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Candidates seek county, state seats

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Westland and Wayne voters will see some familiar names on the ballot this year, including one incumbent running unopposed.

The filing deadline was Tuesday for Wayne County Commission and the state House of Representatives.

In the 16th state house district, which includes Westland and Wayne, incumbent Democrat Robert Kosowski



Anderson Haidous Kosowski Mason

of Westland is seeking a third and final term. He has two Republican opponents, Pat Gaffka of Westland and

Wayne resident Matthew Morrow.

Appointed House Democratic Minority Whip, Kosowski said he was proud of having brought money back to the district, including a grant for ball diamonds and basketball courts at the Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center in Norwayne.

"Being a former parks and recrea-

tion guy, I wanted to make a difference," said Kosowski, noting he has had seven pieces of legislation passed into law since he took office — the second most of any minority member in the House. He currently has several bills far through the legislative process, including a bill that would strengthen Michigan's domestic violence laws, which is currently headed to the governor for his signature.

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The Westland firefighters (in red) and police (in blue) scurry for balls during the dodgeball challenge, which raised money for Relay for Life.

Fee amnesty available in Wayne 29th District

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

There is still time to take advantage of the Wayne 29th District's fees amnesty program, but so far there haven't been many takers.

"We have had a lot of phone calls but people get us confused with Detroit and Wayne County," 29th District Court Administrator Linda Gable said. "We've had a few use the program and an increase in calls but most all of them were for Detroit."

There are 10 area courts, including Wayne, participating in the amnesty program. The way it works is people come to court to resolve outstanding tickets. If they pay the ticket in full, the court will waive late fees on civil infractions, late fees and warrant fees on the misdemeanors.

For those who can't pay their tickets in full, they need to appear before the presiding judge who will decide whether the fees will be waived.

The receivables at the court are just over \$900,000, said Gable, with \$129,000 of that amount of those unpaid costs dating back seven years.

Clearing up the outstanding tickets through the amnesty program is a financial benefit, she said, but also can eliminate the possibility of being arrested during a traffic stop.

The amnesty program runs through Friday, April 29. Other courts participating include: Dearborn 19th district; Dearborn Heights 20th district; Inkster 22nd district; Allen Park 24th district; Lincoln Park 25th district; Wyandotte/Riverview 28th district; Southgate 28th district; Harper Woods 32nd district; Grosse Pointe Park Municipal Court.

For more information, contact the 29th District Court at 734-722-5220 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

The Wayne Court is starting an online program aimed at letting people resolve minor infractions without having to spend time in court.

Court Innovations' Matterhorn is an online platform aimed at enabling citizens, police, prosecutors and judges to conveniently work toward resolving minor infractions.

As in the case of the unresolved civil and misdemeanor infractions, Gable said people are often afraid to come to court about minor infractions



Mack

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DODGEBALL SUPREMACY

Westland firefighters, cops battle for charity

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Westland firefighters received a trophy and helped raise over \$1,000 for Relay for Life in a dodgeball challenge with Westland police officers.

To make it a bit more difficult and fun, the competition was held on trampolines at AirTime Trampoline and Gamepark in Westland.

City Controller Devin Adams, who worked with administrative assistant Aubrey Berman to organize the event, presented the game trophy at the city council meeting. This was the second year for the event, won last year by the police.

"Thanks to all of the people for coming out. Anyone who wants to play, I look forward to throwing balls at you," said Wayne-Westland Assistant Chief/Fire Marshal Kelly Eggers, accepting the trophy. "We hope to best (raising) \$1,000 next year. It's a lot of fun."

The proceeds from the event go towards the fundraising efforts of the Wild's Walkers American Cancer Society Relay For Life team.



Westland Assistant Chief/Fire Marshal Kelly Eggers (left) celebrates with fellow firefighter Joe Wojtowicz as the firefighters defeated the police officers in the dodgeball tournament.

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AMNESTY

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for fear of being arrested.

Through Matterhorn, people with failed-to-appear warrants can request new court dates or pay in full or make arrangements for a new payment plan if they have failed to meet a prior payment plan.

"We started working with Court Innovations in 2015 to allow people to resolve infractions such as speeding tickets online," Wayne 29th District Court Judge Laura Mack said. "This had been proven to be very popular. Expanding the program to include removal of warrants is a major convenience for people who are working or have transportation issues."

People using Matterhorn will be walked through a series of qual-

ifying questions before they can submit their position. That information will then be reviewed by prosecutors or Wayne Police before a determination by Mack or Gable, who serves as the court administrator.

That decision on the matter could include assessing fine that can be paid online or removal of a warrant from the Law Enforcement Information Network.

Anyone with a warrant out of 29th District Court or unsure if there is a warrant for them, can check the status of the warrant and resolve it at www.courtinnovations.com/MID29.

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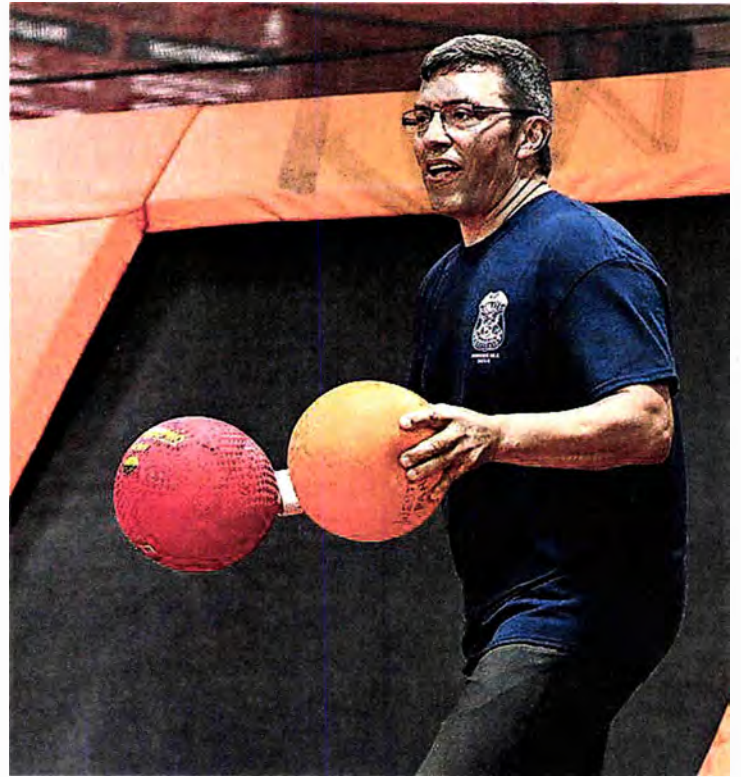
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This year, the Westland-Wayne Relay For Life is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, June 4 to 7 a.m. Sunday, June 5 in Tattan Park on Carlson south of Ford.

Speaking on behalf of Relay for Life, Domenic Policicchio announced that sponsors are still being sought for the event. The deadline to sign up is Tuesday, May 3. Addresses of cancer survivors to be honored at the survivors luncheon are also being sought.

Upcoming relay fundraisers include 15 percent of proceeds at On The Border, located on Warren Road opposite Westland Shopping Center, on Wednesday, May 11 and a similar program at the Westland Panera Bread, also on Warren Road, Thursday, May 19. In each case, diners will need a flyer to present to the restaurant.

Visit RelayforLife.org/WestlandWayneMI or the event Facebook page for more information.



Getting ready to take a shot is Westland Police Lt. Dan Serrano at the dodgeball challenge.

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Neither Gaffka nor Morrow could be reached for comment.

Wayne County Commission

» In the 11th District, Al Haidous, former long-time Wayne mayor, is seeking a second two-year term on the commission with no opposition.

"I'm honored. I can't thank the people of my district enough. I've had a really good experience for the last year and a half on the job," Haidous said. "It's a great district with a lot of potential for the future."

When his wife asked if he had checked to see if anyone else had filed for his seat, Haidous said, he

told her that he hadn't.

"I don't waste time looking back. I tell people my vision if I'm going to be elected," Haidous said. "Most of the people who run are good people. You can't attack their character or be negative for your own gain."

» Covering Westland, Garden City and Inkster, the 12th District will be decided in the August primary between Democratic candidates Glenn Anderson, appointed to a vacant seat earlier this year, and Sue Mason, former editor of the *Wayne-Westland Observer*. Both are Westland residents.

Over his career, Anderson has served as a Westland councilman, state representative and state senator.

"I decided there is a lot yet to be done at the

county level to get the county on solid footing," Anderson said. "We will have to make some nasty but necessary decisions. Some of the decisions that have been made may have been hasty."

A first-time candidate, Mason retired after a 43-year career in newspaper career working primarily in Westland and Garden City.

"I decided to run for the commission seat to bring a fresh voice to politics in this area," Mason said. "I believe my many years of working as a reporter and editor have given me a clear view of the unique concerns and issues facing residents and local government. I know how to ask tough questions and I'm prepared to make the decisions that are in the interests of

residents of the 12th District and Wayne County."

She currently is employed by the Garden City Public Schools as an academic success supervisor, working with 11th- and 12th-grade students at Cambridge High School.

Noting she isn't a career politician, Mason said she has no aspirations beyond representing the 12th District.

Candidates have until Friday at 4 p.m. to change their minds about running and withdraw their petitions. The primary election is scheduled for Aug. 2, general election Tuesday, Nov. 1.

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Qualified Bidders may obtain bidding documents from the Office of the Architect, consisting of one (1) set of Drawings and Specifications.

Return Bidding Documents to the Architect within ten (10) days after opening receipt of proposals. Documents are to be complete, in clean and usable condition and free of marks or other defacement.

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S-u-c-c-e-s-s comes to top spellers through hard work

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Joseph Nunez, 11, and Bassit Fijabi, 13, may use spell check, as many of us do — but they're also pretty good spellers on their own.

The two topped the field in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools 36th annual Earle Chorbagan Spelling Bee. Nunez, a sixth-grader at Marshall Upper Elementary School, is the upper elementary winner, while Fijabi, an eighth-grader at Stevenson Middle School, is the middle school winner.

"I had a list of spelling words and then I organized them into flash cards," Fijabi said of studying. His winning word was "einkorn" at the district level. "I spelled that correctly," he said.

Einkorn is an old kind of Mediterranean wheat that's now rarely grown.

He and Nunez advanced to the Wayne County event in March. "It was pretty fun," Fijabi said of that. "I met a lot of other spellers." His mom, Morayo Awe, said, "Yes, I'm proud. When he was in elementary, yes, I did" help with spelling study.



Bassit Fijabi, 13, an eighth-grader at Stevenson Middle School, is the middle school winner of the Earle Chorbagan Spelling Bee.

Her work schedule then changed and Fijabi has studied on his own in middle school for the spelling bees. His mom is proud of his spelling trophies.

Nunez won at the district level with "inclement." "That was the word I got to advance to the regionals," Nunez said Monday at the Board of

Education meeting, where both boys were honored.

"Just took the list and just studied every night," Nunez said of his preparation for the district event. "Pretty much just like any test."

Of the regional competition, Nunez said, "It was really challenging. I'm just glad I got to partici-



Joseph Nunez, 11, a sixth-grader at Marshall Upper Elementary, is the upper elementary winner of the Earle Chorbagan Spelling Bee this year.

pate. I'm really proud of what I accomplished."

Carol Middel, vice president of the school board, said, "You both went above and beyond. You did us proud."

Mary Jane Mielke is Wayne-Westland's director of professional development. Mielke noted of regional competition, "Wayne-Westland's get-

ting a reputation down there. They did a fantastic job," Mielke said of the boys.

Plaques with their names will go in school hallways "so everyone can see what they've accomplished. They did such a good job," Mielke said.

She added, "I think spelling's important, but

I'm old. These young men did a fantastic job of putting letters together."

Mielke is a 30-year educator. "I know we don't teach spelling as spelling anymore. It's embedded in all the curriculum," she said, noting she's not a classroom teacher.

Earle Chorbagan is a retired educator and was principal at what was then Adams Middle School in Wayne-Westland. "He's there every year. He was there this year. He's always encouraging the kids and cheering them on," Mielke said.

Mielke acknowledged she spells well. "I'm a reader. I think if you're a reader, you're also a good speller. But I still use spell check," she added with a smile.

She attended the regional competition in March at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History. "A lot of tension for the kids," she said, adding with WXYZ-TV (Channel 7) sponsoring, the students see faces they know from television. "A very big deal," Mielke added.

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Second trial set for man accused of arson, attempted murder

David Veselenak
Staff Writer

A second jury trial is set for next week for a Wayne man accused of attempted murder last fall in Livonia.

Jonathan Darlington, 46, will return Tuesday to the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice before Circuit Judge Dana Hathaway, according to the online court calendar. He's charged with two counts of attempted murder, two counts of first-degree arson, two counts of placing offensive substance with intent to cause phys-

ical injury and one count of arson-preparation to burn a dwelling.

A jury trial did take place in the case in February, but resulted in a hung jury. The case was then rescheduled and the second trial is set to begin at 9 a.m. Tuesday in downtown Detroit.

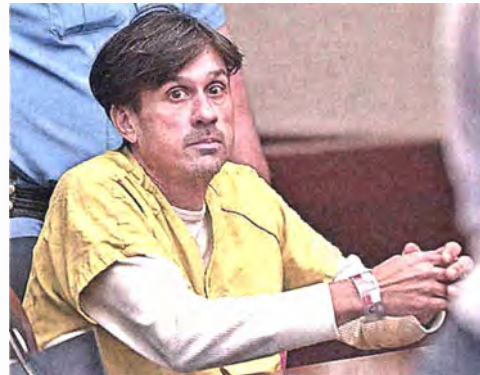
Darlington is accused of setting fire to a building last September near Plymouth and Deering in Livonia with two people in it. Testimony at previous hearings revealed he, along with two other individuals, were squatting in the building. The

two occupants testified they woke up in the middle night to smoke and fire in the building, and climbed out after sustaining some injuries.

One of the two other people staying in the building testified at the previous trial they had an argument earlier that night, saying Darlington struck her with a wrench. The three later slept in separate parts of the building that night before the two individuals awoke to heat and fire. The incident left both with injuries requiring treatment at a local hos-

pital. Darlington has remained locked up in the Wayne County Jail without bond. If convicted, he faces up to life in prison.

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A second trial for Jonathan Darlington will take place Tuesday in Detroit's Frank Murphy Hall of Justice.

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One suspect arrested over phony bill, second man sought

One of two people sought by Westland Police for attempting to pass a counterfeit bill has been arrested.

Damian Ball, 22, of Westland, was arraigned in Westland 18th District Court on Friday on one count of fraud. A not guilty plea was entered and a preliminary examination has been scheduled for May 4.

Two men were reported to have attempted to purchase food at China Star restaurant, 270 S. Wayne Road. The employees told police that they rejected the bill as counterfeit and the two men left.

The other suspect 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.

Anyone with information on the suspect is asked to contact the Westland Police Department at 734-722-9600, Sgt. Jerry Farrar at 734-467-7912, or leave a message at the Westland Police Community Partnership Facebook Page.



WESTLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT
Westland Police are looking to identify the man in the cap and hooded sweatshirt in connection with a reported effort to pass a counterfeit bill.

WESTLAND COP CALLS

Fraud

A Westland woman told police April 14 she attempted to use her debit card at a grocery store but it couldn't be processed. Contacting her bank, she found that her card had been suspended due to suspected fraudulent activity.

The woman obtained printouts of completed transactions from Toys R Us and Office Max, both in Southgate, along with 7-Eleven in Riverview. The charges totaled \$1,165.

Vandalism

A resident in the 8600 block of N. Beatrice told police April 16 that overnight someone smashed the rear and side

window on her van.

Police were called to a home in the 500 block of Lemon on April 14 after a resident reported that overnight a window on her vehicle had been smashed with a rock. She said two weeks ago someone shot a window on her vehicle with a BB gun. The woman's adult daughter told police that on March 31 someone had broken a window on her vehicle. She said she hadn't reported the damage because she figured kids were responsible but decided to file a report after her mother's vehicle was damaged.

LeAnne Rogers

WAYNE COP CALLS

Stolen vehicles

On April 18, a resident in the 4700 block of Hayes told police that his 2004 Dodge Stratus had been in the driveway the previous day. About 4 a.m., he said he noticed the car was gone. He said it was paid off and he had the only key.

Also on April 18, a resident in the 32000 block of Woodbrook told police that she had parked her 2010 Dodge Ram pick up truck in the driveway about 9 p.m. the previous night. About 4:30 a.m., she said she noticed the truck was gone.

Donations

Empower Kindness has a collection box in the Wayne Police Department lobby,

33701 Michigan Ave. Boxes of cereal are being collected for patients at Children's Hospital in Detroit. The lobby is open 24-hours daily.

Donations can also be dropped off weekdays at Westland City Hall during business hours.

Community meeting

Residents are invited to attend the monthly community meeting at the Wayne Police Department 7 p.m. Thursday, April 28. Chief Alan Maciag and other members of the department will discuss crime prevention and trends and take questions from community members.

LeAnne Rogers

GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

Woman scammed

An 80-year-old Garden City woman thought she was helping her grandson when she was actually being swindled of more than \$10,000.

The woman said she got a call April 12 from a man who she thought was her grandson, but it was actually a scam artist. The caller said he was involved in an accident and was arrested for possessing marijuana. The woman reportedly gave him \$8,000.

