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Councilman questions outside work of Parks and Recreation director

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A Westland councilman is questioning Parks and Recreation Director John Adams' continued work for the Inkster Fire Department.

"I respect and appreciate John Adams. I heard that he had another full-time position in another city," Councilman Kevin Coleman said. "We were told he was quitting but I confirmed

that he is still acting fire chief in Inkster."

Adams retired as Westland assistant chief/fire marshal in June 2014 and was appointed chief operating officer of the Inkster Fire Department the following month.

Early this year, Adams, who has a master's degree in public administra-



Adams

tion, was appointed Westland's parks and recreation director. Contacted after the meeting, Adams said that he is doing some consulting for Inkster Fire.

"I got them \$5.3 million in grants over two years. I'm making sure there is a smooth transition in a community in need," said Adams, referring to financially strapped Inkster.

In his comments, Coleman said that he had worked well with Adams in the

past and was confident he could do the job as parks and recreation director.

"It's unfortunate when you have an elected person who suggested we have such a great working relationship but failed to reach out to me," said Adams, who described the comments as political posturing.

Describing Coleman's comments as irresponsible, Adams said he works

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Hoover students plant Arbor Day trees



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Davina Blackburn, 10, helps plant a tree in Wayne's Attwood Park during the annual Arbor Day commemoration.

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Wayne's Attwood Park will have some shade and extra color thanks to students from Hoover Elementary

School.

As part of their annual Arbor Day commemoration, the fourth-grade classes of teachers Amy Morse and Andrea D'Amico planted two Red Maples in the city park.

Wayne Department of Public Services workers headed by assistant director Ed Queen did the heavy lifting for the youngsters — literally. DPS staff dug the holes and had the trees in place at the start of the Arbor Day pro-

gram.

"This is probably our 10th year (for Arbor Day). We work with the city. The last trees were planted at Hoover,"

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Stevenson MS students garner state kudos for Amelia Earhart exhibit

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Three girls from Wayne-Westland's Stevenson Middle School — Letisia Kape, Nina Scarpelli and Ashley Taylor — were lauded at the Michigan History Day state finals April 30 for their exhibit on aviator Amelia Earhart. They won in the Junior Division

Group Exhibit, garnering the Elly Peterson Award for Michigan Women's History. That award is sponsored by the Michigan Women's Studies Association.

"We have very interesting theories of what happened," said Scarpelli, 14, of the famed aviator's disappearance while flying in July 1937. "There's many theories." She cited the "tragic

one" of Earhart perishing into the ocean in a crash.

"Something may come up in the future because we miss her and we need her back," added Scarpelli of Earhart.

Of the competition, 13-year-old Kape said, "It was really exciting. I just learned all the different places she traveled to."

'Women can do the same things'

Taylor, 14, said, "We picked her because she portrayed how women can do the same things men can do." The three girls are eighth-graders.

"This year's theme — Exploration,

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hard for the city. "For him to imply otherwise is to mischaracterize me. I will not allow it," he said.

Adams is a contractual employee of the city. Mayor William Wild said he was having the contract reviewed to confirm there is no prohibition on outside employment.

"I talked to John. He said he does some consulting and is helping Inkster with the process of hiring a new fire chief. I talked with the (Inkster) city manager," Wild said. "John puts in 70-hour work weeks here."

Under the city charter, department heads are appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the mayor. Council is asked to confirm department head appointments.

"I talked to John. He said he does some consulting and is helping Inkster with the process of hiring a new fire chief."

WILLIAM WILD,
Westland mayor

In his comments, Coleman also took a swipe at Council President James Godbout's position that a statewide or national search wasn't needed to fill the parks and recreation director position.

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Hoover Elementary School students Michael Korzetki and Ava Zikmund, both 9, take their turn shoveling earth around the tree's roots.

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Morse said. "We joke that we have the fourth-grade forest at Hoover (due to multiple tree plantings). We decided we needed to spread out in the city."

Last year, the students planted flowers and other native plants in Wayne's Dynamite Park, along with wildflowers behind Wayne City Hall.

"We like teach our kids and reach out to the community. This is the third year we've planted at Attwood Park," Morse said. "We've worked on the Rouge Rescue."

Lined up behind the new trees, each of the students took a turn step-

ping forward to read some information about the Rouge River, Arbor Day and a range of ecologically friendly reminders such as watering or putting things down storm drains that will pollute water.

After singing a John Denver song — appropriately titled "Plant a Tree" — students took turns in shoveling some dirt to help complete planting the new trees.

The program, held on a rather cool and overcast day, was attended by families of students and a variety of city officials.

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Encounter, Exchange in History — challenged the students to really think outside the box," said Andrea Lorion, Michigan History Day state coordinator, in a statement. There were five categories: performances, exhibits, papers, websites and documentaries.

Stevenson's Sharon Sullivan, who teaches social studies and American history, said "The girls put together an exhibit. They also connected her to Michigan with the trips she made here."

Scarpelli said, "She crashed but she didn't get injured," one time, adding Earhart's husband had minor injuries and was OK that time.

The girls explained Earhart visited Kalamazoo, Detroit, Dearborn — where she met with auto pioneer Henry Ford — and Battle Creek. The Stevenson Middle School team had some 18 students, and the honored local trio won't advance to national-level competition.

"Maybe next year," Taylor said.



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Ashley Taylor (from left), Nina Scarpelli and Letisia Kape, Stevenson Middle School eighth-graders, enjoyed learning about aviator Amelia Earhart.

received top honors at the State Finals competition of Michigan History Day on April 30 at Bay City Central High School in Bay City. Nearly 500 Michigan elementary, middle and high school students — a record-setting number — took part in this year's event, an educational program of the Historical Society of Michigan.

The finalists in the junior and senior divisions advance to the National History Day competition this June in College Park, Md.

'Extremely proud'

"I'm extremely proud of them. They did a great job," teacher Sullivan said of her students. They won at earlier local and regional competitions to advance before Bay City.

"We try as much as possible" to include women's history in curriculum, Sullivan said. The students learn of suffragists Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton who pushed for equality for women, including the vote, in the 1800s and early 1900s.

The Stevenson social studies students work in class on a program where 20 percent of time

is allocated to research of their own choice, Sullivan explained. Classmates designed websites and made documentaries on other topics for the event.

"The entire process is very impressive," she said. "They learned a lot and they really want to compete next year." The three girls won \$100 for their work.

A University of Michigan Press website references a book on award namesake Elly Peterson as "Mother of the Moderates." Peterson was the first female chair of the Michigan Republican Party.

The U-of-M website notes that in the 1960s as Peterson became disenchanted with the GOP's conservative bent, she "united with other feminists to push for the Equal Rights Amendment and reproductive choice, battled Phyllis Schlafly to prevent her from gaining control of the National Federation of Republican Women, and became an independent."

Sara Fitzgerald is author of the Peterson biography.

