongoing law enforcement investigations.

If that works for everyone else, then it should work for executive and legislative staff as well.

And if Snyder and the Legislature want to send a strong message about how to prevent another Flint-type crisis from happening in Michigan, they would immediately pass legislation subjecting themselves to the same accountability as others.

Failure to do so sends a simple message: They don't want voters to know what they are doing.

Michiganders should expect more from their elected leaders.

— This editorial first appeared in the Lansing State Journal.

## LETTERS

### Smelling a rat

I posted this on the city of Westland-Administration website. There are some others that also complained on that website. Very interesting.

This water meter installation is costing everyone who has had one put in a lot more money a month once it's installed. I think it needs to be addressed with the city, as if they don't already know.

When there's this many people who are having a higher bill once their new meter is installed, obviously something's not right. Not everybody in this city has a bad meter. These people had estimations

for months, I have some, too.

Funny how everyone's gray box on the outside went out at once, only a couple of dollars off also when read, and then when their new meter is put in its hundreds of dollars off? Not right.

How does your average bill for a family of three go from \$146 to \$300? Some from \$130 to \$1,200 for a family of three? They are doubling and tripling. The average bill for a family of three shouldn't be more than \$140. One person said theirs was \$1,300.

Everyone on that post smells a rat. Since I started this page many people have commented on our different websites in Westland.

Tammara Orman

Westland

### If the shoe fits

Who do you know who fits this description: Someone who makes offensive insults. Someone who insults to maintain a competitive edge. Or perhaps someone who uses insult to deflect or silence hecklers.

Comedian Don Rickles comes to mind. His style kept his career alive for many years.

Now we have the Don Rickles of the Republican Party, Donald Trump. He uses the same insulting style as he campaigns to become the president of the United States. If he is nominated by his fellow Republicans, it will surely derail the future success of the Republican Party.

Someone may be able to entertain with festive insult, but you cannot address our present day global concerns and leaders with insult comedy — even if you feel as if the behavior fits.

Jim Brenner  
Redford

### Who is Colbeck serving?

On Feb. 10, state Sen. Patrick Colbeck was named the Michigan chair for presidential candidate U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz.

I tried to ask Sen. Colbeck how much time he is putting into this position, but did not get an answer from him. I would have asked him on his Facebook page, but I was blocked by him or by one of his staffer for agreeing more with Sen. David Knezek on the issue of Senate Bill 209, which requires the reading of the United States Constitution, Michigan Constitution and Declaration of Independence, with an emphasis on certain sections of each document.

It just makes me wonder if Sen. Colbeck is hiding something. Is he more focused on this chair position than his job as state senator, a position that pays \$71,865 per year, plus expenses?

Joe Gilligan  
Livonia

### On speed limits

AAA Michigan is against the proposal to increase the speed limit on some of our highways to 80 mph. Big surprise. AAA and the other automobile insurance companies reap huge financial rewards via higher insurance premiums from persons that are ticketed for "endangering life, limb and property" on modern multi-lane highways in 21st Century automobiles, driving at reasonable and safe but currently illegal speeds.

"Given the current conditions of our roadways, we question the safety of traveling the current speed limit, let alone driving at increased speeds." This extremely broad brush statement is true for many of our surface streets but not our major highways, most of which are still in very good condition.

Indeed, our MDOT engineers and officials should constantly monitor our highways for the need for repairs, and should have the proper

speed limits posted accordingly. Some limits should be higher, some should stay as they currently are.

"We are concerned about the negative effect a speed limit increase will have on newly licensed drivers and senior drivers." Our highway speed limits should be based on the driving skills of the lowest common denominator? Hand in hand with the increases in speed limits should be a public safety campaign that was once a part of every drivers training course: "SLOWER TRAFFIC KEEP RIGHT" and these signs should also be posted on our highways (and enforced by our police) regardless of the posted speed limit. Lesser skilled drivers need not be in the left lane, especially on three and four lane highways.

Restricting vehicle speeds via artificially lower speed limits may sound like a good idea, but they do nothing to make our highways safer.

James A. Kidd  
Livonia

## WAYNE-WESTLAND OBSERVER

PART OF THE USA TODAY NETWORK

Brad Kadrich,  
Community editor  
Larry Ruehlen,  
Managing editor

Jani Hayden,  
Advertising director

Jim Brenner  
Redford

## Thinking about Remodeling your Kitchen?



Join us for a Fun Informative Kitchen Planning Workshop  
Saturday, March 12th from 11:00 – 1:00

At our beautiful Kitchen and Bath Design Center

27260 Haggerty Rd., Suite A1, Farmington Hills MI 48331



### YOU WILL RECEIVE

- Tips on how to avoid planning pitfalls
- Build your kitchen investment budget
- Meet and work with our Award Winning designers in a "no pressure" atmosphere
- Learn about our Diamond Warranty so you are never left stranded
- Special promotional pricing for this event!

Call now to reserve your spot!

**248-260-2468** or visit

TransitionsRemodeling.com



## CAREER CONNECT

SUNDAY, MARCH 20

## MICHIGAN'S TOP TALENT WILL BE HERE, WILL YOU?

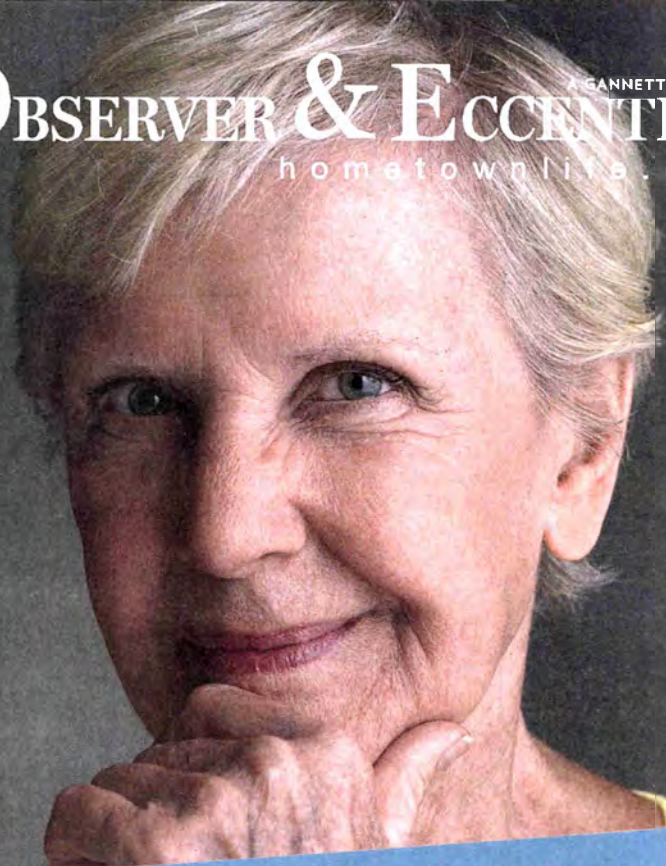
Tap into the Observer & Eccentric and find Michigan's best job candidates in our **Sunday, March 20th** special jobs section.