The caller said he didn't want his mother, the woman's daughter, to find out about the arrest. A couple of days later a different man called and identified himself as her grandson's attorney. This caller said he needed money to pay for her grandson's legal expenses.

The woman bought iTunes gift cards and sent redemption codes.

Coincidentally, the woman received a call from the bogus attorney while the Garden City police officer was at the residence writing the police report. He asked the woman's daughter to call her son to convince the woman that she was scammed.

She said she bought the iTunes cards using her debit card, and that when she tried to buy more cards her account was frozen, a police report said. The money was sent to the Dominican Republic.

Copper stolen

Seven Garden City residents reported copper stolen from their sprinkler systems during the last week.

The copper piping was taken from five residences on Henry Ruff, a home on Rosslyn Avenue and a house on Florence from April 9-13.

One couple had multiple security cameras around the house and promised Garden City police they would provide footage for the investigation.

Another resident, who said copper piping was taken from his home, reported seeing two men parked in a medium-colored, medium-sized vehicle parked in front of his house before the thefts. He said the men left when he came to his front window.

Car taken

Police are also investigating a report of a stolen 2007 Chevy HHR four-door while it was parked outside a home on the 70000 block of Burnly last week.

The woman from Tennessee said she parked her vehicle in front of the house while she was visiting friends. She told police she left the keys in the ignition with the doors unlocked. She looked out the front window about 20 minutes later and realized her vehicle was missing.

She told Garden City police she was a "few weeks late on payment" for the car, but that she was certain it hadn't been repossessed.

In another case, a 24-year-old Garden City man told police that his 2007 Ford 500 four door was stolen when he left his vehicle running and unlocked while he went inside a gas station in the 30000 block of Ford Road April 17.

Surveillance footage is being sought.

A 2003 Honda motorcycle was also reported stolen from a residence in the 30000 block of Bock.

The resident told police he looked out a second-floor window and saw a white male about 5 foot 11 inches tall wearing dark clothing and a white baseball hat near his home April 18. The man, who was reportedly holding a flashlight, ran when the resident yelled. The motorcycle was also gone.

Cops nab suspect

A 53-year-old Garden City man was arrested for allegedly stealing meat and other items from Kroger in the 5800 block of Middlebelt last week.

A Kroger loss prevention officer told Garden City police he watched the man place meat in Kroger bags he pulled from his pants. The loss prevention officer alerted another Kroger employee to stop the man when he came to the door.

The man allegedly pushed over his grocery cart — with meat, two cake mixes and a poster board — when he was approached and ran southbound through the parking lot. A Garden City officer discovered a man, fitting the description of the suspect, near the Garden City Moose Hall and took him into custody.

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Primo's founder raised family of entrepreneurs

Marino Soave escaped life in war-torn Italy to pursue the American Dream.

He came to Detroit with family values, work ethic and determination. That was a foundation for a family that would develop many new homes and businesses in and around Livonia — including Primo's Pizza, one of the city's legendary eateries.

Mr. Soave died Saturday from congestive heart failure at age 96.

"He always told us that if you want something in life, you got to go and work for it," said Dominic Soave Sr., Marino's youngest son and operator of Primo's Pizza.



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Marino Soave is remembered for, among other things, family values, work ethic and determination.

Mr. Soave was one of 10 children raised on a farm in the Italian town of Sant' Elia Fiumerapido. He was drafted into the Italian Army during World War II, which

eventually claimed his parents and eight of his nine siblings. After the war, he married Lina and they had four children: Maria, Leo, Michael and Dominic.

Post-war Italy was a tough time, so Marino headed to the United States on his own in 1956 to work for a cousin at a Detroit construction company. Without knowing English or much money, Marino worked to earn enough money to send some to his family in Italy, and save some to buy a home in Detroit. This allowed the rest of his family to join him two years later.

"In Italy after the war, many families scattered all over Europe to make a

living," Dominic Soave said. "He told us that the United States gave him the best opportunity to keep his family together."

In 1968, he found a vacated pizzeria in Livonia on Seven Mile Road near Farmington Road, across the street from a horse stable (which would later become Kmart). He would initially call it Cassino Pizzeria, and later changed it to Primo's. In the same year, he guided his two oldest sons to open a pizza shop in Allen Park, and it was eventually renamed Primo's.

A family pizza sauce recipe and hard work helped Primo's succeed and grow to a point they

began franchising in the 1980s. Primo's Pizza opened about two dozen locations in several states. The family eventually sold most of those franchise locations. Only the original location in Livonia remains under Soave ownership.

Each of the four Soave children started their own enterprises. Maria's family owns Volare Ristorante in downtown Wixom and the nearby Bravo's Pizza. Leo's family is in the home construction industry and they built many houses in Livonia and around metro Detroit. Michael and Dominic went into property management and controlled separate Primo's Pizza locations until

Michael sold his Oak Park location in 2014.

Marino drove an old red pick-up truck, with tools in the back, and regularly drove to his children's work sites, restaurants and a five-acre farm in Farmington Hills he tended for 40 years. This routine continued past his 90th birthday. His wife had a similar routine, regularly preparing salads at the Livonia Primo's until weeks prior to her death in December 2012.

The couple was married for 68 years. They leave 12 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and a lasting legacy of hard work that touched many metro Detroit communities.

New cars, new businesses featured at business expo

Several cars will be on display, professionals can get free demonstrations to use the online marketing service Constant Contact, and some 100 local vendors will promote their goods and services as part of the Livonia Business Expo on Wednesday, May 4, at Laurel Park Place Mall.

The 30th annual Livonia Chamber of Commerce event is presented by AlphaUSA, Madonna University, Bright House Business Solutions and Laurel Park Place Mall. The daylong celebration of the Livonia business community features a full schedule of helpful speakers, business displays, business networking and prize giveaways, capped off by an evening restaurant event and silent auction.

"This is one of our largest annual events that support business-to-business and consumer-

to-business activity," Chamber President Dan West said. "We will have a little something for everyone, and it is a great introduction to businesses from our community."

The Expo begins with the popular Business Breakfast Roundtable, sponsored by Schoolcraft College, Edward Jones and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, which features news analysis from the Detroit News Editorial Page Editor and Columnist Nolan Finley, and Detroit Free Press Columnist and Editorial Board Member Nancy Kaffer. Both will offer their insights into the news and business issues impacting southeastern Michigan, and answer audience questions.

This program runs from 8-9:30 a.m. and will be held at the Marriott Hotel banquet room, attached to the Mall.



Admission is \$15 per person. There is room for only 120 people.

Exhibitors promoting local businesses and organizations will be on display throughout the course of the Mall from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

The day concludes with the "Tastefully Livonia"

program, presented by Feldman Chevrolet of Livonia (formerly Tennyson Chevrolet) and Forsters Financial Partners, a business-casual networking event in the Marriott Hotel banquet room from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Food samples from Livonia's leading restaurants, music, and a silent auc-

tion will highlight the popular nightcap to the Expo. Admission is \$20 per person, which includes two drink tickets.

Other sponsors of the Livonia Business Expo includes: Livonia Spree, Dave and Buster's, Community Choice Credit Union, Embassy Suites Hotel, Davenport Univer-

FILE
Some 100 local vendors will promote their goods and services as part of the Livonia Business Expo on Wednesday, May 4, at Laurel Park Place Mall.

sity, Consumers Energy, and The Livonia Observer.

"More than 100 companies and organizations contribute to all the components of the Expo," West added.

The Expo features three programs in one day, and it also gives Mother's Day shoppers and other attendees a chance to see the recently completed \$5 million in upgrades that brightened Laurel Park Place Mall. The renovations, completed last fall, made room for the retailer H&M plus other new tenants.

There are a few exhibit spaces remaining for the Livonia Business Expo. For more information on exhibit space or to purchase admissions to the Business Breakfast Roundtable or Tastefully Livonia, contact the Livonia Chamber of Commerce at 734-427-2122.

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Be smart and efficient about taxes — year-round

By now, most of us have filed our 2015 tax returns — so we can forget about taxes for another year, right? That would be nice if it were true, but it's not. Unfortunately, taxes are something we must be aware of 12 months a year, not just when we file our tax returns. That doesn't mean we want to let the tax tail wag the dog by making everything we do dependent on taxes; rather, we want to be smart and efficient when it comes to our taxes. In that regard, it is always important to remember that, from a financial standpoint, your goal is not to lower your taxes, but to have more money in your pocket. Lowering your taxes doesn't necessarily accomplish that.

One of the things everyone needs to have in place is some sort of tax record-keeping system. Unfortunately, too many people wait until they receive their 1099s and W-2s to set up a record-keeping system. When people don't have a record-keeping system in regard to preparing their tax returns, they panic, potentially losing out on valuable deductions or credits. What type of record-keeping system? That all depends. Some are very good with technology and everything is saved electronically, while others are a little more old-fashioned and like saving the physical item. It really doesn't matter, as long as you have a record-keeping system in place that works for you.

Throughout the year, you can experience life-changing events



It is always important to monitor your withholdings and estimated tax payments so you're not subject to penalties at the end of the year.

that can impact your taxes. If you get married or divorced during the year, it could have a major impact on your tax situation. For example, if someone got married during the year, their tax status would change from single to married and that can have all sorts of implications on withholdings and deductions. It is important to determine how these events will affect you and then make adjustments accordingly. Of course, that doesn't mean you let taxes make these decisions, but as your life changes, so do tax rules.

Even though we file our tax returns once a year, our taxes are actually due on a quarterly basis. It is always important to monitor your withholdings and estimated tax payments so you're not subject to penalties at the end of the year. It is also important that sometime throughout the year you consider whether you should do a Roth conversion.

Whether you are working or retired, Roth conversions are something that everyone should consider. After all, if you can turn tax-deferred money into tax-free money, why not?

Tax rules and implications also come into consideration when you make charitable contributions. For many, as opposed to just writing a check, it may be more efficient to donate appreciated securities. The benefit of donating appreciated securities is that you still receive a charitable contribution for the fair market value of your contribution and you avoid paying taxes on the unrecognized gain. By being aware of taxes, it allows you to keep more money in your pocket.

The bottom line is we must be aware of taxes 12 months a year. Our goal is not to let taxes dictate everything, but to take advantage of the tax law where it helps us. Unfortunately, if you only think about taxes when it comes to filing your tax return, you won't be able to take advantage of these opportunities. Even though we have filed a 2015 tax return, it doesn't mean we can forget about taxes for another year. If you believe as I do, that it is not more patriotic to pay more in taxes than you have to, you must at least consider taxes and its ramifications throughout the year.

Good luck!

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

OUR VIEWS

Distracted Driving Awareness Month: Cell phone use something to avoid when driving

April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month, in which The National Safety Council invites you to Take Back Your Drive.

New technology in vehicles is causing us to become more distracted behind the wheel than ever before. Drivers — 53 percent of them — believe if manufacturers put “infotainment” dashboards and hands-free technology in vehicles, they must be safe. But in fact, these technologies distract our brains even long after you’ve used them, according to the NSC.

Police officials often speak to the need to make it “none for the road” when it comes to drinking and driving. We believe the same holds true for use of cell phones while on the road. Driving is just too complex of a task to be attempting to carry on a cell phone conversation on the road.

Thousands have died in crashes involving cell phone use, and the NSC adds: Make no mistake: This multitasking technology is about convenience, not safety.

Many distractions exist while driving, but cell



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The driver in this rollover accident reportedly told police he was texting before the crash.

phones are a top distraction because so many drivers use them for long periods of time each day. Almost everyone has seen a driver distracted by a cell phone, but when you are the one who is distracted, you often don’t realize that driver is you.

With some state laws focusing on hand-held bans and car-makers putting hands-free technology in vehicles, it’s no wonder people are confused. However, while many drivers honestly believe they are making the safe choice by using a hands-free device, it’s just not true. Your brain remains distracted by the conversation, the NSC says.

While no state has a law prohibiting all cell phone use while driving, employers are putting policies in place banning the use of hand-held and hands-free devices. The city of Tulsa implemented a total-ban cell phone policy for employees, for example.

Additional information is online at www.nsc.org. Why not take time to learn more about this important issue — and be safe on the road at all times, for yourself and for others?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Grade levels a problem

I’m writing regarding Senator Colbeck’s column on third-grade reading readiness.

Our system of grade levels by age forces children to demonstrate certain skills at certain ages when in fact each child’s intellectual and emotional maturation rates can vary wildly — especially at these young ages. I believe that our tight grade level system of education is the root of the problem. This has

been made even worse when Livonia separated lower and upper elementary schools.

As parents and adults we should know by simple observation how uneven a child’s development occurs. Do you remember how one of your children took months and months to finally walk on his own? And then his little sister crawls for a week and gets up and starts walking in a day! The same kind of thing goes on with learning and we can’t predict when these

changes will take place.

I believe in the “Mastery Method” of education: lessons are broken down into small hunks and when the student “masters” the material and demonstrates skills and abilities for that lesson, she can move on to the next step; no matter what age. I didn’t really understand the mathematics of fractions, ratios or slope until I was in my early 40s and went back to college.

Instead of legislating “teaching” from Lansing we need to do away with this tightly controlled grade structure where promotion by years-of-age is the only criteria for pass or fail. This will require that we return to “One Room School House” buildings that are smaller in size with

teams of teachers that have the authority to quickly change lessons, sometimes on a minute by minute basis. I’ve known several children that are ready to learn mathematics at the high school level yet can’t spell or write simple words or sentences.

We need to understand the difference between “teaching” centered education and “learning” centered education.

Frank Kalinski
Livonia

Matter of judgment

Looking at the list of streets that are going to be paved it says that West Chicago is completed. If the way that pavement is completed then Cavell is completed also.

When was the last time any one of you

drove down West Chicago between Inkster Road and Harrison? If you have, you would realize the engineering department is missing something in saying West Chicago is completed.

I would guess that it is a matter of judgment but your car will hit holes in the pavement, and very many cracked and shifted slabs of pavement. But engineering says that West Chicago is done.

If it looks like a duck, walks like a duck, then it must be a duck. West Chicago is one half of a mile of a road that really needs replacement. The city is paying an engineering firm to draw up prints. Who made the decision to say West Chicago is completed? Last year they did Cardwell. They started

in July and were still doing work on paving in late October. They still have not done complete restoration.

Many of the residents on Cavell have a least two and possibly four vehicles. That without a published and contracted completion date (do work on their own time schedule two days here then go somewhere else for four or five days) will work at their own speed and the residents can whistle Dixie to get back into their property.

I know that this is the southeast end of the city and no politicians live here so who really cares? Get a published and contracted end of project DATE not one that says whenever.

Bernard A. Skotzke
Livonia

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CITY OF WAYNE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

The City of Wayne will hold public hearings to consider the owner’s request to rezone certain properties commonly known as 4429 S. Wayne Rd. (55-018-04-0008-000) from B-1 Business Limited to B-2 (C) Neighborhood Business Conditional and 5006 S. Wayne Rd. (55-016-02-0012-001 & 55-016-02-0013-001) B-1 Business Limited to B-2 (C) Neighborhood Business Conditional.



4429 S. Wayne Rd.



5006 S. Wayne Rd.

Planning Commission Public Hearing, Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. At the conclusion of its hearing, the Planning Commission may consider a recommendation to the City Council. The hearing will be held at the Wayne City Hall, 3355 South Wayne Road, Wayne, MI 48184. The proposed text, documents and any maps may be examined or written comments may be submitted at the City Clerk’s Office during business hours (10:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., Monday through Thursday). Members of the public may appear at the public hearing in person or by counsel. Inquiries: Matthew K. Miller, City Clerk (734) 419-0145.

This hearing is being held as prescribed by the City of Wayne Zoning Ordinance and the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, P.A. 110 of 2006, as amended.

Matthew K. Miller
City Clerk

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Date: May 3, 2016

Time: 10:30 a.m. EST

Place: Board of Education
Wayne-Westland Community Schools
36745 Marquette
Westland, MI 48185

Attn: David Kaumeyer, Senior Executive Director of Business and Operations

Bidding Documents will be available for examination and distribution on or after April 18, 2016.

Examination may be made at the Office of the Architect, TMP ARCHITECTURE, INC., 1191 West Square Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48302; or the CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

Qualified Bidders may obtain bidding documents from the Office of the Architect, consisting of one (1) set of Drawings and Specifications.

Return Bidding Documents to the Architect within ten (10) days after opening receipt of proposals. Documents are to be complete, in clean and usable condition and free of marks or other defacement.

A sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship existing between the bidder and any member of the school board, school superintendents, or chief executive must accompany each bid. The Iran Economic Sanctions Act Compliance Form must be included as well. A board shall not accept a bid that does not include both of these statements, which are included on the proposal execution form.

Bid Proposals shall be on forms furnished by the Architect, accompanied by a satisfactory Bid Bond or Certified Check for five percent (5%) of the Base Bid Sum maximum possible proposal amount.

Bidder shall agree not to withdraw Bid Proposal for a period of sixty (60) days after date for receipt of bids.

Accepted Bidder shall be required to furnish satisfactory Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

The right to reject any or all Bid Proposals, either in whole or in part, or to waive any informalities therein is reserved by the Owner.

This project is to comply with the Michigan Prevailing Wage Rate for Wayne County.

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Soccer club donated to Hospitality House



Wolves Hawks Soccer Club members collected more than 10,000 items to benefit Hospitality House in Commerce Township.