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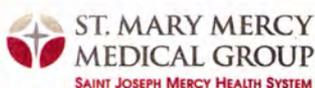
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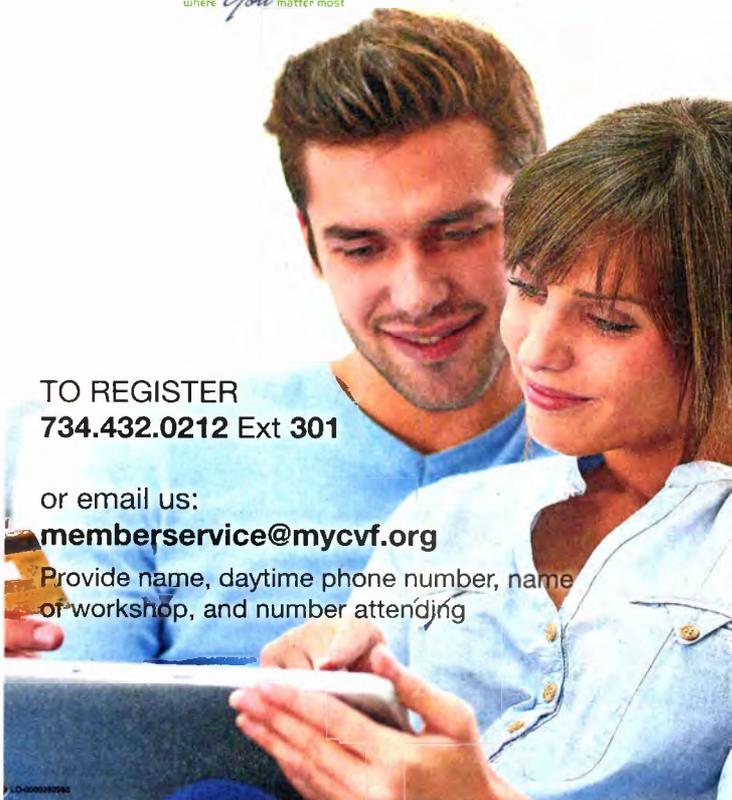
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Boehner to deliver Madonna commencement speech

The featured speaker at Madonna University's 69th Commencement will be Former Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives John Boehner.

Some 1,300 graduates will join the Madonna University alumni ranks during two ceremonies Saturday, May 7, at Suburban Collection Showplace, Hall C, in Novi. Among this group will be a dozen graduates of Madonna's Doctor of Nursing Practice program and nearly 300 master's students, who

will receive their degrees at a graduate ceremony at 10:30 a.m. Approximately 1,000 students will receive a bachelor's or associate degree during the undergraduate ceremony at 2 p.m.

In addition to the conferral of graduate and undergraduate degrees and certificates, honorary doctoral degrees will be bestowed upon Francis Edward Murphy, philanthropist, health-care trailblazer and entrepreneur, and Boehner.

The Distinguished Alumna Award will be presented to Mary Beth Smykowski of Northville.



Boehner

Presiding over the commencement ceremony will be Madonna University President Michael A. Grandillo, Ph.D., and serving as Master of Ceremonies will be Provost and Vice

President for Academic Administration Lewis N. Walker.

Bagpiper Donald K. Ross will play the prelude music along with the Motor City Brass Quintet which will play the processional music. The Honor Guard will be Shrine Veterans Legion of Honor - Commander Craig A. Stigleman.

The invocation will be given by Jane Linahan, chair of the Religious Studies and Philosophy Department. The National Anthem will be sung

by Anna Dreslinski Cooke and Aaron VonAllmen, both graduating with degrees in vocal music, and interpreted by sign language studies grads Chelsea Cook, Amanda Duda, Rochelle Koloff, De'La McClen-don, Regina Pestulak, Sarah Rau, and Andrea Reames. The mace bearer will be Dennis Bozyk, chair of the History Department.

All graduates and their families are invited to attend the graduation Mass at 7 p.m. Thursday,

May 5, at the Felician Sisters Central Chapel, located at 36800 Schoolcraft Road, in Livonia. Bishop Donald Hanchon, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Detroit and Madonna trustee, will serve as the celebrant.

A reception for graduates and their families will be hosted by Madonna University President Grandillo and First Lady Nancy Grandillo, in the University Center Dining Room, immediately following the Mass.

Wild About Youth seeks bosses, teens

Westland businesses are being sought to partner on the annual Wild About Youth Works! program to help introduce local youth adults to being part of the workforce.

The program aims to prepare Westland's young adults for the workforce by teaching them the virtue of a strong work ethic, good customer service skills and financial responsibility.

In its sixth year, the Wild About Youth Works Program is geared toward ages 16-18. Participants will receive financial literacy training through the city's partnership in the program with Fifth Third Bank.

Participants will also be required to attend a "dress for success" event Wednesday, May 4. The event will begin at 6 p.m. and will take place in the Grande Ballroom of Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road.

"Our goal is to equip Westland's youth with the skills and knowledge needed to be competitive candidates for employment. Through the Wild About Youth Works Pro-

gram, participants will make the investment into their future by taking the steps to learn what makes an individual employable," Mayor William Wild said.

The goal is to provide the students who take those steps with a list of 100 positions available with local businesses in various industries.



"As city leaders, educators and parents, it is important that collectively we all do as much as possible," Wild said.

Businesses will benefit from participating in the program by attaining young, tech-savvy employees who have had initial general training and education. All that is required is a commitment to interviewing and hiring at least one student and providing them with at least 16 hours of work per week for six weeks or more at the minimum wage rate or higher.

Businesses that are willing to participate, as well as students interested in the program, should contact Paul Motz, Westland Youth Assistance director, at 734-467-7904.

Bill on tax credits from State Rep. Kosowski is headed to House floor

Last week House Democratic Whip and State Representative Robert Kosowski, D-Westland, saw his bill pass the House Tax Policy committee and head to the House floor for further consideration.

House Bill 5558 is part of a two-bill package that deals with a loophole that was created in 2011 when the legislature repealed the Michigan Business Tax (MBT) and replaced it with the Corporate Income Tax (CIT).

At that time, the legislature allowed pre-existing companies to make the decision on whether they wanted to continue with the MBT, which will run out in 2032, or switch over to the CIT. However, at this time a loophole was inadvertently was created, which now needs to be addressed — what happens when a company under the CIT merges with a company under the MBT?



"AK Steel has been great local partner, working diligently to ensure they are upholding their environmental and community obligations."

REP. ROBERT KOSOWSKI, D-Westland

Kosowski's bill looks to deal with that loophole. House Bill 5558 allows for an acquiring company to elect to make a one-time decision to stay with the MBT and receive the credit or transfer the newly acquired company over to the CIT.

AK Steel, a company close to Kosowski's district, is one of the companies that would be assisted under the new bill package.