- Packages designed to reach passive & active job seekers.
- Engage Michigan's largest audience.
- Up to 65% off digital, mobile & print solutions.

Liz Keiser at (586) 826-7082  
or lkeiser@michigan.com



**OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC**  
THE GANNETT COMPANY  
 hometownlife.com



**LIMITED  
 EXHIBIT SPACE  
 IS AVAILABLE**

**REGISTER  
 TODAY**

**SPRING  
 SENIOR  
 EXPO**

**TUESDAY,  
 April 5, 2016  
 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

**Schoolcraft  
 College  
 Livonia Campus  
 VisTaTech Center**

**Connecting  
 Businesses with  
 Seniors and  
 Caregivers  
 Seeking  
 Information for All  
 Stages of Life.**

**Businesses Receive:**

- Exhibit Space
- Advertising in the Spring Senior Expo Special Section inserted in all Observer & Eccentric Newspapers
- Inclusion in the digital Spring Senior Expo Special Section on hometownlife.com

**BUSINESSES THAT SHOULD PARTICIPATE**

- |   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maid &amp; Cleaning Services</li> <li>• New Home Construction and Remodeling</li> <li>• Travel Companies</li> <li>• Religious Organizations</li> <li>• Adult Day Care Services</li> <li>• Personal Emergency Services &amp; Devices</li> <li>• Spa &amp; Wellness Companies</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anti-aging &amp; Holistic Wellness Companies</li> <li>• Senior Housing</li> <li>• Senior Fitness Providers</li> <li>• Alzheimer's Service Providers</li> <li>• Financial Services</li> <li>• Insurance Providers</li> <li>• Health Insurance</li> <li>• Home Health Care</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hospice Care</li> <li>• Mobility Solutions</li> <li>• Community Services</li> <li>• Elder Law Advice</li> <li>• Medicare Coverage Providers</li> <li>• Veteran's Benefits Services</li> <li>• Transportation Companies</li> <li>• Lawyers</li> <li>• Nutrition &amp; Dietary Services</li> <li>• and many more</li> </ul> |
|---|--|--|

**CALL 248.926.2203  
 or email [cbjordan@michigan.com](mailto:cbjordan@michigan.com)**



# Lenten Season

Enjoy Wonderful Fresh Seafood Throughout the Season...

Wild Caught Tuna, Swordfish, Sockeye Salmon & Much More!  
Ask Our Seafood Specialist for Fantastic Recipes!



## Life Is What You Make It At Joe's!

33152 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia, MI 48152  
Sale Valid 3-3-16 thru 3-9-16 248.477.4333  
While Supplies Last • Prices subject to change.  
Hours: Sun 9-6; Mon-Sat 9-8



Largest Fresh Meat & Seafood Counter in the Area!  
Highest Quality Hand-Selected Fruits and Vegetables  
Over 1000 Items from Gourmet & Domestic Cheeses to Premium Deli Meats & Freshly Made Salads  
Art of Bread-Fresh House Made Everyday-Using Non GMO Flour

### PRODUCE

Florida Strawberries **3/\$5**  
All Green Asparagus **\$1.79/lb**

**ORGANIC**  
Avocado **5/\$5**  
Mango **2/\$3**

Washington Red & Gold Delicious Apples **\$1.49/lb lunch box**  
Beefsteak & Vine Tomatoes **\$1.49/lb**  
Dole Blackberries **3/\$5**  
California Rapini **2/\$4**



### DELI

Boar's Head Beechwood Smoked Ham **\$6.99/lb**  
Save \$5.00

Dietz & Watson Buffalo Chicken **\$7.99/lb**  
Save \$4.00

Dearborn Oven Roasted Turkey **\$7.59/lb**  
Save \$2.00

Fresh All Natural Boneless Skinless Chicken Breast **\$1.99/lb**  
Save \$2.00

USDA Premium Choice Angus Bottom Round Roast **\$4.99/lb**  
Save \$1.00

USDA Premium Choice Angus Ground Beef from Round **\$3.99/lb**  
Save \$1.00

Hoffman's Hard Salami **\$5.99/lb**  
Save \$3.00

Boar's Head Everroast Chicken **\$6.99/lb**  
Save \$4.00

Kowalski Football Loaf **\$5.99/lb**  
Save \$1.50

Fresh - All Natural Bone-in Center Cut Pork Chops **\$2.99/lb**  
Save \$1.00

Entrees to Go Italian Chicken Cutlets **\$3.99/lb**  
Save \$1.00

Dearborn Roast Beef **\$7.59/lb**  
Save \$2.00

Old Tyme Yellow American Cheese **\$3.99/lb**  
Save \$3.00

Boar's Head Imported Swiss Cheese **\$6.99**  
Save \$4.00

**Joe's Gourmet Catering & Events**  
Summer dates are filling up fast! Call today to book your Graduation Party, Wedding, Showers & Employee Picnics! We can customize any event to fit your needs and budget!  
Visit us at: [www.joesgourmetcatering.com](http://www.joesgourmetcatering.com) or call today at 248-477-4333 x226



Fresh Wild Caught Cod Fillets **\$6.99/lb**  
Save \$2.00

Wild Caught Swordfish Steaks (8 oz frozen) **\$4.49 ea**  
Save \$2.50

### FINE CHEESES

Fontiagio Cheese **\$12.99/lb**  
Save \$2.00

Applewood Cheddar **\$12.99/lb**  
Save \$4.00

Italian Gorgonzola **\$9.99/lb**  
Save \$2.00

### Everyday GOURMET

Eggplant Parmesan **\$7.99/lb**  
Save \$1.00

Brussels Sprout Salad **\$5.99/lb**  
Save \$1.00

Asian Krab Pasta Salad **\$6.99/lb**  
Save \$1.00

Chicken Bruschetta **\$8.99/lb**  
Save \$1.00

Stonyfield Yogurt **\$3.99**

Pacific Organic Cooking Broths **\$3.99**

Delallo Canned Beans **4/\$5**

**Chef's Feature**  
Seared Salmon w/ Romesco & Roasted Potatoes

Innovasian Frozen Entrees (excludes rice) **\$5.99**

### CAFE

Joe's Fresh Roasted Weekly Coffee Special  
**Raspberry Nut Creme \$8.99/lb** Save \$1.00



