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Old city hall demolition underway

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A fixture on Ford Road for more than 50 years, the former Westland City Hall is being demolished.

"They were expected to start with the (former) Bailey Center. The estimated time for demolition of city hall is two weeks and an additional four weeks for the Bailey Center," said Westland Mayor William Wild, whose former office

could be seen from the street after exterior walls were removed.

The project is being completed by Dore and Associates Contracting Inc. Once the buildings are down, Wild said it's expected that the debris will be removed, holes filled and the site leveled by Memorial Day.

"The contractor is very experienced. The demolition is very systematic and they are recovering steel and copper," Wild said.

The city hall building, vacated in 2014 when the new city hall opened on Warren Road west of Central City Parkway, was constructed in 1964. That pre-dates the city, celebrating 50 years of incorporation this year, by two years and goes back to the Nankin Township days.

The Bailey Center had housed recreation programs including an outdoor swimming

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
The old Westland City Hall on Ford Road comes down. Demolition began Monday.

'INTO THE WOODS'



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

John Glenn High School presents "Into the Woods," by Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine. Cast members include (foreground) Cinderella (Zanaisha White), the baker (Jonah Wallace), Little Red Riding Hood (Payton Kilgore), standing from left, Cinderella's father (Jeremy Singleton), Cinderella's stepmother (Hannah Beal), stepmother (Lucinda (Abby Hardin), the baker's wife (Emma Diamond), Jack's mother (Ave Maria Awosika), and Jack (Korey Corona).

John Glenn actors bring musical to life

Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

AveMaria Awosika doesn't have any problem playing a mother in the John Glenn High

School production of "Into the Woods," which starts tonight (Thursday).

OK, maybe one problem. Awosika, a senior last seen playing Lucille in "Acts of

Murder," plays Jack's mother in Glenn's production of the James Lapine novel.

And that's the problem (her only one, really) for Awosika: She's a year younger than the actor (Korey Corona).

"Playing a mother, it was difficult connecting with (Cor-

ona) ... He's a year older than me," admitted Awosika, who is also a student assistant director on the show. "Taking on a motherish role was difficult. As we went on, it got easier."

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Wayne home values rise 7.6 percent

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Wayne homeowners are seeing an average 7.6-percent increase in property values for 2016 — the first significant rise in values following several years of steep declines or minimal increase.

Those are increases in the State Equalized Value, so homeowners won't see that increase reflected in their taxes. State law limited the increase of the taxable values to 5 percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is less. That means a .3 percent tax increase in 2016.

Industrial property values also increased by an average of 2.7 percent but it's not all good news for the city. Commercial property values dropped an average 9 percent. All of the values are based on appraisals done by Wayne County Equalization.

"I think that the (commercial) vacancies are a factor. That's what I believe," City Manager Lisa Nocerini said.

The city's SEV for 2016 is \$356.4 million, down from \$362.6 million in 2015. That means a mill property tax levied in the city is worth less which will impact the city budget.

"We're waiting for some things but the budget is 90 percent done. We'll have the budget to council April 19 for adoption in June," Nocerini said.

It will also affect any roll-back that might be made if a 14-mill levy is approved by voters in August along with membership in the South Macomb Oakland Regional Authority.

"This (SEV decrease) will have a serious impact. Now you know why we need to ask for the SMORSA," Mayor Susan Rowe said.

The city is continuing to evaluate the financial impact of the changes in personal property tax law, which begins phasing out this year, and any potential reimbursement from the state.

"The personal property tax is killing us. We have a \$1 million loss on the Downtown Development Authority due to personal property taxes," Nocerini said. "The DDA will only

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Municipal leaders work to fill commercial vacancies

Garden City mayor cites blight as top concern

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Older, more established communities face blight issues. Garden City Mayor Randy Walker said his top complaint from residents is blight, including residential and commercial.

"We deal with both," Walker said. He noted the former Metropolitan Lincoln dealership on Ford Road in Garden City had issues before it was re-purposed to partial private commercial use.

"We had to go out and cut

the grass," Walker said. "We want the city to look good all around."

Some commercial properties that are vacant are bank-owned, he noted. "Every city has the same issues. All cities have crime, all cities have blight," Walker said.

Communities that were once mainly agricultural and now suburban also face challenges. Public safety leaders in Canton help with vandalism issues at vacant properties, although Kristen Thomas, economic development manager for the township, said vacancies aren't a major issue.

The Busch's supermarket at

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Hawthorne Valley on Merriman Road, north of Warren Road, in Westland.



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The demolition of the former Westland City Hall began Monday morning and is moving ahead quickly.

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CITY HALL

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pool for many years until it closed in June 2012. Fire station one was relocated to a new building on Central City Parkway.

With both buildings down — joining the recent demolitions of the closed fire station one and the Michigan Motor Exchange building — the city will be looking at potential uses for the property.

The 40-acre parcel has lengthy frontage on the south side of Ford. The Westland Police Department and 18th District Court are located to the immediate west of the former city hall and Bailey site. To the east and south are Tattan and Central City parks.

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The play runs April 14-16 with 7 p.m. shows in the John Glenn auditorium. The 22-member cast went through auditions in late January, and started rehearsing in early February. Another 30 or so crew members have been busy putting sets together, handling the lighting and doing the other backstage things necessary to a show.

Drama teacher Kevin Gidley said the actors and crew have adjusted pretty well to the schedule, although he admitted as the production made its way through tech week this week the kids were "probably all a little tired."

Still, he said, everyone was excited about the show. "Into the Woods" weaves together the plots of several Brothers Grimm and Charles Perrault fairy tales, exploring the consequences of the characters' wishes and quests.

It was chosen, Gidley said, over "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory."

"This had been mentioned in the past, and I knew the kids would like it," said Gidley, in his fourth year leading Glenn's drama program. "They were pretty fired up when we announced it."

Senior actor Eric Kudlawiec, who is in his eighth — and final — production at John Glenn, is playing Prince Charming, a character he says is different from the others he's played.

"He's royalty ... He's kind of full of himself," said Kudlawiec, who



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Jack (Korey Corona) learns from Mom (AveMaria Awosika) about getting a good deal at the market.



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Little Red Riding Hood (Payton Kilgore) runs into the Wolf (Josh Whitt).



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Zanaisha White is Cinderella in "Into The Woods."

INTO THE WOODS

What: John Glenn High School's production of "Into the Woods"

When: April 14-16, 7 p.m. each night

Where: John Glenn High School auditorium, 36105 Marquette, Westland

Tickets: \$10 (students), \$12 (adults) at the door.

came into the program the same year Gidley took over. "And I've never had this many songs."

The musical follows a different pattern than most of the shows Glenn

has put on. It's a musical that relies on "a fairly seamless" stream of music, rather than several different musical numbers, according to Steve Goldberg, a John Glenn graduate working on his 13th show in the program.

"It's something we're not used to, so it's more difficult," said Goldberg, who is studying secondary education at Eastern Michigan University. "More modern pieces are more traditional."

Goldberg isn't the only outside influence in the show. Student teacher

Gabrielle Blakemore, who is teaching chemistry at John Glenn while pursuing her bachelor's degree in secondary education at Western Michigan University, is helping out with costumes.

"I did a bunch of theater in high school," said Blakemore, who went to school in Ann Arbor. "I loved it. You never stop being a drama kid."

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receive \$500,000."

Wayne's SEV in 2008, as the recession started, was over \$600 million.

With the cap on taxable value increases at the rate of inflation even at a rate of 2 percent, Noceri said the city estimates it will take until 2046 for the city to get taxable values back to 2008 levels.

"Those are some big numbers," she added.

The city is projecting a more than \$2 million deficit for the current fiscal year ending June 30. Plante Moran, which serves as the city's finance director, is predic-

ting the city will run out money by Labor Day 2017.

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Donated water benefits Flint residents

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Westland area volunteers made a trip to Flint last weekend to deliver and unload 2,500 cases of bottled water and over 900 gallon jugs of water donated at city hall.

"It's part of our Compassionate City Initiative. It's probably my proudest moment since we started it," Westland Mayor William Wild said. "Our residents should be proud."

It wasn't just the donation of the water and over 60 volunteers who went to Flint to help unload the water. Through UAW Local 900, the donation was arranged with the Hands of Love City Refuge Center.

"They moved to water distribution to fire stations and they have to go get it," Wild said. "There are a lot of folks in this neighborhood without cars and a fire station isn't in walking distance. The church has done a great, great job."

The volunteers — over 60 people, largely from UAW Local 900 and through the Westland Area Jaycees — unloaded the donated water into the church's gym.

"It filled the gym. The pastor said it would be gone in a week to ten days," Wild said. "Church members were loading the water to deliver it to residents."

Many Flint residents remain reluctant to use the municipal water, which state officials report is slowing efforts to treat the water lines to stop lead leaching. That means heavy reliance on bottled wa-



Westland Area Jaycee Jim Hart (left), Westland Mayor William Wild and UAW Local 900 President Junior Robinson helped unload donated water at a Flint church.

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ter.

"It really puts things into perspective. It takes 100 bottles of water to fill the bathtub and more to heat to add in the tub," said Wild, who brought his daughter Lily to water delivery and unloading.

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Volunteers unload water donated by Westland residents at the Hands of Love Refuge Center in Flint.



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Westland Mayor William Wild (left) and resident Dan Stachow unload donated water at the Hands of Love Refuge Center in Flint.

BRIEFS

Pancake breakfast

The Redford Union Band Boosters are holding their second annual pancake breakfast from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday April 30. Presale tickets are available at Vicky's Ice Cream at 26145 Six Mile Road, or at the Redford Union High School office.

Costs of the tickets are \$7 for adult all you can eat, and \$5 children under age 5. Tickets at the door are \$8 for adults and \$5 children under

age 5. Sausage, orange drink and coffee are included in the meal. Syrup, sugar free syrup and butter is also provided for the pancakes. The Redford Union Jazz band will perform and the event will be held at Redford Union High School in the cafeteria.

All proceeds benefit the Redford Union Music department, including: Marching Band, Symphonic Band, Concert Band, Jazz Band, Pep Band and the Choir.

Live animals at RPL

In honor of National Library Week, the Redford Public Library will host a special live animal presentation with Dan Briere from The Little Creatures Company on Saturday, April 16, starting at 11 a.m. Animals will include pythons, a chameleon, an alligator, a chinchilla and many other surprises. The event is free, but does require registration at youthevents@redfordlibrary.org

Power outage

A power outage in the Five Mile Road and Beech Daly area Thursday, April 7, forced emergency calls to be rerouted to police until Friday morning. The outage left traffic signals out at the intersection until about 11 a.m. Friday. The cause for the power outage is unknown.

Tutoring at RUHS

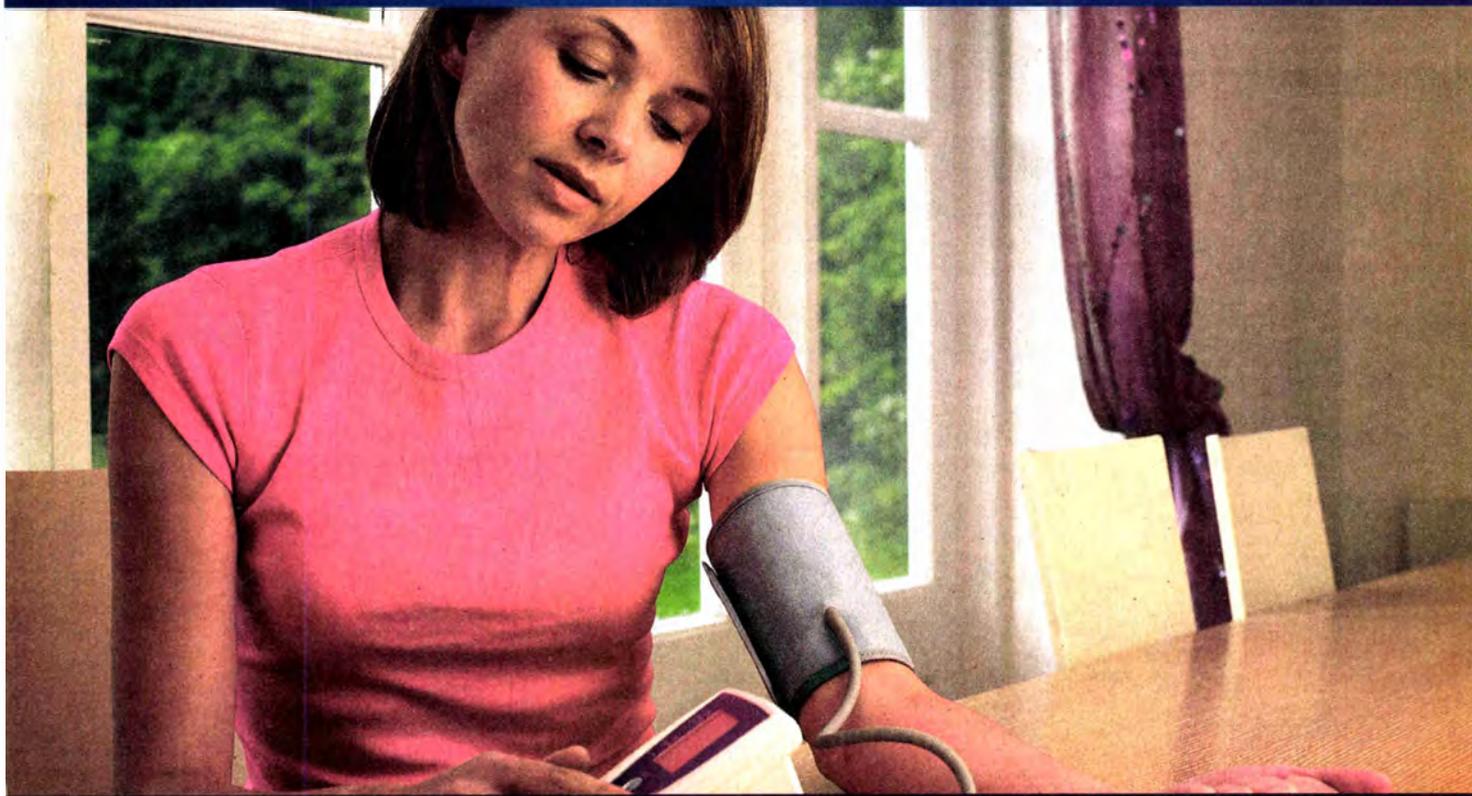
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Men sought over counterfeit bill

The Westland Police are seeking the public's assistance in identifying two suspects who allegedly attempted to use counterfeit money at the China Star Restaurant, 270 S. Wayne Road. After the clerk examined the money and found it to be fraudulent, both suspects

reportedly left the restaurant. One suspect is described as a black male, approximately 20 years old, 5-foot-10, weighing 150 pounds. He can be seen wearing a Detroit hat and a blue and gray hooded sweatshirt. The other suspect is de-

scribed as a black male, approximately 20 years old, 6 feet tall, weighing 200 pounds. He was wearing a green coat. If anyone can help identify the suspects, contact the Westland Police Department at 734-722-9600 or Sgt. Jerry Farrar at 734-467-7912.



WESTLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT
Westland Police are looking for these two men who allegedly tried to pass a counterfeit bill at the China Star restaurant.

WESTLAND COP CALLS

Larceny

A Canton man told police April 10 that he arrived at a vacant home he owns in the 800 block of Van Sull to find someone had cut the lock box off the door. The house is for sale and the key had been used to enter the house. Inside, the man said he found someone had stolen the copper piping and there was about a foot of standing water in the basement.

Larceny

Two residents in the 29000 block of Julius told police April 5 that someone had stolen the exterior copper pipes to their lawn sprinkler systems. Neither resident could say when the theft happened.

Two residents in the 29000 block of Marshall told police that the copper water sprinkler head units had been stolen April 8. The owners each said they thought the unit had been stolen overnight.

On April 9, a resident in the 29000 block of Marshall told police that someone had stolen the copper sprinkler head unit from the exterior of her home. She said she believes she had last seen the unit a few days earlier.

Larceny from a vehicle

Overnight April 8, a resident in the 29000 block of Lacy told police that someone had stolen his wallet from his locked vehicle. He noted a large scratch under the driver's door handle, which led him to conclude something had been inserted into the latch/

lock assembly.

The man reported his wallet contained his driver's license and assorted credit cards, which had already been canceled. He told police a credit card had been used and declined for an attempted \$1,300 online purchase.

A pair of sunglasses were reported stolen from a vehicle parked in the 1500 block of Woodbourne overnight April 8. The owner said she found her car had been ransacked when she went outside in the morning.

Vandalism

On April 7, a resident in the 36000 block of Palmer told police that someone smashed the rear window on his vehicle. He said two days prior a neighbor had called him to alert him to glass breaking and he found the damage.

A second resident in the 36000 block of Palmer told police that someone had shot out the rear window her vehicle April 6 while it was parked in the driveway.

On April 5, a Garden City man told police that he had parked in the 1700 block of S. Carlson about an hour and returned to find someone had shattered the windshield with what appeared to be a BB shot. The officer noted similar damage to a second vehicle in the 1400 block of S. Carlson.

LeAnne Rogers

A lesson on Miranda rights

The following is a real conversation between a trooper and a witness:

Trooper: OK, sir, if I could just get your statement to what you saw we should be all set.

Witness: OK, go ahead and "Mirandize" me and I'll talk.

Trooper: You don't need to be "Mirandized" — you're not under arrest.

Witness: Yeah, I know, but I don't want my statement to get thrown out because you didn't read me my rights.

Trooper: I don't need to read you your rights. Reading Miranda is reserved only for the criminal once he is in custody. You're not a criminal and you're not under arrest. We have the criminal in custody and we have already interviewed him.

Witness: Are you sure I don't need to be "Mirandized?"

Trooper: Positive. You don't watch a lot of police shows do you?

Witness: Nah, not really. I love reality television like "Keeping up with the Kardashians."

Trooper: I would never have guessed.

Witness: Can you still "Mirandize" me anyways, just so I



Sgt. Michael Sura

ASK A TROOPER

can say I was? My friends will think it's cool.

Trooper: Sure, if it will help end this conversation and allow me to get a statement.

This week's question comes from a local high school student: When and why do police officers have to read someone their Miranda waiver?

Great question. The Miranda rights was a decision made in 1966, by the Supreme Court. Ernesto Arturo Miranda had committed several felony offenses, and during the course of the investigation, the Supreme Court felt that his Fifth Amendment and Sixth Amendment rights had been violated. Just so you know — Miranda was subsequently retried for the offenses and convicted.

The circumstances triggering the Miranda safeguards, or Miranda rights, are custody and interrogation. Custody means formal arrest or the deprivation of freedom. Interrogation is asking explicit

questions, or actions, that are reasonably likely to elicit an incriminating response.

The Supreme Court did not specify the exact wording to use when informing someone of their rights. However, the court did create a set of guidelines that must be followed. The ruling states that a person in custody must, prior to interrogation, be clearly informed of their right to remain silent and that anything they say can and will be used against them in the court. The person must be informed that they have a right to an attorney and can have the attorney present during questioning. It is also explained that if you cannot afford an attorney one will be appointed for you if you wish.

Further, if you start answering questions without an attorney present and decide to stop, you can stop answering questions at any time and talk to an attorney. The last thing is that you know and understand your rights as they are explained.

If you have questions or comments please email them to askatrooper12@gmail.com.

WAYNE COP CALLS

Vandalism

A resident in the 35000 block of Glover told police April 7 that someone had smashed the rear window on his vehicle. He said he went outside to smoke

and noticed glass on the ground.

Suspicious circumstances

A caller told police April 4 that just after 7 p.m. three teens were in the grassy area at

Howe and Van Born attempting to break out the street light. The teens were gone when officers arrived.

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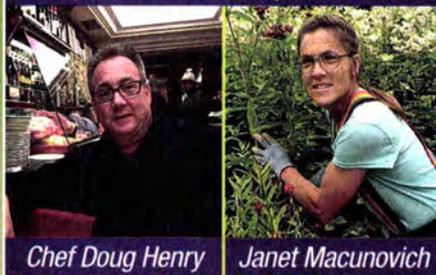
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Police: Robbery suspects may be connected with car wash break-ins

David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Two of the suspects accused of armed robbery at a downriver charity poker room are also suspects in various break-ins at car washes across Livonia and other surrounding communities.

Livonia police say Daniel William Frederick, 29 of Dearborn Heights, and Michael Eugene Pennington, 26 of Flat Rock, are suspects in three separate break-ins of car washes during the month of March.

Police say the two were suspected of breaking into Vic's Auto Wash and Detailing, 29067 Plymouth Road on March 14, the \$3.50 Car Wash at 15518 Middlebelt on March 17 and the Soft Touch Auto Wash at 36001 Plymouth Road on March 26.

Nothing was taken from any of the facilities, though some damage to the facilities was done by the suspects trying to gain access, said Lt. Tom Goralski of the Livonia Police Department.

Police worked to develop suspects, and through finding a fingerprint at one of the car washes, were able to detect a possible suspect. A Livonia officer saw a news report regarding the recent break-in at Momo's Poker Room in the 5800 block of Telegraph in Taylor, where police say three suspects entered the facility and robbed patrons during a charity poker event, and the officer believed those suspects could be the same ones thought to

have broken into several car washes across the city.

After contacting Taylor police, the department collaborated to locate the suspects. Livonia and Taylor law enforcement then made the arrests.

The two are currently charged with three counts of armed robbery and 25 counts of felonious assault in the Taylor case. Frederick is also charged with felon in possession of a firearm and felony firearm. If convicted on the charges out of Taylor, they face up to life in prison.

They were arraigned Thursday in 23rd District



Frederick



Pennington

Court. Pennington received a \$50,000 cash/surety/10 percent bond, while

Frederick received a \$600,000 cash or surety bond. A preliminary examination is scheduled to take place in that case April 25. A third suspect arrested and charged in the poker room incident is not believed to be involved in the car wash break-ins, Goralski said.

Goralski said Livonia police had submitted a warrant request to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office on the two men, recommending they face breaking-and-entering charges. Goralski said

if that request is approved, the men would be arraigned in Livonia's 16th District Court sometime in the next few days.

Livonia police say the men could be involved in other car wash break-ins that have taken place in surrounding communities such as Farmington Hills, Plymouth Township, Garden City, Westland and Novi.

Goralski said he was proud of the ways the officers investigated the crimes and were able to locate and apprehend the suspects.

"I'm very pleased with the hard work of the detectives on this case," he said. "Good, hard hit-the-pavement detective work."

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ReLeaf Michigan officials say residents can create ways to cool their homes and beautify the environment by planting trees.

Group: Planting trees increases property values

ReLeaf Michigan is selling hardy trees and shrubs to the public for its annual spring fund-raising event.

By planting ReLeaf Michigan's trees on their property, group officials say, residents can create ways to cool their homes and beautify the environment. Studies also show that when trees are planted, crime goes down, the health of community residents improves and real estate values increase.

Proceeds from the tree sale will support ReLeaf Michigan's ongoing statewide tree planting and education programs. ReLeaf Michigan's tree experts choose inventory based on

Michigan's specific planting zones. The trees are able to prosper in both rural and urban areas.

The deciduous trees and shrubs (with leaves) the group sells are bare root because the tree growth rate is faster once planted and the survival rate as high as container or balled and burlap trees. The evergreens are in small containers.

Tree and shrub orders must be placed by Monday, April 18. Pick-up date is April 30 at Handy Park in Redford and Washtenaw Farm Councils Grounds in Ann Arbor. Online ordering is available at www.ReLeafMichigan.org.