Members of the Michigan Wolves Hawks Soccer Club collected more than 10,000 items last month in a canned food drive to benefit Hospitality House, an outreach center in Commerce Township.

Community service is something the club tries to instill in its players, and helping the food pantry made sense, said organizers of the fundraiser.

The program was set up as a competition among the various club teams to help get them in the spirit with the top three teams winning an extra training session, and the top team winning spirit wear.

And in the end, there was a tie between U13 Hawks and U12 Hawks Black: each team with 1,741 donated items. Sec-



Soccer players unload donated items.

ond was U13 Red with 729 donated items; third was U12 Hawks with 720 donated items; fourth was U15 Wolves with 441 donated items; and fifth

was U12 Wolves Black with 430 donated items. Hospitality House opened its doors in early 2002 in space provided by the Walled Lake First

Baptist Church. During its first year of operation, Hospitality House assisted approximately 200 families. In less than two years the pantry outgrew the space provided and moved to a temporary location in the Walled Lake Church of Christ.

Soon it was decided Hospitality House needed a more permanent home, which resulted in the rental of 1,800 square feet of office/warehouse space. In late 2007, the lease was expanded to 3,600 square feet where Hospitality House now distributes more than 35,000 pounds of food to approximately 750 households every month.



David Ellis Academy uses the former St. Agatha's church as an auditorium.

Ellis Academy opens its doors to St. Agatha alumni

On April 16, David Ellis Academy West opened its doors to former students and families of St. Agatha and St. Katharine Drexel Vicariate. St. Agatha and its associated schools closed more than a decade ago.

The academy opened every classroom door, the gym and the church for alumni to meander through, reminisce and see changes made to the facility. Alumni reported that hallways were brighter and that elevators had been installed. An old science lab and associated classrooms had been converted to a cafeteria, while two other classrooms were made into a modern science lab.

The gym, which President Ronald Reagan spoke inside in 1984,

remains largely unchanged. The church, though many of the religious items are gone, still boasts a beautiful marble altar and lectern.

The most common question asked during the open house was, "how did you get them to do this?"

"Simple, I just emailed them," Lisa Cece answered. "I just reached out and asked and they were more than accommodating. I found out later that alumni have walked through over the years, they have always supported the past as they build their future."

She credited the kindness of academy administrator Tyrone Hurd and building manager Greg Bishop for helping arrange the visit.

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.

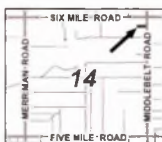
Section 6. Should any portion of this ordinance be held invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of any of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

BOUNDARY OF DISTRICT AS AMENDED FROM P, PARKING TO C-2, GENERAL BUSINESS



PETITION NO. 2015-12-01-11 A PART OF THE N.E. 1/4 OF SECTION 14

AMENDMENT NO. 954 TO THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN ORDINANCE NO. 2998 Adopted by the City Council on 3/21/16



MAYOR
CLERK

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

POLICE BRIEFS

GPS unit taken

Livonia police were called Sunday afternoon to Dave and Busters, 19375 Victor Parkway, on a report of a larceny from a parked vehicle.

Police spoke to the victim, who said an employee noticed that afternoon the vehicle had been broken into. It appeared someone had broken the driver-side window and took the in-dash GPS unit from the vehicle.

Retail fraud reported

Police were called Monday afternoon to Walmart, 29574 Seven Mile, on the report of a retail fraud.

A store employee told police two suspects were seen selecting several items and placing them in laundry baskets. One of the suspects walked out of the store without any items, but the second suspect tried to leave the store with two baskets full of items that were not paid for. He was stopped and detained until police arrived. The second suspect who left the store got into a vehicle and drove away from the store.

Car window damaged

Livonia police were called Sunday evening to

the Civic Center Office Plaza, 33300 Five Mile, on the report of a vehicle that had been damaged while parked there.

The car's owner told police she parked the car in the lot two days earlier and came back to it that evening to find the back window broken out. No objects were found near the vehicle that could have been used and the back window had a softball-sized hole in it. It did not appear the vehicle was rummaged through and the doors remained locked. She said she did not know who would have done the damage to her vehicle.

TV mount taken

Police were called Saturday afternoon to Walmart, 29555 Plymouth, on the report of a retail fraud of a TV mount.

A store employee told police they saw the suspect at the self-checkout area with some TV mounts. They said she paid for one of them, but not another, placing it directly in her cart and trying to leave without paying for it. She was stopped and detained until police arrived.

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

CITY OF WESTLAND INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Dorsey Center, 32150 Dorsey, Westland, MI 48186, on **May 9th, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.** (no exceptions will be made for late filings) for the following:

INDEPENDENT AUDITING SERVICES

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office or at www.CityofWestland.com. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Devin J. Adams
City Controller

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Wish you were here



The Kinney family — Gwen, Michael, Madalynn and Mary Kinney — and their friend, Jordan Vegenoi, spent Spring Break on Clearwater Beach in Florida. And, of course, they took their Livonia Observer with them.

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.

Dinner/dance benefit

The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit sponsors its annual Spring Dinner Dance to benefit retired Orthodox priests and priests' widows on Sunday, May 15, at the banquet hall of St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church, 26375 W. Chicago Road in Redford.

The event will begin with a social hour at 5 p.m., followed by a buffet dinner at 6 p.m. There will be live music by the Off Beats and entertainment for children.

Tickets including dinner and refreshments are \$40 per person, with children ages 12 and under admitted free. To order tickets or obtain further information, contact Mihaela Charlier at 313-595-7640 or cocc-detroit@yahoo.com, or Richard Shebib at 248-345-9346 or pascha-books@sbccglobal.net.

Shred day

Zeal Credit Union will host a free document shredding event and food drive on Saturday, April 23, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the credit union's Livonia branch at 29550 Five Mile Road.

The document shredding event is open to the public with a limit of five bags or boxes of personal documents. American Data Security Inc. will provide the shredding services. Participants are invited to bring donations of nonperishable food items that will be donated to the Fish and Loaves Community Food Pantry in Taylor.

Mom2Mom sale

Mt. Hope Congregational Church hosts a Mom2Mom sale fundraiser for Academic Pathways Cooperative Preschool from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 23. The church is at 30330 Schoolcraft in Livonia.

Admission is \$2 the first hour, \$1 after 9:30 a.m. The sale will feature a variety of gently used baby, children's and maternity items, including a large-item room and a bake sale table.

To sell your gently used items, find sellers' information and table agreements at www.academicpathwayspreschool.com or www.mom2momlist.com. For more information, email Whitney at APCP-Mom2Mom@gmail.com

Zonta wine tasting

Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne hosts its second annual wine tasting event 6-9 p.m. Saturday, April 23, at G. Subu's, 20300 Farmington Road in Livonia.

Zonta International is a leading global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy. The club has been successful in providing scholarships to women to begin or continue their education.

Tickets can be purchased at www.zonta15.org/waynenw.html. Email Wendy at emptynest03@aol.com or call Kristina at 906-361-1033 for tickets.

Better Made brand

Metro Detroit author and longtime journalist Karen Dybis has the scoop on the history of Detroit-area chip companies. She spent years researching these "chippeneers" to find out how companies such as Better Made, New Era, Krun-chee, Mellow Crisp and Wolverine rose from one-man shops in many cases to become large manufacturing businesses.

Today, Better Made is the only big company of that era to still be around; the Detroit-based chipper celebrated its 85th anniversary last year. Dybis will discuss how these businesses came to compete against huge competitors such as Lay's Potato Chips, how the snack-food industry has changed over the decades, and how other Detroit brands such as Stroh's, Fayo, Sanders and others have built huge names within the city, the state and beyond Michigan's borders.

The program takes place in the auditorium at Civic Center Library from 7-9 p.m., Tuesday, May 24. There is no fee to attend, and advance registration is not required. Books will be available for purchase and signing by the author. The library is at 32777 Five Mile Road in Livonia; call 734-466-2197 for general information.

5K for a Cause

On May 7, Warren Road Church hosts its third annual 5K For A Cause fun run/walk that starts and finishes at Warren Road Church, 33445 Warren Road in Westland.

Registration is from 9-10 a.m., the morning of the 5K and a \$10 donation is appreciated. The 5K begins at 10:10 a.m., and the cause is an orphanage in Kamonkoli, Uganda. The church is sending a team of seven people there in July for two weeks. Following the 5K will be refreshments, fellowship and music. For more information, call Josh Sprunger at 734-458-7301.

Vaseline glass

Elmwood Station Chapter of Questers sponsors a program on Vaseline Glass given by Judith Coebly on Monday, May 9, at the Quaker Meeting House in Greenmead Historical Park.

This event is free and open to the public. A reservation must be made as space is limited. Greenmead Historical Park is located at Newburgh road and 8 Mile. Contact Judi Fanco at 248-474-0158 for more information and to make a reservation.

Kindergarten readiness

The South Redford School District Shear Kindergarten Readiness Program offers children who reside in South Redford and will be 4 years of age by Sept. 1 an opportunity to experience quality learning activities which foster development as the children grow toward kindergarten.

Classes meet Monday through Thursday, morn-

ing or afternoon for three-hour sessions. This is a tuition-free program (with the exception of a one-time material fee of \$75).

Registration takes place in the preschool room on Friday, April 22, from 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. The preschool room is located in the Shear Early Childhood Center at 26141 Schoolcraft (Use the second parking lot south of Schoolcraft on Berwyn).

For more information, contact the Student Services Dept. at 313-535-4000, Ext. 1028, or visit srpreschool.weebly.com.

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 together, 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@wwcsd.net.

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.

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.

NO. 2999

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. 1/4 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. 1/4 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 31JJ1)

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.

BOUNDARY OF DISTRICT AS AMENDED FROM PL, PUBLIC LANDS TO R-1, ONE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL - 60' X 120' LOTS



PETITION NO. 2016-01-01-01 A PART OF THE S.E. 1/4 OF SECTION 31

AMENDMENT NO. 955 TO THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN ORDINANCE NO. 2999 Adopted by the City Council on 3/21/16



MAYOR CLERK

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.

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

Susan N. Nash, City Clerk

Dennis K. Wright, Mayor

Approved as to form: Donald L. Knapp, Jr., City Attorney Dated: March 23, 2016

CITY OF WESTLAND INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, MI 48185, on April 27th, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. (no exceptions will be made for late filings) for the following:

VESTS

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office or at www.CityofWestland.com. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Devin J. Adams City Controller

Food, cooking demos part of Sunday Winter Market

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Anna Woosencraft and fiance Michael Morgan were shopping Sunday, April 17, at Canton's Winter Market.

"We go to the summer one a lot," explained Woosencraft, trying out a salsa. "The food. For me, that's what it is."

She also likes the cooking demonstrations, with her fiance Morgan adding, "The food, I think I would agree with that" of what he likes.

Nearby that Sunday at the Summit at the Park was Kristi Zebrowski of Westland, of Grace Savory & Sweet in Westland. She makes spice blends.

"I'm also doing a cooking demonstration today," of sweet potato and apple soup, as well as caramelized onion and chard crust-less quiche, she added.

Zebrowski usually does the cooking demonstrations once a month. "I take produce and different ingredients from the vendors," she said. Of growing up, she added, "I just always had an interest in cooking at home."

Work then took her to Chicago, where she studied culinary arts at Le Cordon Bleu. She's done the Canton market since 2012. "It's fantastic," Zebrowski said. "I love the environment. The patrons are great. It's a fun destination."

She also does the Pittsfield Township market on Thursdays. Of Sunday's sunny skies and warm temperatures for the final "winter" market of



Kristi Zebrowski of Westland's Grace Savory & Sweet enjoys doing her cooking demonstration at Sunday's Winter Market in Canton.



Anna Woosencraft (left) and fiance Michael Morgan of Canton visit with Cheryl Brittingham of Grand Blanc, from Jar Head Salsa & Tortilla Chip Co. of Flint, at the Canton market April 17.

the season, a smiling Zebrowski said, "With the winters here in Michigan you just never know."

Rick Kelp of Plymouth was there with his U.P. Pasties, which has a store in downtown Plymouth and has been in business six years. He's done the

Canton market going on three years, and in summer does some 25 as far west as Muskegon and Saugatuck.

"My wife had a great idea," Kelp said. "She'd been making them ever since she was 13 years old." Wife Kim is his partner in the business.

"At our store, we talk about where they came from and what they're all about," he said of pasties, started in Cornwall, England, and later eaten by men working in Michigan's Upper Peninsula copper mines.

The Kelps sell some 5,000-8,000 pasties in the

summer from the combined farmers markets, plus their store sales. They get staff help in running some markets, with Rick Kelp handling Farmington.

Also represented at the Winter Market was Jar Head Salsa & Tortilla Chip Co. of Flint. The salsas were developed by David Smith, a retired gunnery sergeant and cook in the U.S. Marine Corps.

"He's the one that created the salsa when he was a cook" in the service, said Cheryl Brittingham of Grand Blanc.

Brittingham and husband Glen have a chip plant for the operation in Rockwood, Mich. "We call it our chip plant, but we make them," she said of the tortilla chips. "They're actually made from scratch. Made with love."

Marine Smith was "born and raised" in Michigan and in 2009 came to Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 822 in Flint with his idea. A portion of proceeds is donated back to the VFW, explained Cheryl Brittingham, totaling nearly

\$50,000 to date.

David Smith makes two salsas, mild and spicy, while the Brittinghams do the chips, the queso and can the salsa and bloody Mary mix. "We actually do that from the salsa," she explained of the bloody Mary mix.

Of the VFW Post 822, she said, "Very active. We do a lot of work with veterans." She and Glen are auxiliary members there, and David Smith has been post command several times.

The Canton Farmers Market will be held Sundays, rain or shine, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 15 through Oct. 16, and will be closed July 3. It will be at Preservation Park, 500 N. Ridge Road, and will feature entertainment, activities for kids, cooking and gardening. The open-air market will feature a variety of Michigan-grown and made food as well as handcrafted items. Visit www.cantofun.org or on Facebook /CantonFarmersMarket.

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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.

BOUNDARY OF DISTRICT AS AMENDED FROM R-E, RESEARCH ENGINEERING TO C-2, GENERAL BUSINESS



PETITION NO. 2011-08-01-05
A PART OF THE S.W. 1/4 OF SECTION 6

AMENDMENT NO. 953 TO THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN
ORDINANCE NO. 2997
Adopted by the City Council on 3/21/16



MAYOR
CLERK

Section 4. 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 5. 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

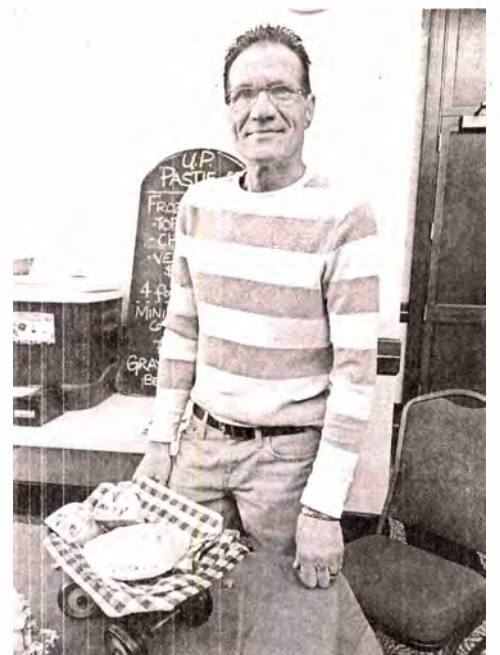
The foregoing ordinance was authenticated by me on this 23rd day of March, 2016.

Dennis K. Wright, Mayor

Approved as to form:

Donald L. Knapp, Jr., City Attorney
Published: April 21, 2016

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Rick Kelp, whose wife, Kim, is his business partner in Plymouth-based U.P. Pasties, does some 25 farmers markets in summer, as far west as Muskegon and Saugatuck.

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Published: April 21, 2016

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Package of domestic violence bills clears state Senate

A bipartisan domestic violence package that includes legislation authored by Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township, was overwhelmingly approved April 14 by the state Senate.

"The main emphasis of this seven-bill package was to update existing domestic violence laws," Heise said. "This will allow better protections to specific victims of domestic violence, including immediate family and even pets. These type of situations deserve updated and improved scrutiny in the legal system."

As chair of the House Committee on Criminal Justice, Heise listened to hours of testimony in support of the legislation, spoke in support on the House floor prior to an October 2015 vote on the package and also testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee in February.

Heise specifically authored House Bill 4480, which prevents a parent

protecting themselves or a child from domestic violence or sexual assault by the other parent from being considered a negative factor in child custody proceedings.

"This is a very specific situation that simply had to be addressed," Heise said. "The Child Custody Act contains many best-interest factors when it comes to children, but situations involving domestic violence or sexual assault had to be updated in relation to a future relationship with the parents."

HB 4480 was approved by a 37-0 vote. It returns to the House for possible concurrence vote.

The package of bills also includes legislation proposed by state Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland, that would add companion animals to personal protection orders.

"Often, in domestic violence situations, the perpetrator of the abuse will use a family pet as a

way to control their human victims," Kosowski said. "In essence, my legislation would add a check box so that a domestic violence victim can include his or her pet while obtaining a personal protection order."

Currently, 28 other states have similar provisions in place. One of these states, Minnesota has been keeping track of how many personal protection orders have included companion animals since 2010. In 2010, the number of personal protection orders including pets was 167. In 2013, that number skyrocketed to 1,067.