"The environmental and economic security of my constituents is my top priority as a Legislator," Kosowski said. "I care about our communities and the impact businesses have on them. Before I decided to sponsor this legislation, I did some research and found

that AK Steel has been great local partner, working diligently to ensure they are upholding their environmental and community obligations. They recently announced plans to upgrade the air conditioning systems, including the addition of an air filtration system in a local elementary school. Also in their first full year of ownership in their Dearborn mill, they reduced air permit deviations by 99.98% compared to the previous owners, a Russian Company. Because of this, I felt comfortable putting my name behind this legislation."

Kosowski also decided to sponsor this legislation due to the job retention AK Steel

brings to the community.

"AK Steel has a unique Michigan story with an economic impact across the state. They buy iron ore from the Upper Peninsula, turn it into steel in Dearborn, and sell it to the automakers to make cars," he said. "There is no other state in this country where steel can go from rock in the ground to rolling off a dealer's lot, without ever leaving the state. By purchasing this mill, AK Steel secured thousands of jobs in Dearborn and South East Michigan."

"Those AK Steel workers, those of their suppliers, and their customers, can continue to feed their families, enjoy good healthcare benefits and give back to Michigan's entire economy. I sponsored this legislation to help my constituency as well — the steel industry is a jobs multiplier, and AK Steel utilizes many local businesses, such as Steel Pro, which is located in my district, for their transportation and warehouse needs."

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Doctor charged in 22-count medical fraud case

Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A Canton-based doctor has been charged in a 22-count medical fraud case involving allegations he billed Medicaid and Blue Cross Blue Shield for services he didn't provide.

Charges against Dr. Bassel Altantawi, 45, of Farmington Hills were announced Tuesday by Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette, whose office was notified of the accusations after Canton police received a complaint.

"We were alerted to the (alleged) fraudulent activity that was going on and we contacted the attorney general's office and turned it over to

them," Canton Special Services Lt. Craig Wilsher said Tuesday.

Wilsher said he couldn't elaborate on the details brought to Canton police about Altantawi, described as the only doctor at Canton Urgent Care, on Ford Road between Morton Taylor and Lilley.

A phone call to Canton Urgent Care went to voice mail Tuesday afternoon and had not been returned. Megan Hawthorne, Schuette's deputy press secretary, said the charges don't automatically mean the clinic is forced to



Altantawi

close.

"We do not know if Altantawi plans to continue to have the business function or not," she said by email.

Schuette issued a statement saying Altantawi has been charged with nine counts of Medicaid fraud, 12 counts of health care fraud and one count of having a continuing criminal enterprise. The charges came from the Health Care Fraud Division of Schuette's office.

"We will continue to identify and prosecute unscrupulous health care providers who waste limited health care dollars by fraudulently seeking payment for services they never provided," Schuette said

in a press release. "Michigan residents should feel confident that when they see a physician, they receive honest, quality care and accurate billing based on the services provided to them by a physician."

Schuette filed the following charges Tuesday against Altantawi in East Lansing's 54-B District Court:

» One count of having a continuing criminal enterprise, punishable by up to 20 years in prison and fines totaling \$100,000.

» Nine counts of Medicaid fraud, punishable by up to four years in prison and fines of \$50,000.

» 12 counts of health care fraud, also punishable by up to

four years in prison and fines of \$50,000.

Altantawi was arraigned before Judge Richard Ball and released on a \$25,000 personal bond. He is expected back in court May 9 for a preliminary hearing.

Schuette said Blue Cross Blue Shield fraud investigators assisted in the investigation.

Any patients seen by Altantawi who believe they may have been billed for services not provided are urged to call the Attorney General's Health Care Fraud Division hotline at 800-24-ABUSE.

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GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

Garages broken into

Garden City police responded to two garage break-ins during the last week.

The latest incident was reported May 2 in the 30000 block of Barton Avenue. A 61-year-old woman said she was awakened by a personal burglar alarm. She told police she immediately checked all the interior doors and they were secure.

She didn't immediately realize, however, that the alarm activation came from her garage. She looked out of her house and saw a man — about 5 feet 10 inches tall and weighing approximately 165 pounds — standing next to a light pole on Shotka near her home. The woman yelled at the man to leave, a police report said.

The subject left south on Shotka riding some type of motorized bike. The woman told police she didn't see the suspect carrying any items that may have come from her garage.

When officers arrived, the garage door knob was broken off and the door was open. It was raining at the time, which made locating physical evi-

dence difficult, the report said.

The woman said she couldn't determine if anything was missing, because the garage was mainly the property of her husband who was out of town.

The first garage break-in last week was reported in the 30000 block of Marquette Street. A 47-year-old Garden City man said sometime between the night before and 8:30 a.m. someone removed the glass sliding window from the south side of his detached garage.

The window was placed on the grass beside the garage and wasn't damaged, a police report said. The homeowner said nothing was missing from the garage. In fact, the man said he wasn't sure if the suspect or suspects even entered the garage.

He told the officers that the night before he looked outside and thought he saw a person in his driveway. He did not investigate further, did not call police and couldn't provide a description of the suspect.

Loot stolen from car

A 24-year-old Garden City resident reported a 14-karat gold square diamond ring, with

four smaller diamonds surrounding the center one, stolen from his car parked in the 1100 block of Deering Avenue last week.

He said his four-door 2013 Chevrolet Malibu was parked in the driveway when the items were stolen. The passenger window of the car, however, was rolled down, the police report said. The resident said \$20 cash and \$10 in miscellaneous change were also taken. He said he did not hear or see anything unusual throughout the night.

Debit card fraud

A 38-year-old Garden City woman reported unauthorized usage of her PNC debit card at a gas station in the 28000 block of Ford Road April 26. The woman, however, couldn't remember whether or not she left the card at the station when she made a purchase recently.

Her card was charged \$317.85 of unauthorized purchases.

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WESTLAND COP CALLS

Fraud

A Westland woman and her employer, CW Professional Services, 36710 Ford, told police April 26 that someone had filed for unemployment benefits using the woman's personal information. The woman told police she is employed and didn't file for the benefits.

Larceny

Overnight April 28, a resident in the 32000 block of Harvard told police that someone had kicked in the side door of the garage. He said he didn't know if anything was missing since the items stored in the garage belong to his wife's uncle.

Fraud

» A Westland woman told police April 27 that she had found that between March 13-April 7 someone had made fraudulent transactions with her debit card. She said there were 23 transactions totaling \$588. Three transactions were in Troy, she said, but the majority in were in Maryland. She said she had the card in her possession.

» On April 26, a Westland woman told police that someone had used her debit card to make an unauthorized \$140 purchase at a Meijer store in Ypsilanti. She said she had the card in her possession.

LeAnne Rogers

WAYNE COP CALLS

Larceny

A Northville woman told police April 30 that someone had stolen Hampton Bay cabinets valued at \$2,000 from a vacant home in the 31000 block of Hampton. She is in the process of fixing up the home to be sold.

The woman reported arriv-

ing at the home to find a window broken and the cabinets, which had not yet been installed and were in their original boxes, were gone.