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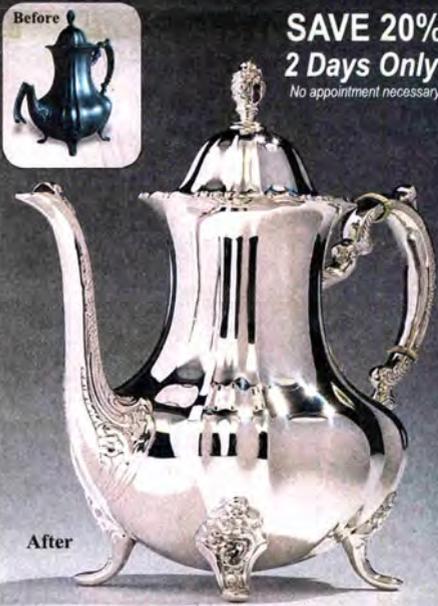
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Downtown Farmington on Grand River Avenue has some vacancies.

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Developer: Finding right space key to fill vacancies

David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Location still plays a big factor when it comes to developing land or buildings that have sat vacant over the years. Just ask Jeffrey Schostak, a vice president and director of development with Livonia-based and major area developer Schostak Bros.

Building on desirable, vacant land is great, but it needs to be in a great place to really bring in interest.

"I think with vacant land, really, the key is a good piece of dirt," he said. "Middlebelt Road, for example. That corridor has become one of the busiest retail corridors in metro Detroit."

Schostak Bros. has some stake in Livonia along Middlebelt, south of I-96, owning several restaurants along that stretch, which has gone from fairly vacant to jam-packed in the last several years, with the development of restaurants, big-box stores and retail centers.

But moving on vacant properties that still have older buildings designed for another use is a bit trickier for developers, Schostak said, as many tenants are looking to jump right into a facility without having to make many changes to it.

The company has been involved with new developments in several area communities, including Livonia, Redford, Northville Township and Salem Township, to name a few.

That's why the company has moved forward with revitalizing the former Home Depot site, 12100 Inkster, in Redford. The 14-acre property, located just north of Plymouth Road, has been vacant for several years after Home Depot moved farther west.

"Retail location didn't work anymore and they moved to Middlebelt Road," Schostak said. "Then it turned into an office space. Now you're sitting on the market for a couple years trying to lease or sell a building."

Today, the company is looking to turn that site into mostly light industrial, with some space reserved for keeping some commercial options available.



House of Denmark is on Plymouth Road in Livonia.

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Getting it ready for potential clients and knowing what they want before it being shown is a key to moving these large vacant properties off the market, Schostak said. If a company can move right in without having to make many changes, more movement on a piece of property can happen at a faster pace.

"That's the preferred route, because you're already showing them something in their wheelhouse," he said. "Users today don't have a lot of time when they're searching for their real estate."

Working with local governments

These developments tend to not be worked on solely by developers. Lots of other stakeholders play a role, including local municipalities, many of whom work with zoning requirements, site plans and other conditions that affect the property.

Schostak said working with entities has gotten better as the economy improves from the recession and that the company has generally had good relationships with surrounding communities when they're looking to develop. With tax bases seeing increases and a need for more revenue emerges, he said working with local governments has moved to a better location.

"Any redevelopment deal takes a large amount of public-private collaboration," he said. "Things got a little easier post-

recession."

Mark Taormina, the planning director for the city of Livonia, said vacancy rates across the 36-square-mile city have decreased throughout the last few years, with many shopping centers even seeing attractive facelifts being done as funding becomes more available for developers.

"I think what's a really positive thing that we've seen is that even the owners of our older retail plazas are recognizing the need," he said. "Many of them are finally in a position where they can upgrade their properties and respond."

Livonia is home to plenty of vacant buildings and lots, the more noticeable ones being the former Chi-Chi's restaurant site at Schoolcraft and Middlebelt, as well as the old House of Denmark facility at 35555 Plymouth Road.

Some of these older vacant sites, especially the House of Denmark site, can be difficult to find a tenant, as the building's single-use design makes it difficult to attract another former of business, Taormina said.

"There are those properties that are a challenge, because they were built as a single-use property for a single use," Taormina said. "It is difficult to find an adaptive re-use of those properties."

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Northville-based architects see the world and Detroit suburbs' potential, too

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Architect Bob Piatek sees potential for Detroit and its suburbs in reuse of buildings.

Of downtown Detroit, Piatek said, "It's incredible what's happening down there. There's no place now for apartments. And also office space now" is in great demand in downtown Detroit.

He sees heavy mixed use in the next two years, including boutique hotels, apartments and townhouses in downtown Detroit.

Piatek is director for the Detroit office, based in Northville, of HKS Architects, a worldwide architecture firm. "We love being here," he said of Northville.

Suburban Detroit communities have a center, he said, in some cases a downtown or a central spot. "That's where diversity is," he explained, both in terms of people, but also walkability, culture and entertainment.

"That's what the young folks are really looking for," he said. Young people and some empty-nesters are relocating to urban centers, with older people remaining in suburbs.

Royal Oak sees growth, change

He cited Royal Oak locally as a suburb with a diversity of things, as well as large cities like Chicago and Boston. "How do we keep that interest?" Piatek said of local leaders. "That'll be a constant renewal for any city."

He earned his architecture degree in a four-year program, which then had a fifth year added, at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield. Piatek has been with HKS Architects about 18 years and in the field in this region some 35 years.

"There's lot of potential for those, depending," he said of vacant suburban buildings. "If a building has a good structure and a good exterior, then adaptive reuse makes a lot of sense."

Some buildings in the suburbs have been identified as historic, he noted, "or just because it's been around in the community. It just depends on matching the building to what the use is."

Older buildings with good

structure can have their mechanical, electrical and plumbing gutted without much difficulty, Piatek noted. "You see a lot of that happening in urban centers," he said.

Northland mall in Southfield was developed "specifically for big-scale retail. That takes some real thought" to reuse, he said, including inviting the developers to weigh in on best use of the campus with its extensive parking.

"That's a much harder thing to get at," he said.

Piatek described a Sears building he recently saw on a Memphis trip in which no one developer could use it. That city teamed several developers for the downtown site, including St. Jude Children's Research Hospital offices, condominiums and apartments.

Some 1970s office buildings weren't made to last, Piatek said: "They were built to be turned over quickly."

'Going to stand forever'

That's true also of recent "big box" retail with its light-weight joists and other features. Of structures from the 1920s, 1930s and 1940s, he said, "They're going to stand forever. It's just gutting them and making them work."

Royal Oak and Ferndale have such buildings, which have been used for apartments, retail and restaurants, he said: "It's an evaluation of what you have as current stock."

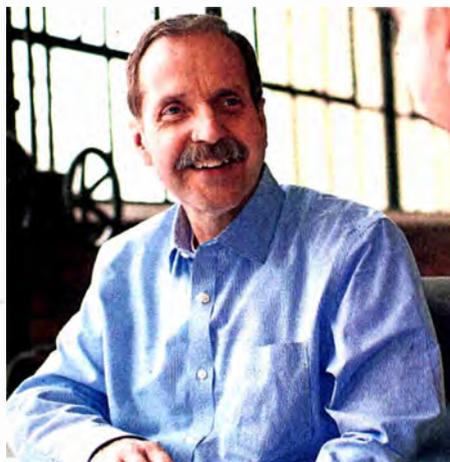
Owners and developers now often hire firms on feasibility of sites "and determine if that building's going to be viable to do that," Piatek said.

His firm has done local hospital work, for the Detroit Medical Center, Beaumont and St. Joseph Mercy Health System. Bigger patient rooms were a factor in the tear-down and two new patient towers at the Ypsilanti/Ann Arbor site for St. Joseph Mercy.

"Technology demands a lot of space now, especially in hospitals," he said, adding floor to floor heights and exterior walls were also factors at that hospital. "Technology's always changing. Hospitals have to be very flexible."

New equipment for operating rooms and patient rooms also influences design, he said.

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VACANT

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Canton Center and Cherry Hill roads has had ongoing issues with a delayed opening, now set for this fall.

"It's very much nipped in the bud," she said of vandalism issues with vacancies. The Busch's has sat vacant in recent years, although it has been well-maintained.

Canton Township is one busy place, especially along Ford Road and now Michigan Avenue.

"The more businesses you have, the more businesses want to be there," said Thomas. "They want to be there because of the traffic counts."

Canton has attracted many national retailers and even international, with the Swedish IKEA on Ford Road. "It creates this kind of synergy," said Thomas, in her job four years and with Canton Township some 19 years.

National retailers look for criteria and statistics, she noted. "We just happen to fit the bill, especially on Ford Road," she said.

Thomas described higher-end residential development in Canton, south of Ford Road as well as south of Cherry Hill

Road starting in the 1980s. Canton became less rural/agricultural, with its development pushing south and west.

"It kind of put Canton on the map, I think," she said. When I-275 was built in the 1970s, "Canton was very agricultural. It didn't necessarily need all those exits off the freeway."

She acknowledged traffic issues. "It's been a curse and a blessing" in that regard, Thomas said. "It's made Canton what it is today: a vibrant, desirable community."

She praised the township's master plan and those responsible for it, noting it's provided for careful, thoughtful zoning and ample public parks. "That kind of planning has also helped," she said. "It's not just willy-nilly."

Commercial zoning districts are pretty firm, she said: "It's very carefully thought out."

Canton has no downtown, but its leaders tout other amenities. "Plymouth is great and their downtown is great. We try to capitalize on what we do have," Thomas said, including Leisure Services and its extensive programming, the Summit on the Park building and a diverse population.

"Because of our size, we are able to provide those services

to our residents," she said of recreation and other programming.

'As smooth as possible'

Canton did a redevelopment/marketing study a couple of years ago, looking at where there's room to build or redevelop, while trying to identify any retail gaps. Information went out to brokers.

"We try to make the process for them as smooth as possible," she said of brokers and establishing businesses.

Thomas also touted the International Council of Shopping Centers, which holds an annual conference in Las Vegas. "We bring our marketing study there and we get it in their hands," she said of big businesses. "It's a good way to make our presence known."

The Chipotle restaurant chain is coming to Canton, the result of ongoing efforts by local leaders. "Sometimes it takes a few years for the tree to bear fruit," she said.

Khalfani Stephens is economic development director for the city of Farmington Hills, where he's been a year, and worked before that for the Michigan Economic Development Corp. and the city of Pontiac.

"I would say that's true, thankfully," Stephens said of

minimal vacancies in Farmington Hills. "Part of it is geography. We are well-placed."

An engineering hub for a business in the Hills makes serving clients easier, noted Stephens, who also praised city staff, services and processes such as inspections. "We're very easy to deal with," he said.

When a Farmington Hills building becomes partially vacant, city officials find out if a tenant is desired. "Especially with our larger businesses, we try to have conversations with them as often as possible," Stephens said.

"Having those relationships really helps"

One local business outgrew its site and relocated within Farmington Hills. City staff members kept up with plans on the outgoing building so they were able to tout it as a site for others. "Just having those relationships really helps," Stephens said.

Understanding local commercial inventory "allows you to be quicker on your feet," Stephens added. He, too, works with brokers. "This is very much a collaborative effort."

Farmington Hills also has a

master plan in place, which is updated. Stephens cited basics of a community — health, safety and welfare — along with people needing a place to live, play and "have the income to pay for their living and recreational activities."

A functional community includes locating different uses "so they have the least negative effect on another," he said. An industry with many trucks and smokestacks, for example, isn't suited to a residential area on either side.

He favors putting functions adjacent that "at the very least are not going to have negative effects one on the other."

Farmington Hills doesn't participate in the Las Vegas International Council of Shopping Centers conference, but does in some such metro Detroit events. Stephens said those are good for franchisees and building owners to meet.

"We just try to stay very connected with our business community," Stephens said. "We can act proactively to minimize how long a vacancy is there." If he gets a call for a 40,000-square-foot site, he follows up, including calling brokers or the MEDC when needed.

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Gannett lends a hand during Flint water crisis

Gannett employees, including staffers from the Observer Newspapers, made the trek to Flint last week in the company's continuing efforts to help residents affected by the water crisis.

Gannett staffers worked at four different locations, stacking and distributing water to residents at three fire station centers, and packing food boxes at the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan for future distribution.

Gannett has also delivered more than 100,000 copies of a resource guide published earlier this month. In addition, the Gannett Foundation matched employee donations of \$25 or more through the end of March.



Far left: Items are checked for packaging integrity and placed on a crowd belt where they are sorted by volunteers.

Left: It takes a crowd to sort donated foods.

Below: Daniel Mears, Detroit News photographer, and other volunteers sort donated items.



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 Bread and other baked goods are stacked on rolling racks. They'll be packed in boxes of eight loaves.



Meeting the April 18 deadline to file your tax return

It's hard to believe that it's April and tax returns are due soon. Most people have already completed their returns and, thus, have no problem. For people who have not yet completed their returns, time is ticking. In that regard, you have two options to consider.

The first option is to complete and submit your return on or before April 18.

This year because of the Emancipation Day holiday (observed April 15 in Washington, D.C.), we have a little extra grace period to file our returns. Therefore, you still have a couple of weeks to complete your return. If you generally have a professional do your return, they may not be able to have the return completed and available for you to review before the April 18 deadline. If that is the case, or if for some reason you just don't have the time to complete your return by April 18,



Rick Bloom
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then your only other option is to file for an extension.

An extension to file your tax return, whether federal or state, is simple and automatic. To extend your return for the Internal Revenue Service, all you need to do is complete Form 4868. You do not have to give a reason for the extension and it doesn't have to be approved by the IRS. It is automatic. The extension gives you an additional six months to complete your return. Therefore, if you find for whatever reason you are not going to have your return completed by April 18, the proper course of action is to file for an extension.

Although extensions are automatic, it is important to keep in mind that the extension is for

additional time to file your return, not to pay your taxes. Your taxes are still due by April 18. Therefore, even if you are going to do an extension, you must estimate your tax situation to determine if you're going to get a refund or if you're going to owe. If you find that you are going to get a refund, all you need to do is file Form 4868. On the other hand, if you find you are going to owe money, you want to pay that additional liability with Form 4868.

With regard to the state of Michigan, your federal extension will automatically apply there as well. If you file Form 4868 with the federal government and you expect a refund, there is nothing you need to do with regard to the state. If you find you will owe the state money, you want to make an estimated payment.

Whenever I recommend an extension to

someone, they almost always question me about whether an extension will raise their audit risk. The answer is a resounding no. There's no evidence whatsoever that filing an extension will increase your audit risk. What typically increases audit risk is returns that have mathe-

matical errors, failure to report income or general sloppiness. What all too often happens is people rush to meet the tax deadline and, thus, they make mistakes on their returns and that is what causes problems. You would be much further ahead to file an extension and then make sure your

return is accurate.

One last note, remember now is a good time to start thinking about tax planning for 2016.

Good luck!

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Local orthodontists continue commitment to education

The LPS Education Foundation's Competitive Edge college savings program would not exist without the generous support from Livonia Public Schools employees, PTAs, PTSAs, citizens and corporate donors such as Drs. Shaw and Jane Orthodontics in Livonia.

Dr. Randall Shaw and Dr. Nicole Jane, Livonia orthodontists (www.TheBigSmile.com) recently announced their orthodontic practice, located on Seven Mile Road, west of Farmington Road, is continuing its long-term support of the LPS Education Foundation with a \$1,000 donation, as part of a 10-year, \$10,000 commitment to the nonprofit organization that benefits Livonia Public Schools students, staff and families.

"It is this kind of support that makes a significant impact on our premiere program, the Competitive Edge college savings program, which now funds college savings accounts for more than 1,700 LPS students," LPS Education Foundation President



COURTESY LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
 LPS Education Foundation President Diane Policelli (left) and Superintendent Andrea Oquist (right) accept a \$1,000 donation from Livonia orthodontists Dr. Randall Shaw and Dr. Nicole Jane.

Diane Policelli said.

The unique Competitive Edge program offers a 529 educational trust account for families of kindergarten students who enroll in the program. The LPS Education Foundation contributes \$100 on behalf of each student. Additional annual contributions are made by the Foundation as the budgets allow.

Dr. Shaw and Dr. Jane support the idea of giving local families a

"competitive edge" in college savings planning and they truly value the importance of obtaining a college education — both having completed eight years of college in obtaining their bachelor's and dental degrees, in addition to 2-3 years of additional orthodontic specialty education.

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Senior Tigers fans recall glory of yesteryear

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Mary Rogers has been a Detroit Tigers fan "Ever since I've been on this Earth. That was 1937. I like the hockey team, too," the Sanctuary at Villa Marie resident said of the Red Wings. "I'm a sports geek, I guess."

She was in the dining room of the senior community in Livonia on Tigers Opening Day, with the ball game against the New York Yankees set to start that Friday afternoon just after 1 p.m. Across the hall, some 20 seniors were eager for the broadcast to begin.

"The Tigers," Rogers predicted of the Friday victor. "I can't stand the Yankees. That's probably not nice to say. I have to leave if the Yankees are winning."

Rogers grew up in metro Detroit, later living in Arizona before a return to Livonia. She recalled the 1967 baseball season as her first in-person game.

"The Tigers played, that I know for sure," she said with a smile. "I remember I was very excited. And they won that day."

She didn't care for former Yankees owner George Steinbrenner. "He bought all the ones that could win," Rogers said of Steinbrenner's players.

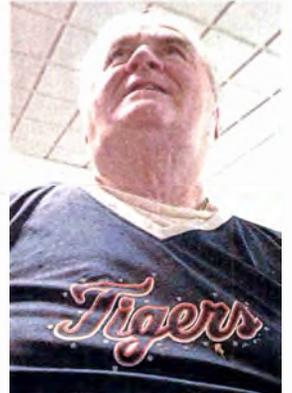
Stella Janosz, 100, is also a Sanctuary at Villa Marie resident. She's a Detroit native and lifelong Tigers fan "even if they're bad. I hope they're better this year," Janosz said.

She was in her 20s when she went to the ballpark for the first time. "My brothers were big fans of the Tigers," Janosz recalled.

She didn't recall if the Tigers won at her first in-person game. "It's so far back, you know?" Janosz has fond memories of Tigers Ladies Day.

"Oh yes, they always had Ladies Day," she said. "Very nice. We enjoyed it." Janosz, too, predicted a win from "the Tigers. Let's hope. We'll have to listen to see if the Tigers win today."

John L. Smith, also a Sanctuary at Villa Marie resident, was born in Bad Axe, Mich., and grew up in Richmond,



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
John L. Smith has been a Tigers fan since they played at Briggs Stadium.

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Bob Burk has his peanuts and beer sitting on his walker. He's ready for opening day.

"I can't stand the Yankees. That's probably not nice to say. I have to leave if the Yankees are winning."

MARY ROGERS,
Tigers fan

Mich. He's been a fan "since I was in Little League when I went to my first game at Briggs Stadium."

That was around 1960 or a bit earlier, said Smith, when the ballpark at Michigan Avenue and Trumbull was known as Briggs rather than Tiger Stadium.

Smith predicted a win for the Tigers, adding "They're on a roll." He noted only one team in the history of the American League has won more than the Tigers, the Yankees.

"So I'm hoping they beat the Yankees today. Damn Yankees," Smith said. "That's just the way it is. They're like the best team money can buy. They usually get the best players."



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It's opening day at Comerica Park and the Sanctuary at Villa Marie.

Smith didn't really cheer for former Yankee Derek Jeter, a west Michigan native, when Jeter played there. "He did

great," acknowledged Smith. "I've got to give him credit where credit's due. Great baseball player."

The seniors, with eyes on the TV screen, enjoyed Cracker Jack, peanuts, pretzels and even light beer. Tori Dober, on staff as maintenance technician, was helping with setup Friday.

"I know we have a ton of Tigers fans here," said Ypsilanti Township resident Dober, who's new to his job. "I wanted to give them the event they deserve."

The seniors' lunch was a "nice American meal" that day that included burgers, he said. "The staff's really gone all out here to make them feel like they're at the ballpark," Dober said.

He added "just sitting and listening to any of their past experiences has been a real delight."

Dober said the Trinity Senior Living Communities strive for good care at all facilities, and at Sanctuary at Villa Marie the light beer and other amenities were no big deal.

"We can provide that," he said. "They're still adults." Added Dober, "Play ball; let's go, Tigers."

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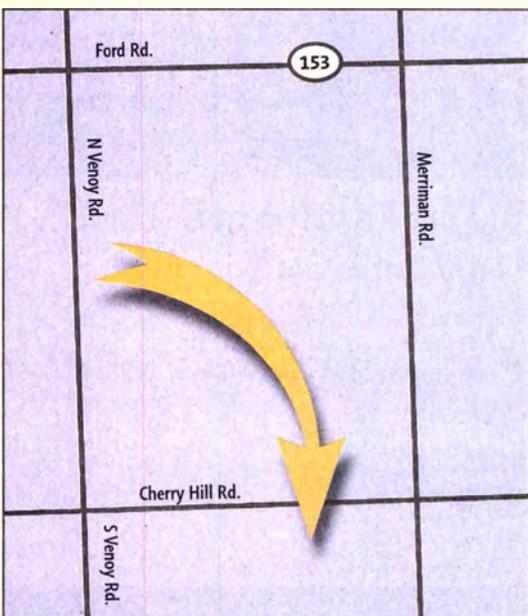
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FIRST robotics competition a win-win for students, schools, business world

Educator Mark Skodack put it well during a recent robotics competition. Of his Hackbots team, which includes teens from Farmington Public Schools' Farmington, Harrison and North Farmington high schools, teacher/coach Skodack said, "It's almost like a small business. A business has to market, a business has to be safe. Six weeks to build a robot is tight for these kids. It gets their focus razor-sharp."

The Hackbots were among more than 40 school systems, public, private and charter, at the March 24-26 FIRST in Michigan District Event at Livonia Churchill High School. FIRST stands for For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology.

The students built robots with a robotic arm, designed to throw a ball through a target. This year's medieval theme proved popular with participants.

Churchill was crowded with high school students, teachers/coaches, mentors, volunteers and spectators on those March days. What they observed was students learning together and from each other in the competition, in which veteran teams are encouraged to help newcomers, such as Garden City High School, hone their skills.

Isolina Carlini is team leader and coach for the Livonia Public Schools' Warriors. She's a middle school teacher in Livonia, at Holmes, and is proud both of the many LPS high schoolers — from Stevenson, Churchill and Franklin — as well as the district's middle school feeder program.

Competition leads to "Worlds," coming up soon in St. Louis, a goal the teams at Churchill shared. Seeing the students, educators and mentors from engineer-

ing and other business backgrounds come together was rewarding.

Said host Carlini, "I think it gives them a hands-on example that simply is not possible in the classroom. It positions kids for success and scholarships and internships. Kids that like this kind of stuff, it really appeals to them."

Students face an increasingly complex world to navigate as they grow up and technological know-how developed through FIRST robotics competition will serve them well. One young woman, Avery Cosier, 17, of Farmington High plans a dentistry career, with many other students set on engineering.

Not all FIRST students will become engineers, but the knowledge, skills and friendships they have gained will serve them well in years to come.

GUEST COLUMNIST

Thoughts on improving third-grade reading education

In fiscal year 2016, the state of Michigan will spend \$14.2 billion of taxpayer funds to educate 1.5 million K-12 students. That works out to \$9,466 per student or \$255,600 per classroom of 27 students (Michigan average). And that does not include federal grants allocated directly to schools. What do we get for this money?

According to the latest statewide assessment, only 50 percent of Michigan third-graders are proficient in reading at a third-grade level. That's right — only 50 percent!