### PASTRY

Salted Caramel Cashew Cake **\$17.99 6" \$27.99 8"**

Omena Organics Dried Wild Blueberries **\$14.99 ea**  
Save \$5.00

Back Roads Granola **\$7.99 ea**  
Save \$1.00

Apple or Cherry Fritters **\$3.99 pkg**

Bill Knapp Donut Holes **\$3.99 pkg**

248-477-4311 Hours: Wed-Mon 8-6; Closed Tues

Rustic French **\$2.99**

Coconut Macaroons **\$1.69**

19 Crimes Red Blend & Cabernet Sauvignon **\$8.99/btl**

### WINE CELLAR

Zac Brown Red Blend & Cabernet Sauvignon **\$15.99/btl**

Rodney Strong Cabernet Sauvignon **\$14.99/btl**

Louis Martini Cabernet Sauvignon **\$12.99/btl**

Traditional Rye **\$2.99**

Lemon Bar **\$1.99** **NEW**



HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING

## JG trio orbits into history books

Rocket seniors a can't-lose threesome

Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

The question "How do you beat Westland John Glenn's Class of 2016 girls bowling contingent in a dual match?" will go unanswered for an eternity.

That's because the Rockets' trio of sensational seniors — Julia Huren, Ashley Kolb and Emily Dietz — recently completed their unprecedented

four-year high school bowling careers with a 61 dual-match unbeaten streak.

Not quite in the neighborhood of Joe DiMaggio's 56-game hitting streak, but definitely just a few blocks away.

In addition to their eye-popping regular-season accomplishments, the threesome are primed for a strike-filled weekend at the Division 1 state tournament in Sterling Heights.

Not only did the Rockets qualify for Friday's team event by placing second in last weekend's D1 regional at Canton's Super Bowl, but Huren, Kolb and Dietz all qualified for Saturday's individual tournament.

The Rockets obliterated 3,758 pins in the team regional, which Farmington won with 3,820. Salem earned the third and final spot with a 3,483 score. Wayne Memorial's 3,203 pin total earned it a fifth-place finish in the 13-team regional.

See **ROCKETS**, Page B2



ED WRIGHT

Pictured (from left) are Westland John Glenn girls bowling coach Ralph Cabildo with senior standouts Ashley Kolb, Julia Huren and Emily Dietz.

CLASS A DISTRICT BASKETBALL



TOM BEAUDOIN

Stevenson head coach Tim Newman goes over strategy with his team during a time-out in Monday's district game.

PRE-REGIONAL HOCKEY

## Momentous penalty kill lifts Churchill over Pats

Chargers avoid 'major' consequences with late stand

Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

For five frenzied, season-on-the-brink minutes Monday night, Livonia Franklin's hockey team threw everything at Livonia Churchill's Andrew Broyles-anchored defense but the kitchen sink.

Leading 3-2, but down a man for five minutes in the wake of a major penalty with 12:19 left in a high-stakes Division 2 pre-regional rivalry showdown at Eddie Edgar Arena, the Chargers passed the short-handed test with flying colors, slamming the door shut on the high-powered Patriots before skating to a 5-2 triumph.

Now 20-5-1, Churchill advanced to Wednesday's 6 p.m. regional semifinal against Livonia Stevenson, which drew a first-round bye.

"They were doing anything they could to score — back doors, crashing, everything in the book," said Broyles, recounting the lead-preserving penalty kill. "Situations like that get me going, knowing I have to step up and help bail us out."

"Our defense was phenomenal. They kept their heads up and didn't let anyone get behind them on the back doors. They were flat-out awesome."

The Chargers trailed 2-1 late in the second period before taking advantage of a string of Franklin penalties — five two-minute infractions during the final 22 minutes of the contest, to be exact — netting three power-play lamp-lighters to keep a magical season alive.

With just three contributing seniors on the roster and fresh off a 9-15-3 season a year ago, the Chargers are surprising just about everybody but themselves.

"Coming in, I knew we were

See **HOCKEY**, Page B3

# HEART-BREAK CITY

## Spartans rally, but fall short against Crestwood

Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

In what amounted to a CliffNotes version of its entire season, the Livonia Stevenson girls basketball team played hard and put itself in a position to win Monday night, before dropping a 47-46 overtime decision to host Dearborn Heights Crestwood in a Class A district opener.

Like it has been since Day One, the Spartans' Achilles heel was one bad quarter.

Against Crestwood, it was the second stanza, during which Stevenson failed to score a single point, turning a 15-12 first-quarter lead into a 30-15 halftime deficit.

Like they usually do, the Spartans battled back with ferocity, pulling to within 34-30 after three quarters before pushing the game to the extra session by out-scoring the hosts, 10-6, in the fourth.

However, the Chargers knocked down five clutch free throws in overtime to pull out the narrow win and advance to Wednesday's 7 p.m. district semifinal against Livonia Franklin.



TOM BEAUDOIN

Stevenson's Grace Lamerson drives to the basket during the Spartans' overtime loss to Crestwood Monday night. Lamerson scored a game-high 18 points.

"It was a great game and I'm proud of the way the girls battled back, but it was not to be," said Stevenson head coach Tim Newman, whose team finished 9-12. "We only made 10 of 21 free throws, which hurt us. And three pointers-wise, they out-scored us 18-6, which didn't help."

"We had a strong second half. The

girls never quit; we just shot ourselves in the foot and didn't take advantage a couple opportunities toward the end of the game."

Senior Grace Lamerson was magnificent for the Spartans, scoring a team-high 18 points, including seven in the

See **SPARTANS**, Page B5



ED WRIGHT

Franklin's Jack Engel is shadowed by a trio of Churchill defenders during a third-period power-play Monday night.

Download our **NEW** app today!  
More News, More Photos, More Videos  
...and it's **FREE**

Check out the **NEW!**  
IT'S WHAT everyone's talking about.

GET CONNECTED 24/7

Available on Google play and the App Store

O&E hometownlife.com

GIRLS DISTRICT BASKETBALL

# Stars' torrid shooting dooms Warriors

**Ed Wright**  
Staff Writer

It took a roster full of hot-shooting Stars to end the Lutheran Westland girls basketball team's ultra-bright season Monday night.

In a Class C district opening-round contest, St. Catherine's of Wixom derailed the Warriors, 71-45, in a game played at Whitmore Lake High School.

Lutheran Westland finished with a 15-5 record, earning the third-most wins in school history.

Junior Taylor Jones paced the Warriors with 11 points and three steals. Sophomore Rachel Reddeman added 10 points and six rebounds, while Eleanor Storck and Bethany Hoehne both scored nine points. Storck also added five rebounds.