"Statistics such as these show that once domestic violence victims became aware they could include companion animals in personal protection orders, they overwhelmingly chose to do so," Kosowski said.

Tai Chi, other programs for seniors at HYPE

Wayne Senior Services is offering programs at the HYPE Center and particularly is looking for people interested in beginning-level Tai Chi.

The next session of Tai Chi runs May 3 through June 21 with beginners class at 10 a.m., intermediate/advanced class at 11 a.m. Tai Chi is described as a gentle form of exercise that can help maintain strength, flexibility and balance.

Eight participants registered by Tuesday, May 3 are needed for the new beginning level class, intermediate/advanced classes require preregistration through the Wayne Senior Services Office by Tuesday, May 19.

The cost is \$52 for the eight-week classes. No classes are offered in July and August.

The AARP Smart Drivers Course will be offered 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, May 4-5.

Refresh your driving skills with this course. Learn defensive driving techniques, proven safety strategies and much more. There are no tests to pass. Upon completion, participants will receive a certificate. Some insurance companies offer discounts for drivers who have completed the course.

The cost is \$15 for AARP members, \$20 for all others. Pre-register by Thursday, April 21.

A free Diabetes PATH Course will be

offered 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays, May 18 to June 22.

It's a fun, free, interactive workshop that will help people with diabetes feel better and improve their health.

Diabetes PATH workshops provide the skills and tools needed to improve health, manage and prevent symptoms of diabetes. There must be a minimum of 15 participants to offer the workshop. Pre-register by Wednesday, May 11.

For more information, call the Senior Services Office at 734-721-7460 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The office is located in the HYPE Athletic Center, 4635 Howe, Wayne. All programs are held at HYPE.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
22ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
WASHTENAW COUNTY
NOTICE OF HEARING AND MOTION
CASE NO. 15-2400PP

Plaintiff Name(s): Siperin & Associates, Inc.
Guardian to Callie Tessaanne
Plaintiff's Attorney: Steven Siperin, P-39391,
28488 Woodard Ave. #330, Royal Oak,
Michigan 48073, (248) 398-5582

Defendant Name(s): Stephen Rains aka
Stephen Raines
Defendant's Attorney: Laura Dudley, P-63170,
220 E. Huron St., Ste. 500, Fl. 5, Ann Arbor,
Michigan 48104, (734) 222-6970

NOTICE OF HEARING:
1. Motion like Motion to Modify Personal
Protection Order/Motion to Sign: Cause
for Violating Personal Protection Order
2. Moving party: Siperin & Associates, Inc.
Guardian to Callie Tessaanne
3. This matter has been placed on motion
calendar for Judge Patrick J. Conlin, Jr. Date:
May 12, 2016 at 1:30pm.
4. If you require special accommodations to use
the court because of disabilities, please contact
the court immediately to make arrangements.

MOTION
Petitioner requests that "no third party
contact" be specifically included on the
Personal Protection Order due to the Ann
Arbor police department's refusal to respond
when Respondent used third parties to contact
Ms. Tessaanne.
Respondent has continued to contact Ms.
Tessaanne through telephone calls and using
his Mother's Facebook page to send private
messages. Ms. Tessaanne attempted to utilize
Ann Arbor police to intervene, but was denied
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HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

Churchill equipped for stellar season

Defense will be the Chargers' trademark

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Stocked with equal parts chemistry, tenacity, talent and hustle, Livonia Churchill's girls soccer team believes it can compete with every team it squares off against this spring.

"We have a team based on defense and effort," said head coach Reid Friedrichs. "We don't do anything extra special, but we have a belief that if we

play as hard as we can, for each other, we can compete with anybody."

Although the Chargers lost just two players to graduation off last year's highly-successful unit (Alexis Lubonja and Sediqa Nedam), they only return two seniors to this year's roster: midfielder Alivia Kondrath, who is set to play basketball for Adrian College next year; and Lauren Wynns, who has committed to play soccer for Schoolcraft College beginning in the fall of 2016.

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Members of Livonia Churchill's soccer team celebrate a Sara Taylor goal during their season-opening draw against Stevenson.

Hole-in-one

The distinction of being the first player of the spring season to record a hole-in-one at Whispering Willows Golf Course goes to 48-year-old Livonia resident Bob Healy, who knocked his tee shot in the bottom of the cup on the 144-yard 17th hole on April 17.

Healy used a nine iron to notch his first career ace in 40 years of playing the game. He fired a 98 for the 18-hole round.

MU softball team sweeps

Madonna University's softball team swept Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference foe Indiana Tech University, 3-0 and 8-0, Sunday.

The sweep improved the Crusaders' record to 25-8 overall and 7-3 in the WHAC. ITU slipped to 13-23 and 2-6, respectively.

Erin Combs was nearly perfect in the first game, issuing a single to lead off the game before stymieing ITU the rest of the way.

Madonna scored all three of its runs in the bottom of the first thanks to a two-run double by Livonia Churchill grad Nicky Salloum and an RBI single by Plymouth alum Bri Giordano.

Starting pitcher Paige Montague tossed her team-leading fourth shut-out in the second game as she scattered seven hits over five innings in the mercy rule-shortened encounter.

Pacing the Crusaders' robust offensive attack were Emma Cook (3-for-4, three RBI) and Breanna Keethler, who went 2-for-3 with two ribbies.

Thurlow lauded

Livonia Stevenson soccer player Kennedy Thurlow was the top vote-getter in hometownlife.com's first spring sports athlete of the week poll. Thurlow received 13,715 votes (or just over 53 percent).

Plymouth baseball player Brenden Lacorato had the second-most votes with 7,527. Farmington Hills Mercy lacrosse player Lilly Blake (2,276), Seaholm baseball player Jake Dietz (1,698) and Northville lacrosse player Emma Dietrich (531) rounded out the voting.

Reporting results

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

The deadline for Thursday's editions is Tuesday at 10 p.m. The deadline for Sunday's editions is Friday at 10 p.m.

LIVONIA CITY TENNIS TOURNAMENT

GOLD STANDARD

Dominating Stevenson repeats as champion

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The net worth of Livonia Stevenson's girls tennis team was darn near priceless during Saturday's Livonia City Tournament.

Throughout the annual four-team tournament that helps serve up the girls tennis season, the Spartans were dominant, winning seven of the nine flights to pile up a first-place 22 points.

Franklin and Churchill went down to the wire for second place, with the Patriots prevailing, 16-15. Ladywood was fourth with one point.

A round-robin format was used for each of the four singles and five doubles divisions, with one point being rewarded to a team for a victory.

The Spartans won every flight except No. 1 singles, which went to Churchill's sensational sophomore Kaitlyn Rogosch, and No. 5 doubles, which was won by Franklin's pairing of sophomore Molly Michaelian and senior Maria Lazzarino.

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Stevenson's Molly Cormier prepares to launch a serve during a No. 3 singles match Saturday. Cormier won her flight with a 3-0 record.



Wayne's Danny Delleh contributed to several winning relay contingents during Saturday's Patriot Relays.

BOYS TRACK & FIELD

Pioneers edge Franklin in Patriot Relays

Patriots only team to score in every event

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Livonia Franklin came with in three points of being the host with the most (points) at Saturday's Patriot Relays, which were run under cloudless blue skies.

Powered by first-place efforts in five of the 15 events, Dearborn won the eight-team competition by accumulating 80 points, just three more than the Patriots.

Livonia Stevenson was third with 70 points followed by

Dearborn Divine Child (67), Wayne Memorial (56), Garden City (45), Lincoln Park (34) and Plymouth (21).

"It's the first time we've finished this high in a few years," said Franklin head coach Pat Koelzer. "I was happy to see that we scored in every event. We still have a few hand-offs and some other technical issues to work on, but I'm pleased with where we are at this point in the season."

"Our vaulters, throwers and sprinters stood out for us today, but we have some tough meets coming up and need to continue to improve. Dearborn's field events and distance runners were very impressive

and really made the difference for them today."

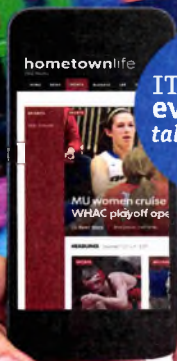
The only team to score in every event, Franklin placed first in the pole vault and 400-meter relay. The Patriots' trio of vaulters — Ethan Nordstrom, Drew Niemiec and Matt Lepper — registered a 30-foot total to out-distance their closest rivals by over four feet.

Franklin's first-place 400 relay team of Brandon Smiley, Marcus Martin, Jacob Clark and Denzel Adams was clocked in 44.5 seconds — just three-tenths of a second ahead of runner-up Lincoln Park.

Stevenson was victorious in

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FRANKLIN RELAYS: GIRLS MEET

Splendid weather spurs excellent times, distances

Falcons soar to championship; Wayne, Stevenson, Pats in top five

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Ideal weather conditions provided a backdrop for several eye-opening performances during Saturday's girls' version of the annual Franklin Relays.

Bolstered by first-place showings in the long jump and 400-meter relay, Dearborn Divine Child turned sweat into gold by piling up 85 points — 18 more than runner-up Plymouth. Wayne Memorial (66), Livonia Stevenson (60) and Livonia Franklin (51.5) rounded out the top five spots.

Among the highlights for the third-place Zebras was a school-record performance by the 1,600-meter relay foursome of Anavia Battle, Erica Robinson, Jessica Leigh and Reanna Brown-Deacon, who dashed around the oval in 4 minutes, 10.5 seconds.

Wayne also won the sprint medley (Robinson, Chanel Khan, Battle and Brown-Deacon) in a sizzling 1:52.2 and the 800 relay (Robinson, Khan, Battle and Brown-Deacon) in 1:47.9.

The Patriots picked up 10 first-place points from the distance medley relay quartet of Paityn Santi, Holli Reynolds, Erin Seibert and Natalie Douglas, and their discus trio of Alexis Browning, Anna Lauber and Brooke Bagazinski.

The Spartans also won two events: the pole vault (Sommer Pappas, Shannon Burke and

Kelsey Cunningham) and the 3,200 relay (only Lexi Jenkins and Emily Lauzon names were available).

Among the Falcons' top performers were Shannon Rice, Maddie Filiatraut, Taylor Lang and Ashley Mark, who joined forces to win the 400 relay in 52 seconds.

PATRIOT RELAYS

Saturday at Franklin
FINAL STANDINGS: 1. Divine Child, 85 points; 2. Plymouth, 67; 3. Wayne Memorial, 66; 4. Livonia Stevenson, 60; 5. Livonia Franklin, 51.5; 6. Dearborn, 36; 7. Livonia Ladywood, 25; 8. Warren Regina, 18; 9. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 15; 10. Garden City, 9.

POLE VAULT: 1. Stevenson (Sommer Pappas, Shannon Burke, Kelsey Cunningham), 25 feet, 6 inches; 2. (tie) Franklin (Katie Engler, Rachel Domzalik, Lindsey Moyer) and Plymouth (Emily Caragay, Emily Welch, Antiquette Kirksey), 18-0.

HIGH JUMP: 1. Plymouth (Kat Harris, Jillian Betts, Emerson Recto), 14-3; 2. Divine Child (Sammy Sotek, Mary Gass, Danielle Mondoux), 13-6; 3. Franklin (Julie Wonch, Sarah Channey, Dasia Boyd), 13-1.

LONG JUMP: 1. Divine Child (Shannon Rice, Elena Welker, Emily Crawford), 44-8; 2. Plymouth (Bailey Brown, Ana White, Emerson Recto), 43-0.5; 3. Livonia Ladywood (Ally Hill, Caroline McLaurin, Jillian Ahmad), 39-4.5.

SHOT PUT: 1. Dearborn (LuLu Mustafa, Aurora Liepe, Sara Hassan), 90-0; 2. Divine Child (Allie Filiatraut, Chevon Wheeler, Eden Metzger), 87-6; 3. Wayne Memorial (Darlette Robinson-Oden, Aleah Motron, Alyss Carrizales-Johnson), 86-1.

DISCUS: 1. Livonia Franklin (Alexis Browning, Anna Lauber, Brooke Bagazinski), 258-6; 2. Divine Child (Allie Filiatraut, Eden Metzger, Ure Osuamadi), 227-10.

6,400-METER RELAY: 1. Warren Regina (Jasmine Browning, Lauren Valentini, Julia Roarty, Layla Elmokadam), 23 minutes, 1.6 seconds; 2. Divine Child, 23:52.5; 3. Franklin, 24:07.0.

SHUTTLE HURDLE RELAY: 1. Plymouth (Kayla Dudek, Olivia Dillaha, Nadine Salamey, Erin Bradley), 1:08.6; 2. Wayne, 1:13.1; 3. Stevenson, 1:17.0.

3,200-METER RELAY: 1. Stevenson (Lexi Jenkins, Emily Lauzon), 10:11.0; 2. Ladywood, 10:24.9; 3. Crestwood, 10:32.8.

400 RELAY: 1. Divine Child (Shannon Rice, Maddie Filiatraut, Taylor Lang, Ashley Mark), 52.0; 2. Redford Union, 53.25; 3. Stevenson, 53.43.

SPRINT MEDLEY: 1. Wayne (Erica Robinson, Chanel Khan, Anavia Battle, Reanna Brown-Deacon), 1:52.2; 2. Divine Child, 1:57.0; 3. Dearborn, 1:59.9.

DISTANCE MEDLEY: 1. Franklin (Paityn Santi, Holli Reynolds, Erin Seibert, Natalie Douglas); 2. Warren Regina; 3. Crestwood.

800 RELAY: 1. Wayne (Erica Robinson, Chanel Khan, Anavia Battle, Reanna Brown-Deacon), 1:47.9; 2. Divine Child, 1:50.5; 3. Redford Union, 1:53.0.

CO-ED 400 RELAY: 1. Dearborn, 51.0; 2. Stevenson, 51.1; 3. Wayne, 51.6.

THROWERS 400 RELAY: 1. Plymouth, 1:01.5; 2. Wayne, 1:01.9; 3. Dearborn, 1:03.1.

1,600 RELAY: 1. Wayne (Anavia Battle, Erica Robinson, Jessica Leigh, Reanna Brown-Deacon), 4:10.5; 2. Divine Child, 4:14.2; 3. Plymouth, 4:17.6.



Stevenson's Diane Senkowski clears a hurdle during a competition earlier this spring.

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HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

BACK TO THE 'DRAW'ING BOARD

Garden City, Franklin battle to 2-2 draw

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Monday's well-played non-conference encounter featuring host Garden City and Livonia Franklin ended with the two friendly rivals knotted at 2-2, but not before both teams flashed stretches of scintillating execution.

"It was a close, well-played game throughout," said Garden City head coach Jeff Szyplula, whose team owned a 2-1-2 record following the final whistle. "It was the first game this season that we had to deal with heat (the temperature hovered around 80 during the contest's early moments), so we had to make sure we kept kids fresh."

"I thought we came out with a strong, attacking mentality the first 30 minutes; we just couldn't finish as much as we would have liked. Franklin outplayed us the final 10 minutes of the first half."

GC's Angie Dimopoulos opened the scoring in the sixth minute when she headed in Skyler Clending's free kick from 30 yards out.

"It's always nice to see us score on set pieces like that because it shows the players are paying attention and are executing the plays we work on in practice," said Szyplula.

Franklin evened the score at 1-1 in the 15th minute when Rachel Dudek threaded a perfectly placed shot in the low-left corner of the goal on a breakaway.

Two minutes later, the Cougars regained the lead, 2-1, when Ashley Hahn scored off an assist from Clending.

"Skyler played a nice, high ball over their defense and Ashley ran onto it about six yards out and finished it," said Szyplula.

The Patriots netted the ultimate equalizer nine minutes into the second half on a goal from freshman forward Niki Berridge.

The final shots-on-goal tally (Franklin 15, Garden City 14) reflected the teams' closeness in talent.

GC took two corner kicks while Franklin had just one.

Stevenson nips Salem
Livonia Stevenson posted arguably its most impressive victory this young season on Friday when it held off Salem, 1-0.

The win improved the Spartans' record to 4-0-2 while Salem slipped to 0-2-1.

While the scoreboard was always tight, the shots category was weight-



Lutheran Westland's Chiane Reusser (left) and Clarenceville's Allison Lay pursue the ball during Monday's WWAC match.

TOM BEAUDON

ed heavily in favor of the Spartans, who held a huge 16-2 advantage.

The game's lone goal unfolded in the 33rd minute when Megan Verant finished off a layoff from Maria Bayyouk.

Stevenson keeper Hannah Reamer was credited with one save while Salem's Skyler Brandt made eight stops.

"We really played a complete game at both ends of the field," said Stevenson head coach Ken Shingledecker. "Holding a good Salem team to two shots, and both from long range, really speaks volumes about our team defending."

"We were very dynamic in our attack from the start and the Salem goalie did a fantastic job limiting us to one goal."

Spartans drop Cougars

On a night when Stevenson didn't bring its "A" game, the Spartans still had enough to edge South Lyon East, 2-1, in a KLAAs Central Division game.

Playing without explosive forward Kennedy Thurlow and air-tight defender Sammi Dickson, the Spartans outshot the Cougars, 16-5, and ultimately prevailed thanks to nice fill-in job by Maria Bayyouk, who replaced Thurlow by scoring the game's first goal (off an assist from Kayla Gacioch) and assisting on the eventual game-winner by Audry Kopitz.