The achievement of third-grade reading proficiency is an important



Sen. Patrick Colbeck
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milestone. It marks the transition from learning to read to an education that depends upon reading to learn. Without the fundamental ability to read, students will be at a distinct disadvantage not only during their school years, but also when they enter the workplace upon graduation.

So how do we fix this problem? Let's teach our kids to read. That is the purpose of House Bill 4822. To achieve this

purpose, the bill includes provisions for "Literacy Coaches" for teachers, mandatory "Reading Intervention Programs" and state-driven grade retention policies. Do we really need a state law to teach teachers how to teach? Has it really come down to this?

Why do we need "Literacy Coaches?" A state requirement for "Literacy Coaches" presupposes that our teachers do not have the skills necessary to teach our kids to read. Why do we need remedial education for teachers? What are teachers being taught in universities that offer education degrees? Or, more to the point, what are they not being taught?

Why do we need to require "Reading Intervention Programs?" A state requirement for "Reading Intervention Programs" presupposes that teachers are not

currently working on ways to teach struggling students how to read. Why do we need a state law that says that teachers need to teach kids to read?

One would think that there would be an uproar from the education community at the suggestion that teachers need "Literacy Coaches" or that teachers need to be told to develop "Reading Intervention Programs." Quite the contrary is true, however. While the state-driven mandatory retention provision has met significant resistance from the education community, I have yet to hear any concerns voiced regarding state requirements for coaches or plan development. Why is that?

Simple. State education mandates or "recommendations" translate to more funding. In fact, in the FY16 budget, almost

\$2.5 million was earmarked specifically for early learning programs. This is chump change in the grand scheme of things. Last year alone, \$128 million was spent on professional development for educators. The fact is that most teachers do not need professional development instruction like racist White Privilege Seminars. The time teachers spend on professional development would be better spent teaching students how to read. The money spent on professional development would be better spent on those teachers who teach well.

So, rather than ask why we are accepting teachers in our classrooms who need "Literacy Coaches" or need to be told by the state to develop "Reading Intervention Plans," taxpayers are being asked to throw more money at the prob-

lem. Sounds eerily familiar to the problem-solving approach taken for the roads, doesn't it? Instead of improving the quality, we just threw more money at the problem.

We should be asking why some teaching degrees only require two credit hours on how to teach kids to read. We should be asking why some teaching degrees do not feature any practical classroom training. We should be examining whether or not our teaching certification bureaucracy is fundamentally flawed. The answers to these questions will help us to solve the root problem of our third-grade reading deficiency crisis.

Sen. Patrick Colbeck represents the 7th Senate District, which encompasses Livonia, Northville, Plymouth and Wayne, and Canton, Northville and Plymouth townships.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Evening of jazz

Livonia Symphony presents Evening of Jazz on Friday, April 22, from 7-10 p.m. at One Under Banquet Center. Additionally, the Livonia Symphony Jazz Quintet under the direction of Carl Karoub will perform at the Evening of Jazz. Other musicians performing are Robert Hawkins, Bruce Sole, Eric Totz, Aaron Scott and Carl Karoub.

Tickets are \$40 per person and can be purchased at www.livonia-symphony.org or by calling 734-591-0266.

New fitness program

A new fitness program is being launched at the Livonia Community Recreation Center for special-needs adults. The Fit for All training program was created by Brad Kraft, a certified personal trainer, who developed the idea by working with his autistic sibling.

The group training sessions are adapted to provide functional fitness to each individual with consideration to different levels of cogni-



The Livonia Symphony hosts an evening of jazz at One Under Banquet Center April 22.

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tive ability. Small groups ranging from 3-5 will participate in fitness activities that not only promote health and physical wellness, but socialization and team building in a comfortable, friendly environment. For more information, call 734-466-2912.

Food assistance

Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church invites those in need of food assistance to attend its S.H.A.R.E. Program on Saturday, May 7. Doors open at 9 a.m.

They will share a short time in God's word to-

gether, followed by the distribution of bagged groceries. At this time, quantities are limited to the first forty families.

Hosanna-Tabor is located at 9600 Leverne in Redford (east of Inkster and south off Plymouth Road). Park in the rear parking lot. For more information, call Diane at 313-937-2424.

Champions of Wayne

The Champions of Wayne Memorial program is hosting a 5K run/walk on Friday, May 6, at Wayne Memorial High School, 3001 Fourth

St., Wayne.

Registration starts at 4:30 p.m. and the race begins at 6 p.m. Cost is \$20 and includes a T-shirt. Registration can be completed at <https://payableform.appspot.com/forms/pdjin0>

The Champions of Wayne program is an educational incentive program that includes mentoring, setting academic goals and financial rewards. The Champions program creates an opportunity for WMHS students to earn a \$200 award if they reach a customized academic goal.

For more information on the Champions program or 5K event, contact Sean Galvin at Galvins@wccsd.net.

Women's retreat

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Women of the Word hosts the annual Spring Women's Retreat on Saturday, April 16 (8 a.m. to 3 p.m.). Author Karen Hossink will be the guest speaker. The subject of her talk is entitled "What are you waiting for?" Registration fee is \$25 includes continental breakfast and box lunch. Registration deadline is April 10. An in-gathering of bath-size towels (dark color) will be received to benefit Lutheran World Relief.

Contact the church office with questions at lindah@christoursavior.org or by phone at 734-522-6380. The church is located at 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48188 (just north of I-96).

Livonia Towne Club

Livonia Towne Club, a nonprofit women's organization bringing together women for social interaction, meets the fourth Thursday of each month from September through May. The meeting features a lunch, program, bingo, fashion show, music and more, at different restaurants in Livonia and the surrounding area.

April's program features a guest speaker on human trafficking. The meeting runs from 11:30 a.m. to approximately 2 p.m. Thursday, April 28.

For more information, call Vicki at 734-591-3254.

Identity theft workshop

Clarenceville United Methodist Church hosts the workshop, "IDENTITY THEFT: What You Need to Know," 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 23.

The workshop, presented by Thrivent Financial, will show participants how identity theft can occur; how you can take steps to prevent it; and what to do if it happens to you. This free workshop will be held at Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middle Belt, in Livonia (between Seven Mile and Eight Mile). A continental breakfast will be provided. RSVP by April 20 at 248-474-3444 or clarenceville-church@gmail.com.

Genealogy meeting

Western Wayne County Genealogical Society meets Monday, April 28, at the Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road in Livonia. Please note the new format: 5:30 p.m., bring your dinner; 6 p.m., Q & A and announcements; and 7 p.m., Kris Rzepcznski will be presenting records and services available at the State of Michigan Archives. He is a Senior Archi-

vist at the Archives of Michigan. He previously worked at the Library of Michigan as the Michigan Genealogy Coordinator. He holds a Master of Arts in History from Western Michigan University and a Bachelor of Arts in History from the University of Michigan.

Meetings are open to the public. Guests are always welcome. For more information, visit www.wccgs.org.

Mom2Mom sale

The Garden City High School Mom2Mom Sale takes place 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 23, at the high school, 6500 Middlebelt. Sellers and shoppers will get good deals on new and gently used baby and kids' clothes as well as toys, games, DVDs, books, strollers, bikes, swings, bouncers, etc.

There will be more than 85 tables to shop from, a large item area, concessions and a bake sale. Admission is \$1 (\$2 for early bird at 8:30 a.m.). Tables are \$25 for an 8-foot table/chair including standard rack space (you provide rack).

For more information, visit facebook.com/gcmom2momsale or email gcmom2momsale@hotmail.com.

Casino trip

The Wayne Rotary sponsors a trip to Motor City Casino at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 4.

Pickup is at the Wayne District Court on Sims. Cost is \$35 (you get \$30 back in slot play). The trip is a fundraiser for Wayne Rotary.

For more information, call Trish Hampton at 734-890-6934.

Happily ever after

The Alexander Blue House at Greenmead hosts "Happily Ever After," a chance to reminisce about weddings, showcase vintage gowns and photos from 7-9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 14.

Visitors will begin at the decorated Historic Newburg Church for a presentation, followed by the "reception" at the Alexander Blue House for hors d'oeuvres, sparkling beverages, wedding cake and coffee.

Advance tickets are \$15, available at the Greenmead office, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All tickets are non-refundable and at a first-come, first-serve basis. No walk-ins. Tickets will be sold through Monday, April 11. All proceeds benefit the preservation of Greenmead Historical Park.

NRA Foundation Event

The Western Wayne County Conservation Association hosts its eighth annual Friends of the NRA banquet Friday, May 6, at the Hellenic Center, 36375 Joy in Westland.

Doors open at 5 p.m. to view prizes and silent auction for the Western Wayne County Conservation Association's eighth annual Friends of the NRA Banquet. Games start at 6 p.m., with a sit-down dinner served at 7 p.m., followed by a live auction. Banquet tickets are \$40 each and include entry in a drawing to win a .22 caliber rifle. Sponsorship and shooter packages also are available.

Contact Nancy Garneau at 734-259-3341 or Bob Haviland at 734-516-7921.

ABSTRACT WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2016-10 April 5, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. at the Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Rd. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. A presentation was given by Tiffany Devon from CLS. A moment of silence was held for Donna McMurray, Ruth Maxine Webb & Pete Brunson. APPROVED: minutes of reg. mtg. of Mar. 15; bid award to US Lawns for park mowing; resolution for SMORSA ballot language; cemetery buy-backs to Arrowsmith & Menzies; Farmers Market agreement with Chamber; sanitary sewer connection with Ameresco; 2017 Ford Police Utility vehicle; call a spec. mtg. for 4/19/16 at 6:30 pm to discuss labor negotiations, consent calendar; adjourn to Closed Session at 9:15. Received and filed Communications and Reports. Adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Matthew K. Miller City Clerk

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

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

Case #2198A, Proposed Land Division, Parcel #009-02-0574-001, Northeast Corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Hubbard, Lisa Abbey

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held at City Hall, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 3, 2016.

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

Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman Westland Planning Commission



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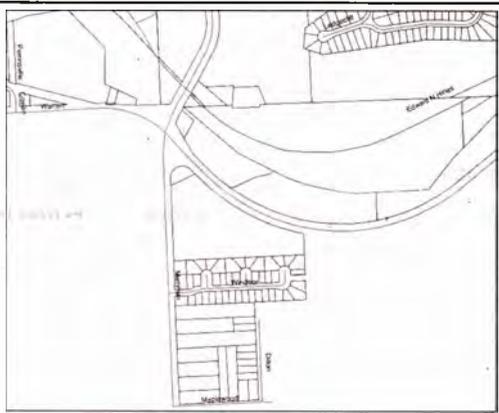
A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

Case #2199, Proposed Land Division, Parcel #040-01-0609-004, 6550 N Merriman Road, East Side of Merriman Road, South of Warren Road, Henry Dara

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

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

Case #1556D, Public Hearing for Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Watch Me Now Day Care, 5963 N Wayne Road, Parcel #032-03-0861-000, West Side of Wayne Road, North of Ford Road, Tremaine Bogrean/Antoinette Florence

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On April 19, 2016 the Westland Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin promptly at 11:00 am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

2002	Chevrolet	Trailblazer	1GNDT13S622258601
2004	FORD	TAURUS	1FAPP55U64G121746
2002	FORD	FOCUS	1FAFP36312W354740
1998	CHEVROLET	MALIBU	1G1NE52MXWY113798
2002	BUICK	CENTURY	2G4WS52J121266489
1996	JEEP	CHEROKEE	1J4GZ58S6TC209571
2002	CADILLAC	DEVILLE	1G6KE54Y12U204795
1999	CHRYSLER	CIRRUS	1C3EJ56H1XN522652
2005	ACCURA	TL	19UUA66245A031992
2003	FORD	TAURUS	1FAFP55U83A133267
2007	TOYOTA	COROLLA	JTDBR32E470123903
2005	NISSAN	SENTRA	3N1CB51D95L538702
2003	DODGE	RAM	1D7HU18D23J681996
1999	BUICK	LESABRE	1G4HP52K2XH435538
2006	NISSAN	ALTIMA	1N4AL11D66C201160
1999	MERCURY	SABLE	1MEFM50U4XG625497
1999	FORD	TAURUS	1FAFP53SXXG164976
2003	FORD	TAURUS	1FAFP52U93G225988
2001	FORD	FOCUS	1FAFP36P41W352899
1992	MERCURY	TOPAZ	1MEPM38UXNK630839
2004	CHRYSLER	SEBRING	1C3EL46X94N284203
2002	SATURN	ION	1G8ZH552852J169259
2001	BUICK	LESABRE	1G4HP54K414294094
2002	MERCURY	MOUNTAINEER	4M2SU86W02UJ18982
2002	HYUNDAI	SANTA FE	KM8SC73D92U309156
2003	FORD	EXPLORER	1FMZU73K83UB45040
2002	ACCURA	TLS	19UUA56802A805200
2002	FORD	FOCUS	1FAFP34382W275956

***All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

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Plymouth woman earns Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu black belt

Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

Thirteen years ago, Plymouth resident Sharon Schleif stopped smoking. Unlike many who try to kick the habit and add food to the day's regimen, she opted for martial arts.

"I knew if I quit smoking I needed something to distract me and not think of smoking," Schleif said.

She took a martial arts class and stuck with it. Today, Schleif is known as the first woman in Michigan to attain the rank of black belt in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu. The black belt means she is a master of the art and holds the highest rank in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, a combat sport, and a self-defense system that focuses on grappling and ground fighting. Schleif was

awarded the rank in February by the legendary Rigan Machado of RCJ Machado Jiu-Jitsu in Beverly Hills, Calif.

"I just stuck with it," said, Schleif, who has trained for 13 years — right back to the time she quit smoking. "It is a great workout."

Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu requires plenty of thinking and is not competitive, yet strengthens a body's core, while providing self-defense strategies. "A small woman or man can take down the biggest guy."

The self-defense component of her art strikes an important chord with Schleif, who was raped when she was 18 years old. "It has stayed with me."

Teaching women strategies for self-defense is a part of what drives Schleif. She is the head



Sharon Schleif of Plymouth demonstrates Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu.

instructor at Nomads in Jackson, and she trains with other Machado black belts at Plymouth Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Academy, Vision Brazilian

Jiu-Jitsu in Wixom and Bushido Martial Arts in Ypsilanti. And she trains women in her Canton studio, Joy Pilates. Schleif also will lead a

free Introduction to Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu for Women workshop at 11 a.m. Sunday, April 24 at Bushido in Ypsilanti. It is open to girls and women from 8 to 80. No registration is required.

When Schleif started training, there were no other women at her school. She began a class to attract more women to the sport. "Jiu-Jitsu is for everyone, including women. It is a super way to stay fit and it's good for your mind, too," Schleif said. At the very least, the training can change your demeanor. "My husband has said I carry myself differently now. I am more upright. You really need a strong core. This really helps your stomach."

There's also the bonding that comes with people in the classes. "You really make good

friends." But Schleif also cautions that those interested in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu or any form of martial arts should research the available schools because it is too easy to hurt yourself.

And yes, Schleif works with women who have been attacked and is committed to teaching women how to defend themselves. The training allows women to know what to do if they are pushed to ground. "We all have to be aware of our surroundings. Walk with a friend. Keys are good weapons. Stop texting or being on the phone and look around. "If you pay attention, most people will not mess with you."

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Special Olympics bowling fundraiser set for April 23

Aileen Wingblad
Staff Writer

Team Farmington is gearing up for its biggest fundraiser of the year — and once again the community is invited to join in the fun to support Special Olympics.

The annual Bowl-A-Thon will be held April 23 at Drake's Lanes in Farmington Hills, featuring approximately three hours of bowling, a silent auction, bake sale, raffles, other prizes and refreshments.

Five-member teams raise money in various ways on their own prior to the event, and then bring the donations to the Bowl-A-Thon. There's a \$25 minimum for each bowler, and it all benefits



Special Olympian Molly McKenna at a previous event.

the area's 200-some Special Olympians by helping to pay for uniforms, equipment, transportation, lodging and other costs associated with the program, explained

Christina McNally, who heads the Bowl-A-Thon committee.

Her brother, Ken Eden, has been member of Special Olympics since 2009 — shortly after he moved in with her.

Special Olympians compete in 12 sports throughout the year, including basketball, skiing, bowling, golf, bocce ball, softball and more, but it's also a terrific social outlet and way to make friends, McNally said.

"Team Farmington is really close-knit, like a family," she said. "And all the athletes typically say they like the bonding, the friendships — and they have a lot in common with each other. My

brother was able to make friends, he goes to movies with some of the guys and bonds with people similar to him."

For the Bowl-A-Thon, the goal is to have all 40 lanes at Drake's filled. Bowling begins at 11 a.m. and runs till about 2 p.m. Bowlers are asked to arrive early to sign in and get lane assignments.

Besides Team Farmington families and friends, the Bowl-A-Thon typically draws teams made up of local elected officials, staff from Farmington Public Schools and the City of Farmington Hills, and others, McNally said.

"It's really a fun morning and afternoon," said Cindy Matuszak, whose

son, David, 41 has been a Special Olympian for seven years. David, she said, "is always doing something" with Team Farmington, and his favorite sports to play are floor hockey, softball, basketball and bowling.

Before they found out about Special Olympics, David didn't have the opportunity to participate in sports — which he loves, she said.

"Team Farmington Special Olympics is really important to all the special athletes and their families," Matuszak said. "It brings a lot of joy to the athletes and their families, and the organization exists because of donations and volunteers. There are no grants, no government money. The

Bowl-A-Thon is our biggest fundraiser, and we really rely on it. We can use all the help we can get."

McNally asks that anyone interested in participating in the Bowl-A-Thon to register by this Saturday, April 16. To do so, email McNally at: martipup@aol.com or call Pam Brooks at 248-426-2894.

"Even if you don't want to bowl, come out and see how close the Special Olympians are, how much fun they have and how they enjoy hanging out together," McNally said. "It's really a neat organization."

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CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 8 4/4/16

Presiding: President Godbout
Present: Cicirelli Bryant, Coleman, Hammons, Herzberg, Johnson, Kehrer
68: Westland Jaycees & Veteran's Appreciation 5K Run 10/22.
- VFW #6896 Poppy Sales 5/6-8 Wayne & Warren.
- VFW #9885 Poppy Sales 5/5-7 at various intersections.
- Detachment #1337 Marine Corp Paper Roses Sales 5/13-15 Wayne & Warren.
- Adopt Ord. 248-A-80 to amend Sec. 4:13 of Ord. 248 re. temp. sales, uses, or special events & temp. buildings & structures.
- Adopt Ord. 29-W-39-1, to amend, Ch. 46, Sec. 46-1 of the City Code re. the license, review, & inspection fees for temp. sales from structures.
- Change City Council meeting time to 6:00 on 5/16.
69: Set 4/18/16 as Public Hearing date for CDBG XLII.
70: Minutes of regular meeting on 3/21/16.
71: Adopt. Prep. Res. to grant PILOT Program for Greenwood Villa Apts. & Emergency Services Agreement.
72: Adopt Prep. Res. to authorize Agrmnt. btwn. City of Westland, Greenwood Villa Apts. & Mich. Nonprofit Housing Corp. requiring Greenwood Villa to post Cash Bond.
73: Appr. checklist: \$ 1,744,478.32 and Prepays: \$532.23.
Mtg. adj. at 8:00 p.m.
Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

James Godbout
Council President

Richard LeBlanc
City Clerk

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ORDINANCE NO. 29-W-39-1

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 46, SECTION 46-1 OF THE WESTLAND CITY CODE CONCERNING THE LICENSE, REVIEW AND INSPECTION FEES FOR TEMPORARY SALES FROM STRUCTURES

Section 1. That Chapter 46, Section 46-1, paragraph (36a) of the Westland City Code is hereby amended to provide as follows:

"Temporary Sales from Temporary Structures (Section 4:13 of Zoning Ordinance 248)

(36a) License and review fee for Temporary Sales from Accessory or Non-Accessory Temporary Structures (retail stands, tents, canopies, or other membrane structures) ..\$445

Inspection fees for Non-Accessory Temporary Structures for each day of sales in excess of three days \$98 per day

Section 2. That all other provisions of the Westland City Code shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. **Severability.** The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 4. **Repeal.** All other Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistencies, hereby repealed.

Section 5. **Publication.** The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Section 6. **Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication as required by law.

Adopted: April 4, 2016
Effective: April 14, 2016
Published: April 14, 2016

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NO. 2998

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 14 OF THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF LIVONIA AND AMENDING ARTICLE III OF ORDINANCE NO. 543, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AND CITED AS "THE CITY OF LIVONIA ZONING ORDINANCE" BY ADDING SECTION 3.3938 THERETO.

THE CITY OF LIVONIA ORDAINS:

Section 1. The report of the City Planning Commission, dated January 13, 2016, setting forth its resolution 01-01-2016 recommending approval of Petition 2015-12-01-11, having been considered by the Council, and the Council having conducted a public hearing on February 10, 2016, on said petition, and having concurred in the recommendation of the City Planning Commission, the Council hereby adopts said Petition 2015-12-01-11 to amend the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map of the City of Livonia and all proceedings heretofore conducted on said petition are hereby approved.

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

Section 3.3938. Petition 2015-12-01-11 submitted by the Ajamco Inc. is hereby approved, and the zoning classification of the premises hereinafter described is hereby changed from P to C-2:

PT OF LOTS 36 AND 37 LIVRANCE ESTATES SUB T1S R9E L67 P10 WCR DESC AS COMM AT NE COR LOT 36 TH N 88D 26M 50S W 359.13 FT TO NW COR LOT 36 TH S 01D 10M 40S W 100.00 FT TH S 88D 26M 50S E 100.00 FT TH S 01D 10M 40S W 65.00 FT TH S 88D 26M 50S E 258.25 FT TH N 01D 29M 00S E 165.00 FT TO POB 1.21 AC MORE OR LESS SUBJECT TO ANY EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD. (Tax ID No. 053-01-0036-001);

and the Northeast 1/4 of Section 14 of the Zoning Map is hereby amended to conform to the change made in this section.

Section 4. The attached map designated "Amendment No. 954 to the Zoning Map of the City of Livonia" showing all of the amendments and changes made in the foregoing Section 2 of this ordinance is hereby approved, established and made a part hereof.

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

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

The above ordinance was passed at the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Livonia held Monday, March 21, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

Susan N. Nash, City Clerk

The foregoing ordinance was authenticated by me on this 23rd day of March, 2016.

Dennis K. Wright, Mayor

Approved as to form:

Donald L. Knapp, Jr., City Attorney
Dated: March 23, 2016

Published: April 14, 2016

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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 31 OF THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF LIVONIA AND AMENDING ARTICLE III OF ORDINANCE NO. 543, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AND CITED AS "THE CITY OF LIVONIA ZONING ORDINANCE" BY ADDING SECTION 3.3939 THERETO.

THE CITY OF LIVONIA ORDAINS:

Section 1. The report of the City Planning Commission, dated January 29, 2016, setting forth its resolution 01-08-2016 recommending approval of Petition 2016-01-01-01, having been considered by the Council, and the Council having conducted a public hearing on February 22, 2016, on said petition, and having concurred in the recommendation of the City Planning Commission, the Council hereby adopts said Petition 2016-01-01-01 to amend the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map of the City of Livonia and all proceedings heretofore conducted on said petition are hereby approved.