The Stars were led by Livonia resident Cheryl Setlock, who netted 16 points. Also contributing to the winners' big night were Becca Wyeth



Redford Union's Haley Hebner launches a jumper during a game earlier this season.

district quarterfinal and looking to advance to the next game was in the front of our minds, but it was not to be.

"We just couldn't get the stops when we needed them tonight. St. Catherine's came out on fire with their shooting and we couldn't contain it. Once we settled down the last three quarters, we were better, but we dug a hole too big to get out of."

"Even though the score wasn't in our advantage, my girls never gave up. They kept playing hard and executing on the offensive end. I'm proud of my girls and the way they had heart and dedication tonight, even with the score the way it was. They continued playing hard all the way through the end."

**Panthers upend Trojans**

Cassidy Sandelin scored 10 points to lead Redford Union to a 46-16 victory over host Livonia Clarenceville in an opening-round Class B district game.

(11 points) and Kelly Liszewski, who scored 10.

The Stars roared to a 26-6 lead after one quarter and 45-20 halftime advantage, turning the Warriors' come-

back plans into an uphill climb.

"It wasn't the outcome that we hoped for," said Lutheran Westland head coach Sandi Wade. "Playing in the MHSAA

CLASS A DISTRICT BASKETBALL

# Churchill overwhelms Redford Thurston, 60-21

**Ed Wright**  
Staff Writer

Subbing in five fresh players at regular intervals, Livonia Churchill's girls basketball team came at Redford Thurston in waves (or minisunamis) during Monday night's Class A district opener at Dearborn Heights Crestwood.

When the tides had settled, the Chargers had surfed to a convincing 60-21 victory over the Eagles.

Churchill advanced to Wednesday's 5:30 p.m. semifinal contest at Crestwood against Garden City, which drew a first-round bye. Livonia Franklin was scheduled to take on the host Chargers in the 7 p.m. semifinal.

Given the game-long efficiency level the Chargers played at, it was hard to distinguish which five was more effective — the starters or the second and third waves.

Topping the scoring ledger for the winners were mainstays Anne Yost and Shea Smith, both of whom netted 10 points on a night when 13 Chargers scored.

Judging by the Chargers' joyous reaction, the night's biggest highlight may have been the pair of technical free throws Churchill's Aana Behrendt drained with 7:40 left in the game.

A pair of Churchill Carters — Kennedy and Gabby — hit the boards with a through-the-roof energy level, helping the Chargers gain a 52-22 edge in the all-important rebounding category.

Kennedy Carter grabbed six rebounds and scored seven points, while Gabby Carter led both teams with 12 boards, hauling in about one every minute she played.

Smith, Carter and Yost were especially active on the



Churchill's Kennedy Carter pulls in one of her six rebounds Monday night.

defensive end for Churchill, piling up three steals a piece.

The Chargers' long and quick pressure defense forced the Eagles into committing 30 turnovers.

Thurston played hard throughout the night, forcing 17 Charger miscues.

The Eagles were paced by senior Kianna Shepard, who contributed seven points, and freshman Naudia Jackson, who added six.

The game's opening six minutes were tight thanks in large part to Jackson, who hit her first three shots — all transition layups — to offer the Eagles' hope.

Churchill, which led 16-7 after the opening quarter, carved out a momentous second quarter, out-scoring the not-as-deep Eagles, 15-1, to carry a 31-8 advantage into the break.

The Chargers kept their foot on the pedal during the third quarter when they out-scored Thurston 20-7.

Churchill found net on 24 of 72 field-goal attempts and 11 of 18 free throws.

Thurston made nine of 39 field-goal attempts and swished two of its eight freebies.

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



Thurston's Kianna Shepard drives to the hoop during Monday's game against Churchill.

## ROCLETS

Continued from Page B1

Fueled by a regional-best game of 258, Huren knocked down 1,279 pins in six games to place second behind only Farmington's Candyce Brady (1,290). The top 10 individuals in each region advance to the state meet.

Kolb tied for seventh with a 1,058 total, while Dietz was ninth at 1,043.

Wayne's Kayla Thompson (1,011) and Christina O'Harris (994) finished 12th and 13th, respectively.

John Glenn head coach Ralph Cabildo knew he had something special cooking once his current seniors joined the program as ninth-graders.

"All three of the girls' dedication to constantly get better is amazing," said Cabildo. "All three will be bowling in college, which is rare for a high school team. Julia will be attending Arkansas State, which is currently ranked No. 1 in college bowling, and Ashley and Emily will bowl for Youngstown State, which is an up-and-coming Division 1 program."

Huren's has been the team's undeniable anchor for the past few years.

"Julia is not only our best bowler, but she's our best bowler under pressure, and that's what it takes to do well at the state tournament," said Cabildo. "She is coached by a former professional, Aleta Sill, and when you have a coach like that, it's going to make a difference."

"Julia has everything it takes to be successful. She's athletic, she's smart, and she owns six to eight bowling balls that she'll bring to the lanes, using the one that is best for the conditions."

Huren and Dietz have known one another since their early youth-bowling days. They joined forces with Kolb at Glenn.

"I feel we've been successful because a lot of us want the same thing," said Huren. "We wanted to go through our high school careers undefeated, but it's not something we took for granted. We went match to match. We had a lot of close matches that we were able to pull out."

The trio will be competing in the state meet for the third consecutive year — something that will give them a distinct advantage, Dietz said.

"Our experience at the state meet will definitely help when it comes to our mental game, because we won't be as nervous as girls who will be there for the first time," she said. "We've been through so many tournaments now, we know not to get psyched out if we're going through a bad stretch."

Kolb brings a slightly favorable intangible to the lanes: she's left-handed.

"My side of the lane doesn't dry out as quickly as the right side because there aren't many left-handed bowlers, so that actually helps me," she said.

The Rockets have enjoyed a fabulous season despite losing two of last season's top performers to graduation.

"I don't think people expected us to be quite as good this year because we have two new bowlers, but that kind of adds to the fun," Dietz said.

## Area swimmers compete in WWAC meet



Thurston's Este Gajda performed well in the 100-yard butterfly event at last week's Western Wayne Athletic Conference meet.



Redford Union's Jamison Ortiz cuts through the water during last week's Western Wayne Athletic Conference meet at Belleville.



Garden City's Adam Crunk competed in the 100-yard backstroke at last week's Western Wayne Athletic Conference meet.





USA HOCKEY

# St. Cyr backstops NTDP U17s to victory lane

**Tim Smith**  
Staff Writer

With five players getting in on the scoring fun, the U.S. NTDP Under-17 hockey team blitzed Omaha 6-2 Sunday afternoon at USA Hockey Arena.

It was an offensive onslaught that U17 head coach Don Granato was happy to see — particularly since his team's excellent all-around effort last Thursday against Bloomington ended in a tough 1-0 overtime loss.