"It was a sloppy effort from us in the final third," said Shingledecker. "We didn't train well (Monday) and it carried over into our performance tonight."

"The positive take away from the game was the play of Maria Bayyouk in the absence of Kennedy Thurlow.

She created and scored a goal in a spot start. It's an important league win regardless, and the entire focus shifts now to Novi on Thursday."

Warriors rally against Trojans

Lutheran Westland staged a second-half comeback Monday to defeat host Livonia Clarenceville, 4-2.

Michelle Marzolo scored the only goal of the first half to give the Lady Trojans (0-6) the lead at halftime. She also scored Clarenceville's second goal midway through the second half.

"Myla Hoskins and Rino Miyaki fought hard offensively, and Sam Franco and Kyla Johnson fought hard defensively," Clarenceville coach Amanda Moody said.

Goalkeeper Kaitlyn Denny made eight saves for the Lady Trojans, who played host to Garden City on Wednesday.

John Glenn edges Wayne

Westland John Glenn scored off a corner kick late in the game Friday afternoon to earn a 3-2 victory over Wayne Memorial in a KLAAs South Division showdown at John Glenn.

The Zebras led 1-0 before the Rockets countered with a set-piece goal. John Glenn tallied a long-distance goal just before the half to seize the lead, 2-1. After Wayne knotted the game at 2-2, John Glenn scored late.

"Proud of the Wayne Memorial girls today; they played well," said Wayne head coach Tawfiq Elbaadani. "I was proud of the defense. They didn't allow any goals in regular-game mode. Overall, we played well and we are getting better every game."

HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

Zebras demolish Ypsi Lincoln, 8-1

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The Wayne Memorial girls tennis team had too much energy for Ypsilanti Lincoln during the two teams' non-conference match last week.

Riding the momentum wave of a four-win singles sweep, the Zebras overhand smashed the Railsplitters, 8-1, for their first triumph of the young season.

No. 1 singles player Ciara Casey got the ball bouncing for Wayne by upending Lincoln's Kristina Wilhelm, 6-0, 6-2. Wayne's No. 2 player, Savannah Mowry, kept the momentum train rolling by sweeping Adriana White, 6-0, 6-4.

In the day's most-exciting encounter, Wayne Sara Hively outlasted Lincoln's Shayla Tran, 6-1, 3-6, 6-3. Teammate Karla Strong had an easier time at No. 4 singles, winning 6-1, 6-0 over Michelle Wesnoski.

Wayne's top doubles team — Ayla Brooks and Sophia McPherson — played well, but dropped a 6-4, 6-2 decision to Macey Wolf and Tirzah Ault.

In the day's second three-set thriller, Wayne's No. 2 doubles duo of Britanni Ricks and Audrey Sabal persevered against Silisha Sooknanan and Renee Hampton, 6-4, 2-6, 6-0.

The Zebras' final three points came via doubles victory from Hannah Miller and Kene Nichols, Alondra Lopez and Angela Winekoff, and Madison Boettcher and Misty Tomlin.

RU sixth

Redford Union placed sixth in its first tournament of the season on Saturday. Abby Walters earned second-place points at No. 1 singles to lead the Panthers.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

- PREP BASEBALL**
Thursday, April 21
Oakland Christian at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
- Friday, April 22**
Romulus at Garden City, 4 p.m.
HVL at Canton Prep, 4:30 p.m.
Crestwood at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
- Saturday, April 23**
Luth. Westland at Annapolis (DH), 11 a.m.
Ypsi Lincoln at Wayne (DH), 11 a.m.
Clarenceville at Huskies Classic, 11 a.m.
Livonia Invitational, 9 a.m.
- PREP SOFTBALL**
Thursday, April 21
Strong Tower at HVL, 4:30 p.m.
Edsel Ford at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
PCA at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
- Friday, April 22**
Ladywood at Regina (DH), 4 p.m.
Stevenson at Garden City, 7:15 p.m.
Ypsilanti at Wayne (DH), 4 p.m.
- Saturday, April 23**
Luth. Westland at Annapolis (DH), 11 a.m.
Lowell at Churchill, 11 a.m.
Churchill at Chelsea Invite, 10 a.m.
- GIRLS SOCCER**
Thursday, April 21
Franklin at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Plymouth at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Canton, 7 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Southfield Christian, 4 p.m.
- Gabriel Richard at Ladywood, 6 p.m.
- Friday, April 22**
Garden City at Royal Oak, 6:45 p.m.
Churchill at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Fordson, 5:30 p.m.
Truman at Clarenceville, 6 p.m.
Ferndale at Thurston, 5 p.m.
- Saturday, April 23**
Ladywood at N.D. Prep, 2 p.m.
- TRACK & FIELD**
Saturday, April 23
John Glenn at Dexter, 10 a.m.
- BOYS GOLF**
Thursday, April 21
Salem at Stevenson, 3 p.m.
Canton at Churchill, 3 p.m.
Franklin at Wayne, 3 p.m.
Wayne at Wyandotte Scramble, 8:30 a.m.
- Friday, April 22**
Franklin at Rosevelt, 8:30 a.m.
- Saturday, April 23**
Stevenson at Pinckney Invite, 9 a.m.
- GIRLS TENNIS**
Thursday, April 21
Bishop Foley at Ladywood, 4 p.m.
Churchill at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
- Friday, April 22**
Fordson at Garden City, 4 p.m.
Crosseville at Ladywood, 4 p.m.
- Saturday, April 23**
Wayne Invitational, 9 a.m.
- PREP LACROSSE**
Wednesday, April 20
Ladywood at N.D. Prep, 7:30 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Patriots persevere against Salem, 19-12

Franklin sweeps Lakers on Saturday

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Livonia Franklin head baseball coach Matt Fournier has witnessed some wild scenarios unfold on area diamonds over the past several years, but nothing quite like Monday's three-and-a-half-hour highlight fest at Salem.

"I have never seen such a crazy baseball game — ever," said Fournier, whose Patriots managed to survive with a 19-12 victory over the Rocks. "It was a credit to both teams the way they battled. We had a couple innings where we limited them to just three runs when it could have been much worse."

"I don't think I've ever been a part of a game like this."

Both teams' score lines resembled a lottery ticket. Franklin's read: 4-1-4-2-5-0-3, while Salem scored in every inning except the third — yet still lost by seven.

"It was a rough day for both teams' pitchers and defenses,"



Franklin's Ryan Prohaska watches a low pitch go by during a game last week against Wayne. The senior first baseman has played a key role in the Patriots' 8-1 start

said Fournier, noting a significant mountain of walks, hit-by-pitches and errors.

Of the eight pitchers who toed the rubber during the base-running marathon, just one — reliever Nick Hoyer — drew the praise of Fournier. Hoyer registered the final five outs for the Patriots.

"Nick came in when we needed him to and threw strikes," said Fournier. "Even though we were up eight, nine runs at one point, the way the game was going, we didn't feel safe. Nick came in and settled things down for us."

Harrison Merrill earned the win for the Patriots in relief of

starter Adrian Reed. Salem's Eric Scott lasted just two-thirds of an inning, but he didn't suffer the setback given the Rocks led 6-5 after two innings.

You could have created a constellation with all the game's offensive stars. Leading the charge for Franklin were Jake Giacobbi (3-for-5, three RBI, three runs), Kyle Wollam (2-for-4, three RBI), Joe Chinavare (2-for-5) and Bobby Mandrinsk, who went 2-for-3 with two walks and four runs scored.

Alex Nicholson laced three hits for the hosts, who were powered by a six-RBI explosion from Daniel Diaz, who clouted a first-inning three-run home run to get the Rocks rolling.

Gage Moyers went 2-for-5 for Salem.

The win improved Franklin's record to 8-1 heading into Wednesday's home double-header against Livonia Churchill.

Pats sweep Lakers

On Saturday, the Patriots swept host West Bloomfield in a double-header, 5-1 and 14-7. Colin Metzler earned the

win in the opener by throwing four innings of one-run baseball. Metzler gave up five hits and a walk while fanning one Laker. Mandrinsk was excellent in a relief role, holding the Lakers to just two hits and one walk while striking out three over the final three frames.

Offensively, junior Jake Giacobbi continued his torrid hitting by going 3-for-4 with a run and an RBI. Reed contributed a two-run hit.

Franklin outthit West Bloomfield 15-8 in the second game, which went eight innings. The Patriots mounted a two-out, nobody-on rally in the top of the seventh to scratch out the game-tying run.

Wollam earned the win in relief after pitching effectively for two-and-two-thirds innings. Nick Hoyer started and went the first three, allowing five runs. Jay Hopson pitched the middle two-and-a-third innings.

Chinavare and Giacobbi both ripped three hits for the winners. Hopson went 2-for-2 with an RBI and Brendan Sanders went 1-for-4 with an RBI and a run scored.

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CITY TOURNEY

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Rogosch, who qualified for the Division 1 state meet as a freshman, didn't lose a set — and dropped just seven games — on the way to her championship day. Her triumphant path included victories over Franklin's Kendall Payne (6-1, 6-4), Stevenson's Sam Cyrus (6-2, 6-0) and Ladywood's Madison Markwardt (6-0, 6-0). Payne bounced back nicely to finish 2-1, upending Markwardt (6-0, 6-0) and Cyrus (6-3, 6-4).

Stevenson junior Jill Weiland was brilliant during her No. 2 singles conquest, toppling Churchill's Madison White (6-1, 6-2), Franklin's Eva Muller (6-3, 6-0) and Ladywood's Jordyn Roux (6-0, 6-0). White placed second at No. 2 singles with triumphs over Roux (7-5, 7-5) and Muller (6-1, 6-2).

Spartan Molly Cormier throttled her No. 3 singles competition in straight sets. The junior opened with a 6-0, 6-3 win over Franklin's Yasmeen Freeman before taking care of Ladywood's Maeva Mott (6-0, 6-0) and Churchill's Madelyn VanWormer (6-3, 6-0). Freeman, a sophomore, picked up two points for the Patriots.

Stevenson junior Noelle Hillert followed the day's theme perfectly by defeating all three of her local foes in straight sets at No. 4 singles. Hillert outlasted Ladywood's Nicole Bidigare, 6-0, 6-1, before taking care of Churchill's Francesca Spailлари, 6-3, 6-0, and Franklin's Emma Fogle, 6-2, 6-0. Spailлари defeated Fogle and Bidigare to fortify the Chargers' point total.



Franklin's Yasmeen Freeman helped the Patriots to a second-place finish at Saturday's city tournament at Stevenson.

The No. 1 doubles flight was captured handily by Stevenson's dynamic duo of Natalie Hay and Lauren Larson, who opened with a 6-0, 6-0 triumph over Churchill's Clara Bielawski and Allison Sciato. The Spartans then outplayed Franklin's Haley Griffin and Elaina Homer, 6-1, 6-1, before posting a 6-1, 6-0 win over Ladywood's Natalie Grossman and Holly Darling.

Stevenson's No. 2 doubles tandem of Natalia Roznowski and Allison Malkowski cruised to a title by outscoring their competition 36-4 in total games won. The winners' stiffest competition came from Franklin's Esthela Ochoa and Ashley Jones, who managed to win three games against their Stevenson rivals.

The Spartans' team of Rachel Crachiola and Julia Seychel reigned in the No. 3 doubles category, ousting Lady-



Churchill's Francesca Spailлари returns a baseline shot during Saturday's city tournament.

wood's Savannah Veri and Claire Doyle, 6-0, 6-0; Churchill's Joanna Al-Farah and Samantha Swift, 6-1, 6-0; and Franklin's Grace Matthews and Angela Nelson, 6-1, 6-3.

Stevenson's Kayla Parker and Hanna Kliza joined forces to win No. 4 doubles in a relative breeze. The Parker-Kliza duo served up a 6-1, 6-3 win over Churchill's Alexis Simpson and Taylor Lee, before subduing Franklin's Jenna Polzin and Haley Quinn, 6-1, 6-1, and Ladywood's Ann Marie Rice and Rachel Hulbert, 6-1, 6-2.

The No. 4 doubles duel between Franklin and Churchill was saturated with drama as Polzin and Quinn prevailed, 10-7, in a tie-breaker.

Michaelian and Lazzarino helped the Patriots secure second place in the overall standings by taking the crown at No. 5 doubles. Their success-coated day included victories over Churchill's Synayana Sharma and Sandi Nuzha, Ladywood's Skyler McNutt and Liana Dario, and Stevenson's Mackenzie Pisko and Rachel Smith.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Garden City mercies Crestwood, 10-0

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Like a boulder rolling down a steep hill, Garden City's baseball team picked up more steam as Monday's Western Wayne Athletic Conference cross-over encounter against Dearborn Heights Crestwood stretched out.

When the six-inning, mercy rule-shortened contest was in the books, the Cougars had clawed out an impressive 10-0 triumph against their former Blue Division rivals (Crestwood shifted to the Red Division this spring).

"One of the things I like best about this team is that once they jump out ahead on an opponent, they stay on 'em," said first-year GC head coach Matt Penn. "It's one of the most-positive group of kids I've been around."

The Cougars were bolstered by a spectacular performance by starting pitcher Brady Spehar, who allowed just three hits and struck out two Chargers over the first four innings. Jake Niemiec was nearly flawless over the final two frames, issuing just one base-runner.

Now 4-2 overall, the Cougars were powered at the plate by Vinnie Bakerian (3-for-4, two doubles, two RBI) and Jassen Matuscak, who went 2-for-4 with one RBI.

Penn said his coaching transition has been made easier by the leadership and skill set of catcher Dakota Mahkimetass, ace pitcher Tyler Kelly and lead-off batter/center-fielder Alex Centofanti.

"They've all done an excellent job of doing what we need from them," Penn said of the trio. "Alex is a burner out in center; he covers a lot of ground. Tyler isn't an overpowering pitcher, but his precision and the movement of his pitches are amazing. And Da-

kota has been excellent behind the plate, handling the pitchers."

Carlin pummels Zebra pitching

There are a lot of high school baseball players whose season stats won't match the one-game numbers Livonia Stevenson senior Frank Carlin accumulated Monday against visiting Wayne Memorial.

Carlin went 4-for-4 with a home run, two doubles and six RBI while leading the Spartans to a 12-2, six-inning triumph over the Zebras.

Carlin punctuated his performance by earning the win on the mound, tossing four innings of one-hit ball while striking out five. Bobby Cavin yielded just one run over the final two innings.

Kent Goodline suffered the setback on the hill for Wayne. Jacob Griffith netted the only extra-base hit for Wayne — a double.

Churchill edges Lions

To call Livonia Churchill pitcher Jon Hovermale's performance Monday afternoon against host South Lyon simple a "quality start" would be an understatement.

Masterpiece would be more like it.

Hovermale was masterful limiting the Lions to two runs, three hits while not issuing a walk (he struck out seven) to lead the Chargers to a 3-2 victory.

The result left Churchill with a 4-3 overall record and 2-3 mark in the KLAA Kensington Conference.

Hovermale also contributed mightily at the plate, going 1-for-2 with a sacrifice bunt, walk and run scored. Joe Targosz added two singles and a run for the winners.

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RELAYS

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back-to-back events: the 6,400 relay (Andrew Bambach, Alex Brauer, Alex Oquist and Jack Balint) and the shuttle relay, which was made up of Nate Sudek, Mike Grisa, Zack Robins and Evan Marini.

The Zebras' four first-place finishes was second only to the Pioneers' five. Wayne won the sprint medley (Danny Delleh, Tyrese Billingslea, Andrew Chant and Montel Hood), the 800 relay (Delleh, Billingslea, Chant and Hood), the thrower 400 relay and the 1,600 relay (Chant, Khalil Burkee, Jona-

than Rivera and Hood). Garden City was the runner-up in the shuttle relay.

PATRIOT RELAYS Saturday at Franklin
FINAL STANDINGS: 1. Dearborn, 80 points; 2. Livonia Franklin, 77; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 70; 4. Divine Child, 67; 5. Wayne Memorial, 56; 6. Garden City, 45; 7. Lincoln Park, 34; 8. Plymouth, 21.

POLE VAULT: 1. Franklin (Ethan Nordstrom, Drew Niemiec, Matt Lapper), 30 feet; 2. (tie) Garden City (Ian Tesarz, Kyle Bauschaut, Jordan Schema) and Lincoln Park (Justin Jacobs, Charles Dunn, Trevor Williams), 25 feet, 6 inches.

HIGH JUMP: 1. Dearborn (Adan Hamka, Hussein Doura, Dante Williams), 17-6; 2. Stevenson (Gino D'Agostino, Aaron Simmon, Evan Marini), 17-0; 3. Divine Child (Lukr, John Urbanick, Valentine Vena), 16-3.

LONG JUMP: 1. Dearborn (Mustafa Khaleefa, Jacob Agemy, Gage Gais), 122-8; 2. Franklin (Bobby Madley, Lukas Pekorius, Xavier Sanchez), 121-5; 3. Divine Child (Dominic Raona, Alexander Reinhardt, Matthew McNeff), 117-1.

DISCUS: 1. Divine Child (Dominic Raona, Alexander Reinhardt, Matthew McNeff), 361-5; 2. Dearborn (Roman Stokes, Mohammed Khatib, Devyn Parker), 314-8; 3. Franklin (Bobby Madley, Lukas Pekorius, Jayden Jamison), 287-7.