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

Section 3.3939. Petition 2016-01-01-01 submitted by the City Planning Commission is hereby approved, and the zoning classification of the premises hereinafter described is hereby changed from PL to R-1:

The East 134' of that part of the S.E. ¼ of Section 31, T. 1 S., R. 9 E., City of Livonia, Wayne County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point on the E. line of Section 31 distant S 02 deg 12' E. 379.26 feet from the E. ¼ corner of Section 31, proceeding thence S. deg 12' E. along said line 163.41 feet; thence W. 1,336.6 feet; thence N. 0 deg 10' 29' W. 163.3 feet; thence E. 1,330.87 feet to the point of beginning, except the E. 1.0 acre thereof. (Part of Parcel 31J11)

and the Southeast 1/4 of Section 31 of the Zoning Map is hereby amended to conform to the change made in this section.

Section 4. The attached map designated "Amendment No. 955 to the Zoning Map of the City of Livonia" showing all of the amendments and changes made in the foregoing Section 2 of this ordinance is hereby approved, established and made a part hereof.

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

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

The above ordinance was passed at the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Livonia held Monday, March 21, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

Susan N. Nash, City Clerk

The foregoing ordinance was authenticated by me on this 23rd day of March, 2016.

Dennis K. Wright, Mayor

Approved as to form:

Donald L. Knapp, Jr., City Attorney
Dated: March 23, 2016

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Spring babies arrive at Kensington Farm Center

Laura Colvin
Staff Writer

The barns are bursting with new babies and expectant mothers at Kensington Metropark's Farm Center in Milford.

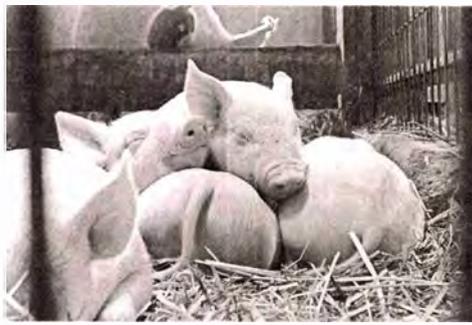
Over the last couple of weeks, farm staff and visitors have welcomed two litters of piglets, one set of twin baby goats, triplet baby lambs and quadruplet baby goats.

"We call that lower barn our maternity ward," said Farm Manager Debbie Cavallaro, noting many of the animals now producing offspring were born and raised at the farm, including Gem, a sow who

recently delivered her first litter of piglets. "Spring is always a very exciting time for us; it's very rewarding for the staff, who all care immensely for the animals here."

After one of the farm's Nubian goats recently gave birth to four kids, she added, farm staff began augmenting the smaller two with bottles, even taking the babies home at night, since a mother goat can only feed two at a time. "We always hope for nice healthy twins," Cavallaro said. "Sometimes we get triplets; four are double trouble."

The efforts have paid



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
A litter of pigs born recently at Kensington Metropark's Farm Center.

off as the babies continue to grow and have already started on hay

and grain.

All the spring babies attract lots of visitors to the farm each year, Cavallaro said. During the next few months, more baby sheep, goats and pigs are expected, and one of the farm's cows, Daisy, is due the third week of June.

"They grow up quick," she said, noting many of the new additions are sold to 4H kids, who raise the animals for entry into county fairs. "I come back after just two days off and I can't believe how much they've grown."

The farm, which is open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., is also home to draft horses, ducks, chickens, miniature donkeys and rabbits.

On April 23-24, the farm will host a fun-filled weekend of activities for the whole family during the annual Spring Festival.



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Marais Sutton, 8, connects with some of the baby goats born recently at Kensington Metropark's farm. The farm has seen births in recent weeks from sheep, pigs and goats and they can be viewed seven days a week at the farm.

The two-day event centers on shearing the farm's flock of sheep, but visitors can also tour the farm, take a hayride, be entertained by Rosco the Clown and see a border collie demonstration.

"They'll show how they move the sheep," Cavallaro said. "Just like in the movie *Babe*."

A metroparks vehicle entry permit is required to enter any Metropark

and is \$35 annually for regular admission. One day passes are also available. General information can be found at www.metroparks.com or by calling 1-800-47-PARKS.

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING April 18, 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on Monday, April 18, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. regarding the 2016 Sidewalk Program.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY 2016 SIDEWALK PROGRAM

WHEREAS, a report has been received from the City Manager on a city-wide sidewalk program for the 2016 construction season, and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to provide an opportunity to affected residents to present their views on the project,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, to call a Public Hearing for **Monday, April 18, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Council Chambers, 6000 Middlebelt, Garden City, MI 48135 to solicit public comments on the necessity of this program,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notice of such Public Hearing be published in the newspaper of general circulation of the City, and that notice of such meeting be given by first class mail to the last known owner of each parcel affected thereby pursuant to the Garden City Code of Ordinances Chapter 40, Section 40.04.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR REQUEST FOR BIDS

CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN 3 YEAR SUPPLEMENTAL HVAC AND PLUMBING SERVICE, REPAIR, INSPECTIONS, CONSULTING AND MAINTENANCE

Sealed bids will be received at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154 until **2:00 P.M., local time on Tuesday, May 3rd, 2016** at which time the RFP's will be secured by the City Clerk. Each bid shall be recorded together with the name of the vendor. Bids shall be in accordance with the requirements of this notice in order to be deemed "responsive." Late bids will be returned unopened.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held in the West Conference Room at the Department of Public Works Building, 12973 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan (734) 466-2655 at **9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, April 19th, 2016. Bids will not be accepted from those firms who do not attend.**

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

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

All bids shall be sealed in envelopes, plainly marked with: **CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN 3 YEAR SUPPLEMENTAL HVAC AND PLUMBING SERVICE, REPAIR, INSPECTIONS, CONSULTING AND MAINTENANCE, name of vendor and shall be addressed to the City Clerk, City of Livonia, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154.**

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

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

Douglas Moore
Superintendent, DPW

Dennis K. Wright
Mayor

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NO. 2997

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 6 OF THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF LIVONIA AND AMENDING ARTICLE III OF ORDINANCE NO. 543, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AND CITED AS "THE CITY OF LIVONIA ZONING ORDINANCE" BY ADDING SECTION 3.3937 THERETO.

THE CITY OF LIVONIA ORDAINS:

Section 1. The report of the City Planning Commission, dated September 27, 2011, setting forth its resolution 09-50-2011 recommending approval of Petition 2011-08-01-05, having been considered by the Council, and the Council having conducted a public hearing on October 24, 2011, on said petition, and having concurred in the recommendation of the City Planning Commission, the Council hereby adopts said Petition 2011-08-01-05, to amend the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map of the City of Livonia and all proceedings heretofore conducted on said petition are hereby approved.

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

Section 3.3937 Petition 2011-08-01-05, submitted by SREP Haggerty Road, L.L.C., is hereby granted, and the zoning classification of the premises hereinafter described is hereby changed from R-E to C-2:

Part of the Southwest ¼ of Section 6, Town 1 South, Range 9 East, City of Livonia, Wayne County, Michigan is being described as: Commencing at the West ¼ corner of said Section 6 as re-monumented per L.C.R.C. as recorded in Liber 43805, Page 21, Wayne County Records; thence South 00°00'44" West, 0.83 feet along the West line of said Section 6; thence North 89°21'58" East, 60.00 feet to the point of beginning said point also being the intersection of the East line of Haggerty Road (120 feet wide) and the North line of said vacated Phillips Road; thence continuing North 89°21'58" East, 871.34 feet; thence South 00°00'17" West, 543.06 feet; thence South 89°21'58" West, 871.41 feet to a point on the Easterly line of said Haggerty Road; thence North 00°00'44" East, 543.07 feet to the point of beginning. Together with easement rights as set forth in Reciprocal Easement Agreement and Vacation of Prior Easement, dated June 4, 1987, recorded June 14, 1987 in Liber 23332, Page 163, which has been amended by Amendment to Reciprocal Easement Agreement and Vacation of Prior Easement dated November 24, 1987, recorded December 1, 1987 in Liber 23532, Page 910, Wayne County Records.

and the Southwest ¼ of Section 6 of the Zoning Map is hereby amended to conform to the change made in this section.

Section 3. The attached map designated "Amendment No. 953 to the Zoning Map of the City of Livonia" showing all of the amendments and changes made in the foregoing Section 2 of this ordinance is hereby approved, established and made a part hereof.

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Dennis K. Wright, Mayor

Approved as to form:

Donald L. Knapp, Jr., City Attorney
Dated: March 23, 2016

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR PHONE & CARRIER SERVICES

VoIP And Telephony Carrier Services Charter Township Of Redford

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS/VENDORS

Sealed proposals will be received by the Charter Township of Redford at the office of: Garth J. Christie, Township Clerk, Charter Township of Redford, 15145 Beech Daly Rd., Redford, Michigan 48239 until **3:00pm, of the twelfth (12th) day of May, 2016**, when all proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud for the **VoIP and Telephony Carrier Services** in the Board Room of Town Hall, 15145 Beech Daly Road, Redford, Michigan 48239. The Township is seeking to replace its aging phone systems and current carrier service.

The Request for Proposal (RFP) is on file and may be examined beginning April 13, 2016 (*subject to Board approval*), at: Charter Township of Redford, Clerk's Office, 15145 Beech Daly, Redford, MI, 48239. Redford Township is a Participating Agency in the Michigan Inter-Governmental Trade Network (MITN). Interested vendors may register with MITN at www.mitn.info to view specifications. Each proposer who intends to submit a Proposal in response to this RFP may submit, via email, and "Intent to Respond" to gina.mancinelli@plantemoran.com with the subject line "Redford Township VoIP and Telephony Carrier Services Intent to Respond."

Each bid must be accompanied by a Certified Check or Bid Bond by a recognized Surety Company in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid, payable to Charter Township of Redford as security for the acceptance of the Contract. No bidder may withdraw his bid between the date set for the opening thereof and the date upon which the Contract is awarded, or 90 days, whichever is longer. The right to reject any or all bids and the right to waive defects in bids will be reserved by the Owner.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on April 20, 2016, at 9:00am in the Redford Department of Public Services Building, 12200 Beech Daly, Rd., Redford, MI 48239.

Garth J. Christie, Clerk
Charter Township of Redford
15145 Beech Daly Rd.
Redford, MI 48239-3299

Advertised on Michigan Inter-Governmental Trade Network (bidnet.com) and in the Redford Observer Newspaper.

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City of Livonia - 3/21/2016 Regular Meeting Synopsis

Present: Meakin, Brosnan, Jolly, White, Bahr, Kritzman
Absent: McIntyre

#106-16 Approving the minutes of the meeting on 03/9/2016.

Public Hearings Announced - Monday, April 25, 2016 at 7PM. Petition 2016-01-01-02 submitted by Livonia Office Center to rezone property.
An X-item was announced.
One item was received and filed.

#107-16 Proclaiming Friday, April 29, 2016 as Arbor Day in the City of Livonia.

#108-16 Accepting the bid of Spartan Distributors for 1 Greens Mower for Fox Creek Golf Course.

#109-16 Accepting the bid of Vortex USA, Inc., for water features for the zero-depth entry pool at Clements Circle Pool.

#110-16 Accepting the 2015 Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$9,444.00 for the purchase of Law Enforcement equipment.

#111-16 Accepting one 2012 Justice Assistance Grant in the amount \$10,161.00, to reimburse the City for the purchase of Police Law Enforcement Equipment.

#112-16 Accepting the bid from Bloom Roofing for the roof replacement at the Robert and Janet Bennett Library.

#113-16 Authorizing the purchase of one replacement tow-behind finishing mower from Spartan Distributors.

#114-16 Authorizing the purchase of four replacement turf vehicles with utility attachments, from Bader & Sons Co.

#115-16 Authorizing the purchase of one replacement tractor with utility attachments from Bader & Sons Co.

#116-16 Authorizing the purchase of two replacement trailer mounted vacuum debris collectors from Old Dominion Brush Co.

#117-16 Authorizing the purchase of six replacement mowers from Commercial Lawnmower.

#118-16 Authorizing the purchase of two replacement mowers and attachments from Spartan Distributors.

#119-16 Approving Petition 2015-10-08-17, Haggerty Marketplace, to construct a multi-tenant retail building and obtain preliminary approval for two restaurant pads at 19700 and 19750 Haggerty Road.

Second Reading was given to an ordinance amending Section 6 of the Zoning Map of the City of Livonia. (Petition 2011-08-01-05)

Second Reading was given to an ordinance amending Section 14 of the Zoning Map of the City of Livonia. (Petition 2015-12-01-11)

Second Reading was given to an ordinance amending section 31 of the Zoning Map of the City of Livonia. (Petition 2016-01-01-01)

Kritzman stepped down from the podium and passed the gavel at 7:20 PM

#120-16 Accepting the bid of Nagle Paving Company in connection with the 2016 Asphalt Paving Replacement Program (Contract 16-A).

Kritzman returned to the podium and resumed the gavel at 7:21 PM.

#121-16 Approving the increase in the pay schedule for seasonal laborers for 2016 through 2018.

#122-16 Accepting the Grant of Easement executed by Kevin Eisbrenner, for a variable width public utility easement (storm sewer) constructed at 11101 Garden Avenue.

#123-16 Suspending the rules.

#124-16 Authorizing the application to the Recreation Passport Grant Program in the amount of \$60,000.00, for a pedestrian bridge within Helman Park and Nature Preserve.

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Full text of the official minutes available in the Office of the City Clerk.
Susan M. Nash
Livonia City Clerk

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Yessian to be honored at Detroit Music Awards

Aileen Wingblad
Staff Writer

You might not know Dan Yessian, but there's a good chance you know his work.

Recognizable and time-tested jingles for Dittrich Furs, Think Ford First, Little Caesar's Pizza Pizza – his.

More recent creations: music for TV's "The Voice," "Sunday Night Football," "The Blacklist" and more – his.

Songs heard in movie trailers and at theme parks, in commercials for Macy's, Disney, McDonald's, Dos Equis, Mercedes Benz, Coca Cola, United Airlines and on and on and on – his.

He's likely even touched your world – or that of your kids – through the learning/fun-based songs he composed for the classic "Hot Fudge," "The Electric Company" or "Sesame Street" television shows.

A career spanning 43 years, and counting. A career to be celebrated, indeed.

Yessian, composer and founder of the award-winning musical production company, Yessian Music Inc. headquartered in Farmington Hills, has been selected for another honor – this time a Distinguished Achievement Award to be presented at the Detroit Music Awards ceremony April 29 at the Fillmore Detroit. Also honored with a Distinguished Achievement Award that evening will be multi-platinum superstar Kid Rock and Motown Records' late founding press officer and publicist Al Abrams.

"This award is rather special because it originates from the Detroit area – that's significant," Yessian said. "Detroit is where I grew up and where my company originated, where my family resides. It (gives me) a heartfelt feeling, especially with the amount of talent we have in Detroit."

It's interesting to note that Yessian – despite his professional accomplishments and success – has never learned to read sheet music, or to write it. He recalls his earliest music lessons, for the clarinet, consisted of his teacher coming to his house and playing songs which Yessian would memorize "by ear," and then play for him at the next week's lesson. Besides the clarinet, he eventually learned to play the saxophone and piano using the same method.

"It's not the way to learn music, but luckily for me it worked. It doesn't happen that way for everybody," he said.

Yessian studied English and speech at Wayne State University – and after graduation took a job as a teacher at Redford High School, not far from where he grew up.

Four years into it, he called it quits.

"The music bug got to me, so I left teaching – much to the chagrin of my parents," he said.

In the early years of Yessian Music, he operated out of a converted bait and tackle shop on

Grand River Avenue in Farmington. That's where he met with Hal Dittrich and got the Dittrich Furs gig in the early 1970s – using an arranger, as he has continued to do, to transfer what he creates onto paper. Fast forward 40-plus years, and Yessian Music has not only its Farmington Hills studio, but also locations in Los Angeles, New York City and Hamburg, Germany.

"In my career, the Detroit area has served me quite well," he said.

Yessian makes his home in Milford Township with his wife, Kathy. He no longer creates music for commercials – though he still produces it – and instead mainly focuses on composing pop and classical tunes. And he's quite pleased with a recent accomplishment: completing "Armenian Trilogy," a piano and violin duet, with Kurt Schreitmueller, a staff musician for 30 years.

"It was the hardest thing, an arduous task. We had to go measure by measure, and it took a long time to do," he said. The piece premiered last October at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, and Yessian said he's considering adapting it for a 5-piece orchestra.

An even greater point of pride: Bringing his two sons, Brian and Michael, into the business. They spearheaded the music played on the elevator at the One World Observatory in the corner of the World Trade Center site in New York City, Yessian noted.

"It's very exciting to experience," he said. "As a father, getting to the top (of the observatory) and listening to it, I'm welling up. What else can you do?"

The DMAs

Yessian chuckles in anticipation of meeting Kid Rock at the awards ceremony – though, he said, he's not sure if the singer plans to attend.

"The only thing we have in common, I think, is he smokes cigars and I smoke cigars," he said, laughing. "I asked people 'What do I call him – Mr. Rock, or what? Then I found out his name is Bob ... but I do hope he shows up. I really would like to meet him.'"

The event, which is open to ages 18 and over, will feature a variety of performers including Victoria Reed, alt-rock songstress and daughter of Silver Bullet Band saxophonist Alto Reed, Gospel artist Tim Bowman Jr., Motor City punk noise group Child Bite, new hip-hop collective Def By Stereo, and a special performance by Jill Jack and the Detroit Women's Project featuring Carolyn Striho, Julianne Ankley, Chris McCall, Mary McGuire, Tasha Owens, Jamie Sue Seal, Rio Scafone and the Jill Jack Band. The show will also have all-star tributes to Glenn Frey and Marcus Belgrave, as well as a special opening medley covering Detroit's music history by the Motor City All Stars. More performers are also expected.



Dan Yessian, at the Abbey Road Studios in London while working on a commercial piece a few years ago.

The Detroit Music Awards Foundation, a

not-for-profit organization established in 1992,

supports and recognizes Detroit's musical community. At the April 29 event, more than 70 awards will be presented, honoring 11 musical genres – from rock to rap, country to classical, Americana to electronic.

DMA winners are determined by local musicians and music industry professionals in southeastern Michigan. Voting is done through the Internet. For a list of 2016 nominees and past winners, visit www.detroitmusicawards.net.

Also, Detroit music fans can visit the DMAF

website to vote for their favorite artist to receive the Opportunity Detroit People's Choice Award – and download their song for free. The winner will be announced at the awards show.

General public tickets to the DMA event start at \$25 and are available at the Fillmore box office or at LiveNation.com. VIP tickets and tables are limited and available by contacting Terri Koggenhop at tkoggenhop@gmail.com.

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ORDINANCE NO. 248-A-80

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 4:13 OF WESTLAND ZONING ORDINANCE 248 CONCERNING TEMPORARY SALES, USES, OR SPECIAL EVENTS AND TEMPORARY BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES

Section 1. That Section 4:13 of the Westland Zoning Ordinance, Ordinance 248, shall be amended to provide as follows:

"4:13 TEMPORARY SALES, USES, OR SPECIAL EVENTS AND TEMPORARY BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES

Temporary uses, temporary sales of merchandise (including but not limited to Christmas trees, pumpkins, flowers, produce, and fireworks), and seasonal or special events may be allowed by the City Council in a nonresidential district upon issuance of a permit, when the application information below is provided and the standards of this Section are met. Temporary structures are defined as including: tents, canopies, and other membrane structures used for such sales or events. Temporary structures must also comply with the standards of this section.

a. Application information: The applicant shall submit the following to the Building Department.

1. An application form and required fee, as established by the City Council. An applicant for temporary fireworks sales must be state registered and certified for the sale of fireworks.
2. A written statement describing the requested use or event and the start and end dates.
3. A written description of the procedures to be used for traffic/parking management, waste disposal, security and similar measures to minimize any negative impacts.
4. Proof of ownership, or if the applicant is not the owner of the land, written permission of the owner of the property to allow the proposed use or event.
5. Information establishing that reasonable liability insurance coverage is carried, to the satisfaction of the City Attorney.
6. A plot or sketch plan (to scale) illustrating property lines, adjacent uses and zoning districts, existing and proposed buildings and structures, boundaries of proposed sales/activity areas, location of any proposed building or structures, any proposed lighting, calculation of required parking based on the standards of Article XVI, proposed traffic circulation, location of fire hydrants, proposed setbacks from all property lines and distance to any parcels zoned for residential use, location and size of any proposed signs, and any other information deemed to be necessary by the Building Director.
7. Whenever a temporary structure, tent or other enclosure is proposed, the applicant shall be required to submit the plans for such structure, covering, or enclosure to the Building Department for review, permits and inspection prior to commencement of sales or other activity under the temporary use permit. All proposals for temporary structures will be reviewed by the fire prevention division, and must comply with all requirements of the state construction code, the International Fire Code, NFPA regulations, and all other applicable codes, ordinances and regulations.
8. Whenever an applicant for a temporary use permit intends to utilize the site for fireworks sales, a copy of the state permit and site plan shall be provided with the application in accordance with the requirements of Public Act 256 of 2011.
9. A performance guarantee or escrow, in an amount and form acceptable to the City Attorney, but which shall be not less than the minimum established by the City Council. The performance guarantee shall be deposited prior to the issuance of a permit. The performance guarantee shall be used by the City to pay the cost of returning the property to its state prior to commencement of the event or refunded to the applicant upon compliance with the requirements of this and any other applicable City ordinances.

b. Standards and procedures for review: Proposed temporary uses, events, buildings and structures shall be reviewed by the Building Director and other such Departments as deemed necessary by the Building Director, using the following standards, and a recommendation shall be made to City Council:

1. All required information has been submitted.
2. The proposed temporary use or event will be on a lot with a permitted principal building or on a vacant lot in a non-residential district, and the use meets the minimum required setback for buildings in the zoning district and as required in this section.
3. The proposed use, layout, hours of operation and site improvements, such as fencing, are designed to help ensure compatibility with surrounding land uses.
4. Adequate off-street parking and circulation will be provided. Where Article XVI does not require parking for the proposed use, at least one parking space shall be provided for each eight hundred (800) square feet of gross lot area used for the activity or the amount of parking shall be deemed sufficient by the City Council based on reference sources and past experience of the City or other communities.
5. Adequate provisions have been made for trash disposal, sewage disposal and security.
6. All applicable City Building Codes and Ordinances will be met.

c. Operational standards: A temporary or seasonal sale or event shall comply with the following operational standards:

1. The length of a temporary use or sales event shall not exceed seven (7) days during a season, except that sales of Christmas trees are permitted for up to forty-five (45) days. Uses and events which are to occur on a regular schedule (such as every weekend) or over a period of longer than seven (7) days shall be permitted only in commercially zoned districts, based upon a decision by the City Council that the use or event will comply with the intent and standards of this Section. Such a request must be made known at the time of application, and the permit shall specify the seasonal sales time period.
2. All equipment, materials, goods, poles, wires, lighting, signs and other items associated with the temporary uses and seasonal events shall be removed from the premises within five (5) days of the end of the event. Following the five (5) day period, the City shall use the escrow fee to clear such items from the property.
3. The Building Director shall immediately cease operations of any temporary use or seasonal event which does not conform to these standards.

d. Required Information and Standards for Temporary Uses, Events, and Structures:

- (1) Temporary sidewalk sales or sales from a temporary structure, which are accessory to the permitted use of the property, shall meet the following requirements:
 - (a) The sale shall be located on an improved lot or parcel which is zoned CB-1, CB-2, CB-3 or CB-4, which has access via an existing paved driveway from a primary road or State of Michigan thoroughfare.
 - (b) All areas subject to vehicular use shall be paved.
 - (c) There shall be no more than two temporary signs to advertise the sale.
 - (d) The portion of the parcels used for accessory, temporary sales shall be located no closer than 250 feet from a parcel that is zoned for residential purposes.
 - (e) The portion of the property used for accessory, temporary sales, and the temporary signs shall meet the setback requirements applicable to the district.
 - (f) The temporary use shall not reduce the parking on the parcel below the required number of spaces for the principal and the accessory, temporary use.
 - (g) The temporary structure must be a canvas, fabric or membrane tent structure. Rail boxes, semi-trailers, and other box type structures are prohibited. The color of the tent structure must be a neutral tan, white or gray.
- (2) Temporary sidewalk sales or sales from a temporary structure, which are not accessory to the permitted use, shall meet the following requirements:
 - (a) The sale shall be located on an improved lot or parcel which is zoned CB-1, CB-2, CB-3 or CB-4, which has access via an existing paved driveway from a primary road or State of Michigan thoroughfare.
 - (b) All areas subject to vehicular use shall be paved.
 - (c) There shall be no more than two temporary signs to advertise the sale.
 - (d) The portion of the property used for non-accessory, temporary sales shall be located no closer than 250 feet from a parcel that is zoned for residential purposes.
 - (e) The portion of the property used for non-accessory, temporary sales, and the temporary signs shall meet a minimum setback of 85 feet from the right-of-way line and be setback a minimum of 20 feet from any adjacent property line.
 - (f) The temporary use shall not reduce the parking on the parcel by more than 10 percent, and shall not reduce the parking below the required number of spaces for the principal and the non-accessory, temporary use.
 - (g) The temporary structure must be a canvas, fabric or membrane tent structure. Rail boxes, semi-trailers, and other box type structures are prohibited. The color of the tent structure must be a neutral tan, white or gray.
- (3) Temporary uses for Christmas tree sales must be located in a commercial zoning district.
- (4) Temporary uses for a circus, carnival, concert, air or watercraft show, or similar event shall meet the following requirements:
 - (a) The use must minimize the impact of site activity on surrounding properties, with consideration given to security, parking, traffic, hours of operation, lighting, noise or sound, or other detrimental effects.
 - (b) Security measures must be detailed and must demonstrate that they will adequately provide security for the event.
 - (c) The City Council may deny the use based upon the impact that it will have on surrounding properties or security considerations, or may require reasonable conditions to reduce to a minimum any detrimental effect. Such conditions shall become a part of the permit.
- (5) Temporary sales conducted by churches or non-profits on property owned by the church or non-profit shall meet the following requirements:
 - (a) The sale shall be located on an improved lot or parcel which is owned by the church or non-profit.
 - (b) All areas subject to vehicular use shall be paved.
 - (c) Reasonable measures shall be implemented to minimize the impact of site activity on surrounding properties.
- (6) The Building Director may approve permits for a temporary residence during construction (including mobile homes) on sites for which a building permit has been issued for construction, major repair, or remodeling of a dwelling unit, and such temporary structure must meet the following requirements:
 - (a) Permits shall be issued for a period of six (6) months, and one addition six month period shall be permitted if the work is proceeding in an expeditious matter. However, the temporary residential structure shall be moved onto the site no more than fourteen days prior to commencement of construction and shall be removed from the site within fourteen days following the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for the construction project.
 - (b) The temporary residential structure shall meet district setback requirements.
 - (c) All electrical connections to the temporary residential structure shall be inspected and approved by the Building Department.