She said she had last seen the cabinets about two weeks earlier.

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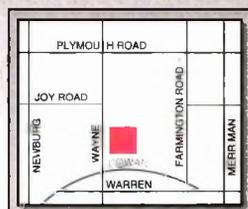
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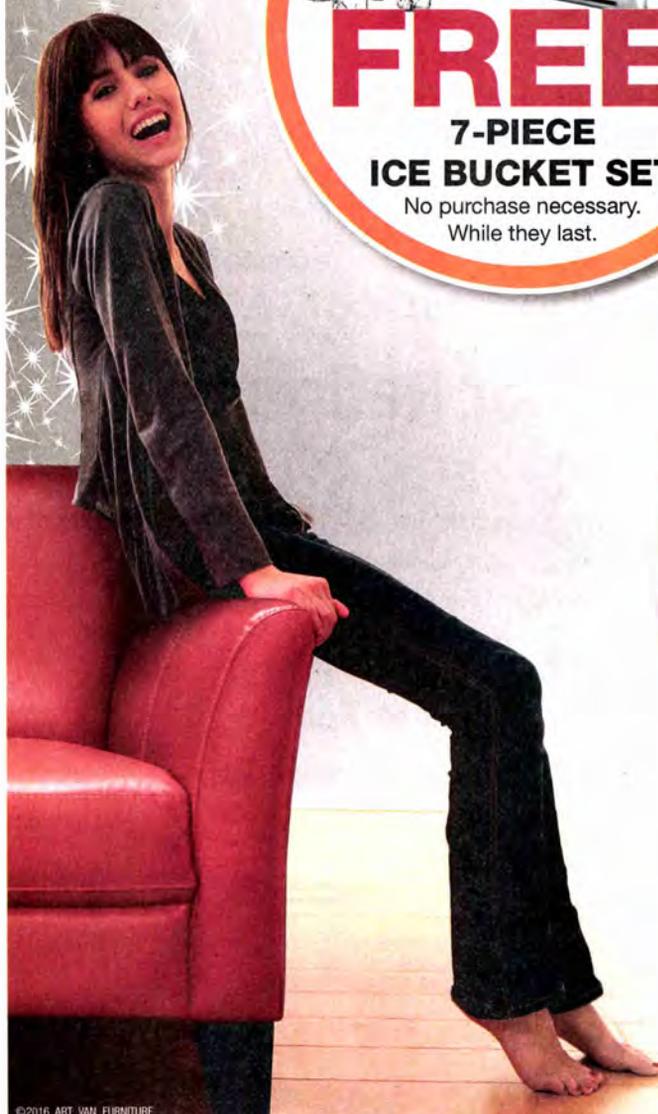
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Teacher appreciation



COURTESY GARDEN CITY PTA

Douglas 3-4 Campus teachers Meagan Wilhoite, Terry Remington, Heather Henwood, Michelle Rowland and Melissa Bodnovitz were among teachers honored during Teacher Appreciation Week in Garden City Schools. All of the elementary schools did something special. Garden City PTA officials were "very thankful to the businesses who were so generous," including Arby's, Tim Horton's, Sherman Williams and Handy Mart.

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/pdjn0>

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, contact Sean Galvin at Galvins@wwcsd.net.

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 40 families.

Hosanna-Tabor is located at 9600 Leverne in Redford (east of Inkster and south off Ply-

mouth Road). Park in the rear parking lot. For more information, call Diane at 313-937-2424.

Spring card party

SS Simon and Jude Church hosts the spring card party 6:30-10 p.m., Friday, May 6. Door, table prizes, 50-50 drawing. Light meal and snacks. Tickets \$8.00 available at the door.

SS Simon and Jude Church is located at 32500 Palmer in Westland. For more information, call 734 722-1343.

Disney on ice

The Garden City Figure Skating Club Presents "Disney on Ice," with its skaters skating to Disney favorites. Performances are 7

p.m. Friday, May 6, and then 1 and 7 p.m. Saturday, May 7, at the Garden City Ice Arena, 200 N Log Cabin Road in Garden City.

Cost at the door is \$10 for general public, \$8 for seniors and 4 and under are free.

3D photography

The next 3D Photography Club meeting takes place 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 11, at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road in Livonia.

In celebration of Michigan Week, the meeting will feature a special presentation of the 3D program, "Michigan Magic." After a refreshment break, participants will have the final "Open" 3D image competition of the season.

Organizers invite everyone to join us to see award-winning 3D photography. The meetings are free to attend, and visitors are always welcome. Stereo cameras, 3D movies, and educational videos are available for members to borrow or rent.

Contact www.Detroit3D.org, or call Dennis at 248-398-3591.

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 organizers are partnering with this year is an orphanage in Kamukoli, Uganda. They are 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.



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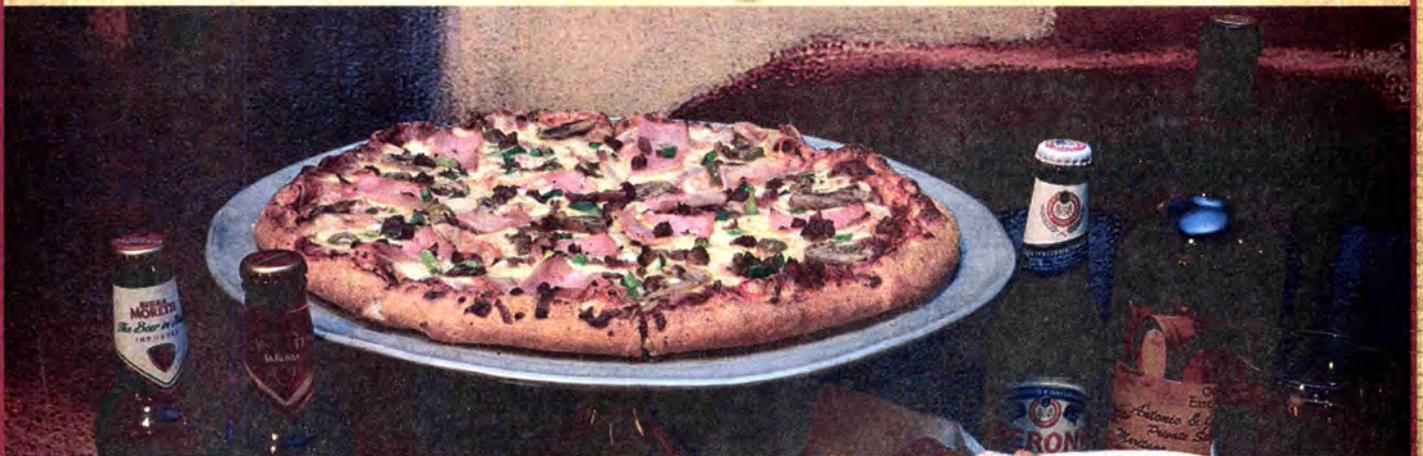
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OUR VIEW

Congratulations, Academic All-Stars!