"The other night we didn't get rewarded for our work as far as scoring goes," Granato said. "Today we did. It's always a good feeling to score goals. It's even a better feeling to win."

Leading the way with two goals was Grant Mismash, with single tallies by Graham Slagert, Sean Dhooghe, Jacob Tortora and Scott Reedy.

Dhooghe, Tortora and Reedy also racked up assists for two-point games.

But Granato was mostly thrilled to see how well his defense and goaltender played against the Lancers.

"I thought it was really nice to play two solid games, especially minimizing chances against," Granato said. "Being hard to play against. The other night the only goal was in overtime."

"Tonight they scored two in the third. We played a bit stingier and it was nice to see."

Goalie Dylan St. Cyr, of Northville, had a shut-out going into the third and wound up stopping 29 of 31 Omaha shots.

He made a number of strong saves while his



RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY  
Holding down the fort Sunday afternoon for the U.S. team is goalie Dylan St. Cyr. The Northville native made 29 saves.

defense made sure to provide plenty of support.

"Hats off to them (NTDP goalies)," Granato noted. "Dylan performed excellent today as did Scheelsy (Adam Scheel) the other day."

Granato said St. Cyr, who bounced back from a 5-2 loss to Muskegon his previous game on Feb. 21, brings intensity and leadership to the squad.

"He's a very focused kid, he's certainly a leader for us in that regard," the coach continued. "He has an intensity, ... he's a very, very intense player."

### Chance to win

After the matinee contest, as U17 players got set to skate with fans (there were about 1,200 in attendance), St. Cyr — named the contest's third star — said his performance was all about his teammates.

"Every night you want to come out here and give your team a chance to win," St. Cyr said. "I think my team did a great job in front of me, clearing out second chances and whatnot, taking away big chances."

Playing big in net despite standing only 5-7, St. Cyr finally lost his shutout at 7:31 of the final stanza, when Matthew Meier scored.

But the U17s skated right down the ice to get it back 21 seconds later, when Mismash snapped a shot from the left circle past Omaha goalie Zackarias Skog (26 saves).

"It's a huge confidence booster" for the offense to answer, St. Cyr said. "Let one in, we know it's business and we got to go back out there and grind some more. So we got that goal and it really helped us out."

The win upped Team USA's record in the United States Hockey League to 18-19-4-1, including games played by the NTDP U18s.

Omaha, playing its third game in three days, fell to 22-20-4-1.

**MILITARY APPRECIATION WEEKEND:** Next up at USA Hockey Arena is Military Appreciation Weekend. Games are 7 p.m. Friday against Cedar Rapids and 7 p.m. Saturday against Cedar Rapids. Proceeds from ticket sales and a special military jersey auction will benefit Ann Arbor VA Healthcare System. Go to [www.usahockeyarena.com](http://www.usahockeyarena.com) or call (734) 453-8400 for information.

[tsmith@hometownlife.com](mailto:tsmith@hometownlife.com)  
Twitter: @TimSmith\_Sports

### SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE ROUNDUP

## Ocelots clinch another crown

**Tim Smith**  
Staff Writer

Six players reached double figures in scoring Monday night as Schoolcraft College's men's basketball wrapped up the MCAA championship with a 89-79 win at Lansing Community College.

The Ocelots (20-10) were paced by guards Ja'Christian Biles and Tyler Johnston with 19 and 18 points, respectively, as the team secured a second consecutive league title.

Chipping in with 14 points each were guard and Westland John Glenn product Dre Black and forward Anthony Wartley-Fritz.

Also helping the cause with 10 points each were forward Davon Taylor (Canton) and center RJ Coil.

With Taylor and Wartley-Fritz each grabbing nine rebounds, the Ocelots enjoyed a slim 47-45 advantage on the boards while defusing any serious rally by Lansing (26-4).

Schoolcraft went up 50-41 at the intermission and held serve over the final 20 minutes.

Next up for the team is Friday's 7:30 p.m. NJCAA District 10 championship game at Delta College against either

Wayne County CCD or St. Clair County CC. On Saturday, Coil tallied 17 points and 13 rebounds as Schoolcraft defeated visiting Macomb 86-64.

### Women cagers

Schoolcraft could have two teams at Delta Friday if everything breaks right this week.

The Lady Ocelots need to defeat Mott on Wednesday night, but if they do they will play 5:30 p.m. Friday against the winner of Tuesday's Henry Ford-Macomb tilt.

On Saturday, a 21-rebound, nine-point performance by Rikki Scherdt was not enough as Schoolcraft (25-4, 13-3 in the MCAA Eastern) lost 53-46 to Macomb. T'era Nesbitt (14 points, seven rebounds), Jade Smith (10 points, 10 boards) and Birmingham Seaholm product Elise Tolbert (nine points) had excellent games in a losing cause.

Schoolcraft, MCAA Eastern Conference co-champions, lost the tie-breaker to Oakland as a result of the defeat and are the second seed in the NJCAA District H Tournament.

### Men's club hockey

Schoolcraft College split a weekend set against Saginaw Valley

State University at Redford Arena, winning 9-4 Friday but falling 5-3 the next day.

"I was very happy with the team's performance," said Ocelots head coach Rob Lindsay about the win. "We played with three solid lines and a tough defense. Vinnie Glenn (Livonia Stevenson) played a great game just like he always does. He is a great addition to our team."

"... We have established a work ethic and we have been picking up players that can play. We are making a presence and having an impact being a new team."

Glenn scored four goals in the Friday win, with Mike Lesko and Andrew Lindsay each registering two goals. Schoolcraft's ninth tally was pumped in by Sheldon Varhol.

Earning the victory Friday with a stellar game was goalie and Canton alum Nick Borg.

On Saturday, Schoolcraft led 3-2 after two periods but gave up three goals in the final stanza.

[tsmith@hometownlife.com](mailto:tsmith@hometownlife.com)  
Twitter: @TimSmith\_Sports  
Download our free apps for iPhone, iPad or Android!

### SPARTANS

Continued from Page B1

promising first quarter. Jackie Green and Amanda Schultz added seven points a piece, while senior Paige Ack-

man contributed six points — four in the overtime session.

Junior center Hiba Daifi led Crestwood with 17 points — 12 the results of four triples. Freshman Demi Rodriguez played nothing like a ninth-grader, adding 15

points. Junior center Nicole Ristovski scored 10.

Crestwood shot 65 percent from the free-throw line while Stevenson swished 48 percent of their freebies.

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

### CITY OF WESTLAND 2016 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

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

The regular Board of Review schedule is as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

All Board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act".

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Assessor's Office at (734) 467-3160.