Section 2. That all other provisions of the Westland Zoning Ordinance, Ordinance 248, shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 4. Repeal. All other Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistencies, hereby repealed.

Section 5. Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication as required by law.

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**CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON 2016-2017 PROPOSED BUDGET**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the public hearing on the proposed budget for the City of Westland for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017 will be held on May 2, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, MI 48185. The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

Richard LeBlanc
City Clerk

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HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS PREVIEW

Rogosch set to lead Churchill netters

Team's No. 1 player was regional champ in 2015

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Knowing talent alone can't win tennis matches, Livonia Churchill head coach Denise Berg-Grant is enthused about her team's intangibles heading into the 2016 season. "Everyone has a great attitude and is willing to work hard," Berg-Grant said. "The girls show re-

sponsibility and dedication. I think that we are going to have a lot of fun along the way this season which is always good. "We are fortunate to have Abraham Alhabeil, a former Churchill graduate and tennis player, as our varsity assistant this season. There seems to be a very good chemistry this year and I am hoping that this is something that will help us be successful." Although Berg-Grant acknowledges that her

team's starting lineup isn't set in stone yet due to the stretch of poor weather, there's little doubt Kaitlyn Rogosch has secured the No. 1 singles slot. Rogosch will be looking to build on her individual state-qualifying performance last year as a freshman. The Chargers' singles lineup is also expected to be filled by No. 2 player Triveni Arvikar, No. 3 Maddie Van Wormer and

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CHRIS GUDDECK
Madison White returns to bolster Churchill's doubles lineup.

St. Edith futsal

Livonia's St. Edith School will host an experimental futsal program later this spring. Futsal is a form of indoor soccer that's played in gym-sized area and requires 5-6 players per team. The program will provide youngsters with an opportunity to experience physical activity, teamwork, touches on the ball and socializing with kids in their age group.

The program will run on Saturday mornings, beginning May 7 through June 11 (except for the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend). The sessions will run from 9-11 a.m. in the St. Edith gymnasium, which is located at 15089 Newburgh Road (just south of Five Mile Road) in Livonia. Players will be divided into two tiers: kindergarten-third grade and fourth-eighth grade.

Players are encouraged to wear shorts, a T-shirt, shin guards and gym shoes.

The cost of participating in the program is \$30, which includes a program T-shirt.

To register, visit www.stedithcyo.com, click on the "spring sports" tab at the top of the page and choose "futsal" from the drop-down offerings.

The registration deadline is April 22. Questions can be directed to Rich Field at rpfield83@yahoo.com or 248-914-8620 or Bassel Atala at abougeorge@gmail.com or 248-470-2664.

MHSAA Student Advisory Council

The Michigan High School Athletic Association is seeking student-athletes to become members of its Student Advisory Council beginning with the 2016-17 school year.

Four boys and four girls from the Class of 2018 will be selected to two-year terms, and will meet on matters related to maintaining and promoting a proper perspective and sensible scope for high school sports in Michigan. Eight members from the Class of 2017 already are serving on the council, while eight members of the Class of 2016 are leaving the council this spring.

To be eligible for the committee, candidates must be a member of the Class of 2018, complete the official application including answering the three short-answer questions, submit a letter of recommendation from a school administrator, have a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) and be available for all scheduled meetings. Applications are due in the MHSAA office by 4:30 p.m. on April 20. Applications can be downloaded from the Student Advisory Council page of the MHSAA website, filled out on the computer or handwritten, and returned to the MHSAA office by email, fax or any mail delivery service.

For more information, contact Andy Frushour at 517-332-5046 or afrushour@mhsaa.com.

HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

A LITTLE TOO MUCH MERCY



TOM BEAUDOIN

Farmington Hills Mercy's Missy Hunt (left) and Garden City's Alyssa Metcalf battle for possession of the ball during Monday's game.

GC stays close for half against Marlins

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Garden City's girls soccer team followed the game plan to a "T" during the first 32 minutes of Monday night's home game against powerful Farmington Hills Mercy.

The Cougars battled the powerful Marlins to a scoreless draw until the waning minutes of the first half when Lauren George's goal spearheaded a rush that ultimately led to a 4-0 Mercy victory.

The result left Garden City with a 1-1-1 mark — and good vibes for Cougars head coach Jeff Szyplula.

"We played them neck-and-neck for most of the first half; our defensive formation was outstanding," Szyplula said. "It was a great team effort — everybody had everyone else's back."

"Mercy is such a solid, technically sound team. If you make even the smallest error, they find a way to capitalize, and that's what they did in the second half."

Although the Marlins tacked on three second-half goals, George's net-finder with approximately eight minutes to play in the first half was the game-changer, Szyplula emphasized.

"We we could have went into the half tied 0-0, or even with a lead, that would have been huge for us," he said. "Once we fell behind, we tried for force things a little more, and that gave them some open space."

"Last year we lost 7-0 to Mercy, so we're making strides."

Mercy's Maranda Konja scored nine minutes into the second half to expand the Marlins' advantage to 2-0. Chloe

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HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

RU opens with victory over Cougars

Panthers sweep singles matches

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

It was a wind-win situation for Redford Union's girls tennis team Monday afternoon during its season-opening match against Western Wayne Athletic Conference rival Dearborn Heights Annapolis.

Bolstered by a solid sweep from its four singles players, the Panthers won, 6-2, despite relentlessly strong winds.

Senior co-captain Abby Walters got things rolling for the Panthers by winning her No. 1 singles match, 6-0, 6-0, over Amira Malik.

Walters hasn't lost a league match in three seasons and is a four-year varsity performer.

"I love both tennis and soccer, even though it means daily

double practices and running from tennis matches to soccer games," said Walters, who also excels for RU's soccer team.

"As a senior this tennis season, I'm looking forward to playing friends I've made on the court and meeting any new faces — that's what makes it fun."

RU's No. 2 singles player, Rebecca Wiseman, ousted Annapolis' Tatiana Ramirez,

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Redford Union No. 1 singles player Abby Walters returns a shot.

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HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Stevenson out-slugs Patriots, 16-10



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Stevenson first baseman Megan Gronau is pictured during a game last season.

Wilson contributes five hits, four RBI for Spartans

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Both the Livonia Franklin and Livonia Stevenson softball teams were running on high-octane offense during Monday's cross-town clash on the Patriots' diamond.

Propelled by a lead-off triple by Kayce Ziembra and a three-run first inning, the Spartans prevailed, 16-10, in their season opener.

The loss evened the Patriots' record at 1-1. "I liked how we set the tone in the first in-

ning," Stevenson head coach Kevin Hannigan said. "It's always nice to win the first game of the season."

Powering the Spartans' 24-hit attack was Cori Wilson, who went 5-for-6 with four RBI. Ziembra, Alyssa Zahra and Megan Gronau also mashed three hits a piece. Winning pitcher Sarah Mesack helped her own cause with a two-run home in the top of the first.

Franklin also flashed some fireworks at the dish. Junior Brooke Garbarino went 4-for-4 with a double, home run and five RBI, while Jess Banks laced four hits. Rachel Beers clouted a three-run home run among her pair of safe-

ties. "Both teams put together some decent strings of hits and created some good rallies," Franklin head coach Brittany Grys said. "Stevenson put the hits together when it really counted and found our gaps. Our girls didn't give up and continued to fight until the very end."

"We put 10 runs on the board, but unfortunately we came up short today." Hannigan said the pivotal point of the game came in the bottom of the fifth after Mesack had just yielded a three-run home run that gave the Patriots an 8-7 lead.

"We called a timeout and went out and talked to her," Hannigan said. "Sarah did a great job of

keeping her composure and refocusing."

The Spartans added a heavy dose of insurance in the top of the seventh when they plated six runs.

Kaeleigh Kerpet pitched the first three innings for Franklin, striking out three. Danielle Hoskins, who took the loss, and Jordan Berger also pitched for the Patriots.

"The outfield was pretty wet from all the rain we got over the weekend, but I thought our outfielders did a great job of coping with the conditions," Hannigan said.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Cubs, errors bite Patriots down stretch

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Only a string of untimely fielding errors separated the Livonia Franklin baseball team from a 3-0 start to the 2016 season.

The Patriots battled visiting University of Detroit Jesuit to the wire Monday afternoon before dropping a 9-7 decision.

Leading 7-5, the Cubs scored two unearned runs in the top of the seventh. The Patriots committed four errors in the loss, which dropped them to 2-1.

"U of D has a very good team, so when you give a team like that a couple extra outs in an inning, they're going to take advantage of it," Franklin head coach Matt Fournier said.

The Patriots led 4-2 after two innings before the Cubs rallied for two runs in the third and three in the fourth to seize a 7-4 lead.

Franklin sliced into its deficit with one run in the fifth before both teams put up two-spots in the seventh.

Junior pitcher Kolby Dewhurst worked the first two frames in his season debut, striking out two and walking three. Dewhurst missed the tail end of the 2015 season with an injury and his offseason conditioning was cut short briefly by an ankle injury suffered playing hockey.

Nick Hoyer took the loss after giving up three earned runs and five hits in the third and fourth innings. Senior Mark Smart was effective in the fifth and sixth, blanking U of D while striking out one.

Kyle Wollum pitched the seventh, yielding two unearned runs.

"We almost got out of it in the seventh," Fournier said, "but they got a hit with runners on second and third and two outs."

Junior Jake Giacobbi led the Patriots' 10-hit attack by going 3-for-4 with two RBI. Senior Ryan Prohaska went 2-for-4 with three ribbies.

The Patriots earned a 2-1 victory over Dearborn Heights Crestwood on Fri-



ED WRIGHT
Livonia Franklin's Adrian Reed delivers a pitch during last year's Division 1 district tournament.

day. Senior Adrian Reed stymied the Chargers throughout the first five innings, striking out five while walking two.

Sophomore Collin Metzler earned the win on the mound with two innings of air-tight relief.

"It was a clean game by both teams, especially this early in the season," said Fournier, noting that neither team committed an error.

Prohaska went 3-for-3 at the dish with an RBI. Jon Montie knocked in the game-winner.

Franklin's defense preserved the win by turning a game-ending 6-4-3 double-play.

CC edges Stevenson

Novi Detroit Catholic Central exploded for four runs in the top of the seventh inning Monday to post a 5-3 victory over host Livonia Stevenson.

Both teams used five pitchers throughout the well-played contest.

Trailing 1-0 in the bottom of the sixth, the Spartans knotted the game before the Shamrocks got their offense in gear in the final frame.

Stevenson nearly rallied, scoring twice in the bottom of the seventh.

Chris Tanderys had a solid opening game at the plate for Stevenson, going 2-for-4 with a double and a run scored. Brandon Posky also had two hits while Frank Carlin went 1-for-4 with an RBI.

Danny Morris, Bobby Cavin, Mark Petterson and Nick Beers all contributed a hit a piece to the Stevenson offense.

Matt Stinehiser led the Shamrocks with three hits and an RBI.

HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

Franklin's 'O' busts out in 6-2 win

Patriots dominate first half on way to first victory

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The way Livonia Franklin's girls soccer team was generating dangerous attacks Monday night, Hope Solo would have had a difficult time containing the Patriots.

Unfortunately for visiting Dearborn Heights Crestwood, it didn't have Solo between the pipes during a dominating 6-2 Franklin triumph that evened the victors' record at 1-1.

The Patriots led 6-0 after 40 minutes before the Chargers managed to figure a few things out.

"Overall, I was extremely pleased with the first-half performance," Franklin head coach Dean Kowalski said. "We hope to attack and become an offensively dangerous team this season and this was the first step."

"Crestwood made adjustments and were able to get two goals in the second half as we cooled off in the second half."

Rachel Salisbury set the game's blue-and-red-colored tone when she scored off a textbook cross from Madison Morell.

Ten minutes later, the Patriots made it 2-0 on a Rachel Dudek breakaway net-finder.

Sydney Boyce made her presence felt seconds after subbing into the game later in the half when she buried a shot into the net off a pass from Katelyn Miller.

The most jaw-dropping goal of the night may have been Riley Burnette's bending corner kick that managed to elude the Chargers' defense.

Dudek and Burnette — the Patriots' captains — polished off the first-half scoring with their second goals of the night.

Ladywood wins

Livonia Ladywood opened its season April 7 with an impressive 2-0 victory over Warren Regina, giving first-year head coach Joe Carver a victory in his inaugural contest.

Amy Babon and Taylor Bullard scored the Blazers' goals. Elise Pollack and Babon registered assists.

Stevenson thumps Howell

Megant Verant netted a pair of goals Monday night to lead Livonia Stevenson to a 6-0 triumph over Howell.

The Spartans dominated the action from goal line to goal line, out-shooting the Highlanders 23-2. "We played very well in the first half and just couldn't finish,"



ED WRIGHT
A Westland John Glenn player hustles after the ball during Monday afternoon's 4-2 loss to visiting White Lake Lakeland.

Stevenson head coach Ken Shingledecker said. "Finally we got it going in the second half and did what I know we are capable of."

The Spartans owned a perilous 1-0 halftime lead thanks to Verant's goal that was assisted by Alia Basierbe.

A four-goals-in-seven-minutes second-half span locked things up for Stevenson, which received net-finders from Jenna Thom (from Kennedy Thurlow), Maria Tijlos (from Basierbe), Verant (from Paige Ackman) and Sarah Monte (from Yasmine Jaafar).

Maria Bayyouk scored the winners' final goal thanks to an assist from Monte.

Stevenson keepers Jess Schoenfeldt and Haley Demers recorded the team's second shut-out of the spring without having to make a save.

Spartans tie Country Day

Livonia Stevenson remained unbeaten Friday night thanks to a 2-2 draw with Detroit Country Day.

The deadlock left the Spartans' record at 1-0-2 and Country Day's mark at 2-0-2.

Stevenson led 1-0 at the half thanks to freshman Sarah Dressing's first career goal — a spot-on free kick from 25 yards out.

Country Day, which outshot Stevenson 11-8, seized the lead, 2-1, on back-to-back net-finders from Kennedy Bearden, who tapped in a corner kick, and Erin Wycoff.

Kennedy Thurlow registered the equalizer for Stevenson with eight minutes to play when she finished off a pass from Kayla Gacioch, who dribbled to the end line before threading a dime across the face of the goal.

Among Stevenson keeper Hannah Reamer's six saves was a penalty kick with 20 minutes to play.

Maddie Odom and Isabel Nino combined for four saves for Country Day. "I was proud of the effort from the girls tonight," Stevenson head coach Ken Shingledecker said. "Country Day played very hard from the start, and we had to match their pace. To come right back and get the equalizer just after they took the lead was a character-exposing moment for our team."

RU upends Thurston

Redford Union defeated Thurston on Monday night, 8-2, thanks to three goals from Cassidy Sandelin and a pair from Maggie Osowski.

Zebars tie Stars

St. Catherine's of Wixom battled Wayne Memorial to a 2-2 draw Friday night.

Nina Scalbassi and Alexa Rastigue scored the Stars' goals. Sofia Ivezaj made 17 saves for St. Catherine's.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL
Thursday, April 14
Summit Academy at Garden City, 4 p.m.
Southfield Christian at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
HVL at Roeper, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 15
Franklin Road at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
South Lyon at Franklin, 4 p.m.
S.L. East at Churchill, 4 p.m.
Northville at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Stevenson at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 16
New Boston Huron at Garden City (DH), 11 a.m.
Franklin at W. Bloomfield, 11 a.m.
Stevenson vs. Harrison (DH), 11 a.m.
Annapolis at Thurston (DH), 11 a.m.
Franklin Road at Clarenceville (DH), 11 a.m.
Oxford at Churchill (DH), 11 a.m.
PREP SOFTBALL
Thursday, April 14
HVL at Oakland Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 15
Garden City at Truman, 4 p.m.
S.L. East at Churchill, 4 p.m.
Northville at Wayne, 4 p.m.
HVL at Inter-City(DH), 4 p.m.
Stevenson at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
South Lyon at Franklin, 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 16
Garden City at Milan, Big Red Tournament, TBA
Clarenceville at Southfield Christian (DH), 11 a.m.
Wayne at A.A. Pioneer Tournament, TBA
GIRLS SOCCER
Thursday, April 14
Ladywood at Mercy, 6 p.m.

Friday, April 15
John Glenn at Wayne, 5:30 p.m.
Franklin at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Canton at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Clarenceville at Cabrini, 4:30 p.m.
Redford Union at Ferndale, 5 p.m.
Saturday, April 16
Bishop at Ladywood, 4 p.m.
TRACK & FIELD
Thursday, April 14
Thurston at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 16
Franklin Patriot Relays, 9 a.m.
John Glenn at Tiger Relays, 10 a.m.
BOYS GOLF
Thursday, April 14
Garden City at Carlson, 3 p.m.
Franklin, Churchill at Farmington Invite, 8:30 a.m.
Friday, April 15
Livonia City Meet at 101st Wyld, 10 a.m.
GIRLS TENNIS
Thursday, April 14
Ferndale at Garden City, 4:30 p.m.
John Glenn at Churchill, 4 p.m.
Franklin at Canton, 4 p.m.
Divine Child at Ladywood, 4 p.m.
Friday, April 15
RU at Ferndale, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 16
Livonia City Invitational at Stevenson, TBA
GIRLS LACROSSE
Friday, April 15
W.L. Northern at Ladywood, 4:30 p.m.

TENNIS

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6-1, 6-0, while the Panthers' No. 3 swinger, Hunter Eutsey, defeated Aliza Parizan, 6-2, 6-2; and No. 4 netter Bria White won, 6-0, 6-1, over Maria Aroh.

The day's first and second doubles matches were both stretched to tie-breakers. RU's No. 1 duo of Abby Bishop and Haley Hebnor defeated Rykki Warren and Guiliana Caegari, 5-7, 6-0, 10-7, while RU's No. 2 tandem of Sarah Bishop and Kaylah Wiley lost a three-set nail-biter to Alexis Jackson and Jessica McDonald-Boldt.

Making their varsity debut, RU's No. 3 team of Anna Vincent and Michaela Spangler won 6-1, 6-3, over Emily Cain and Megan Severer.

Annapolis won the No. 4



Eric Geiger
Pictured are the members of the Redford Union tennis team, which is coached by Eric Geiger.

doubles match, 6-4, 6-2, despite strong efforts from Sarina Anderson and Isis James.

"We have a strong base of returning players this season in our singles and even into one and two doubles," RU head coach Eric Geiger said. "I'm equally impressed with our new

talent. "Even at this early stage, there are great team dynamics with our veterans eager to help our newer players develop their game. We're looking forward to some great matches."

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ALL-OBSERVER BOYS BOWLING TEAM

FIRST TEAM

Conner Weber, Wayne: Weber was a strike machine for the Zebras, rolling his way to a 212 average in KLAAs matches. He teamed with fellow all-area honoree John Willet to win the Clarenceville Doubles Tournament. Weber capped his season with a 17th-place showing at the individual state meet, falling just five pins short of qualifying for the 16-bowler match-play event.

"Conner had an outstanding season for us," Wayne coach Bob Jawor said. "I look for Conner to have a great career as an adult in the game of bowling."

Mitchell Rusinek, Salem: One of the top reasons for the Rocks qualifying for the team state finals, Rusinek finished 10th in the Division 1 individual regionals with a total of 1,182 pins. At the D1 individual finals, the junior's 1,235 tally earned him 20th overall.

Rusinek was Salem's anchor, earned all-conference honors with a 200 average and was named to the scholar-athlete team.

"He was so consistent and always maintained that calm demeanor," coach Kathie Hahn said.

Tyler Pozan, Canton: Pozan finished seventh at the D1 individual regionals, posting a 1,233 score. At state finals, his 1,147 tally earned him 35th place overall. The hard-working senior averaged 190.5 during the regular season and was named a scholar-athlete

recipient. "Tyler loves the competition on the lanes and was always up for the challenge," coach Karl Brubaker said. "He is a great team player and one of our leaders."

Justin O'Shaughnessy, Plymouth: The junior was consistent all season, averaging 201, including a 279 high game. He tallied a three-game series of 651.

At D1 individual regionals, the all-KLAA selection finished 13th with a score of 1,149. At the Plymouth-Canton-Salem tournament Jan. 9, O'Shaughnessy threw a pair of strikes in the 10th frame and the Wildcats went on to win their first-ever tourney.