6,400-METER RELAY: 1. Stevenson (Andrew Bambach, Alex Brauer, Alex Oquist, Jack Balint), 18 minutes, 46.3 seconds; 2. Divine Child, 19:34.5; 3. Plymouth, 19:39.7.

SHUTTLE HURDLE RELAY: 1. Stevenson (Nate Sudek, Mike Grisa, Zack Robins, Evan Marini), 1:05.3; 2. Garden City, 1:05.6; 3. Dearborn, 1:06.3.

3,200 RELAY: 1. Dearborn (Ali Kadouh, Craig Weaver, Lukas Armstrong, Riad Rababeh), 8:27.9; 2. Divine Child, 8:31.4; 3. Plymouth, 8:35.5.

400 RELAY: 1. Franklin (Brandon Smiley, Marcus Martin, Jacob Clark, Denzel Adams), 44.5; 2. Lincoln Park, 44.8; 3. Garden City, 45.5.

SPRINT MEDLEY: 1. Wayne (Danny Delleh, Tyrese Billingslea, Andrew Chant, Montel Hood), 1:32.80; 2. Lincoln Park, 1:39.10; 3. Garden City, 1:42.23.

DISTANCE MEDLEY: 1. Dearborn (Craig Weaver, Ali Kadouh, Hani Ehasan, Riad Rababeh), 11:10.5; 2. Stevenson, 11:35.2; 3. Franklin, 11:43.1.

800 RELAY: 1. Wayne (Danny Delleh, Tyrese Billingslea, Andrew Chant, Montel Hood), 1:31.2; 2. Franklin, 1:32.5; 3. Garden City, 1:33.8.

CO-ED 400 RELAY: 1. Dearborn, 51.0; 2. Stevenson, 51.1; 3. Wayne, 51.6.

THROWERS 400 RELAY: 1. Wayne, 49.4; 2. Divine Child, 51.33; 3. Franklin, 52.46.

HIGH SCHOOL GOLF

Salem edges Spartans in Central duel

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Easton Schlatterbeck's sizzling round of 39 couldn't quite lift Livonia Stevenson's golf team past Salem Tuesday afternoon at Fox Creek Golf Course.

The Rocks prevailed, 161-163, in the KLAA Central Division opener for both teams.

Salem's Hayden Winch carded a 39 to tie Schlatterbeck for medalist honors.

Also scoring for Stevenson were Connor Jakacki (41), Trevor Lopus (41) and Alec Moore (42). Non-scorers for the Spartans were Jon McDonald (43) and Ben Zammit (48).

Contributing to Salem's victory were Shawn Weldon (40), Woody Mashui (40) and Bryce Henderson (42). Non-scorers for the Rocks were Adam Marcero (43) and Matt Danis (44).

Churchill results

The Chargers carded a five-player score of 367 and placed 21st at the Suntel Invitational held Monday at Red Run Country Club.

Catholic Central won the tournament with a 299, followed by Grosse Pointe South (303) and Grand Blanc (305).

Senior Sam Spayd fired an 82 to lead the Churchill contingent. Also scoring for head coach Paul Worley's squad were Griffin Ahmet (89), Peyton Elkins (95), Chase Fallu (101) and Max Proulx (103).

On April 14, the Chargers placed sixth at the 30th Annual Farmington Invitational, registering a five-player score of 343.

Spayd again led the way with an 80. Also scoring for the Chargers were Logan Welch (85), Ahmet (88), John Doyle (90) and Aaron Walton (90).

CHARGERS

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"We bring back a young team with a lot of heart and toughness," Friedrichs noted.

The back line of Churchill's defense is ultra-talented, thanks to the presence of goalkeepers Brittney Hayes and Katherine Ristola.

"They're both very good keepers," Friedrichs said. "Brittney has the early edge, but they're both playing well and capable of leading us." Anchoring the defensive

wall are middle backs Sylvia Cervantes and Liz Rubenson, both of whom turned in stellar seasons a year ago, with Hannah Damico and Loren Kruger sealing the outside edges.

Kondrath and Ashley Slavero give the Chargers a solid nucleus in the middle of the pitch, while the goal-scoring responsibilities are in capable hands, er, feet, with Wynns, Sara Taylor and Addison Musen.

"The girls up front have all been playing really well," Friedrichs said. "Lexi Staff is helping out a lot, too."

The Chargers' potential was

on full display Friday during their 1-1 draw against perennial power Canton.

After the Chiefs seized a 1-0 lead on a 35-yard upper-90 shot by Madi Archibald, the Chargers netted the equalizer with 10 minutes left when Sara Taylor scored off a dynamic pass from Musen.

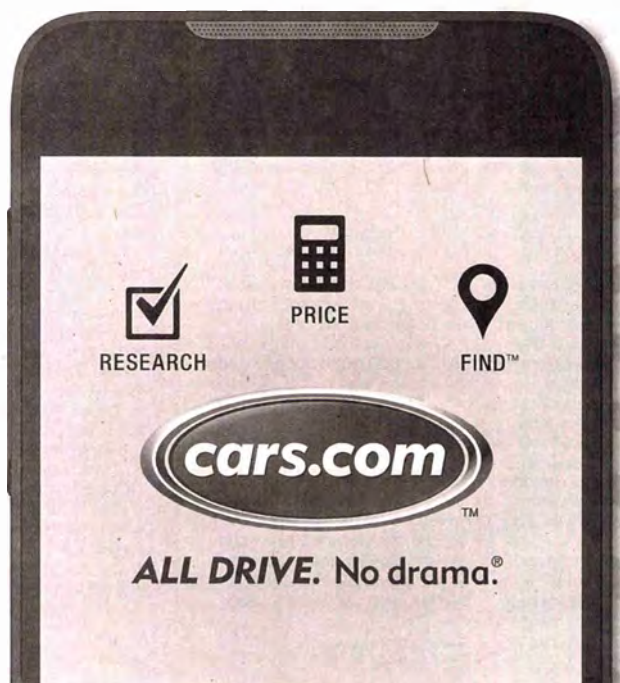
"We scored after switching our formations and putting pressure on them," said Friedrichs, who heaped praise on the defensive play of Rubenson, Cervantes, Reese Bessessen, Kruger and Damico.

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Meet celebrity vegan chef at book release, wine social

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Celebrity chef Jason Wrobel says he wrote his new cookbook for all of you “toe dippers” into the world of healthy, meatless, dairy-free cooking and nutrition.

You may be more conscious of food choices, buy organic produce, understand the importance of buying locally, and you may occasionally try vegan and vegetarian recipes, but don't necessarily identify yourself with those labels.

“They may be trying to eat healthier. Those are the people I want to talk to,” said Wrobel, a Detroit native whose new book, “Eternity,” includes more than 150 vegan recipes, nutrition advice, lists of favorite products, pantry contents and kitchen essentials, food substitutions, and more.

“I wanted it to be a lifestyle guide in addition to a cookbook. I wasn't interested in doing the standard cookbook format, appetizers, entrees, desserts. What I wanted to do was create a guide where people could learn basic nutrition. If I

want to improve an aspect of my health, here is how I can start doing it.”

Wrobel said readers can “choose their own adventure for ultimate health” as they select chapters from the book that are relevant to their lives.

The book's 14 chapters are arranged according to eating strategies for specific health goals such as improved brainpower, strong bones, better sex, and healthy heart. Each chapter includes several recipes, a list of relevant nutrients and foods, nutritional explanations, and lifestyle advice. Chapter 4, Eat for Happiness and Good Moods, for example, explains the importance of eating selenium-rich food, vitamin D, and omega-3 fatty acids — while avoiding dairy products — to help keep bad moods at bay. It also suggests lifestyle strategies that include meditation, exercise, and keeping a gratitude journal.

Book release, benefit

A signed copy of the book is included in the \$75 per person ticket price at the “Eternity” book release and wine social, 4-6 p.m. Saturday, April 23, at Greenspace Cafe, 215 W. Nine Mile, Ferndale. The event also includes artisanal plant-based snacks, talks by Wrobel, NBA champ and wellness advocate John Salley, and Joel Kahn, M.D., cardiologist, and a sampling of Salley's vegan wine. A signed bottle of the vegan wine is included in \$100 tickets. Call 248-206-7510.

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JASON WROBEL



CAULIFLOWER LENTIL TACOS WITH FRESH GUACAMOLE

This was the most popular recipe from Jason Wrobel's television series on the Cooking Channel. In his new book, it's listed as a choice for helping to build muscles.

- Guacamole:**
6 ripe avocados, pitted and diced
1 ½ cups diced red onion
1 to 3 medium-size jalapeno peppers, to taste, stemmed, seeded, and minced
½ cup plus 2 tablespoons fresh cilantro, finely chopped
½ cup fresh lime juice
1 ½ teaspoons sea salt
½ teaspoon ground cumin
Pinch ground black pepper, to taste
Pinch cayenne pepper, to taste (optional)
- 1 ½ ripe medium tomatoes, seeds and pulp removed, diced
- Cauliflower Lentil Taco “Meat”:**
1 cup green or brown lentils
3 cups filtered water
1 head cauliflower, stems and leaves removed, broken into 1-inch pieces
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
2 medium yellow onions, diced (about 1 ½ cups)
1 jalapeno pepper, seeded and minced
4 cloves minced garlic
4 teaspoons chili powder, divided
2 teaspoons ground cumin, divided
1 teaspoon ground coriander, divided
½ cup canned or homemade tomato sauce
1 ½ teaspoons salt, or to taste
½ teaspoon ground pepper, or to taste
1 5.5-ounce package organic taco shells
4 cups shredded romaine lettuce, reserved for topping

1. To make the guacamole, mash the avocados in a medium bowl until slightly chunky. Add the onion, jalapenos, cilantro, lime juice, salt, cumin, pepper, and cayenne, then mash the mixture some more.
2. Cover with plastic wrap directly on the surface of the guacamole to prevent oxidation. Refrigerate until chilled, about an hour. Just before serving, add the tomatoes to the guacamole and gently mix.
3. To make the Cauliflower Lentil Taco “meat,” rinse and drain the lentils thoroughly. Add the lentils to a medium saucepan. Add the filtered water and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to low and simmer until tender, about 30 minutes. Drain.
4. Pulse the cauliflower into rice-size pieces in a high-speed food processor. Heat the olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Cook the onion and jalapeno until the onion is translucent, about 5 to 7 minutes. Add the cauliflower rice, garlic, 2 teaspoons of the chili powder, 1 teaspoon of the ground cumin, and ½ teaspoon of the ground coriander, and cook for 4 minutes. Stir in the tomato sauce and cook another 3 to 4 minutes or until the cauliflower is tender.
5. Add the cooked lentils, the remaining 2 teaspoons of chili powder, 1 teaspoon of ground cumin, ½ teaspoon of ground coriander, and the salt and pepper. Cook for an additional 3 minutes.
6. Scoop the Cauliflower Lentil Taco “Meat” into the taco shells and top with shredded romaine lettuce and a dollop of guacamole. Serve immediately.

wine social will benefit Sasha Farm, an animal sanctuary in Manchester, southwest of Ann Arbor.

“I volunteered there between 2003 and 2006. I'd go pretty often to bale hay, feed the animals and help out on the farm,” said Wrobel, who shares his home with cats Lynx, Clawdia, and Figaro. “So, it's very near and dear to my heart.”

By then, Wrobel had been a vegan — not eating animal products — since 1995. He made the gradual switch from a typical American diet to plant-based diet after his grandfather lost his battle with cancer. Wrobel began to question the prevailing notion that “you get old and get a disease and die.”

He didn't consider pursuing a culinary career until after moving to Los Angeles 11 years ago. He had worked as an advertising copywriter in Detroit after graduating from college with a bachelors degree in marketing and theater. In California he pursued acting and music, but “the money was not coming in.”

“I thought I really like making food. What if I got really good at it? For the past 11 years, that is what I have focused on.”

YouTube, Cooking Channel

He studied at the Living Light Culinary Institute in northern California and earned certification as a professional raw foods chef and instructor. Positions at vegan restaurants in Los Angeles, New York, and Detroit followed. He combined his passion for food and theatrical presentation in 2009 on YouTube, where his “J-Wro Show” can be seen. A show on the Cooking Channel, “How to Live to 100,” followed in 2013. His new YouTube series takes him into the kitchens of “average Americans” where he improvises a healthy, vegan meal with whatever ingredients they have on hand.

“Things take time in life. What I tell people coming up in this business is you must learn to cultivate patience. You've got to put the work in but amazing dreams can manifest.”

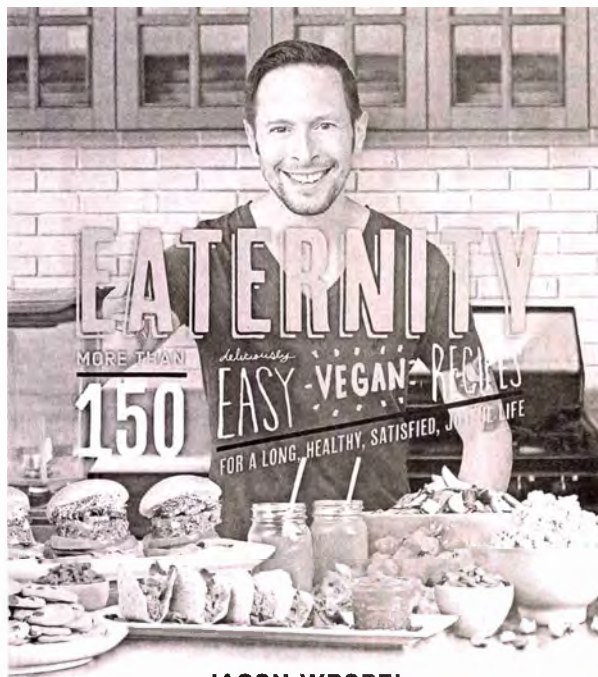
That's also part of his message to those who say they don't have enough time to cook healthy food at home.

“People need to get back into their kitchen and make food with their own two hands. That is non-negotiable. I don't feel we can achieve optimal health if we're constantly eating fast food and eating out all the time.”

“The busyness factor is a lame excuse. I understand that family and career and making money is of course very important, but if we do it at the expense of our long-term health, it will catch up with us. And then it will be a lot harder when that day comes for people to maintain the basics of life.”

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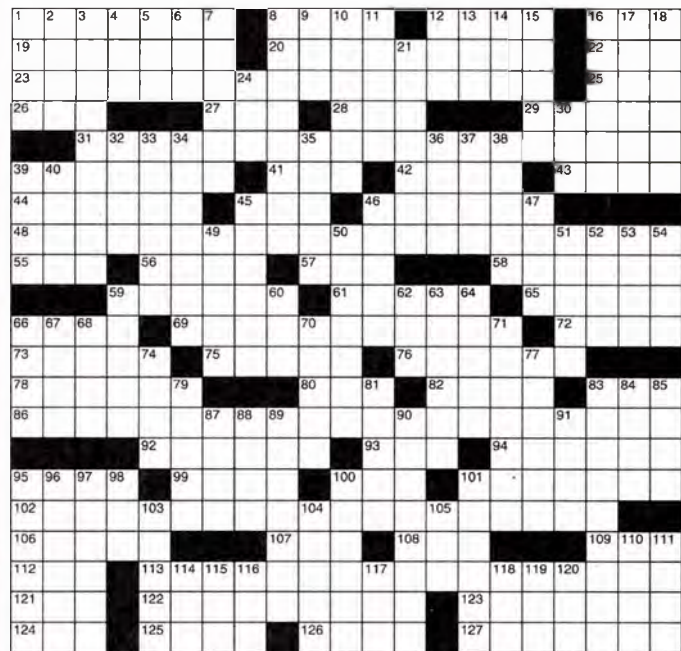
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THURSDAY PUZZLE CORNER