Richard LeBlanc, CMC  
City Clerk

Published: February 18 & 25, and March 3, 2016

### City of Livonia - 02/01/2016 Regular Meeting Synopsis

**Present:** Jolly, White, Bahr, Meakin, Kritzman, Brosnan, and McIntyre  
**Absent:** None

- #47-16** Approving the minutes of meeting held on 1/20/16. Items were received and filed.
- #48-16** Recognizing Livonia Civic Arenas, Inc. as a non-profit organization.
- #49-16** Confirming the appointment of Peter Ventura to the City Planning Commission.
- #50-16** Accepting the quote of Reliance Standard Life Insurance Company, to provide life and accidental death and dismemberment insurance coverage for a two-year period.
- #51-16** Accepting the bid of Crimboli Nursery, Inc. for the City's 2016 Street Tree Planting Program from budgeted funds; FURTHER, accepting the bid of the second lowest bidder, Greg Davis Landscape Services, in the event the low bidder is unable to supply certain species of trees.
- #52-16** Accepting the bid of Dan's Tree, for the City's 2016 Tree and Stump Removal Program from budgeted funds; FURTHER, accepting the bid of the second lowest bidder, Sod Solutions, in the event the low bidder is unable to complete the work.
- #53-16** Accepting the bids of RKA Petroleum Companies, Inc., and Ports Petroleum Company, to supply gasoline and diesel fuel, through the Tri-County Public Purchasing Cooperative, for the period February 1, 2016 through January 31, 2018, with the option to extend an additional two years.
- #54-16** Advising Wayne County Department of Public Services (Permit Section) that the City of Livonia has approved the storm sewer site plans and that the City will accept jurisdiction and maintenance (at no expense to the County) of the storm sewer within the property located at 13507 Middlebelt Road; FURTHER, authorizing the City Engineer to execute a Wayne County permit on behalf of the City of Livonia in connection with the above storm sewer construction; and authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute the maintenance agreement which is approved as to form and substance by the Law Department, on behalf of the City.
- Second Reading and Roll Call Vote (7-0)** was given to an ordinance amending Section 14 of the Zoning Map and amending Article III of Zoning Ordinance No. 543. (Petition 2015-09-01-09)
- Second Reading and Roll Call Vote (6-1)** was given to an ordinance amending Section 3 of the Zoning Map and amending Article III of Zoning Ordinance No. 543. (Petition 2015-11-01-10)
- #55-16** Directing that the request that the subject of renewing Consumers Energy Company Gas Franchise Ordinance for a period of thirty years be put over for consideration at the February 17, 2016 Regular Meeting. Kritzman stepped down from the podium at 7:18 p.m.
- #56-16** Executing an amendment to the Engineering Contract and requesting additional appropriation and expenditure for the SAW Grant Project No. 1441-01; to complete the grant by the April 2017 deadline. (CR 338-14) Kritzman returned to the podium at 7:19 p.m.
- #57-16** Referring Site Plan in connection with Petition 2015-10-08-17, submitted by Jonna Realty Ventures, on behalf of Haggerty Marketplace, to construct a multi-tenant retail building and obtain preliminary approval for two restaurant pads at 19700 and 19750 Haggerty Road to the Committee of the Whole for its report and recommendation.
- #58-16** Accepting various cash and in-kind donations in the amount of \$1,400.00 to be used for the purposes, as designated by the donors.
- #59-16** Accepting a Grant of Easement for a variable width public utility easement in connection with the storm sewer line constructed at 11121 Garden.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.  
Full text of the official minutes available in the Office of the City Clerk.  
Susan M. Nash  
Livonia City Clerk

Published: March 3, 2016

LO-000273511 3x4 8

# CANTON'S HOME EXPO

sponsored by Canton's Building and Inspection Services, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, and the Canton Chamber of Commerce

## March 5-6

**Free Admission,  
Parking &  
Refreshments!**

**Multiple raffles all  
weekend!**

**Free Home  
Improvement Tips  
& Coupon Booklet!**

**More than  
100 Exhibitors!**

**"The Appliance  
Doctor" Joe  
Gagnon  
Broadcasting  
Live on  
Saturday!**

**Kid's Corner  
Project  
Center!**

Visit [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org) or call 734/394-5200

# Summit on the Park

46000 Summit Parkway  
Saturday 9am - 5pm  
Sunday 10am - 3pm

# CLASSIFIEDS

## OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC

Phone: 800-579-7355  
 Fax: 313-496-4968  
 Email: oeads@hometownlife.com

Place an ad online 24/7 at  
 advertise.hometownlife.com

Find a new job or career  <b>JOBS</b>	Discover your new home  <b>HOMES &amp; RENTALS</b>	Turn here for your next vehicle  <b>AUTO</b>	Auctions, pets, services & stuff  <b>STUFF</b>
			Deadlines: Friday at 4pm for Sunday Tuesday at 3pm for Thursday classifieds.hometownlife.com

All advertising published in HometownLife/O&E Media newspapers is subject to the conditions stated in the applicable rate card(s). Copies are available from the classified advertising department: 6200 Metropolitan Pkwy, Sterling Heights, MI 48312, or call 800-579-7355. • The Newspaper reserves the right not to accept an advertiser's order. The Newspaper reserves the right to edit, refuse, reject, classify or cancel and ad at any time. All ads are subject to approval before publication. • Our sales representatives have no authority to bind this newspaper and only publication of an advertisement shall constitute final acceptance of the advertiser's order. • Advertisers are responsible for reading their ad(s) the first time it appears & reporting any errors immediately. When more than one insertion of the same advertisement is ordered, only the first incorrect insertion will be credited. The Newspaper shall not be liable for any loss or expense that results from an error or omission of an advertisement. No refunds for early cancellation of an order. **Publishers Notice:** All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act of 1968 which states that it is illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation, or discrimination." This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal housing opportunity basis. (FR Doc. 724983 3-31-72). **Equal Housing Opportunity Statement:** We are pledged to the letter & spirit of U.S. policy for the achievement of equal housing opportunity, throughout the nation. We encourage & support an affirmative advertising & marketing program in which there are no barriers to obtain housing because of race, color, religion or national origin.