"Justin is a tremendous talent and great pressure bowler," coach Scott Kapke said. "He was an integral participant in all three of the Plymouth tournament wins this season."

Mitchell Zelenak, Canton: The senior and fourth-year player earned all-conference and scholar-athlete honors after averaging 200 to lead the Chiefs. At D1 individual regionals, Zelenak finished 14th with a score of 1,146.

"Mitch has been a solid player for our team for four years ... and a leader," Brubaker said. "He is always working hard on the lanes and as a coach you like to see that effort."

SECOND TEAM

Jacob Kurth, Salem: The senior co-captain averaged 200 for the Rocks and earned all-conference and scholar-athlete honors. Kurth followed his strong regular season helped the Rocks qualify for D1 team finals and posted a 1,060 total at individual regionals.

"Jake was usually our lead-off bowler," Hahn said. "That was the position that he liked to play, because he could set the pace for the rest of the team and he did this well."

John Willet, Wayne: Willet enjoyed an outstanding senior season, winning the Clarenceville Doubles Tournament Weber, helping the Zebras qualify for the state tournament and averaging a stellar 197.

"Johnny is one of the nicest young men I have had the pleasure of coaching in my 10 years," Jawor said. "He's a complete team player. I wish him all the best as he moves on to LTU."

Dominic Gibson, Farm. Unified: Gibson completed his third varsity season with a league average of 203, which placed him eighth among 100 boys in the OAA.

He increased his league and overall averages by more than 10 pins this season and by 42 pins since his freshmen year. Gibson, who will attend the University of Arizona, had a high game of 245 and high series of 446.

"Dominic's league average shows his desire to compete and win championships," coach Dennis Hermani said. "His driving motivation is to compete at an elite level. As a model of consistency, Dominic shot a 400 series in all but one of our league matches in which he bowled two games.

"His work ethic — no one has worked harder on 10-pin conversions — and infectious, positive attitude rubbed off on all of his teammates."

Tyler Shady, Farm. Unified: Shady finished the season with a 202 league average and a 197 season average over 55 games. That represents an increase of more than 40 pins in his prep career.

Shady, who will attend Ohio Northern University, had a high series of 487 in winning the Canton tournament. He placed fifth in the OAA singles tournament, averaging 224 for the day.

"Tyler shared the anchor duties and performed extremely well," Hermani said. "In his 55 games, he bowled 22 games over 200, which gives him 43 in his last 105 games. Tyler will be missed greatly after providing three years of consistent efforts at the back end of our formidable lineup."

Brian Martin, John Glenn: Only a sophomore, Martin established himself as one of the most promising bowlers in the area as he led the Rockets with a 198 average. He qualified for the individual state meet last year as a freshman.

"Brian is plain and simple an athlete," John Glenn coach Ron Staples said. "He also excels in baseball. Brian is very coachable and a pleasure to have on our bowling team. He lead our team in spare conversion and likes the pressure moments."

THIRD TEAM

Zach Gonyea, Salem: Capping off a stellar prep career, the Rocks' senior and team captain finished 15th at D1 individual regionals with a tally of 1,141.

Gonyea averaged 189 during the regular season, including nearly 198 in KLAAs matches.

"Zach had a true passion for the game, he knew when to have fun and when to get down to business," Hahn said. "Zach will be missed by the whole team and we wish him well in his future at Central Michigan University."

Nick Ray, Plymouth: The senior captain averaged 188 in 45 matches and tallied a 1,081 score at the D1 individual finals to finish 27th.

Ray had some highlight-reel moments, including a 258 high game and three-game series of 651.

And at the Wayne County tourney, he came up clutch with a strike in the ninth frame to lock up a Baker game victory over Salem.

"Nick was the inspirational leader of the team in every way," Kapke said.

ALL-OBSERVER FIRST TEAM

Conner Weber, sr., Wayne Mem. Mitchell Rusinek, sr., Salem Tyler Pozan, sr., Canton Justin O'Shaughnessy, jr., Plym. Mitchell Zelenak, sr., Canton

SECOND TEAM

Jacob Kurth, sr., Salem John Willet, sr., Wayne Mem. Dominic Gibson, sr., Farm. Unified Tyler Shady, sr., Farm. Unified Brian Martin, soph., John Glenn

THIRD TEAM

Zach Gonyea, sr., Salem Nick Ray, sr., Plymouth Malik Felder, jr., Farm. Unified Damien Strohschein, John Glenn Kyle Keating, sr., Redford Union

HONORABLE MENTIONS

Farm Unified: Evan Yaros; N. Farmington: JD Maynard, Ryan Darnell, Joe Damiani, Elden Palmer; Canton: Andrew Pascual, Jack Watson; Salem: Joshua Hall, Brendan Kwapis; Plymouth: Alan Brown; Wayne Memorial: Ty Weber, Bremner Maldonado; John Glenn: Jared Stevens, Michael Pizzuti.

Malik Felder, Farm. Unified: Felder finished his second year on the varsity with a 185 average in 51 games. His league average was 193, which was an improvement of 16 pins over last season.

He was ranked among the top 18 varsity bowlers in a field of 100 in the OAA. Since his freshmen season, Felder's average has increased more than 25 pins per game.

He had a high game of 246 and a high series of 451. His career high is a 300, shot during practice last season.

Damien Strohschein, John Glenn: A captain for the Rockets, Strohschein barely missed qualifying for the individual state meet. A 4.3 (grade-point average) student, Strohschein was voted his team's MVP after never bowling competitively until his freshman year of

high school. "Damien listens to any advice that the coaches give him," Staples said. "His nickname was 'The Professor.'"

Kyle Keating, Redford Union: A junior, Keating emerged as the catalyst of the second-year Panthers' varsity bowling program, qualifying for the state meet after placing fifth in the team's regional tournament. Keating carries a 197 average and — even more impressive — a 4.7 grade-point average.

"Kyle is very consistent and rarely gets rattled — at least that he shows," RU head coach David Battistelli said. "The thing that makes Kyle such a good bowler and great athlete to have on the team is that he is a sponge. He soaks up any suggestion you give him to make him a better bowler, and he is willing to make adjustments throughout his game."

CHARGERS

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Francesca Spallari, who has earned the early season nod as the No. 4 singles swinger.

Churchill's doubles pairings will be paced by the No. 1 team of Angelica Zhou and Madison White, while Clara Bielawski and Allison Sciatto are slotted as the No. 2 duo.

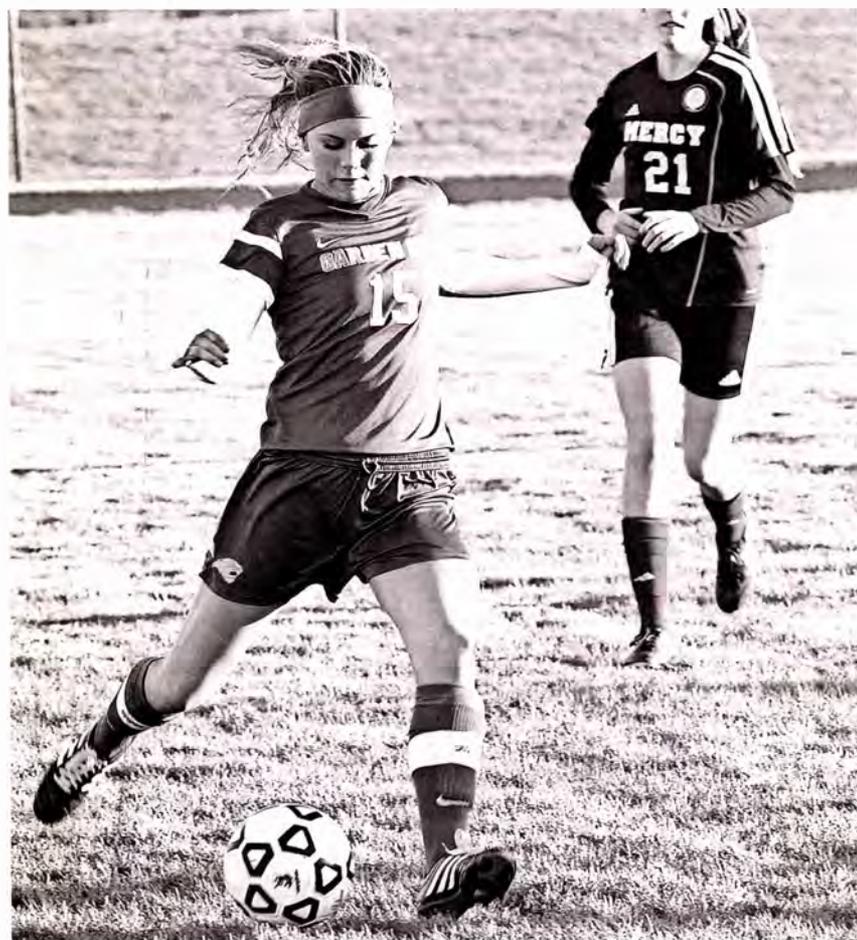
Allie McComber and Allison White are expected to be a formidable team at

No. 3 doubles for Churchill, which will count heavily on Joanna Al-Farah and Samantha Swift at No. 4, and Alexis Simpson and Taylor Lee at No. 5 doubles.

"Kaitlyn Rogosch is a state qualifier last year, and was regional champ. I am expecting a competitive season as I feel that we have more depth this year in our lineup. We are looking forward to seeing what we can do! Our returning players show that they have worked on their game on the off season."



CHRIS GUDDECK
Churchill's No. 1 singles player Kaitlyn Rogosch returns to lead the Chargers.



Garden City's Tracy June advances the ball during Monday's game.

SOCCER

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Woodbeck and Allia McDowell also scored to ice the win for the visitors.

Junior goalkeeper Tatum Spears played solid between the pipes for GC, turning away 10 Mercy shots. The Cougars put seven shots on goal.

"Once of the big differences was that we had zero

corner kicks and they had seven," Szygula said. "It's tough when you don't get at least a couple set pieces to generate some offense."

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Pereyra ahead of the pack



Lucas Pereyra was the overall champion of the cross country-style 1.2-mile race at Running Fit's Martian Festival of Races in Dearborn on Saturday, April 9. He won with a time of 7 minutes, 19 seconds. Pereyra is a sixth-grader and honor roll student at St. Matthew's Lutheran in Westland.

GC's Falk headed to Concordia University



Garden City senior soccer standout James Falk (seated) recently committed to play soccer for Concordia University in Ann Arbor. Falk, who was lauded by Cougars head coach Jeff Szygula as one of the primary reasons for GC's stellar 2015 campaign, is pictured with Concordia assistant coach Kyle Winningham (left) and head coach Erik Schultz (right).

PREP SOFTBALL PREVIEW

Lady Trojans bring positive outlook

Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Ten returning players and better depth has veteran Clarenceville coach Joe DeCaire looking forward to the 2016 softball season with great optimism. "Our goals will be the same as they have been in the past, and that is to continue playing competitive softball," DeCaire said. "We want to learn the fundamentals of the game, play intelligent, play fast and get better every day."

Junior outfielders Claudia Moore and Kristine Sidon are the top returning players and will bat at the top of the lineup, serving as the table-setters for the offense. Senior infielders Kylee Hammond and Nicole Scott will anchor the defense and provide some extra-base power, according to DeCaire. Clarenceville will have a new pitching battery, following the loss of all-conference duo Emily Schwartz and Mia Sampson to graduation.

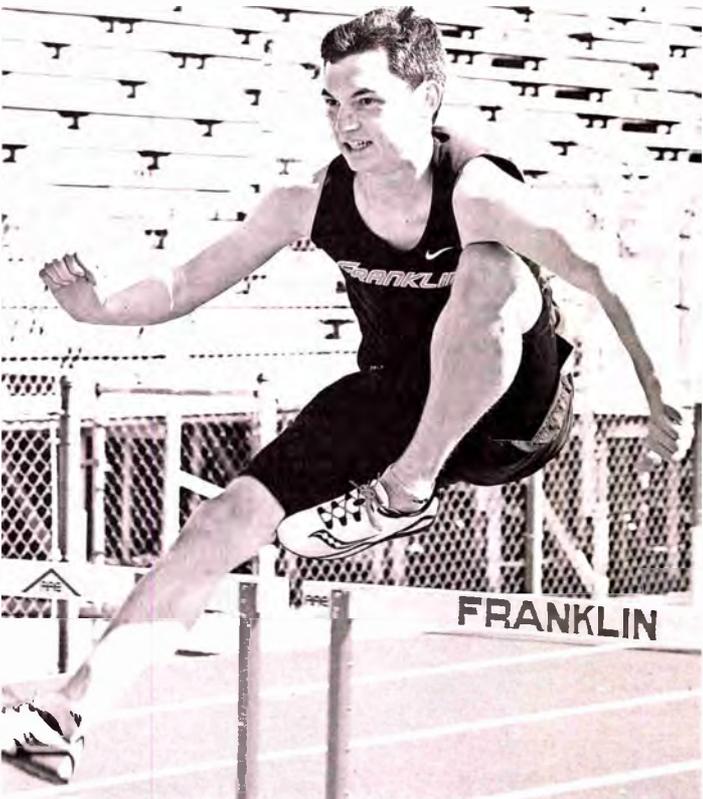
DeCaire looks for junior Janie Wagganer to throw strikes and pitch to contact as the replacement for Schwartz in the circle. "I liked Janie's work ethic last summer," he said. "She dedicated herself to becoming a better pitcher fundamentally." Sophomore Skyler Srock will make a position change from third base to catcher. "She is still learning a tough position, but she has the tools to become an all-conference catcher

in the future," DeCaire said. Seniors Allison Szostak, Makenzie Tatro and Sarah Meili, sophomore Erin Koss and junior Kayla Schoenfeldt also return from last season, bringing added depth to the team. The roster also includes nine freshmen, many of whom will play key roles, and exchange student Christine Chen. "Our staff is really excited about the incoming freshman, because they have demonstrated a work ethic and

dedication to our program," DeCaire said. Emily Schmidt will help with the pitching and play third base. Shelby Smith, Mary Hammond and Maddie Baldassarra will work for a place in the starting lineup, too. Shannon Bullock, Maddison Lyons, Emma Reardon and Autumn Farr will make contributions at some point, too, according to DeCaire, who begins his 18th season as head coach. He looks for the Lady Trojans to build upon a

7-13 record. Clarenceville finished third in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference behind Redford Union and Crestwood with six wins. "It will be very exciting to see what our program looks like on the field and what the results will detail," DeCaire said. "I'm sure our coaching staff will need to make adjustments, but we always have been dedicated to accepting the challenges and obstacles that lie ahead for our program."

BOYS TRACK & FIELD



Franklin's Ian Hogg won the 300 intermediate hurdles race and placed third in the 110 high hurdles event.

Balanced Franklin hurdles past Glenn

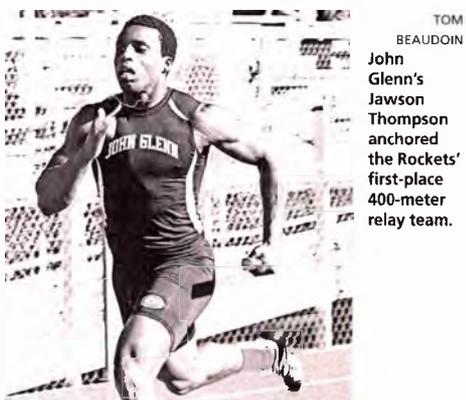
Ed Wright
Staff Writer

A strong showing in the field events helped vault Livonia Franklin's boys track-and-field team to a 75-53 victory over visiting Westland John Glenn on Tuesday afternoon in the season-opening KLAA South dual meet for both teams.

Double winners Bobby Madley, who earned first-place points in both throwing events, and Denzel Adams, who was triumphant in the long jump and high jump, ignited the impressive victory, which also included a Patriot sweep in the pole vault.

The Rockets showed off their wheels in the 100-meter dash, which they swept behind the swift feet of David Graham, Jonathan Parker and Jason Thompson. Thompson and Graham also finished 1-2, respectively, in the 200.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 75 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 53 Tuesday at Franklin
Shot put: 1. Bobby Madley (F), 43 feet, 9 inches; 2. Jaylon Jackson (JG), 38-7; 3. Lukas Pekorius (F), 36-0.
Discus: 1. Bobby Madley (F), 108-2; 2. Damien Stroschein (JG), 99-0; 3. Lukas Pekorius (F), 96-0.
Pole vault: 1. Ethan Nordstrom (F), 10-6; 2. Drew Niemiec (F), 10-0; 3. Matt Lepper (F), 9-6.
Long jump: 1. Denzel Adams (F), 20-3; 2. Trimmell Bullock (JG), 19-0; 3. Marcus Martin (F), 17-8.
High jump: 1. Denzel Adams (F), 5-0.
3,200-meter relay: 1. John Glenn (Jared Tarrance, Ben Biber, David Graham, Kenyatta Mason), 3:39.9; 2. Franklin (Brandon Smiley, Ian Hogg, Christian Bagnall, Brandon Smiley), 3:44.6.



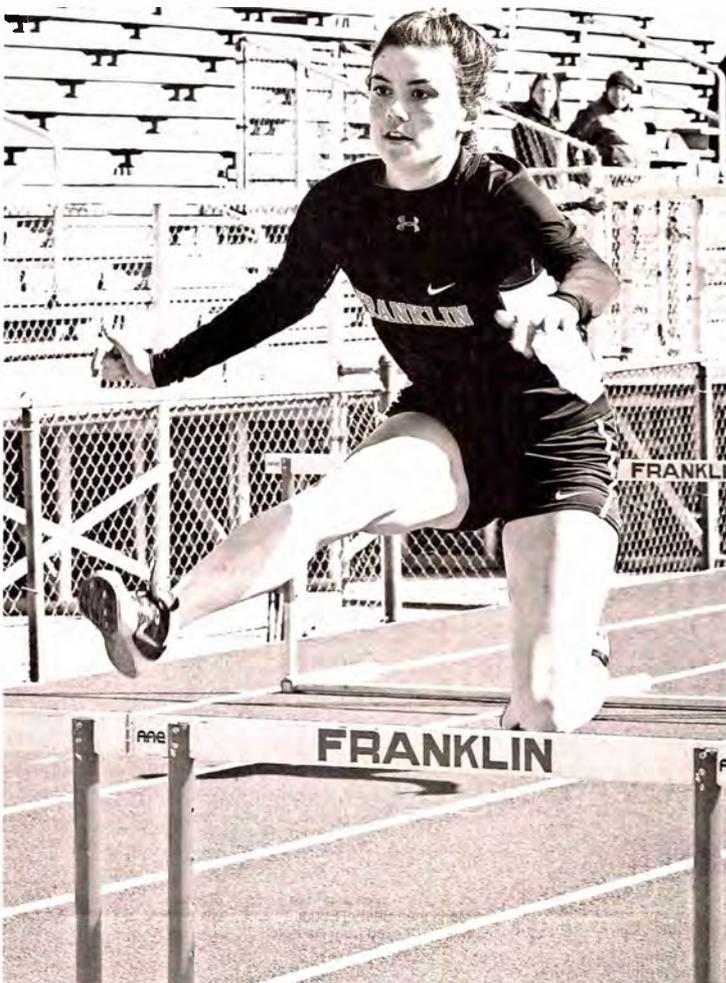
Tuesday, April 12
Long jump: 1. Antonio Washington (N), 21 feet, 5 inches; 2. AJ Abbott (N), 21-2; 3. Malik Lowery (S), 19-10.
High jump: 1. John Hamilton (N), 6-2; 2. Gino D'Agostino (S), 5-8; 3. Aaron Simmon (S), 5-8.
Pole vault: 1. Logan Delonis (S), 11-0; 2. Clay Alexander (N), 11-0; 3. Collin Bowersox (S), 10-6.
Shot put: 1. Max DeDonna (N), 44-8.75; 2. Anmol Multani (N), 38-6.5; 3. Spencer Eddings (S), 38-3.75.
Discus: 1. Max DeDonna (N), 112-0; 2. Taylor Gargow (S), 109-5; 3. Jacob Genaw (N), 105-0.
3,200-meter relay: 1. Stevenson (Andrew Bambach, Alex Oquist, Jeremy Webb, Jack Balint), 8 minutes, 22.99 seconds; 2. Northville (Conor Naughton, Thomas Smither, Kenny Goolsby, Ben Cracraft), 8:28.44.
110 hurdles: 1. Evan Marini (S), 16.40; 2. Nathan Sudek (S), 16.56; 3. Zach Robins (S), 18.05.
100 dash: 1. Adam Ghabra (N), 11.20; 2. LaDarius Sharpe (S), 11.57; 3. David Gasser (S), 11.74.
800 relay: 1. Northville (Adam Ghabra, Antonio Washington, AJ Abbott, Giuliano Daniele), 1:35.50; 2. Stevenson (Tyler Hudson, Mike Licata, LaDarius Sharpe, Gino D'Agostino), 1:37.18.
1,600 run: 1. Alex Oquist (S), 2:02.07; 2. Thomas Smither (N), 2:04.06; 3. Jack Balint (S), 2:07.09.
200 dash: 1. Adam Ghabra (S), 22.77; 2. LaDarius Sharpe (S), 24.04; 3. AJ Abbott (N), 24.12.
3,200 run: 1. Conor Naughton (N), 10:01.41; 2. Ben Cracraft (N), 10:01.42; 3. Jacob Blackmore (N), 10:33.45.
1,600 relay: 1. Northville, 3:38.66; 2. Stevenson (Andrew Bambach, Mike Licata, Alex Oquist, Jeremy Webb), 3:39.95.

Mustangs hold off Spartans
Northville out-duelled Livonia Stevenson on Tuesday afternoon, 77-60, in the season-opening KLAA Central Division dual meet for both teams.

With the results of the pole-vault competition pending, it appeared for a moment as if the winner of the meet-ending 1,600-meter relay race would win the meet. As it turned out, Northville's four-by-400 relay contingent nipped Stevenson's quartet of Andrew Bambach, Mike Licata, Alex Oquist and Jeremy Webb by just over a second to seal the deal.

NORTHVILLE 77 STEVENSON 60

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD



Franklin's Hanna Hoffman clears a hurdle with ease during Tuesday's meet against John Glenn.

Patriots' Day: Franklin sprints past Rockets

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Livonia Franklin breezed to a 109-27 triumph over visiting Westland John Glenn on Tuesday afternoon in the season-opening KLAA South Division dual meet for both teams.

The Patriots brought their "A" game, placing first in all but three events.

Double winners for the Patriots included Alexis Browning, who won both throwing events; Julie Wonch, whose versatility was reflected in her triumphs in the high jump and 400-meter dash; distance standout Natalie Douglas, who won the 1,600 and 3,200 races; and Mikaela Hille, who captured the long jump and the 300-meter hurdles race.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 109 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 27 Tuesday at Franklin
Long jump: 1. Mikaela Hille (F), 15 feet, 5 inches; 2. Sarah Channey (F), 13-0; 3. Hanna Hoffman (F), 12-4.
High jump: 1. Julie Wonch (F), 4-6; 2. Sarah Channey (F), 4-3.
Pole vault: 1. Rachel Domzalski (F), 6-6; 2. Lindsey Hoyer (F), 6-3; 3. Neveah Skalski (F), 6-6.
Shot put: 1. Alexis Browning (F), 29-3; 2. Anna Lauber (F), 28-10; 3. Romero (JG), 27-1.
Discus: 1. Alexis Browning (F), 95-7.5; 2. Anna Lauber (F), 88-4.5; 3. Brooke Bagazinski (F), 82-5.5.
3,200-meter relay: 1. Franklin (Camryn Zurawski, Erin Seibert, Paityn Santi, Emma Devine), 11 minutes, 19.7 seconds.
100 hurdles: 1. Riley Shine (F), 19.4; 2. Nikke Hawthorne (F), 19.8; 3. Hollie Reynolds (F), 20.0.
100 dash: 1. Nikole Gibson (JG), 14.1; 2. Morgan Eveslage (F), 14.3; 3. Kari McCullough (JG), 14.7.
800 relay: 1. John Glenn, 1:51.8.
1,600 run: 1. Natalie Douglas (F), 5:30.9; 2. Erin Seibert (F), 6:00.0; 3. Camryn Zurawski (F), 6:01.3.
400 dash: 1. Julie Wonch (F), 1:02.1; 2. Christianna Benson (F), 1:13.6; 3. Lindsey Hoyer (F), 1:20.6.
300 hurdles: 1. Mikaela Hille (F), 57.5; 2. Riley Shine (F), 57.9; 3. Hollie Reynolds (F), 58.3.