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

- ACROSS**
- 1 Fuel dispenser
 - 8 Beat, as wings
 - 12 Pairs
 - 16 Boohoo
 - 19 Waldorf — (hotel)
 - 20 Instantly
 - 22 Stan of comics
 - 23 Start of a riddle
 - 25 Eggs in a lab
 - 26 Lock insert
 - 27 AAA request
 - 28 — Aviv
 - 29 Entryways
 - 31 Riddle, part 2
 - 39 Said aloud
 - 41 Zebra's kin
 - 42 Very gloomy
 - 43 "Electric" fish
 - 44 One of the 12 apostles
 - 45 Post-Q string
 - 46 Alternative to Zolof or Paxil
 - 48 Riddle, part 3
 - 55 Olive of comics
 - 56 2004-10 nickname on the Houston Rockets
 - 57 Actor Mineo
 - 58 Biting comedy
 - 59 Boozed up
 - 61 Slangy assests
 - 65 Arcade coin
 - 66 Not firm
 - 69 Riddle, part 4
 - 72 Allows to
 - 73 Less diluted
 - 75 Opening for a letter-shaped bolt
 - 76 Like part of the heart
 - 78 "The Simpsons" voice actor
 - 80 Disk in a 1990s fad game
 - 82 "Milk" Oscar winner Sean
 - 83 OR figure
 - 86 Riddle, part 5
 - 92 Crystal-lined stones
 - 93 Scepter
 - 94 Mobster's code of silence
 - 95 Fair-minded
 - 99 Take — (sample the drink)
 - 100 The "E" of PEI: Abbr.
 - 101 Having as a foundation
 - 102 End of the riddle
 - 106 Persona non — (outcast)
 - 107 Quadrennial games org.
 - 108 Brain wave test, in brief
 - 109 Chest bone
 - 112 Address for a knight
 - 113 Fiddle's answer
 - 121 Koko or Kong
 - 122 Most itty-bitty
 - 123 Decorated pilots
 - 124 Get married shrubs
 - 125 Hedge
 - 126 Lofty works
 - 127 Least slobby
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Rubberneck
 - 2 Court great
 - 3 "Don't move"
 - 4 Lobster trap
 - 5 Geiler with a psychic act
 - 6 Prefix with represent
 - 7 Gave a gentle touch
 - 8 Whizzed by
 - 9 Ignited
 - 10 Some spitzes
 - 11 Actor Finch
 - 12 Lac- —
 - 13 "Says —?"
 - 14 Gut-punch sound
 - 15 Exaggerated
 - 16 Dress
 - 17 Let slip
 - 18 Leavenings
 - 21 Quickly, musically
 - 24 Santa's laugh sounds
 - 30 Swallowed
 - 32 Utter agony
 - 33 Noble Brit
 - 34 Said nothing
 - 35 "Como —?" (Juan's greeting)
 - 36 Univ. lecturer
 - 37 Minnelli of "Arthur"
 - 38 Garner
 - 39 As many as
 - 40 "So — say"
 - 45 School break
 - 46 Volcano that destroyed St. Pierre
 - 47 Small talk
 - 49 Knows the answer
 - 50 Be really flattening
 - 51 Ringlike isle
 - 52 Tandem, e.g.
 - 53 Pitcher
 - 54 Hangers
 - 59 Far from lax
 - 60 650, in old Rome
 - 62 Gardner of old films
 - 63 Table protector under a warm dish
 - 64 Not as itty
 - 66 Fix, as a dog or cat
 - 67 Liqueur akin to Sambuca
 - 68 Herr's wife
 - 70 Pueblo dwellers
 - 71 Vocalize loudly
 - 74 Actress Diana
 - 77 Absence of vigor
 - 79 "Save me —"
 - 81 Avant — (totally new)
 - 83 Cajun dish
 - 84 Painter Dix
 - 85 Blush green
 - 87 "Baloney!" to Brits
 - 88 Falco or Adams
 - 89 Patches
 - 90 Costs for cheap apartments
 - 91 Jail unit
 - 95 Many-pieced puzzle
 - 96 Still green
 - 97 Roped in
 - 98 Trike rider
 - 100 Cut in glass
 - 101 Enthusiast
 - 103 Run-down
 - 104 Lead-in to economic or political
 - 105 Lead-in to colonial
 - 110 Glazes, e.g.
 - 111 Unequaled
 - 114 "— hawl"
 - 115 "Gross!" (tykes)
 - 116 Little — (tykes)
 - 117 British verb ending
 - 118 Be in the running (for)
 - 119 Noted time
 - 120 Actor Faxon



For assistance or suggestions on the Puzzle Corner, contact Steve McClellan at (517) 702/4247 or smcclellan@michigan.com. Want more puzzles? Check out the "Just Right Crossword Puzzles" books at QuillDriverBooks.com

SUDOKU

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Here's How It Works!
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

6	5	2	6	3	4	7	1	8
3	1	7	6	5	8	9	2	4
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2	6	8	4	3	1	7	9	5
8	3	9	2	7	5	4	6	1
5	7	1	4	9	6	2	8	3
7	9	5	4	6	1	8	3	2
4	6	3	5	8	9	6	1	7
8	1	6	7	3	2	7	4	9

JAZZ WORD SEARCH

WORDS

- ARRANGEMENT
- AUDIENCE
- BLUES
- BOOKINGS
- BOTTLENECK
- BRASS
- CAJUN
- CALLIPE
- CHANGES
- CONTEMPORARY
- CYCLE
- DISSONANCE
- ELEMENT
- FAME
- FUSION
- GENRE
- JAM
- JAZZ
- JUG
- KEYBOARD
- NEW ORLEANS
- ORCHESTRA
- PARTNERSHIP
- PERFORMANCE
- RAW
- RECORDING
- RHYTHMIC
- SCAT
- SESSION
- SOUTHERN
- STAGE
- TALENT
- TICKETS
- TRUMPET
- VOCALLS
- WASHBOARD

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

Crossword Answers

Word Search Answers

Realtor: Starter homes getting scarcer in Oakland County

Jay Grossman
Staff Writer

Bring some boxing gloves if you're looking to purchase a house for under \$250,000 in Oakland County.

The market is that hot right now.

"There was an open house here in Birmingham and we had a fight over the house," said Dan Elsea with Real Estate One. "We had one guy who barricaded himself in the home and he wouldn't open the door until he was told the seller actually looked at his offer. He spent the night in jail ... and he didn't get the house."

Elsea and Eric Larson of the Larson Realty Group were keynote speakers at the Birmingham Bloomfield Chamber's annual real estate forecast breakfast. Both men predict the real estate market in southeast Michigan will continue to appreciate at a steady clip over the next several years.

Elsea, whose company is the eighth largest broker in the nation, said a majority of homes in the price range of \$250,000 to \$500,000 are selling within 30 days or less in Oakland County. The market for million-dollar luxury homes has slowed down, with more listings than potential buyers.

Residential properties less than \$250,000 are moving faster than lightning because the inventory for starter homes has shrunk dramatically in the past two years.

Elsea expects housing values in southeast Michigan to increase around 15 percent over the next five years. Royal Oak, Berkley and Ferndale are three of the hotter markets right now, mainly because of their appeal to millennials in search of starter homes.

"Royal Oak is clearly outperforming the rest of the market in this area," Elsea said.

Larson, who also serves as CEO of the Downtown Detroit Partnership, believes more cooperation in the region is necessary to help Michigan attract new commercial and industrial opportunities.

"We need to start thinking less about Birmingham and Bloomfield competing against Troy and Southfield ... and more about how we are competing as a region and how are we competing as a state," Larson said.

Larson Realty Group has the redevelopment rights for the old Tiger Stadium property. Outside Detroit, the company has plans for a 24-unit condominium development in Bir-



Dan Elsea, president/CEO of Real Estate One, was a featured speaker at April 5's real estate forecast breakfast in Birmingham.



Eric B. Larson, president/CEO, Larson Realty Group, and CEO, Downtown Detroit Partnership, was a featured speaker at April 5's real estate forecast breakfast in Birmingham.



Bruce Kridler of Greenleaf Trust and Betsy Reich of the Colburn Group at April 5's real estate forecast breakfast in Birmingham.

mingham's Triangle District.

While praising entrepreneurs Mike Ilitch and Dan Gilbert for investing heavily in downtown Detroit and the adjacent Foxtown and Midtown districts, Larson said the challenge in the years ahead will be to rehabilitate the rest of the city.

"You can fit San Francisco, Boston and Manhattan in Detroit," he said at the breakfast. "Those three cities combined have over 11 million people ... Detroit has around 700,000 people."

Right now, about 6,000 people live in the immediate downtown Detroit area. Larson said that equates to about three

people per square mile in terms of density. In comparison, the downtown population of other major cities averages about 11 people per square mile.

On the plus side, more than 300 new hotel rooms are being planned in the downtown, along with approximately 715 residential units. There's also the M1 Rail that's expected to come online in 2017, which should help attract new development.

"So the supply is starting to catch up with the demand," Larson said.

The forecast, held Tuesday at the Townsend, is the third and final of an annual series

presented by the Birmingham chamber. The other two focus on government and the economy.

"All three of this year's forecast programs featured outstanding speakers who truly are leaders in their industries," chamber president Joe Bauman said. "Each of the programs plays a key role in fulfilling the chamber's mission to serve our six communities as their leading resource for advancing business interests and building relationships."

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Assessment: Sometimes you need to stand, fight

Q: I am upset about the tax assessment I received this year from my township and I don't know what the results are going to be, but I did appeal to my local assessor. What do you think I should do with the result?

A: I would have difficulty recommending what specifically you should do other than if you are locked in to an assessment given the facts and circumstances of your case that you think is unreasonable, you need to appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal at

the least. You don't want to be stuck with an unreasonable assessment which is much greater than the fair market value of your property even the tax assessor argues that he is not looking at your individual property, but a composite of neighboring properties. Obviously, the assessors are out to get as much as they can and at some point you have to stand up and fight.

Q: My neighbor and I have jointly been utilizing a driveway for a number of years and we have always gotten along, but the driveway is on his property. Is it really necessary to have some sort of formal agreement?

A: It certainly is because your neighbor may sell his property or there may be some other untoward event which sours your respective relationship. You should prepare, with the assistance of an attorney, an easement agreement codifying your right to use that portion of the driveway with the requisite contribution by you and your successor which would be equitable. You are just looking for a problem down the road if you don't do something to establish the legal relationship and it probably should be your dime to do so.

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Robert Meisner

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update. Meetings are at 6-9 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate.

Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership. The Red Lobster is next to 7-Eleven, near Trenton Road.

Any questions or concerns, call Bill Beddoes at 734-934-9091 or Wayne Koehler at 313-819-0919.

Short sales

If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures.

Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. each Thursday at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon.

Call the office at 248-782-7130 or email june.quantum@gmail.com for your reservation or additional information.

Free foreclosure tours

Free foreclosure tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96.

Email Georgia@adddedvalurealty.com or visit FreeForeclosureTour.com.

Industry report: Vacation home sales drop some, investment buys up

Vacation home sales cooled off in 2015 but remained at the second highest amount in nearly a decade, while investment purchases increased for the first time in five years, according to an annual survey of residential home buyers released today by the National Association of Realtors. Mirroring the strong price growth seen throughout the United States, the median sales price of both vacation and investment homes surged in 2015.

NAR's 2016 *Investment and Vacation Home Buyers Survey*, covering existing- and new-home transactions in 2015, found that vacation-home sales last year declined to an estimated 920,000, down 18.5 percent from their most recent peak level of 1.13 million in 2014.

Investment-home sales in 2015 jumped 7.0 percent to an estimated 1.09 million from 1.02 million in 2014. Owner-occupied purchases jumped 15.9 percent to 3.74 million last year from 3.23 million in 2014 — the highest level since 2007 (3.93 million). Sales estimates are based on a national online survey including responses from over 2,000 U.S. adults who purchased a residential property in 2015, and exclude institutional investment activity.

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, says vacation sales took a sizable step back in 2015, but still came in at the second highest amount since 2006 (1.07 million). "Baby boomers at or near retirement continue to propel the demand for second homes, although headwinds softened the overall volume of vacation sales last year," he said. "The expanding pool of buyers amidst a dwindling number of bargain-priced properties led to tighter supply and fewer sales and caused the price of vacation homes to rise. Furthermore, the turbulence that hit the financial markets the second half of the year likely seized some would-be buyers' available cash."

The median sales price of both vacation and investment homes soared in 2015. The median vacation home price was \$192,000, up 28.0 percent from \$150,000 in 2014. The median investment-home sales price was \$143,500, up 15.3 percent from \$124,500 a year ago.

According to Yun, many of the metro areas with the strongest price appreciation in 2015 were in the South — the most popular destination for vacation buyers — and particularly in several Florida markets. While increased buyer

demand contributed to the run-up in prices, it also likely squeezed less affluent households looking to purchase vacation properties.

Vacation-home sales accounted for 16 percent of all transactions in 2015 — down from 21 percent in 2014 (21 percent), but still the second highest share since the survey was first conducted in 2003. The portion of investment sales remained unchanged from a year ago at 19 percent, and owner-occupied purchases increased to 65 percent (60 percent in 2014).

"Despite a smaller share of distressed properties coming onto the market, investment purchases reversed course in 2015 after declining for four straight years," Yun said. "Steadily increasing home prices and strong rental demand appear to be giving more individual investors assurance that purchasing real estate will diversify their portfolios and generate additional income if they decide to rent out the home."

This year's survey found that in addition to longer-term rentals, investors are most likely to attempt to rent their properties for less than 30 days. Among investors, 42 percent did or tried to rent their property in 2015 and plan to rent their property in 2016.

Twenty-four percent of vacation buyers did or tried to rent their property in 2015 and plan to rent their property this year. Vacation buyers are more likely to use a property manager or social media to rent their property, while investors are more likely to use a traditional real estate agency.

The share of vacation buyers who paid in cash jumped to 38 percent from 30 percent in 2014, while cash purchases by investors decreased to 39 percent from 41 percent a year ago. Of buyers who financed their purchase with a mortgage, over half (52 percent) of vacation buyers and 44 percent of investors financed less than 70 percent of the purchase price.

The overall trend of fewer distressed properties (short sale or foreclosure) on the market resulted in vacation buyers and investors purchasing less of them in 2015. Thirty-six percent of vacation buyers (45 percent in 2014) and 39 percent of investors (44 percent in 2014) purchased a distressed property a year ago.

RELIGION CALENDAR

APRIL CONCERT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. April 23
Location: Orchard Grove Community Church, 850 Ladd Road, Walled Lake
Details: Christian rock band, Sanctus Real, performs. Tickets are \$15, available at the door or in advance at orchardgrove.org
Contact: 248-926-6584

DIABETES SUPPORT

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. beginning Wednesday, April 27
Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills
Details: Six-week type 2 diabetes support group will include menu planning and information on developing healthy habits
Contact: 248-553-3380

FILM

Time/Date: Movie follows the 6:45 p.m. fish fry dinner
Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills
Details: The movie "Thomas" will be screened. Call the church to reserve a place at the fish fry
Contact: 248-553-3380

HUNGER AWARENESS, FUNDS

Time/Date: Beginning at noon, Saturday, April 23
Location: Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Youth of Unity will fast for 24 hours to bring awareness of hunger and food and funds to support Redford Interfaith Relief. The public may donate non-perishable food items, cash or checks payable to Unity of Livonia, with "Fasting for Food" in the notation line, 9:30 a.m.-noon, Sunday, April 24 at the church
Contact: Shannon Restaino at 313-530-4712; shanrestaino@gmail.com

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

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, 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, computers, electronics. The church also is collecting used ink cartridges, eye glasses and cell phones for recycling
Contact: 248-626-7906; antiochela@sbcglobal.net

MAY CHARITY CRAFT & VENDOR SHOW

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, May 14
Location: St. Mel's Catholic Church, 7506 Inkster Road, north of Warren Road in Dearborn Heights.
Details: Admission is \$1 with all proceeds to help veterans and their families. Bake sale, food available.
Contact: American Legion Adu396craftshow@yahoo.com

CONCERT

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. May 15
Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford

Details: The concert choir of Michigan Lutheran Seminary of Saginaw performs. A free will offering will be accepted
Contact: 313-532-6655 or 734-968-3523

FOOD ASSISTANCE

Time/Date: Doors open at 9 a.m., Saturday, May 7
Location: Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Laverne, Redford
Details: S.H.A.R.E. program includes spending time "in God's word," followed by distribution of bagged groceries. Open to the first 40 families
Contact: Diane at 313-937-2424

MOM2MOM SALE

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, May 7
Location: St. Valentine School Gym, 25875 Hope, Redford
Details: Bake sale, refreshments. \$1 admission, \$2 early bird. For table rental and contract visit stvalentineschool.com
Contact: Renee Williams at 313-931-2549, Renee3471@att.net; Jessica Wimmer at 734-223-3390, Jessicawimmer@hotmail.com

PRAYER IN THE PARK

Time/Date: Prayer, 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; worship and prayer service, 6:30 p.m., Thursday, May 5
Location: Kellogg Park, downtown Plymouth
Details: Pastors from various churches will lead prayers throughout the day, coming together for the worship service in the evening. Sponsored by Heartbeat of Plymouth in celebration of National Day of Prayer
Contact: heartbeatofplymouth.com

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m. Thursday, May 5; 9 a.m.-noon Friday, May 6; 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, May 7
Location: Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Newburgh and Wayne Road, Livonia
Details: \$2 per adult Thursday only; free admission Friday-Saturday. Saturday half-price sale
Contact: 734-422-0149

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday, May 19, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday, May 20
Location: First Farmington United Methodist Church, 33112 Grand River Ave., at Warner Street, Farmington
Details: Bag sale will be Friday. Items that don't fit in the bag will be half off that day
Contact: 248-474-6573

RUMMAGE, BAKE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 13-14
Location: Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia
Details: Furniture, crafts, electronics, books, clothing, toys, kitchen items, small appliances, holiday decorations, jewelry, collectibles, gadgets, antiques, office items and more. \$3 bag sale begins at 12:30 p.m. Saturday. Cash only
Contact: 734-427-1414

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Our Lady of Loretto
Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday
Location: Six Mile and Beech Daily, Redford Township
Details: Scripture study
Contact: 313-534-9000
St. Michael the Archangel Parish
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursday, through May
Location: 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Gary Michuta, author and Catholic apologist, leads a study of Isaiah. Bring your own Bible
Contact: 734-261-1455, ext 200 or on line at www.livonia-st-michael.org

Faith Community Wesleyan

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

EXERCISE

Time/Date: 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday
Location: Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia
Details: Instructor Wendy Motta, a seven-year Zumba practitioner, teaches Zumba

through drop-in classes. Each costs \$3. Participants should bring water, a towel and wear athletic shoes. For more information, email Motta through zumba.com
Contact: 313-408-3364
FAMILY MEAL
Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday
Location: Salvation Army, 27500

Shiawassee, Farmington Hills
Details: Free meal
Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12
HEALING SERVICE
Time/Date: Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month
Location: The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia

Details: The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Offertory candles are available for a free will offering in the vestibule of the church.
Contact: Rev. George Shalhoub at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey Badeen at sbadeen@bosm.com

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BRINK

BETTY I. April 16, 2016, age 81. Beloved sister of the late Ronald, Robert and Irwin Brink. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Memorial gathering Saturday, April 23rd from 2 pm until the time of the memorial service at 4 pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main St., Plymouth. Share your memories at
 www.schrader-howell.com

DUNN

JOAN P. 78 Passed away April 18, peacefully surrounded by family. She is preceded in death by her parents Halley and Genevieve Hayes and brothers Bob and Don. Loving wife of 25 years to Ronald. Beloved mother of Daryl Reddick (Amy), Joy Reddick (Tina) and stepmother of Julie Dunn. Cherished grandmother of Summer and Skylar. Dear sister of Richard, Peter, Sandy and Jim. Family will receive friends Friday from 2-9 p.m. at Neely-Turovski Funeral Home 30200 Five Mile (Between Middlebelt and Merriman). To share a favorite memory and/or photo and to sign the online guestbook, please visit
 www.turovskifunestory.com

EVANS



STEPHEN M. formerly of Canton, passed away April 15, 2016 at the age of 83. Beloved husband of the late Ann Dorothy Evans (nee Verbanac). Survived by daughters: Suzanne (Robert) Light, Cheryl (Daniel) Mathena, Laura (Thomas) Jones, and Michelle (Matt) Leighton; six grandchildren: Tara (Mark) Hinkelang, Brenton Mathena, Stephen Light, Michael Jones, Sarah Jones, and Tanner Leighton; his sister, Judith (Anthony) Cruz; and nephews Aaron (Erin) Cruz and Adam Cruz. Funeral service Saturday, April 23rd, 1:30 p.m. at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Rd., Canton. Friends may visit the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main St., Plymouth, Friday, April 22nd 2:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Interment Riverside Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Detroit Goodfellows and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

JONES



ALANE passed away peacefully on April 12, 2016 in Farmington Hills. A lifelong Pittsburgh-area resident, she was 97 and was preceded in death by her husband Leslie and brother Bill Phillips. Loving mother of son William (Michelle), and proud grandmother of Andrew, Jesse and Matthew. She is also survived by a sister, Jane Allshouse. A memorial service will be held at Ward Church in Northville May 24.