<p><b>Professional Service</b> all your needs...</p> <p><b>Drywall &amp; Plaster</b> COMPLETE DRYWALL SRV. Plaster Repair. All jobs welcomed! Lic/Ins. Free Est. 31 yrs exp. Mark 313-363-6738</p> <p><b>Handyman Services</b> Chuck's Handyman Service All home repairs/painting. No job too small 248-535-1130</p> <p><b>Painting</b> PAINTING BY ROBERT • Wallpaper Removal • Interior • Exterior • Plaster/Drywall Repair • Staining, 40 Yrs Exp. Free Estimates! 248-349-7499 or 734-464-8147</p> <p><b>PROFESSIONAL PAINTING</b> Int./Ext. Work myself, free est. Reasonable. (248) 223-7165</p> <p><b>Great Buys</b></p> <p><b>Garage Sales</b> neighborly deals...</p> <p><b>Garage-Tag Sale</b> Garden City - Moving Sale - 32533 Windsor, 3/3-3/5 Wed-Fri 9-5pm Entertainment Center, Fringe, &amp; House-hold Items.</p> <p><b>Find your new job HERE!</b></p> 	<p><b>Adopt Me Pets</b> find a new friend...</p> <p><b>Domestic Pets</b></p>  <p><b>ENHANCE YOUR AD WITH A PHOTO</b> You can add photos to your classified ads to show what you are selling, in addition to ad copy. Ads will appear whenever you want them to run, under the classification you choose. The cost for the photo will be \$10, plus the cost of the ad copy based on the number of lines used. Email or mail your 3x5 or 4x6 photos. Call for addresses. Photos will not be returned. Prepayment required no refunds. To place your ad &amp; get more info call: <b>MICHIGAN.COM</b> Observer &amp; Eccentric 800-579-7355 Mon. thru Fri. 8:30-5pm Some restrictions may apply</p> <p><b>Pet Services</b></p> <p><b>LOW COST VET VACCINE WELLNESS CLINIC TSC - WHITE LAKE</b> 10150 Highland Rd. Sun. March 13th, 4PM-4:30PM. 3 year Rabies, \$16. Heartworm Test, \$19. Skin, Ear &amp; Eye exams avail. 313-686-5701</p> <p><b>Assorted Items</b> all kinds of things...</p> <p><b>Cemetery Lots</b> 3 Grave Plots - Parkview Memorial Livonia. \$3,000 OBO, must sell!! 313-520-6334</p> <p><b>Find your new job HERE!</b></p> 	<p><b>Cheap Stuff</b> If you're selling an item for \$50 or less run your ad under Cheap Stuff AT A SPECIAL RATE! Michigan.com Observer &amp; Eccentric Call 800-579-7355! *Some restrictions may apply</p> <p><b>Wanted to Buy</b> CASH PAID or CONSIGNMENT for Vintage, Antique &amp; Other Valuable Items. Single items to storage units to entire estates. Professional, courteous, fair, honest, discreet older gentleman. I DRIVE TO YOU. Coins, costume &amp; fine jewelry, knick knacks, military, collections, books, toys, stereos, instruments, ephemera, clothing, Christmas, much more. Richard, BSE, MBA. 248-795-0362 www.1844wepayyou.com</p> <p><b>WANTED: New, Used, Old Fishing Tackle &amp; Related Items.</b> Successful Deer Hunter Patches and Master Call Bill: (734) 896-1047</p> <p><b>Careers</b></p> <p><b>Jobs</b> new beginnings...</p> <p><b>Engineering &amp; IT</b></p> <p><b>Accounts Controller</b> Sought by Headstrong Services LLC in Bingham Farms, MI to prep, analyze &amp; manage financial reports &amp; info for business operations. Ensure compliance w/regarding &amp; procedural standards. Oversee closing. Present detailed Qtr performance evaluations. Generate comprehensive financial reports. HQ'd in Bingham Farms, MI w/travel required tout U.S. Rel Bachelor's deg &amp; 5 yrs prog resp post-Bachelor's rel exp req. Resume/Cover letter to: A. Gyrogiou, 51 JFK Parkway, 4th Floor, Short Hills, NJ 07078. Indicate code "HSACM0216" when applying. Headstrong is an EOE</p> <p><b>General</b></p> <p><b>NPD Automotive Parts Sales</b> Energetic, friendly &amp; reliable sales people needed. Full-Time &amp; Part-Time positions. Hourly plus commission. Paid Holidays/vacations, Insurance. Warehouse Shipping/Parts Puller. Hourly + monthly profit sharing. Hours of operation Mon-Fri 8-5pm, Sat-Sun 9am-5pm. Fax Jeff resume: 734-397-4683 or email: jfein@nplink.com Applications of courier can also be filled out at: 2435 Hogarty Rd, Canton</p>	<p><b>General</b></p> <p><b>HOME HEALTH CARE WORKERS</b> Immediate openings, needed in your area, start \$8.50/hr 734-697-0888</p> <p><b>Manufacturing Quality Inspector</b> Competitive Salary &amp; Benefits Resume to: PICLLC1994@gmail.com</p> <p><b>The City of Novi</b> is accepting applications from qualified team-oriented individuals with a proven track record of establishing and continuing effective working relationships with co-workers and the public.</p> <p><b>Senior Customer Service Representative</b> Position is responsible for utility billing, maintaining database, analyzing meter readings, and generating utility bills. Qualifications include a high school diploma, Associates Degree in business, accounting or related field preferred, experience of three to five years related clerical work utility billing experience preferred, ability to accurately type and data input at a minimum of 60 WPM, \$44,602, and extensive fringe benefit package.</p> <p><b>Account Clerk</b> Position supports the Treasury team primarily by handling customer account collections by receiving and posting of daily cash receipts. Qualifications include a high school diploma, college courses in a accounting finance or related areas of study are preferred, two years of related clerical work experience with cash handling experience preferred \$38,872 and extensive fringe benefit package.</p> <p>Apply promptly with completed City of Novi application available at <a href="http://cityofnovi.org">http://cityofnovi.org</a> City Services/Human Resources cover letter and resume to <a href="mailto:humanresources@cityofnovi.org">humanresources@cityofnovi.org</a> or Department of Human Resources, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48275. Phone: 248-347-0452.</p> <p><b>Find what you want in CLASSIFIED!</b></p>	<p><b>Healthcare-Dental</b></p> <p><b>LASER HAIR REMOVAL TECHNICIAN</b> Dermatology practice seeking Experienced Light Sheer Laser Tech. Ann Arbor/Plymouth area. Exc pay &amp; benefits. <a href="mailto:a2derm@aol.com">a2derm@aol.com</a> or fax 734-796-8767</p> <p><b>RECEPTIONIST</b> Full Time and Part Time. Medical practice seeks energetic professionals with experience for our Troy office. Are you a friendly, timely, experienced and able to multi-task? Fax resume to: 248-244-9579</p> <p><b>Registered Nurse</b> Busy Hematology Oncology Practice in Royal Oak. Minimum 1 year of experience. Associate Degree and/or Bachelor's Degree required. Cover letter and resume: <a href="mailto:slati1@mhdoctor.com">slati1@mhdoctor.com</a></p> <p><b>We can sell it in CLASSIFIED!</b></p>	<p><b>Sales-Marketing</b></p> <p><b>HUMAN RESOURCES CLERK</b> Highly organized individual to assist the HR Dept. Candidates must have 1 yr admin exp in the field or in a related field, &amp; be proficient in Word &amp; Excel. Medical/Dental/Vision, 401k match, PTO, &amp; 40% emp disc. Resume with salary requirements: <a href="mailto:humanresources@loverstone.com">humanresources@loverstone.com</a> or fax resume 734-404-2725</p> <p><b>HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER</b> Highly organized, self-directed, exp'd professional to lead the HR functions. Degree in HR &amp; 5 yrs HR exp. with multi-state retail related exp preferred. Must be able to travel. Medical/Dental/Vision, 401k match, PTO, and 40% emp disc. Resume with salary requirements to: <a href="mailto:Humanresources@loverstone.com">Humanresources@loverstone.com</a> or fax: 734-404-2725</p> <p><b>We can sell it in CLASSIFIED!</b></p>
---	--	--	--	---	--