John Glenn's Asia Gardner showed good form in both the sprint races Tuesday afternoon.

800 run: 1. Camryn Zurawski (F), 2:40.1; 2. Erin Seibert (F), 2:42.7; 3. Paityn Santi (F), 2:46.6.
200 dash: 1. Asia Gardner (JG), 26.2; 2. Julie Wonch (F), 28.5; 3. Mikaela Hille (F), 29.5.
3,200 run: 1. Natalie Douglas (F), 11:29.2; 2. Emma Devine (F), 13:25.2; 3. Allyson Stabler (F), 13:29.5.
1,600 relay: 1. John Glenn, 4:30.6.

Mustangs outrun Spartans
Northville outlasted Livonia Stevenson, 81-56, Tuesday afternoon in the season-opening KLAA Central Division dual meet for both teams.

Although the Spartans were out-pointed, they registered some encouraging performances. Among the Stevenson standouts were Emily Lauzon, who won the 800-meter run (2:31.92) and placed third in the 1,600 (5:39.26) and hurdler Emily Nettie, who placed first in both the 100 (18.79) and 300 (57.16) races. Stevenson swept the 300 hurdles as Nettie was followed closely across the finish line by teammates Diane Sen-

kowski (58.40) and Emily Ehrheart (58.48).

Amanda Schultz also shined for Stevenson by turning in top-three finishes in four events (two relays and two individual).

Hannah Egan was a two-time winner in the throws for Stevenson.

NORTHVILLE 81 STEVENSON 56 Tuesday, April 12
Long jump: 1. Emily Anderson (N), 14 feet, 11 inches; 2. Mary Catherine McLaugh (N), 14-8.5; 3. Maggie Bowler (N), 14-6.
High jump: 1. Jessica Hogan (N), 4-8; 2. Lauren Lambert (N), 4-8; 3. Madi Droste (S), 4-6.
Pole vault: 1. Sommer Pappas (S), 9-6; 2. Barbara Davis (N), 7-10; 3. Morgan Waters (S), 7-3-4.
Shot put: 1. Hannah Egan (S), 30-2; 2. Morgan Waters (S), 29-7; 3. Barbara Davis (N), 28-1.
Discus: 1. Hannah Egan (S), 75-8; 2. Alexa Loconte (S), 19-64; 3. Morgan Waters (S), 73-4.
3,200-meter relay: 1. Stevenson (Anna Braschitz, Kylie Callison, Lexi Jenkins, Kira Hadden), 10:20.03; 2. Northville (Paige Zimmer, Emma Smith, Ana Barrott, Claire Wan), 10:57.55.
100 hurdles: 1. Emily Nettie (S), 18.79; 2. Alexa Loconte (S), 19-64; 3. Haleigh Czarnecki (N), 20-28.
100 dash: 1. Erin McCallum (N), 13.44; 2. Amanda Schultz (S), 13.66; 3. Taylor Gattori (N), 13.87.
800 relay: 1. Northville (Chloe Abbott, Mary Catherine McLaugh, Lindsay Walters, Yasmine Affes), 1:47.99; 2. Stevenson (Hope McMullen, Diane Senkowski, Lexi Jenkins, Amanda Schultz), 1:55.99.
1,600 run: 1. Ana Barrott (N), 5:19.78; 2. Olivia Harp (N), 5:19.85; 3. Emily Lauzon (S), 5:39.26.
400 relay: 1. Northville (Emily Anderson, Lauren Lambert, Erin McCallum, Savannah Burke, Emily Ehrheart, Monica Weinrauch, Arasinda Schultz), 54.10.
300 hurdles: 1. Emily Nettie (S), 57.16; 2. Diane Senkowski (S), 58.40; 3. Emily Ehrheart (S), 58.48.
800 run: 1. Emily Lauzon (S), 2:31.92; 2. Erin Seibert (F), 2:36.03; 3. Taylor Gattori (N), 2:36.27.
200 dash: 1. Chloe Abbott (N), 25.46; 2. Savannah Manley (N), 27.73; 3. Amanda Schultz (S), 27.98.
3,200 run: 1. Olivia Harp (N), 11:53.98; 2. Ana Barrott (N), 11:54.19; 3. Rachel Zimmer (N), 12:06.85.
1,600 relay: 1. Northville (Lindsay Walters, Yasmine Affes, Claire Wan, Savannah Manley), 4:15.33; 2. Stevenson (Emily Lauzon, Kylie Callison, Lexi Jenkins, Sammi Dickson), 4:34.72.

RELIGION CALENDAR

APRIL BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, April 17
Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland
Details: French toast, pancakes, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, milk, juice, \$3 for adults; \$1.50 for children, 2-10
Contact: 734-425-4421

CARNIVAL

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, April 15
Location: St. Michael Catholic School, 11311 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Kid's Carnival will feature free hot dogs, popcorn, ice cream, face painting, crafts, and games, for families of students entering the Junior 4's Program, Kindergarten, and 1st grade in September or those just interested in finding out more about the school's programs
Contact: 734-421-7360, ext. 225; school@livonia.stmichael.org

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, April 14
Location: Northridge Church, 49555 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth
Details: MercyMe, a contemporary Christian music band performs. Tickets are \$50, \$35, and \$25
Contact: 800-965-9324; ticketss.com

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 16
Location: St. Hugo of the Hills Catholic Church, Bloomfield Hills, 2215 Opydke, Bloomfield Hills
Details: Features Aeolian Chorale, Carlos Seise, tenor, Quinto Milito, baritone, Timothy L. Huth, ars musica doctoris organ, John Sittard, conductor. Presented by the church and Friends of the Opera of Michigan. Free will offering will be accepted
Contact: 248-644-5460

MOM-TO-MOM SALE

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, April 23
Location: Connection Church, 3855 S. Sheldon, Canton
Details: Shop 100 tables of mom- and child-related items. Strollers welcome after 10:30 a.m. Admission \$2
Contact: 734-397-1777

PASSOVER SEDER

POTLUCK
Time/Date: 6 p.m. Friday, April 22

Location: Congregation Bet Chaverim, 321 Ridge Road, Canton

Details: Cost is \$5 per person, ages 5 and older. RSVP by April 15
Contact: Michelle Driscoll at 734-718-7029; betchaverim@yahoo.com

PRAYER, EDUCATION, ACTION

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 21

Location: St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton

Details: Janet Stankowski, O.P. will talk about the implications of Pope Francis' Encyclical, "Laudato Si," regarding environmental issues, with an overview of the poor. Stankowski is the co-founder of Voice for Earth Justice, a faith-based network with a mission to pray, educate, and act on behalf of the Earth. Free

Contact: Sharlene Borke at sharborke@gmail.com

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday, April 15

Location: The Salvation Army, located on Main Street south of Ann Arbor Road, in Plymouth

Details: Proceeds benefit the "Older, Wiser and Loving Senior Group."
Contact: Major Colette or Sandy at 734-453-5464

RUMMAGE, BAKE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday, April 29, 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, April 30

Location: Antioch Lutheran Church, 33360 W. 13 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: From 1-3 p.m. Friday all items will be half off; \$5 bag sale, along with 50 percent off in boutique on Saturday. Tax-deductible donations may be

dropped off at the church's back door 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-

Wednesday, April 25-27. No furniture, television sets, com-

puters, electronics. The church also is collecting used ink car-

tridges, eye glasses and cell phones for recycling

Contact: 248-626-7906; antiochca@sbcglobal.net

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AUSSICKER

LAVONNE MAE 80, of Kalkaska, passed away Friday April 8, 2016. Lavonne was born in Detroit to the late William and Trillis (Radcliffe) Flath on June 16, 1935. She later married Ralph Aussicker on October 10, 1953 and together they had 2 children. Lavonne demonstrated unconditional love and always saw the best in others, especially her children. She loved her faith and her family, even during times of struggle her faith only deepened. Lavonne loved the outdoors, gardening, music, and playing the piano and organ at church. Lavonne is survived by her husband Ralph, son David (Darcy) Aussicker of Holly, MI and daughter Brenda (Steve) Storey of Highland, MI, six grandchildren and three great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, infant daughter Susan Elizabeth, and sister Shirley Hovermale. Visitation will take place at the Kalkaska Funeral Home 152 S. Cedar St., Kalkaska, on Thursday April 14, 2016 from 2-8 p.m. The funeral service will be on Friday April 15, 2016 at the Kalkaska Church of Christ, 1725 W Kalkaska Rd NW, Kalkaska, at 12 p.m. with final visitation beginning at 11 a.m. A Celebration will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 16, 2016 at Grace Church, 220 Bogie Lake Rd., White Lake, MI. Burial will follow on Saturday at Highland Township Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home.

JACOBS

WILLIAM R. Age 88, of Livonia, passed March 10, 2016. Husband of the late Evelyn J.; Father of William C. Jacobs, Karen L. Gasinski and Nancy L. Jacobs; Grandfather of William D. (Oosa) Jacobs, James A. Jacobs, Wendy (Ben) Molenhouse, Kristi (Adam) Magy, Rebecca (Richard) Keeling, Nicci (Desmond) Li, Robert (Carrie) Gasinski and Amanda Wrobleksi; Great Grandfather of Christopher, James, Grace, Charlie, Esther, Mina, Henry and Alysa. William (Bill) was born March 26, 1927 in Elyria, Ohio to Eleanor and William Jacobs. He is predeceased by his siblings Wilma, Ruth, Robert and James. Bill was in the Navy during WWII, retired from Ford Motor Company and settled in Florida for several years before coming back to live in Livonia, Michigan to be nearer to his family. The family is planning a memorial service on Saturday, April 23rd at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard St., Livonia, Michigan 48150. Visitation 10:00am-12:00am, Service 12:00pm.

MCKELVEY

DOUGLAS P. Age 27 of Plymouth passed away suddenly from injuries sustained from an automobile accident. Beloved son of Joyce and Mark Feick and Scott and Tammy McKelvey. Caring brother of Jeffrey and Crystal McKelvey. Step-brother Erik Feick. Uncle of Elia, Maggie, and Violet McKelvey. Grandson of Janet (the late Jim) Williams, Harry and Bev Luce, Clark and Janet McKelvey, Raymond and Louise Stapleton, Gaylord and Donna Feick, and loving boyfriend of Allissa Constantine. Also survived by many aunts, uncles and cousins. A 2006 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School. After high school, Doug attended Western Michigan University earning a Bachelor's Degree in Business. After college, he worked at General Motor-Powertrain Division as a Buyer. Doug's hobbies included the love for golf, hunting, Detroit Red Wings and Michigan Football. Doug was loved by many and his enthusiasm and contagious smile will forever be missed. Memorial contributions can be made to the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. The Memorial Visitation will be Thursday, April 14th from 2 - 9 p.m. at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., (Between Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth, MI 48170. The Memorial Service will be Friday, April 15th at 11 a.m. at NorthRidge Chapel, 12401 Ridge Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170. Family and friends will gather on Friday from 10 a.m. until the Memorial Service. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com

SANSONE

JEAN DRULIA Of Pinellas Park, Florida, died Friday evening, April 8, 2016. She was 91. Jean was known for her open heart, her generous spirit, her sometimes flamboyant ways, and her sense of fun. Jean participated in a multitude of community causes and events, first in her home state of Michigan and later in Florida. She performed in community theater, helped stage fashion shows and other fundraisers for the Redford Suburban League and various organizations, taught etiquette classes to economically challenged children, wrote and illustrated newsletters, and became so fond of documenting life via photos and videos that she became known to her family as "Camera Grandma." In 1968, Jean was critically injured in an auto accident that took the life of her beloved husband and father of her children, Anthony Sansone. She married twice more and lost both of those husbands to cancer. Jean herself survived breast cancer. None of the tragedies, illnesses or heartbreak extinguished her tremendous joy in life, most especially the joy of being with and helping others. Jean is survived by her son Thomas Anthony Sansone and his wife Cathy Unruh; her daughter Patricia Rose Driver and husband Rick; grandchildren Peter Driver, Laura Sansone Shaw and her husband Grant, Jeff Sansone and his wife Rachel, and Emily Driver; great-grandchildren Nico and Matteo Sansone and Ava Shaw. A Celebration of Life will be held for Jean on Tuesday, April 19, beginning at 4pm at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club, 11 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg, followed by dinner. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Boys and Girls Club of Pinellas Park, 7790 61st Street North, Pinellas Park, FL, 33781. www.andersonmccqueen.com

THOMAS

MERRILL D. "MERT" 85, April 9, 2016. Loving husband of Helen M. Thomas for 63 years. Beloved father of Tracey Conrad and Andrew (Joan) Thomas. Cherished grandfather of Zachary Thomas, Benjamin Thomas, Alexander Thomas, Monica Conrad and Nolan Conrad. Dear brother of the late Betty Johnson. Also loved by many nieces, nephews and cousins. Merrill was a dedicated music educator and principal in the Dearborn Public Schools for 37 years. He proudly served in the Army for 2 years during the Korean War. A member of the Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church and choir member for 47 years. He loved his family and friends, playing the trumpet and sailing. Visitation Friday, April 15, 2016 from 4 to 8pm at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Rd., Livonia. Funeral Service Saturday, April 16, 2016 at 11am at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard St., Livonia. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations are appreciated to Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church Music Fund. www.harrywillfuneralhome.com

CRAIGIE



LOIS HANNAH Age 97, of New Port Richey, Florida, passed away peacefully on April 8, 2016. She was born on December 9, 1918 in Lincoln, Michigan; daughter of John Douglas and Mae Maria (nee Beebe) Edgar. She graduated from Redford High School, class of 1935. She made Livonia her home for 40 years and has lived in New Port Richey, Florida for the last 36 years. Lois was united in marriage to George R. Craigie on June 27, 1941; spending 61 years devoted to each other until his death in 2002. Lois loved to crochet; she made over 100 beautiful crocheted dolls for family and friends. She also donated many of her dolls to children in need. She was very organized and crafty; she repurposed many of the cards sent to her as well as articles she saved. She was a fabulous cook who enjoyed caring for her family. She was an unconditional wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. She is survived by her cherished daughter Sharon (Roger) Milarch; her brother Douglas (Donna) Edgar; her five grandchildren whom she called her angels, Terry (Joanne) Milarch, Lee Anne (Joe) Angeloff, Tammy (Mike) Ivory, Tim (Lisa) Milarch, and Michael (Becky) Milarch; 18 great grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her sister Hazel Edgar, and her brother LeRoy Edgar. Visitation will be held Wednesday, April 13, from 5-8 p.m. A funeral service will be held Thursday, April 14, at 1:00 p.m. with visitation beginning at Noon at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 West Dunlap, Northville. She will be laid to rest at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to the Hope Lutheran Church Building Fund, 12321 Canton Avenue, Hudson, Florida 34669. Please share memories and condolences at www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

LAHR



DONALD G. Charleston, Illinois - Age 81 of Charleston, formerly of Plymouth, MI and a native of Wyoming, PA, died Thursday, March 24, 2016. A Memorial gathering will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 16, 2016 at the Glen Eden Memorial Garden Chapel. It is requested that donations in his honor be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Gifts may be mailed to Adams Funeral Chapel, 2330 Shawnee Dr., Charleston, IL 61920. Donald was born March 14, 1935 in Wyoming, PA, a son of the late John and Elizabeth (White) Lahr. His marriage to Loretta Schwartz on January 10, 1963 was the beginning of a loving relationship of 53 years. In addition to Loretta, those cherishing his memory are sons, Jeff Lahr (Melissa) and Gregory Lahr, all of Charleston; three grandchildren, Angie Thompson (Steve) Missoula, MI; John Lahr of Charleston and Katy Lahr of Urbana, IL; a great grandchild, Kaelin Thompson; and a niece, Mary Ann Loch (Justin) and daughter, Bella of California. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Linda and a brother, John "Jack" Lahr. Don honorably served his country with the United States Navy and was a member of VFW Post #396 in Wyoming, PA. Don enjoyed a successful sales career with Consumers Power, Rockwell International, and lastly with the Morton Salt Company as a sales rep for Michigan. Don enjoyed playing golf and was an avid fan of football. He enjoyed traveling with Loretta and they were blessed with many shared trips and fond memories. His family was near and dear to his heart and it was family that brought him and Loretta to Charleston seven years ago. Don will always be lovingly remembered by family and friends. Donald's memorial website is available at www.adamsfuneralchapel.com where condolences may be sent to the family by clicking on obituaries.

MEILI



JOANNE G. "JOAN" Age 81. April 10, 2016. Beloved wife of the late Glen for 57 years. Loving mother of Scott (Cyndi), Kurt (Lesia), Ross (Evyonne), G.T., and the late Cindy Meili. Cherished grandmother of Laura, Nick, Evan, Caitlin (Dave), Sarah, Brian, Walker, Casen, Neil (Sonja) and Mariah. Funeral Service Saturday 10:30 a.m. (in state 9:30 a.m.) at Salem United Church of Christ, 33424 Oakland Ave., Farmington, MI 48335. Visitation Thursday 5-8 p.m. and Friday 1-8 p.m. at THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, 33603 Grand River Ave., Downtown Farmington (1 Blk. W. of Farmington Rd.). Memorial contributions may be made to the Children's Leukemia Foundation or to Salem United Church of Christ. www.thayer-rock.com



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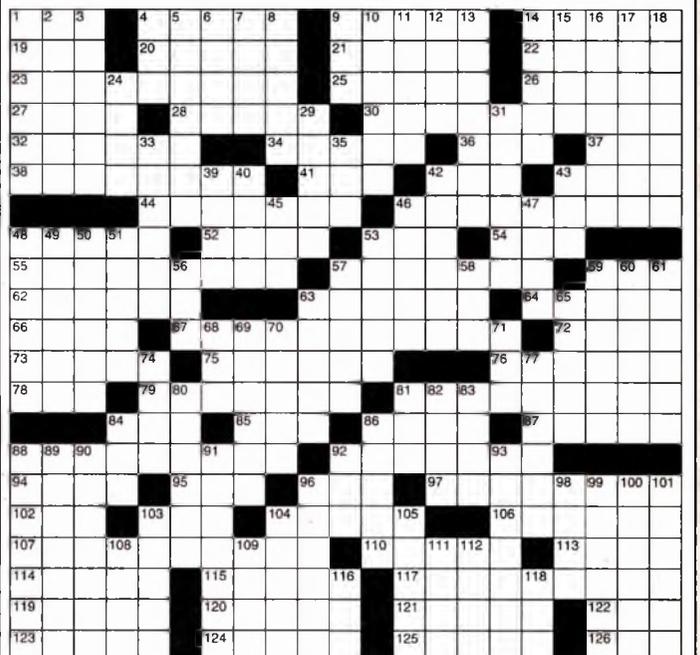
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- 1 Way of being thrilled or torn
 - 2 What to do if the shoe fits
 - 3 Esoteric stuff
 - 4 Modifying word; Abbr.
 - 5 Really rely on
 - 6 100-Down's partner in magic
 - 7 Euro fraction
 - 8 Big gulf
 - 9 Orang, e.g.
 - 10 Minister Billy
 - 11 Boston airport
 - 12 Outranking
 - 13 Guys on the job site
 - 14 Elephant king of kiddie lit
 - 15 Agenda unit
 - 16 "Open up!"
 - 17 The Bunkers' "old" car
 - 18 Hair salon employee
 - 24 Actor Dullea
 - 29 Agave plant
 - 31 Actress d'Abco
 - 33 Online brokerage
 - 35 Receivable
 - 39 What "there oughta be"
 - 40 Uncommon
 - 42 Choice bit
 - 43 Hollywood's Gibson
 - 45 Zippo
 - 46 Celebrity lawyer
 - 47 Mix, as salad
 - 48 Pickle units
 - 49 Flying guys
 - 50 "Chicago Hope" doctor
 - 51 Assenting to
 - 53 — impact on (effects)
 - 56 East, in Ulm
 - 57 Small jewel
 - 58 Suffix of enzymes
 - 59 V8 ingredient
 - 60 Musician's exercises
 - 61 Affirm
 - 63 Analyze
 - 65 Australian state capital
 - 68 — whole
 - 69 Subject
 - 70 Manicure aid
 - 71 Scoundrel
 - 74 University sports org.
 - 77 Tuna variety
 - 80 Wasp variety
 - 81 1921 sci-fi play
 - 82 Sufficient, in verse
 - 83 TV "Warrior Princess"
 - 84 "Conan" network
 - 86 Pacific island country
 - 88 "My Little Chickadee" co-star
 - 89 Wife of Nero
 - 90 Head-hugging hats
 - 91 Mega Millions, e.g.
 - 92 Soup holder
 - 93 French forest region
 - 96 Soft shade
 - 98 Moped, e.g.
 - 99 "Tristan und —"
 - 100 6-Down's partner in magic
 - 101 Booster of comedy
 - 103 Sub detector
 - 104 Quaver
 - 105 Actor Werner
 - 108 Tarzan's lady
 - 109 Author Wiesel
 - 111 Access Polo
 - 112 Bog grass
 - 116 Siamese path
 - 118 Pickle holder



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Industry report: Single women make up substantial share of home buyers

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

If you're a single woman, you just may own your own home.

It doesn't come as a great surprise that the largest share of home buyer households is married couples. In fact, 67 percent of all home buyers are married couples. The second most common group of buyers, however, is single females.

According to the 2016 National Association of Realtors' *Home Buyer and Seller Generational Trends* report, single females make up 15 percent of all home buyers, and this number goes up when looking at older buyers — 20 percent of buyers between 51 and 60 years of age and 19 percent between the ages of 61 and 69 are single females.

These percentages are substantially higher than those for single males, who only make up 9 percent of all home buyers; the share of single made buyers is even lower in older age groups, only 10 percent of buyers between 51 and 60 are single males.

Mary Vellardita bought a Westland condominium in 2010 and is glad she did so. "Economically it made more sense because you get a return on your investment. Tax advantages. More privacy," she said of ownership compared to renting.

"I like the fact that I still have a little yard to enjoy but I don't have to do yard work," Vellardita said. "I have ample storage compared to what you get in most apartments."

Her garage was also a big selling point.

The NAR report found those more likely to be trading up (Gen X homeowners) or trading down (older boomers) represented the largest share of sellers in the past year, at 25 percent and 24 percent, respectively.

"That's huge to me, and I don't have to shovel snow and cut grass. It's perfect for me," said Vellardita, the marketing and membership manager for the Westland Chamber of Commerce.

Robin Kay Cooke is an associate broker for Cooke Realty of Keller Williams Plymouth-Canton, and has been in real estate 14 years. "We oftentimes have single women buy," said Cooke.

She sold to a widow a Canton condominium who was moving from Redford with her mother, who has health issues associated with aging. "That was really a helpful move for them," Cooke said.