The 2016 Observer & Eccentric Academic All-Star Team represents the most accomplished students from public, private and parochial schools in Oakland and western Wayne counties.

This year's team has 27 students to mark the 31st year of the All-Star program. Ten team members posted 4.0 grade-point averages in high school and perfect ACT and/or SAT scores.

Another 15 students are honorable mention and their scores are separated in most cases by a mere fraction of a point. They, too, merit praise.

On Sunday, May 8 (Mother's Day), the Observer & Eccentric will publish, in cooperation with Madonna University, our longtime major sponsor, a special section that showcases these outstanding students.

Based in Livonia, Madonna is committed to teaching, scholarship and service.

Other community partners include Community Alliance Credit Union, a section sponsor, and Parkside Credit Union, the essay sponsor. One lucky all-star will win a \$500 scholarship for an award-winning essay to be announced at the All-Star Awards Ceremony on May 15 at Madonna University.

The all-stars and runners up are smart, ambitious, caring and have high praise for the teachers who have made an impact on their lives. Take time to read about how involved these teens are and what they hope to accomplish in the future. We are proud of them and

you will be, too. They are examples of the good things happening in our local schools and communities today.

Judging the team were Dan Willenborg, principal of Livonia Franklin High School, and Charlie Hollerith, principal of Bloomfield Hills High School. Both have been part of the program for more than a decade. The All-Star Team is selected solely on academic achievement in academic subjects and SAT or ACT test scores.

The 2016 team includes:

» The 10 students who tied for the No. 1 ranking (in alphabetical order) are: Yannis Bi, Northville High School; James Jahns, Churchill High School; Ean Maloney, Catholic Central High School; Zachary Obsniuk, Churchill High School; Jason Ren, Canton High School; Elizabeth Sullivan, North Farmington High School; Sreeram Thirupathi, North Farmington High School; Claire Wang, Country Day School; Claire Westerlund, Groves High School; and Zhao (Joe) Zhang, Country Day School.

» The remaining members are (in order of finish): Anjali Roychowdhury, Cranbrook Kingswood; Sruthi Sundar, Plymouth High School; Sam Inloes, Cranbrook Kingswood; Jarrett Black, Bloomfield Hills High School; Paul Chamberlain, Plymouth Christian Academy; John Dolan, Groves High School; Hugh Flynn, Brother Rice High School; Jhuree Hong,

Bloomfield Hills High School; Margaret Kondek, Harrison High School; Benjamin Levin, International Academy; Alexandra Mertz, Marian High School; Katherine Robertson, Northville High School; Shriharimurthi Bhaskaramurthi, Farmington High School; Daniel Evans, Seaholm High School; Zain Khera, Canton High School; Bogdan Manga, International Academy; and Riley North, Brother Rice High School.

The local students earning honorable mention include:

» Birmingham: Andrew Reed, Roper School; Natalie Leitman, Seaholm High School; Jacob Flynn, Roper School.

» Farmington: Lucy Devine, Mercy High School; Caitlin Delevie, Mercy High School; Pragathi Pathanjeli, Harrison High School; Dipika Krishnaswami, Farmington High School.

» Livonia: Catherine Kenzie, Ladywood High School; Allison Cale, Stevenson High School; Turner Miller, Stevenson High School; Elijah Spens, Clarenceville High School.

» Novi: Sebastian Miner, Detroit Catholic Central High School.

» Plymouth: Swetha Duraiswamy, Plymouth High School.

» Westland: Jillian Matasovsky, Lutheran High School; Bethany Hoehne, Lutheran High School.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Unmitigated gall

We noted with interest that Ex-Congressman Todd Courser and Ex-Congress person Cindy Gamrat have filed papers in federal court to sue the State of Michigan. These two have decided to sue for their emotional stress for over \$500,000. The sheer audacity and unmitigated gall of these two just never ceases to amaze.

We do not care one wit about the sex lives of

these two, but this affair and subsequent cover-up was while we were paying their legislative salaries. If either or both are successful with their lawsuit against the state, we again will pay for these two Republican, Conservative Christians, who espouse traditional family values.

Let these two Family Values Christians explain their behavior to the seven children they have by separate spouses and spare the taxpayers any

more expense.

Gerald Maxey
 Farmington Hills

When government covers up

Earlier this spring, the city of Dexter, Mich., marked a rather dubious 50-year anniversary — the infamous "swamp gas" UFO sightings. The *Detroit Free Press* recently ran an article about this, so I'll only sum up the main details. During the month of March 1966, several UFOs (flying saucers) were observed in Dexter. The witnesses included approximately 80 girls at Hillsdale College and several policemen.

Allen Hynek, an Air Force official who was a part of "Project Blue Book" was sent from

Washington D.C., to quell fears, and after several days of investigation, came to the inane conclusion that no one had seen anything beyond swamp gas.

"Project Blue Book" had been instituted during the Cold War to quash the panic that had arisen during a rash of saucer sightings above Washington, D.C. The phone lines were being so overloaded that the government felt its communications system was being compromised and this posed a risk to national security.

Of course, one of the most famous UFO incidents occurred in Roswell, N.M., in the 1960s. In that instance, apparently, a flying saucer crash-landed in the desert. Eyewitnesses claim

to have handled pieces of metal which were thin and bendable, (nothing like what we had), and there were also medical people who reported seeing three or more dead "dwarf" bodies. In spite of this, the incredulous, official government explanation of the event that eventually surfaced was that it was a weather balloon.

I've also been made privy to revelations about a UFO sighting (via an eyewitness) which occurred in northern Livonia in September 2004. The incident happened in the early morning hours, and the flying craft was obscured by pale clouds and weak dawn sunlight.

The ship had a fiery exhaust tail. The ship

was at least as large as an aircraft carrier, a true Close Encounters Mothership and certainly something that was beyond American military technology.

In recent years, a similar "Mothership" was spotted flying over Japan — it passed by a jumbo jet, which it dwarfed in size. In 2004, there was some "space junk" that was scheduled to fall from the sky, but this wouldn't account for the Livonia sighting nor would a meteor or comet explain it as it was a mechanical craft flown by intelligent design. The 2004 Livonia sighting was not reported by any other witness or news source.

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LPS passes resolution, but mandatory retention not the answer

Low reading achievement, statewide, has prompted lawmakers in Lansing to draft a set of bills that call for mandatory retention of students who are not proficient readers by third grade. Punishing struggling readers by holding them back in third grade, without parental consent, is unconscionable.

The focus on proficiency for third-grade readers across the state of Michigan is an essential component of the educational process and one that Livonia Public Schools has placed an emphasis upon for many years. We are pleased that the state also sees this as a significant prior-



ity. While we strongly disagree with the notion of retention, the Senate version of this bill calls for good cause exemptions, allowing parents and the professional educators who work with the children every day, to have a voice in a child's educational placement.