ROE-COTNER

SALLY age 49, passed away on April 12th at her home surrounded by loved ones. She is survived by her son, Andrew Roe, fiancé David Drefus, her mother Betty Roe, brother Dante' Roe, sister's Tracey Roe-Castle and Carol McKercher. She will be missed by her grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Sally was a sports fan and enjoyed attending and watching football and baseball. She is preceded in death by her husband, Ron Cotner, her father, James Roe and her grandparents. A memorial will be planned for August.

STETTLER



WILMA JEAN 91, passed away on Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at home with family in Naples, Florida. She was born on November 8, 1924 in Indianapolis, Indiana to Frank George and Mary Harriet (Brandon) Ketchum. Wilma graduated from Emmerich Manual High School in Indianapolis and attended Shurtleff College in Alton, Illinois. While working at the Army Map Service, she met Richard James Stettler and they were married December 27, 1944. After World War II, Wilma continued her college education at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana and in the 1950's she and her husband, Richard, built their first home in Indianapolis and started a family. Wilma and her family moved to Birmingham, Michigan in 1972. After her husband retired in 1986, they split their time between their cottage at Rocky Fork Lake in Brazil, Indiana and their home in Naples, Florida. As well as being a world-wide traveler with her cherished Purdue Gang, Wilma was a member of the Garden Club and Newcomers in Birmingham, Michigan, Sands Club in Naples, Florida and was the first female docent at the Collier Car Museum in Naples. She filled her life with her family, dear friends and her adored grandchildren and great-grandchildren whom were her pride and joy. Wilma is survived by her son, Robert Richard Stettler of Naples, FL; daughter, Lisa Kay Christin and her husband, Gerald Rene Christin, Jr., of Petoskey, MI; grandchildren, Patricia Ann Fry (Ryan), Jeremy James Stettler (Katie), Justin Robert Stettler (Jennifer), Joel Thomas Stettler and Gerald Rene Christin III; great-grandchildren, Coraly Elizabeth Fry and Adelle Grace Fry; along with nieces, nephews and many close friends. Wilma was preceded in death by her husband, Richard; sister, Genevieve Joyce Brown; brother, Frank George Ketchum, Jr.; and grandson, Junior James Christin. A memorial service will be held in Indianapolis for Wilma and her late husband, Richard, at a later date. The family suggests memorial donations be made to Humane Society of Naples, 370 Airport Pulling Rd., Naples, FL 34104; Humane Society of Brazil, 8280 N. County Road 125 W, Brazil, IN 47834; or Avow Hospice, 1095 Whipoorwill Lane, Naples, FL 34105. For online condolences, please visit
 fullernaples.com.

TATOMIR

MARGARET A. Age 92, of Hinsdale, Illinois, died April 9, 2016. Born in Istanbul, Turkey of Armenian descent, she arrived in Detroit to join her father with her mother, sister, and brother in 1932. She worked at Ford Motor Company during and after WWII later going into Fashion Retail. She moved with her family to So. California in 1977 where she continued to work at Sak's Fifth Avenue and later Robinsons May. In 2007, a few years after retiring she moved to Hinsdale, IL to live with her youngest daughter and her husband. She enjoyed travel, dining out, reading, and having family holiday dinners. She was preceded in death by her husband Barney S. She is survived by her children, Barney J. (the late Patricia) Tatomir, Mary Lynn Eppinar, David J. (Susan) Tatomir, and Lisa A. (Jay) Armond; her grandchildren, Jason, Sarah, Michael, Cassandra, and Christopher; her nieces and nephews, Bill, Cyndi, Debbie, Michael, Eva, Tina, Greg, Mardi, and John; her niece and lifelong friend, Mary Lazar; and many great-nieces and nephews. Committal Service will be held in the East Chapel of Holy Sepulchre Catholic Cemetery, 25800 W. 10 Mile Rd., Southfield, at 11:30a.m. on Saturday, April 23.

WALL



JOY age 85, of Plymouth and Empire, Michigan, died April 16, 2016. She was born on October 8, 1930, to Julius and Gaynell Tulley in Connersville, Indiana. Joy was preceded in death by her husband Dean Wall. She is survived by her three children: Tonya (Charles) Lowe, LeeAnn Burdette, Christopher (Eileen) Wall, her grandchildren: Andrew, Katherine, Daniel, Alexandra, Jackson, Amelia, Bowen, Brittany, Clayton, and Myles, her two great-grandsons: William and Jack, and her three sisters: Geraldine (Robert) Campbell, Patti (Warren) Terry, and Judy Lang. Joy Wall was born in Connersville, Indiana and raised in Liberty, IN. She got her diploma in Nursing from St. Vincent's School of Nursing in Indianapolis, IN. All three of her sisters ("Sisters") also became nurses. She married Dean Wall, the only love of her life, in 1954. They moved to Plymouth, MI in 1957, and built Cherywood Golf Course in Ottawa Lake, MI. But her pride and joy was the Dunes Golf Course in Empire, MI, that they built together and she managed for 30 years, well after Dean's death in 1984. She was an active member of OLG, the Plymouth Registered Nurses Club, and the Glen Lakes Women's Club. She loved to play bridge with her friends, and Euchre with her family. There will be a Memorial Golf Tournament held at the Dunes Golf Course in her honor at a future date. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated Thursday, April 21, at 10:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth, 48170. Family and friends may begin visiting at 10 a.m. at Church. Joy will be buried in her family plots in Connersville, Indiana, on Friday.

WASMER



NANCY M. Age 87, of Novi, passed through Heaven's Gate April 15, 2016. Nancy is the beloved wife of the late Edward (d.2004). Nancy is survived by her loving children, Ken (Sharon) Wasmer, Geoff (Barb) Wasmer, Karen (Roderick) MacLeod, and Judy (Bob) Kamp; cherished grandchildren, Nicholas Wasmer, Timothy Wasmer, Rebecca Wasmer, Abby Wasmer, Kathryn (Manuel) Valdivia, Matt (Alexi) Kamp, Joel Kamp, Emily Kamp, and Leah Kamp; great grandchild, Manuel Edward Valdivia. Visitation Saturday, April 23, 10-12 noon, at the Heeneys-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btw. 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Funeral service Saturday, April 23, 12 pm. Nancy will be interred next to her husband in Laurel Grove Memorial Park, in Totowa Boro, New Jersey. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Calvin College and Seminary, Edward and Nancy Wasmer Scholarship Fund (3201 Burton St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546-9905).
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WATT



JEAN 94 years old passed away peacefully on Saturday April 16th. She was a housewife and mother to over 50 children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by her husband Robert. An avid gardener as many of her neighbors in Livonia would tell you. She will always be remembered for her \$2 bills. We thank her for bringing us all into this world. Rest in peace mommy we love you. Please share a memory at
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Julie Brown
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FILM PRODUCER,
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Women underrepresented in film behind the scenes

"Most women don't have that opportunity," she noted.

At the Saturday, April 16, luncheon, she was joined by Courtney Brannon Donoghue, assistant professor of cinema studies at Oakland University. Donoghue, 34, of Royal Oak earned her Ph.D. in media studies from the University of Texas.

Pay disparity

Donoghue noted in 1970 22 percent of women had some college or a degree, a figure that jumped to nearly 67 percent by 2010.

"There's still a massive wage gap," Donoghue said. "It's even lower for Latina and African American women."

She noted the early Hollywood studios starting in the 1920s had few women in powerful roles, with Ida Lupino, also an actress, and Dorothy Arzner the two who directed early in U.S. film history.

Less than 5 percent of films now have women directors. "Women were some of the first film editors. As it became more and more technical, women were pushed out of those roles," Texas native Donoghue said.

She and Green noted few women directors, producers or cinematographers. "They're not being hired to produce or direct films in the same way" as men, Donoghue said at the La Bistecca site lunch.

Of her producing work, Green, who grew up in Dearborn, said, "We're responsible for overseeing the film from beginning to end. You're in charge of everything, essentially."

AAUW member Mickey Edell of Canton noted, "It sounds like in education (film schools) they're getting in the mix."

Green said the two male directors of her films got offered bigger roles later. "Those opportuni-

ties aren't being offered to women," she said.

When she started at the Lionsgate studio, Green read scripts and was in high-level meetings "because they didn't have a different voice in the mix" to reach girls and young women.

As a junior executive, she got the "green lighting" for a film project, and was later replaced and not allowed to participate. "You hire what you're comfortable with," said Green, noting larger corporations own the film studios and have male executives.

Said Edell, a retired Plymouth-Canton Schools staffer, "The whole issue here is leadership. Even as women, that's (bias against women leaders is) a possibility," she added.

Green responded, "I really felt I hit a glass ceiling" at the studio. "So I left."

'They'll back off'

Donoghue noted her OU program is half female, half male, and women students sometimes struggle in front of men.

"They'll back off, they'll make themselves smaller," she said. "You have to put yourself in a leadership position."

They noted women have historically done hair and makeup work on Hollywood productions. Green has spoken to students, including Donoghue's, and told a young man who was concerned after learning of inequity, "Just let people in those minority positions feel like they have a voice."

The women also touched briefly on Michigan's history of film incentives. Green produced "It Follows" with incentives, which she said helped to build infrastructure that's gone now.

"I think most filmmakers felt pretty helpless" with the shift away from incentives, she said. She added the Sundance Film Festival gets some 8,000 submissions a year.

"It's a very competitive market," she said of independent filmmaking.

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Rebecca Green

When Rebecca Green of Plymouth pursued her bachelor of fine arts degree in filmmaking, she was one of six women out of 52 students.

Green, 37, returned as an alumna to the University of North Carolina School of the Arts to teach, and was glad to see more women enrolled in her field.

"As a female, you either have people who support you or you don't," Green said.

She's an independent film producer with credits of "It Follows," a horror film shot in metro Detroit, as well as "I'll See You in My Dreams," a story of a woman (Blythe Danner) pursuing relationships later in life. Sam Elliott and Martin Starr also are featured.

"I'll See You in My Dreams" premiered in 2015 at the Sundance Film Festival. She and an Oakland University faculty member discussed women in film at a Plymouth-Canton branch, American Association of University Women, luncheon.

Green is grateful to a former mentor/boss at Lionsgate who told her to speak up for herself.



Courtney Brannon Donoghue

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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

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 personal 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 COUNCIL

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 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

Drawn to the Night: The open life drawing event runs 7-9 p.m. Friday, April 22 and enables artists of all ages to practice drawing the human form. Includes themed set, timed poses, live costumed model. Bring your own art supplies. Complimentary refreshments. \$10 at the door; \$5 for students. This month's theme is "A Little Piece of Matisse"

Contact: 734-416-4278; plymoutharts.com

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 Rubinfeld 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. Friday, April 22 and Thursday, April 28; 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 23

Location: 760 Penniman, Plymouth

Details: "Race," \$3

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

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. April 23

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

Details: The General: Silent Film Special, \$10 for adults, \$5 for children, 12 and under

Contact: 313-898-1481; redfordtheatre.com

FUNDRAISERS

MICHIGAN JAZZ FESTIVAL

Time/Date: 3 p.m. Sunday, April 24

Location: VisTaTech Center, Schoolcraft College main campus, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia

Details: Sean Dobbins Organ Quartet performs. Tickets are \$15 by April 10 or \$20 at the door

Contact: Pat Minnick 734-462-4403; music@schoolcraft.edu

WALK FOR JUSTICE

Time/Date: 8 a.m. Saturday, April 23

Location: Detroit Zoo, I-696 at Woodward, Royal Oak

Details: Includes zoo entry, parking, entry for door prize, refreshments, family activities and silent auction. Admission is \$40 for adults; free for kids, \$20 for law school students. Benefits the William Booth Legal Aid Clinic

Contact: walkforjustice.org



Los Gatos performs Tuesday, April 26 at the Jazz@The Elks series, in Plymouth.



Matt Watroba is among the performers at the Trinity House Theatre Benefit Concert April 22, in Livonia.

April 24

Location: Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: The Schoolcraft College Chorale will join forces with the Quest Choir and the Ford Motor Company Chorus to present "Fuze the Muze II," a free concert

Contact: 734-462-4403; schoolcraft.edu/music

TRINITY AND FRIENDS CHOIR

Time/Date: 8 p.m. May 5-7

Location: Trinity in the Woods, 26880 La Muera, Farmington Hills

Details: The choir sings music by Bach in its original German. The concert features a small chamber orchestra, soloists, duets and the full chorus. Guest conductor is Adam Riccetto of the Ypsilanti Symphony Orchestra. Tickets are \$10

Contact: trinityinthewoods.org; 248-474-2860

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

Time/Date: Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m.

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Trinity House Theatre Benefit Concert featuring Red Tail Ring, Matt Watroba, and Olivia Millerschin, April 22; Tom Sharpe, April 23. Most tickets \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks accepted

Contact: 734-464-6302 for additional information

SPECIAL EVENT

ICE SHOW

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, May 6, 4 p.m. Saturday, May 7

Location: Farmington Hills Ice Arena, 35500 Eight Mile, between Halsted and Farmington Road, Farmington Hills

Details: "Monopoly on Ice," showcases Farmington Hills Figure Skating Club members and Learn-to-Skate students performing to music. Tickets are \$8 for adults, 19 and up, \$6 for

seniors, 65 and up, and students, 6-18, and free for children 5 and under

Contact: 248-478-8800

SPOKEN WORD

MOTOWN MIC

Time/Date: Doors at 7:15 p.m., performances from 8-10 p.m. Friday, April 22, and 29

Location: Motown Museum is located at 2648 West Grand Blvd., Detroit

Details: "Motown Mic: The Spoken Word" invites poets, 18 and over, to perform original pieces no longer than three minutes. At each Friday night event, a panel of judges will select two winners to advance to the grand finale in June, where all finalists will perform a Motown-inspired piece. The grand winner will be named the 2016 Motown Mic: The Spoken Word Artist of the Year, receive a \$1,000 cash prize and have their work published on a literary broadside. General admission tickets are \$10; \$5 for performers

Contact: 313-875-2264; motownmuseum.org

THEATER

BAREFOOT PRODUCTIONS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. April 22-23 and 29-30, and 2 p.m. April 24 and May 1

Location: 240 N. Main, Plymouth

Details: Noir thriller, "Laura," a murder mystery made popular by the 1944 film adaptation. Tickets are \$15-\$17

Contact: justgobarefoot.com; 734-404-6889

FARMINGTON PLAYERS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 29-30, May 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, and Thursday, May 19, and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 1, 8, and 15

Location: 32332 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: When six unemployed steel workers feel like they've been left on the scrap heap of life, they resort to some extraordinary measures to lift themselves up in this edgy musical comedy, "The Full Monty." They overcome their fear, self-consciousness and feelings of worthlessness by becoming exotic dancers. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for students and seniors, age 62 and over

Contact: farmingtonplayers.org; 248-553-2955

SPOTLIGHT PLAYERS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. April 22-24

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

Details: Tickets for the romantic comedy "Guys and Dolls" are \$18 for adults and \$16 for seniors and youth

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