**CENTER STREET GRILLE**

Opening Soon  
**JOIN OUR TEAM**  
We're Hiring!

If you enjoy working in a high energy, fun, exciting environment, we want you to be a part of our team! Center Street Grille is an upscale casual dining experience, and we are looking for people like YOU!

Walk-in interviews will be held at:

**135 North Center St. Northville, MI. 48167**

**Interview Times:**  
Monday Thru Saturday 12pm-7pm  
Dress to impress

**Requirements:**

- Ability to communicate with coworkers and employees in a positive and supportive manner.
- A motivated and dedicated leader

**What We Offer:**

- Competitive pay scale
- Advancement opportunities.
- A Fun and exciting place to work!

We are currently looking for talented individuals to fill the positions below:

- Bartenders
- Hostess
- Servers
- Line Cooks
- Dishwashers
- Bar-Backs

LO-0000274230

# WANT THAT JOB?

SEE WHO ELSE DOES.

Get your free hireINSIDER report at CareerBuilder.com.

CareerBuilder's new hireINSIDER is a FREE report that shows you how you match up against other candidates who've applied to the same job. Find out more at [careerbuilder.com/jobseeker/jobreport](http://careerbuilder.com/jobseeker/jobreport).

**careerbuilder.com**  
**START BUILDING**













ADINA ST. JOHN

Colored shells and fillings give the macarons visual appeal and help to identify different flavors.

## Tasty treats play starring role in Blu Kitchen's pop-up events

Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Adina St. John may open the Detroit area's first store dedicated to macarons.

But first, the Canton woman is testing the market with a series of pop-up events on Detroit's east side.

"If you go to some of the larger cities where they have the actual macaron stores, they'll have rows and rows of them like this," said St. John, placing the colorful pastries in a display case last month during her first pop-up sale. "Everyone is always asking where can they get them like that in Detroit. Well, you can't."

"So, the pop-ups...there is no commitment as far as having to lease a building. While everyone says they are interested in a macaron store, before I go any further, I'll know how feasible that is. Then we'll go from there."

French-style macarons look like colorful, light sandwich cookies. They consist of a filling between two meringue-like shells.

"Ninety-nine percent of the time the shells are going to be just almond, sugar and egg and the filling can be chocolate butter cream, caramel, pretty much anything you want," she said. "There is so much you can do with it."

She uses a food coloring in the shells to make the macarons visually interesting and to help identify the flavored fillings. The shells all taste the same. Macaron bakers use ganache, jam, preserves, buttercream — St. John even tried hummus — in between the cookies to add flavor.

She sells pre-packaged macarons at farmers markets, but at the pop-ups, customers can choose from a variety of flavors. Her business is called The Blu Kitchen and its pop-ups start at 10 a.m. the first and third Saturday of March and April, at The Detroit Marshmallow Co., 17215 Mack Ave, Detroit.

### First pop-up

More than two dozen shoppers waited for the door to open at St. John's first pop-up last month. They crowded into the tiny shop four and five at a time, eagerly handing over \$2.50 per macaron



Adina St. John of Canton carefully arranges her handmade macarons at a pop-up event in Detroit.



Adina St. John talks about her macarons while preparing for her twice-monthly pop-up sale.



Rows of macarons await customers at the pop-up event.

for a chance to taste flavors such as lemon, hot chocolate, coffee, and vanilla with sprinkles.

Chelsie Helderop of New Hudson was among the first to fill a box and admitted she'd likely taste her purchase on the ride home. She decided to give St. John's

macarons a try after learning about the pop-up on Facebook.

"I love Detroit, so I came down," she said. "I wouldn't miss it. It was worth the drive."

### First taste

St. John bought her first macaron from Pinwheel Bakery in Ferndale. Then her husband, Jason, brought home macarons from France while on a business trip.

"We had them and they were great," St. John re-

called. "And I said, I can do that."

She, her husband and their teenage daughters had moved from the suburbs of Milwaukee, Wisc., to Michigan in 2010 because of a job transfer. She discovered the area's farmers markets and looked into the Michigan's cottage food law.

"I started thinking, that is so cool. I'd love to work at the farmers market. So, we were tossing around ideas of what I could make."

She considered jam, and then soap, but decided those handmade products were easy to find at local markets.

"When I started with these, there was no one else. When I started it was me," St. John said. "Now there are a couple of other people."

### Getting started

St. John at first used six different recipes and now bakes a combination of the six. She tweaked flavors and shell recipes for about six months and then began selling her creations. Her first event during the summer in 2014 was at a market in Birmingham. She sold macarons at farmers markets, including Eastern Market in Detroit and Novi Farmers Market and has been a vendor at the Detroit Urban Craft Fair for two years.

Although she started producing her macarons in the kitchen at her home, she also wanted to sell in cafes and stores, which is not allowed under the cottage food law. Eli Tea in Birmingham and Socra Tea in Detroit began selling her macarons after she switched to a licensed commercial kitchen in Plymouth, a white and stainless steel environment, unlike any of her previous kitchens.

"My kitchen (at home) is blue. The kitchen in our last house was blue. My kitchen growing up was blue. My grandmother's kitchen is blue. It's always been blue," she said, with a laugh. "If we find a permanent space, I'll make sure it's blue."

Visit her website, theblukitchen.com for a full list of macaron flavors, or see The Blu Kitchen's Facebook page.

sdargay@hometownlife.com

# FINDING A CERTIFIED MECHANIC SHOULDN'T BE HARDER THAN A YEAR-LONG JUICE CLEANSE.

## *Cars.com* *Service & Repair.*

Know the cost for labor and parts in your area  
so you don't pay more than you should.  
Research. Price. Find. Get the right service,  
without all the drama.