In addition to allowing parents and teachers to be involved in the decision of retention, there are other aspects of the Senate version of the bill with which we agree. Support for early in-

terventions for students, literacy coaches and professional development for educators are also included in the bill. We support the notion of a reading assessment system, intensive intervention programs, a "Read at Home" plan and, most importantly, the ability for a parent and a child's teacher, in partnership, to make decisions about what is best for the child's education.

In Livonia Public Schools, we are proud of the comprehensive literacy program and meaningful interventions that are in place for our young readers, including Operation Student Success, a literacy support

initiative that ensures our teachers are effectively reaching every student, in every classroom, in every school, every day. Our teachers assess all of our students, beginning in kindergarten, and continue frequent assessments through fourth grade. They provide interventions for struggling readers who have been identified via these assessments, and monitor progress regularly. They are truly the experts in this work.

In our school district, ongoing professional development is provided to ensure our teachers are equipped with the necessary skills and researched-based strate-

gies for success. Contrary to the opinion expressed in a recent guest column written by Sen. Patrick Colburn, professional development is highly beneficial, necessary and key to delivering the best support for addressing the needs of all learners. Just as with any service profession, continuous improvement and professional development is simply a best practice. We would not expect our medical professionals to remain stagnant in this regard — nor should we want or accept stagnation among our educators.

For several years, we have spent countless hours and have reviewed volumes of research on

the topic of student retention — and, have overwhelmingly determined that retention is not the answer.

If mandatory retention must remain the focus of this proposed legislation, at least there is the element in the Senate version that allows for teacher support, early intervention and the involvement of the parent and teacher decisions that impact the children entrusted to us. Our parents expect our very best. Our staff gives their very best. Our students deserve our very best.

Andrea Oquist is superintendent of Livonia Public Schools.

Fight pediatric cancers through St. Baldrick's Foundation

Until just minutes before my daughter was diagnosed with cancer, I was just like many of you. Childhood cancer was very removed from my life. It was cute little children on the children's cancer commercials with bald heads. "Time to change the channel" I'd think. "That will never happen to my child." Thank god. Now back to my daily life.

The truth is, childhood cancer is not rare. It can happen to anyone at any time. That is why this fight to raise funds is an urgent matter. Innocent children are dying. Our future. Our babies.

We can no longer afford to have anyone turn their head away because they cannot handle it. We need everyone to be as strong as the children who are fighting. Be brave. Open your eyes. Stare reality directly in the eyes. Imagine, just for a second, that your baby, grand baby, niece or nephew was diagnosed with cancer. Imag-



ine the doctors telling you that there aren't any more treatment options available, and that you should take your baby home to make them comfortable for their last days.

Now, imagine their siblings and ripping their innocence away by sitting down to tell them that their brother or sister is going to die. Then you need to tell them "please, keep this a secret because we don't want your brother or sister to die scared."

This happened, just recently, to the family of a six-year-old girl. She died days later in her mother's arms. Her mother's eyes were the last image she saw before taking her last breath. Put yourself into that mother's shoes. Put yourself in big brother or sister's shoes. Put

yourself into that child's shoes.

Imagine the sense of urgency you would feel. "This has to stop, and it has to stop now!" Now imagine you look around and you see that everyone's lives have gone back to normal. There is no sense of urgency to anyone around you. In fact, they turn the other way, because it's too difficult to bear. On with their lives they go, just like the cute kids in the cancer commercial that I watched two years ago. "Change the channel."

The cold hard truth is that less than 4 percent of government funding goes toward pediatric cancer research. Why? Because pharmaceutical companies do not see an opportunity to make money off of coming up with any new drugs. They believe that pediatric cancer is too rare. One in every 285 children will be diagnosed with cancer before they turn 20 years old. That is not rare. In fact, if those were the odds of win-

ning the lotto, I would have to bet that everyone would run out and buy a ticket today.

Some might say "well, tons of kids are surviving cancer, that's great. Why change that?" We need to change it because our treatments are harsh. Chemo is actually a dumb drug, not very smart at all. It is a poison that enters your body and attacks any and all rapidly dividing cells including the healthy ones. When my daughter was undergoing chemo, I had to wear latex gloves while changing her diapers. My skin could not come in to contact with her urine. Imagine knowing that very same poison was just being pumped through her veins just hours before. Most children don't die because of the cancer, but from the side effects of the very treatments they are undergoing to save their lives.

Because of treatments, by the time that these children are 45,

more than 95 percent of survivors will have a chronic health problem and 80 percent will have severe or life threatening conditions. Some long term late effects of current treatments are (but not limited to): Hearing loss, secondary cancers, reproductive/sexual development problems, growth/development/hormone problems, heart problems and digestive issues, just to name a few. Now, imagine trying to explain to your 11-year-old daughter that she will never be able to have children of her own.

Don't change the channel. Please keep listening. We have two problems. First, there's a real funding gap. Federally, pediatric cancer gets less than half of the funding that breast cancer gets. We need to fill in that gap. Second, we need to stop "changing the channel". It hurts to see a child in pain so we look the other way. We can't do this anymore. The St. Baldrick's

Foundation exists for these exact reasons. Its primary focus is volunteer driven fundraising efforts going directly to children's cancer research. Their events put more fight than fear into their attendees. Thousands of these events happen every year and one is happening this May in Plymouth. I ask you, as a mother, as a fighter, and as a fellow human being to join us today. Please go to stbaldricks.org and search for events near you and sign up. Donate, volunteer, or attend a St. Baldrick's event and you might not be able to change the channel next time.

Kelly Wadle lives in Royal Oak with her husband and three beautiful children. Her daughter Aurora was diagnosed with Wilms tumor at 15 months old. Today, Aurora is doing well and considered No Evidence of Disease. Kelly continues to fight for funding and awareness through the St. Baldrick's Foundation.



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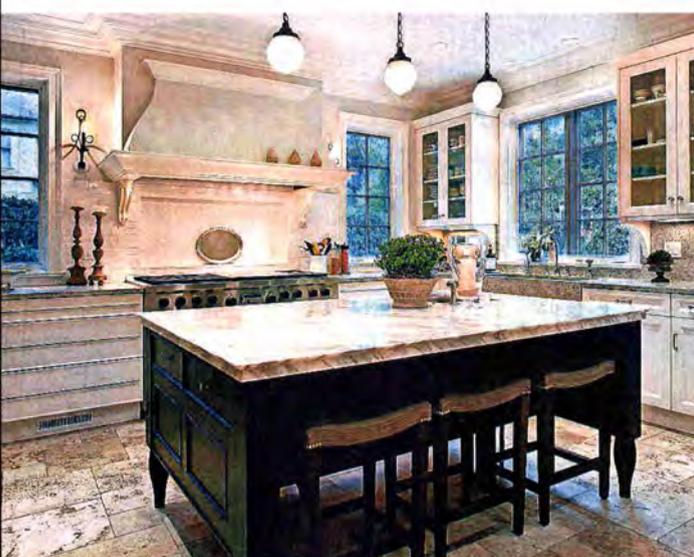
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Pharmacy owner: Don't be fooled by big chains

Rudy Najm believes consumers assume national chain pharmacies offer the best deals on prescription drugs because of their purchasing power.