Cooke finds for married couples women have a great say in home purchases. "If the wife's not happy, no one's happy," she noted with a chuckle. "They carry a lot of the decision-making."

For her own family, "My husband trusts my judgment," Cooke said. Her husband wanted a three-car garage, and wasn't all that interested in the kitchen or bathrooms of their home.

She finds women look in particular for walk-in closets, hardwood floors (helpful for those with allergies, and good for upkeep), granite or other hard-surfaced countertops and more.

"Really people need to have that in their home to be competitive in today's market," Cooke said of the countertops. Outdoors matters to buyers, too.

"A lot of people like to entertain in their yard space," Cooke said. "People started to invest in their back yards and see it as an extension of their living space."

For single women, she recommends an attached garage for safety. She also encourages single women to drive a prospective neighborhood at different times, and to talk to potential neighbors.

"After hours, you can kind of see the demographics," Cooke said, noting single mothers can see if there are other children living nearby.

The laws of years ago that limited single women in buying a home are long gone, agreed Cooke. "It really comes down to creditworthiness and income," she said, noting usually two years on a job is needed.

"Their goals are the same, typically," Cooke said of single women buyers and general buyers. Some women buyers are very social, she said, "and interact with the neighborhood and others choose not to."

She had a client of Indian descent who is mom to a daughter around 12. The

daughter is in private school, which made public systems less important to her mother. The woman wished to carry on their ethnic heritage, noted Cooke, an issue with some buyers when they relocate.

The NAR report found those more likely to be trading up (Gen X homeowners) or trading down (older boomers) represented the largest share of sellers in the past year, at 25 percent and 24 percent, respectively. Millennials — also likely to be move-up buyers — stayed in their home the shortest amount of time before selling (five years).

Even though younger sellers were more likely to need a larger home or move because of job relocation, older boomers were far more likely to move further away. Sellers overall moved a median distance of 20 miles, with older boomers traveling the furthest at 75 miles.

Across every generation at 88 percent or above, sellers overwhelmingly used a real estate agent or broker to sell their home. When asked what sellers wanted most from their real estate agent, younger sellers were more likely to want their agent to help price their home competitively or sell within a specific time frame, whereas help finding a buyer was desired more by younger and older boomers.

The National Association of Realtors website contributed to this report.

Condo Association Lawyers aim: upgrade condo living

Q: I was at a recent condominium seminar and heard someone mention that there is a College of Community Association Lawyers. Can you give me some information about it?

A: The College of Community Association Lawyers is an organization established in conjunction with the Community Association Institute, a national organization designed to improve community association living. The College is comprised of lawyers in community association law who have reached a high degree of recognition in practicing community association law and have been active in educational, professional and have reached a certain plateau of expertise in community association law. The College's official credentials for admission and recognition state as follows:

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» Developing and educating attorneys working in the field of community association law

» Facilitating the development of community association educational materials and programming related to legal issues for use by other professionals and homeowners

» Cooperating with international, national, state and local organizations, government agencies and other groups having an interest in community association law

» Working with their fellow college fellows to assist community associations in maximizing effective governance practices

» Creating a community of scholars to promote professional development needs and career goals of CCAL fellows

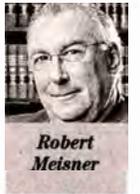
» Helping implementing the goals and objectives of the Community Associations Institute and its fellows

In Michigan we have only two lawyers who have been inducted in the College of Community Association Lawyers as Fellows, this writer being the first to be so inducted.

Q: We have an issue with our city attorney in regard to an affidavit he filed regarding the fact that our property could not be subdivided without a variance. I don't think he has the authority to do that and I don't think he is correct. Do you think we have a claim against the city manager?

A: Based on similar facts, I think you are going to have a problem filing a claim against the city manager based upon governmental immunity. The statute provides that in the absence of certain enumerated exceptions, governmental agencies are immune from tort liability when engaged in the discharge or exercise of a governmental function. In this particular case, the city would argue that it was engaged in a governmental function at the time it filed the affidavit. A governmental function is any activity that is expressly or impliedly mandated or authorized by the Constitution, state or local charter or ordinance or other law. No doubt, the government will argue that its filing of an affidavit was in furtherance of its larger, more general function of insuring compliance with its zoning ordinances and that the enforcement of a zoning ordinance is a governmental function.

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Robert Meisner

Homearama plans progressing well, trade group reports

Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan (HBA) has announced that development of Christenbury Creek in Macomb Township is progressing according to schedule for the Fall 2016 public opening of Homearama 2016. The 10 homes being showcased in the program will range in price from \$350,000 to \$500,000 and will be open for public display for three weekends.

Homearama 2016 is a public service activity of HBA

featuring homes built by HBA professional builder members including Arteva Homes, Clearview Homes, Lassale Homes, Sunset Homes and Vitale Companies. The community is also being developed by Arteva Homes.

Each home is being designed, built, fully decorated and landscaped by the area's top professionals. Homes will feature the latest amenities, advanced technology and energy saving features. These homes offer visitors

the opportunity to gather design and decor, ideas that could be used in their own homes.

On-site ticket sales will be available during the run of the program. Over 50,000 home owners, home buyers and dreamers are expected to visit Homearama 2016. Special events are also planned during the run of the event. More information will be available at www.HomearamaHBA.com beginning in May.

Headquartered in West Bloomfield, Home Builders Association of SE Michigan (HBA) is a trade association representing nearly 800 builders, remodelers, developers and suppliers to the single family residential construction industry. HBA is affiliated with the Home Builders Association of Michigan in Lansing and the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C.

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Investors

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Take a musical trip to the movies

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

The Michigan Philharmonic will celebrate its birthday in a big way — with blockbuster movie scores, more musicians, and a larger-than-usual venue — when it takes the stage Saturday in Salem High School's auditorium.

"We wanted to make this a community celebration for the 70th anniversary. Movie music is accessible and people have lots of favorite movie music," said Beth Stewart, executive director. "The movie scores are big works that require a big orchestra and lots of percussion."

Approximately 20 additional musicians will join the Michigan Philharmonic's core group of 45 for "Lights, Camera, Concert!" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 20, at Salem High School, 46181 Joy, in Canton.

The orchestra size and venue for the upcoming performance harkens back to the orchestra's early days when it was known as the Plymouth Symphony. Although it started out with just 10 players in 1945, rehearsing in a local home and performing in the gymnasium at what is now the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex (PARC), it grew to 95 musicians at one point in its history. The Salem auditorium was its home venue for 20 years.

"At one point they had huge numbers. It was the largest community orchestra at one time in Michigan in the smallest town to have an orchestra," Stewart said. "I think because of Plymouth's geographic location between Detroit and Ann Arbor it allows us to draw musicians from both places and this whole area continues to be great in classically-trained musicians."

Smaller orchestra

The Michigan Philharmonic's musicians are freelancers who also perform with other orchestras or at other events. Faith Demorest, a violinist and the orchestra's personnel manager, supplements the talent pool as needed.

"We have really tried to fill that niche of a chamber-sized orchestra and there is a ton of great music that fits and orchestra of that size," Stewart said.

Both Stewart and Faith Demorest credit conductor Nan Washburn for enriching the orchestra's repertoire and strengthening its musicianship.

Washburn was artistic director and conductor of the West Hollywood Orchestra and music director of Orchestra Sonoma and the Camelia Symphony in California when the Plymouth Symphony board conducted a national search for a new conductor.

"One of the things I brought to the table was the idea of doing contemporary American music and featuring a living composer on every program if possible," Washburn said. "That kind of excited them, but it was a little scary and I am so glad they embraced that."

New musicians

The emphasis on including contemporary music along with standard classical repertoire led to change in the talent, according to Demorest. Musicians who didn't want to make those changes or learn

LIGHTS, CAMERA, CONCERT!

When: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 16

Where: Salem Auditorium, Salem High School, 46181 Joy, Canton

Details: The Michigan Philharmonic's 70th birthday bash will feature music from such films as "Vertigo," "Back to the Future," and "Schindler's List." The symphony will play the full score "Symphonic Dances" from "West Side Story," the Pure Michigan Theme song from "Cider House Rules," and composer Laura Karpman's theme from the HBO series, "Taken." 88.1 the Park, the student-operated radio station at Salem High School, will live broadcast the concert. WRCJ 90.9 FM will record for broadcast the following weekend.

Special guests: The PCEP choirs, under the direction of Jennifer Neumann, will perform "Dry Your Tears, Afrika," from "Amistad," and Jack Goggin, host of "Film Classics" on WRCJ Radio will emcee the concert.

Tickets: \$30 general admission, \$25 for seniors, age 62 and older, and \$10 for students with ID

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Michigan Philharmonic outreach programs include educational programs in the schools and a youth orchestra.



Nan Washburn conducts approximately 45 musicians in the Michigan Philharmonic. Another 20 performers will join the group for its anniversary concert on April 16.



A name change from Plymouth Symphony to the Michigan Philharmonic led to performance opportunities throughout southeastern Michigan, including Kensington Metropark in Milford.



Music director and conductor Nan Washburn added contemporary music to the symphony's repertoire. She was hired in 1999 after a nationwide search for a new conductor.

things all the time," Stewart said. "In any musical genre, you have to be out there making new albums and putting out new music. Why should classical music be any different?"

"All three women agree that the orchestra's name change from Plymouth Symphony to the Michigan Philharmonic in 2011 led to major opportunities in both educational outreach to schools and new concert venues.

"I think we've done an enormous amount of growth aesthetically and with branding and this next year we're focusing on making sure we are equipped on the whole organizational level to keep the art growing," Washburn said.

She recently finished programming for the 71st concert season. It will include a ukulele concerto, a concert celebrating female composers and a team-up with the Plymouth Community Band.

"The season is going to be very exciting," Washburn said.

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new music eventually left the group.

"When Nan came in she really upped the level of the orchestra. Ninety-nine percent of it changed. It took us three or four years, but every year

we got better," Demorest said. "We've become a family. We know each other well and how to play together. We know what Nan wants, but how she's going to challenge us."

The new music challenged

audience members, too. Washburn said supporters were a little skeptical those first few seasons, but now look forward to meeting the composers.

"The audience can't be content to listen to the same

GET OUT!: ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS

For a complete list of events please visit hometownlife.com.

ANIMALS

DETROIT ZOO

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily
Location: I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak

Details: Admission is \$14 for adults 15-61, \$10 for senior citizens 62 and older, and for children ages 2-14; children under 2 are free. Parking for cars and vans is \$5. Detroit Zoological Society members get free admission and parking
Contact: 248-541-5717

ARTS AND CRAFTS

FARMINGTON HILLS CITY HALL

Time/Date: Through April 22
Location: 31555 11 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: Works by local artists Pamela Alexander and Susan Warner
Contact: 248-473-1859

FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 14-15, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 16

Location: Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Farmington Art Foundation's spring sale will be held in conjunction with the festival. The festival kicks off with an awards ceremony recognizing the 2016 Artist in Residence and other art award winners, beginning with a reception at 6 p.m. Friday, featuring live music, appetizers and a cash bar, followed by an awards presentation at 7 p.m., along with entertainment. Tickets are \$15. Visit recreg.fhgov.com. An interactive forum and workshop exploring art-focused education and career opportunities will run 1-3 p.m. Saturday. The festival culminates with entertainment and art displays on Sunday
Contact: farmingtonarts.org; 248-473-1859

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: Exhibit hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and noon to 4 p.m. through April 30

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville
Details: The exhibit features the per-

sonal work of the late Richard Rochon, who was known in the field of architecture for his renderings of buildings. Includes a reception, 6-9 p.m. Friday, April 1

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

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ART CENTER

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday and Thursday, noon-4 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, and during public events through April

Location: 774 N. Sheldon, at Junction, Plymouth

Details: 7th Annual Open Exhibit features works by 36 artists on the theme, "one word." Includes pen & ink, photography, collage, encaustic, colored pencil, pastel, charcoal, mixed media and paintings
Contact: 734-416-4278; plymoutharts.com

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Time/Date: Through Tuesday, April 19
Location: Forum Building's 400 hallway, on the main campus, located on Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven

Mile, Livonia

Details: Self-portraits by students enrolled in art studio classes are on display. The public may vote for their favorites by emailing solson@schoolcraft.edu. The subject line should include the numbers of three favorite works. Winning students will receive Schoolcraft College gift cards
Contact: Sarah Olson at 734-462-4400, ext. 7174

U-M MUSEUM OF ART

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

Location: 525 S. State Street, Ann Arbor

Details: First U.S. exhibition of Chinese artist Xu Weixin focuses on portraits of Chinese coal miners and of Chinese historical figures during the Cultural Revolution
Contact: 734-764-0395; umma.umich.edu

VILLAGE THEATER

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

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road,

Canton

Details: "Silent Images: Featured Works of Chuck Schroeder" features intricate pen and ink drawings
Contact: cantonvillagetheater.org

VISUAL ARTS ASSOCIATION OF LIVONIA

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 21

Location: Livonia Civic Center Library auditorium, 33000 Civic Center

Details: Professor Emeritus Richard Rubenfeld of Eastern Michigan University will talk about historic and contemporary self-portraits in this program sponsored by VAAL. Free
Contact: vaalart.org

FILM

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 15-16; 4:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, April 17; and 7 p.m. Thursday, April 21

Location: 760 Penniman, Plymouth

Details: "Finest Hours," \$3
Contact: 734-453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

Blindfolds on? Let's dine in the dark!

Dinner by candlelight is cozy. Dining in the Dark goes beyond a candlelit setting and tempts your palate with a deliciously different dining experience. Guests wear blindfolds, temporarily giving up their sense of sight. Then, they immerse themselves in the tastes, aromas, textures and sounds of a delectable gourmet meal. Kathy Vargo, owner of On the Rocks Detroit, launched Dining in the Dark Detroit events two years ago and is seeing many returning diners. On Wednesday, May 4, a masked "Cinco



Diana Wing

de Mayo Eve" experience will be held at the Great Lakes Culinary Center in Southfield, featuring a four-course dinner by chef Tim Castañeda of Zúmba Mexican Catering.

"We had such a good experience there when we did it last fall with chef Reva," Vargo said of the culinary center's executive chef. "We've done it in Ferndale at Rust Belt Market. We've done it at the Menagerie in Pontiac. Every time we've had a different theme and a different chef, something that makes it a totally unique experience."

The masked meal concept had its start in Europe with the premise that by removing the sense of sight, your other senses are heightened, leading to an enhanced experience.

"No one feeds you; you feed yourself," Vargo said, laughing, clearing up a question people will often ask. "We serve and then take the plates away and they un-blindfolded themselves between courses. We have a fun, creative craft bar, so everybody gets cocktails. ... There are always 'peekers,' but that's all right."

After the meal, guests can see examples of the plated dishes they were served and meet the chef and discuss their experience.

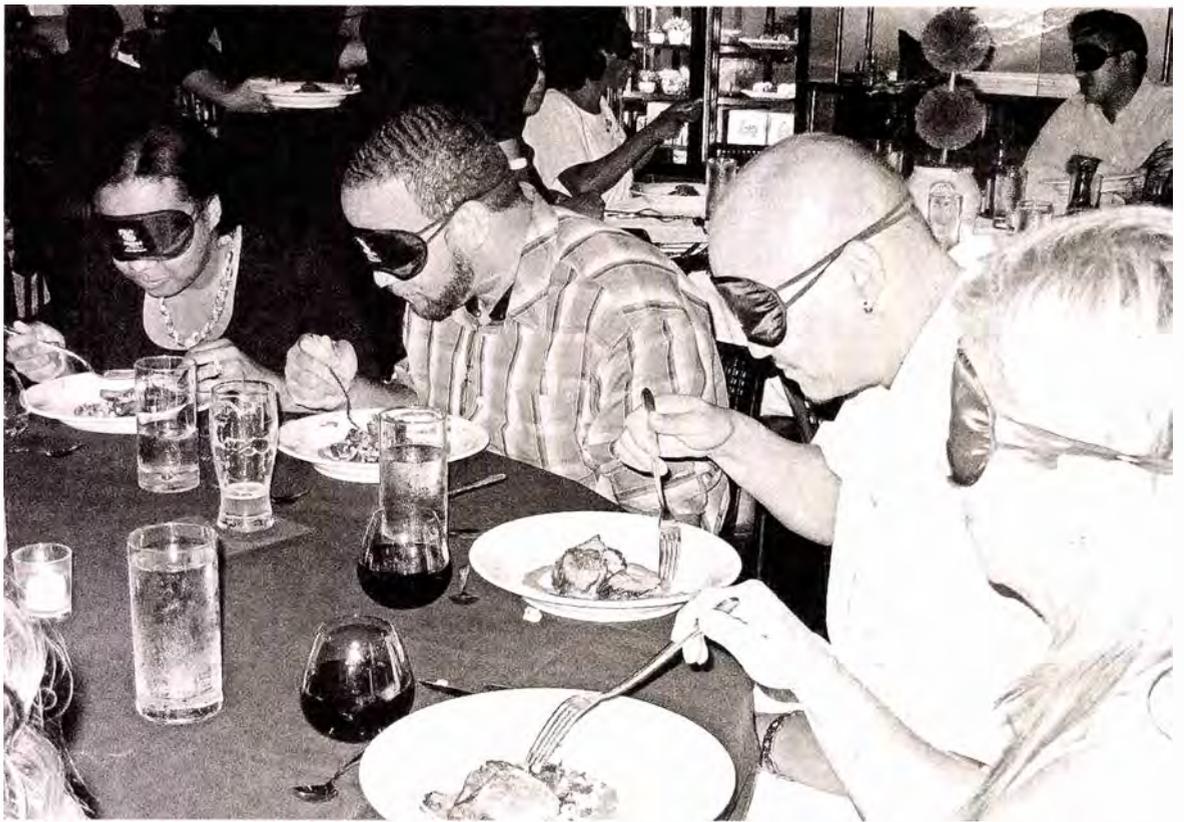
"Most people really enjoy the meal where you can just sit and relax and try to figure out what you're eating," Vargo said. "It's always a nice discovery."

Mexican specialties

Castañeda admitted that as a chef it would drive him crazy to dine in the dark, but he's excited to be involved in the "Cinco de Mayo Eve" masked dinner.

"It's a very cool, novel idea and something that's different. ... The bottom line is, you're there to have fun and eat good food," said the Birmingham resident, who has spent 30 years perfecting the Mexican recipes he grew up eating and then preparing in his family's restaurants.

Castañeda has worked at and owned Mexican restaurants and catering businesses in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Phoenix and Detroit. More



Guests rely on taste, smell, touch and sound at a Dining in the Dark event at the Great Lakes Culinary Center in Southfield.

KATHY VARGO



Dining in the Dark is a deliciously different and fun night out.

KATHY VARGO



Tim Castañeda, owner of Zúmba Mexican Catering, will prepare Mexican specialties at a "Cinco de Mayo Eve" masked event.

is a prix fixe three-hour experience which includes four courses and a handcrafted Mexican cucumber martini featuring Tito's Handmade Vodka. Sponsors include Treat Dreams custom/homemade ice cream and Don Marcos tortilla chips. There's a cash bar after the meal. Check in at 6:30 p.m. Dinner begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$55 (excluding additional beverages and gratuity). Advanced reservations are required. Go to diningdarkdetroit.com. Call 248-687-9168 for more information.

Cooking class

Looking to improve your diet and your skills in the kitchen? Then, "Healthy Eats for Spring" is the class for you.

The Great Lakes Culinary Center hosts this hands-on session, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 14. Executive chef Reva Constantine will show you simple ways to utilize fresh produce from the center's organic garden and will teach techniques for cooking whole vegetables from stem to root - nothing goes to waste. Learn how to transform seasonal ingredients into dishes that are packed with flavor, not calories. Master the fundamentals of healthy cooking so you can create great-tasting, good-for-you meals.

Cost is \$70 per person. A cash bar will be available and guests 21 and over are welcome. Dinner and one drink ticket are included. Register online at gculinarycenter.com. Call Erika Miller at 248-286-3102 for more information.

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KATHY VARGO

owner of On the Rocks Detroit

recently, he gave up the grind of a seven-day work week, closing his restaurants in Birmingham and Royal Oak, to focus on his catering business. He couldn't tell me what dishes he planned to prepare for Dining in the Dark (the fun for blindfolded diners is not knowing), but he said, "You don't want to make it too messy."

Castañeda was in Mexico

City not long ago with his wife and son and they took a customized culinary tour that was impressive.

"It was good to be in the heart of the city where things were happening," he said. "There are so many restaurants there. It has been a culinary destination in the last 10-15 years. It's like the American dining scene 30 years ago.

Mexico City is going through that right now."

The chef is looking forward to sharing some of his Mexican specialties at the Great Lakes Culinary Center in May.

"The kitchen is top-notch and everybody who has been there for an event or cooked there says it's great," he said. "It's a beautiful place."

Dining in the Dark Detroit

Chili contest in Redford is hot event for local cooks

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

No beans. No spaghetti. No big chunks of vegetables.

Keep that in mind when you make your next pot of traditional red chili or chili verde and you may have the beginnings of a culinary competition winner.

"The principle behind the International Chili Society is no artificial fillers, no Cincinnati-style, absolutely no beans, that kind of stuff," said Gary Ray, who is co-coordinating the ICS-sanctioned state of Michigan Chili Championship this month with his wife Lauren.

"We're helpful for rookies coming in. We'll advise you on what not to do. I cooked next to someone at the Great Lakes Chili Cook-off and he was ready to put corn in his chili." Ray set him straight on what judges look for in ICS competition, which generally doesn't include "floating vegetables."

Ray and his wife are Livonia residents and both hold world champion titles from the ICS in chili verde. First-place winners at state or regional chili contests are allowed to cook at the world event, which is held in a



different U.S. city each year. Top world ICS winners can pocket between \$3,000 for first place salsa to \$25,000 for traditional red chili.

Ray said he has used pork tenderloin, chicken broth, chili seasoning and cumin, among other ingredients, in his winning chili verde. Chili verde includes green chili peppers, while traditional red chili is made with red chili peppers. ICS rules allow any kind of meat or combination of meat.

"In mid-state Illinois, they like a ground chuck. In this area, it tends to be more of a tri-tip style cubed meat. Some

places like a small cubed meat and a little ground beef," Ray said, describing red chili.

Spicy strategy

The Rays have competed in chili contests throughout the country and try to get a feel for regional taste preferences.

"In Baton Rouge, I thought they'd like heat. I got busted twice," Ray said, with a laugh. "I cooked one day and it was too salty and spicy. Then (the next day) I was busted for too much heat."

He tends to take to heart comments from friends who also compete.



The state of Michigan Chili Championship is set for April 23 in Redford.

Far left: Contestants cook chili at a previous State of Michigan Chili Championship competition.

"We give each other opinions," he said. "We all help each other out."

The Michigan Chili Championship competition is 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 23, at Hubert-Fortiers-O'Grady VFW Post 345, 27345 Schoolcraft, in Redford Township. More than 25 cooks from Michigan and other states will compete in salsa, chili verde and traditional red chili categories. Sign up to become a contestant at chili-cookoff.com.

Contestants also will make one gallon of chili for the "people's choice" award. Entries can include any combination of

ingredients, including those forbidden in the verde and red categories.

"You can have beans, macaroni noodles," Ray said. "We had a friend who made a seafood people's choice chili."

Admission to watch the cooks prepare their recipes is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. All net proceeds will benefit the Michigan Veterans Foundation. Visitors will get a chance to sample chili and enter gift basket raffles and a 50/50 drawing.

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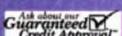


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