Najm, owner of Rudy iPharmacy on Plymouth Road in Livonia, said it's a common misconception.

"Any pharmacist can fill your prescriptions because they have access to all products," said Najm, whose pharmacy is celebrating its first anniversary. "If you have prescription coverage the prices will be the same or very similar no matter where you go."

The difference, at least in Najm's eyes, is that often the pharmacist at a smaller independent pharmacy will have more time to talk with patients about their medications. Indeed, he

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pointed out, according to Consumers Report independent pharmacies earned top ratings for speed, accuracy, courtesy and helpfulness and pharmacist knowledge compared to the corner drugstores.

According to Najm, traditional chain stores justify their price markup because of other services offered, such as drive-through windows, automated prescription refill systems, outreach programs to help patients taking their prescriptions and 24-hour



Livonia iPharmacy owner Rudy Najm said smaller pharmacies can be better than big chain stores.

pharmacies.

At iPharmacy, patients get the same programs a big chain offers without the premium: Free reminder calls, free pick-up call, "when ready" calls automated systems for prescriptions. The iPharmacy clients, he said, can even fill prescriptions

through the iPharmacy Livonia Google or Android app.

Najm believes iPharmacy is making a difference in the community by making things far easier for customers.

"At iPharmacy if you have a problem you don't have to bounce between 6,000 depart-

ment transfers and 800 phone numbers," Najm said. "You can reach us directly even after hours and ask for our pharmacist, who will take care of business very promptly."

Najm said iPharmacy's goal is to "keep our clientele healthy and invest in their health." For instance, Pedometers are offered at no charge, and flu shots are free regardless of insurance coverage. Delivery is offered free, including to disabled clients, nursing home residents and seniors.

iPharmacy offers medical supplies at wholesale prices, and accepts all insurance plans, including military and United Health Care.

Najm said iPharmacy offers service "with no gimmicks or annual membership fees." The average customer, he

said, saves some \$4 per prescription. The store's relationship with drug manufacturers allows for special pricing. For instance, he said, every asthmatic patient at iPharmacy received a free pro-air earlier this year and saved an average \$40 co-pay, courtesy of the manufacturer.

iPharmacy is a family owned pharmacy and medical supply store. Since opening its doors a year ago, iPharmacy has continued to grow, which Najm attributes to support he's getting in the community.

"We are strong believers in investing back in the community and the best way is to invest in our kids and the Livonia and Wayne-Westland Schools," Najm said. "Our business revenue is 100 percent from the outstanding community support."

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According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), statistics show that a person is killed every 51 minutes as a result of a drunken driving crash.

With that in mind and as part of their commitment to the Toward Zero Deaths (TZD) national strategy on highway safety, AAA offers these tips:

» Always drive safe and sober. Take the pledge to drive drug and alcohol-free.

» Designate an alcohol and other drug-free driver before the party

starts.

» Call a cab or plan to stay the night if you have had too much to drink.

» Never ride in a car with someone who is intoxicated.

» Report impaired drivers to local law enforcement immediately.

» Visit NHTSA's Sober Ride Website for a list sober/safe ride programs and save the number in your cell phone.

» None for the road. One drink can be one too many.

Learn more about the effects of alcohol on driving and AAA's efforts to reduce alcohol and other drug-related injuries and deaths.

"Michigan motorists can help make Cinco de Mayo safer by reducing alcohol-related crashes and deaths in Michigan," said Gary Bubar, AAA Michigan's traffic safety

and public affairs specialist. "AAA urges Michigan motorists to plan ahead and do their part as an individual, friend or host to insure a safe Cinco de Mayo for everyone."

AAA Michigan is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year and has over 1.4 million members across the state. It is part of The Auto Club Group (ACG), the second largest AAA club in North America. ACG and its affiliates provide membership, travel, insurance and financial services offerings to more than nine million members across 11 states and two U.S. territories including Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Michigan, Nebraska, North Dakota, Tennessee, Wisconsin, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands; most of Illinois and Minnesota; and a portion of Indiana.

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Mike Ladwig bids farewell to N'ville, UPS store

Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

Mike Ladwig has packed up his tape and boxes and after 23 years is saying goodbye to his UPS Store in downtown Northville.

"I just felt it was the right time," the Livonia resident said. "I have enjoyed the customers."

Ladwig has already handed over the reins of the store, number 3011, to Roopa Injeti, who also owns the UPS store at Drake and Grand River in Farmington Hills.

While Ladwig makes his exit and plans a summer off having fun, his employees will remain at the store. That includes Barbara Davies, who has served as the store manager for 16½ years, plus four others.

Like her former boss, Davies talks up the customers and how she en-

joys working with them. "They are so respectful and loyal."

Twenty-three years has brought a lot of history for Ladwig who began with a Mail Boxes, Etc. on the east side of Center, south of Main. All these years later, Ladwig and his staff know their customers by name and pretty much what they might be sending.

For example, Ladwig said he has sent a mounted moose head, a 6-foot-wide sailfish, sand for a putting green — and then there are the frozen Thanksgiving dinners. "It's been mostly in the country," he said.

UPS and Mail Boxes, Etc. have been his life for quite some time as he also opened a store in Livonia about 20 years ago and has since sold it to his son Eric Ladwig.

"Our customers trust us with their packages,"



A changing of the guard includes Mike Ladwig, longtime owner of the UPS Store, Roopa Injeti, who recently purchased the business, and Barbara Davies, store manager, who will remain.

Ladwig added. "I think we have earned their trust over the years."

As the business gets under new management, Davies plans to take Injeti on a tour of Northville, including other

merchants. "We have been in Farmington for about three years and wanted to expand," said Injeti, who will operate both stores.

In saying goodbye to his business, Ladwig

recalls that when he first started his first goal was "to increase sales in high gross margin return on investment categories."

As he grew into his business role, Ladwig said he realized that talk was "business babble."

"The true way to become successful is to build relationships with your customers based upon the foundation of mutual honesty and respect. If you can do that, the money will follow. I also believe in taking an active role in your community."

Last Christmas when the Northville Civic Concern was broken into and robbed of items that were to be donated to families in need, Ladwig and other business owners stepped forward. His Holiday Helping Hand collection brought in some \$4,000 for Civic Concern.

"I used to do Toys for

Tots," Ladwig said. "But I saw the article in the paper (about the Civic Concern break-in). We can dwell on what one bad person did, but I wanted to concentrate on what good things are being done."

Ladwig asked customers — if they chose — to make donations to fulfill wish lists for families in need for the holidays. Some gave \$20, \$30, but there were those who handed him \$100 bills. "We have been very fortunate. It is amazing how generous people are in the Northville area."

And that's the part of his work at the UPS store that he will miss. "People here are caring. They care about their community, their families."

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Madonna University students 'Seal the Deal' with The Big Salad

A team of business students from Madonna University took top honors in a recent reality-based learning project sponsored by restaurant group The Big Salad.

"Seal the Deal" was a semester-long, for-credit project in which teams of students competed to create, design, test and market a new menu product for The Big Salad, according to John Bornoty, The Big Salad founder and CEO.

The winning team, composed of Michael Smith and Noelle Mayer, both of Livonia; Jenna Sheena of West Bloomfield; and Jean Claude Botena of Westland, competed against three other teams and presented the judges with its "Chicken BLTA Wrap," a blend of chicken, bacon, lettuce, tomato and avocado. The winning entry will be on sale at The Big Salad's Novi location, 43168 Grand River Ave., through August, according to Christopher Pike, franchise owner of The Big Salad-Novis.



The Big Salad-Novis owner Christopher Pike (from left), Jean Claude Botena, Jenna Sheena, Noelle Mayer, Michael Smith and Madonna University business professor Nidhal Bouazizi pose with the "Seal the Deal" trophy.

"All of the student teams did an excellent job," Bornoty said. "Every team's product was different and very good."

Said team member Mayer: "It was an in-

credible experience taking the concepts we've learned within the four walls of a classroom to a real life experience. It was such a great feeling to know that what you created from

scratch was brought to life and is actually going to market."

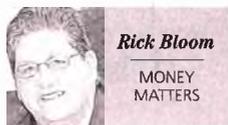
The Big Salad and Madonna University plan to resume the "Seal the Deal" project at the start of the fall semester.

Buying life insurance for children is usually not a good expenditure

The other day at the end of one of my library talks, I was approached by a young couple who told me they just had their first child. They wanted to know some of the things they should do being as new parents. They had questions about life insurance and, in particular, life insurance on their child. Since they have had their child, they have said they've received all sorts of solicitations regarding life insurance for their newborn. They told me they thought it was a waste of money, but they wanted my opinion.

The one thing that somewhat intrigued them was that, on one of the policies, the death benefit started at \$10,000, but could be increased to \$100,000. The sales pitch was that by buying a life insurance policy now, it insures the child's insurability into the future.

My answer to them was to save their money and not to buy life insurance for their child. First, life insurance is not an investment; it's a means of insuring against financial loss. The question you always ask with regards to life insurance is if the proposed insured pass away, is there a financial loss to the family? Obviously, a loss of a child is very traumatic and tragic, but



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

it is generally not a financial loss. There is no reason in the great majority of situations to insure a child.

With regards to the option to purchase more insurance down the road and the guarantee of insurability no matter what may happen in the future, it sounds nice, but in reality it's not worth much. I believe it is very gimmicky. It's sort of like saying you should buy a car today because you know that 18 years down the road your child is going to need a car. I believe most of us think it would be much better to wait until that time and see what is available. I apply the same thing to insurance. Why buy something today that you don't need and may never need?

My advice for the couple was not to buy the insurance, but to save their money and invest it in a college savings program. My recommendation is that the couple start investing into the Michigan Education Savings Plan (www.misaves.com). The money they were going to spend on the insurance can be

much more productively invested into a college fund. In fact, I recommended that they set up a college fund and then notify family and friends who want to buy the child a gift that they consider a contribution into the education fund as opposed to another toy that they'll probably forget about in two weeks.

One last note: I did tell the parents that it was important for them to consider what would happen if one or both of them passed away and how that would financially impact the child. Not everyone needs life insurance, but life insurance can be a valuable financial tool to cover risk. In that regard, I told them that they should definitely consider term insurance, as I believe it is the most economical type of insurance and one that suits many people's needs. Unfortunately, the salespeople push whole life and other types of expensive insurance policies, but for new parents, term insurance is almost always the better option. It is cheaper and it allows you to purchase the amount of insurance you truly need.

Good luck!

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respond to questions, email rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.

ABSTRACT WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2016-13 April 27, 2016

A Special Meeting of the City Council was held Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. at the Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Rd. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. The City Council discussed the FY 2016-17 Budget. Adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Published: May 5, 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 **May 17th, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.** (no exceptions will be made for late filings) for the following:

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Devin J. Adams
City Controller

Published: May 5, 2016



ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 343 ORDINANCE NO. 343

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 3.30 (FENCES) OF ARTICLE III OF THE REDFORD TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE 152N REGULATING THE LOCATION, HEIGHT AND MATERIALS OF PRIVACY FENCES LOCATED ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY, SPECIFYING APPROVED LOCATIONS FOR PET ENCLOSURES, PERMITTING THE PLACEMENT OF CYCLONE FENCING NOT EXCEEDING 4 FEET IN HEIGHT UP TO AND ALONG THE FRONT BUILDING LINE WITHOUT RESTRICTION.

At the Regular Meeting of April 26, 2016, the Redford Township Board of Trustees adopted the above Ordinance #343. The Ordinance can be viewed in its entirety at the following public places

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Chamber scholarships

The Livonia Chamber of Commerce plans to award several scholarships to seniors graduating this spring from Livonia's five high schools and pursuing post-secondary studies at a school that is member of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce.

Two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to students planning to attend a university, and at least three scholarships will be awarded to students pursuing an associate's degree or skilled trades certificate.

Eligible high school seniors must graduate in 2016 from Livonia Franklin, Churchill, Stevenson, Clarenceville or Ladywood High School. This scholarship will be announced at an event to be named in spring 2016. This is an annual scholarship program authorized by the Livonia Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors funded by donations and proceeds from Chamber programming.

Scholarship proceeds must be used at a Livonia Chamber of Commerce member institution. For more information, visit www.livonia.org.

Better Made brand history

Metro Detroit author and longtime journalist Karen Dybis

has the scoop on the history of Detroit-area chip companies. She spent years researching these "chipseurs" 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.

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, Faygo, 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 in Livonia; call 734-466-2197 for more information.

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Ann Arbor police to intervene, but was denied
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Stacey Fraski, granddaughter of Ruth Webb one of the original Rosie The Riveters, ties a Rosie bandana on Westland John Glenn High School student Rebekah Wierzbicki.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Westland John Glenn Singers members China Cook and Abby Hardin entertain at the USO dance honoring veterans.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Westland John Glenn JROTC color guard members Anthony Haugabook, John Lachine, Serena Hunter and Katlyn Symansic present the flag.

Dance wraps up oral history project

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

After recording interviews with 77 veterans over four years, students at Westland John Glenn High School have wrapped their oral history project.

As they have done each year of the project, the students hosted a USO dance honoring veterans. Having begun with World War II veterans, each USO dance recognized veterans from different eras culminating this year with those who served during the Persian Gulf to the present. It wraps up the oral history project and is also the final USO dance.

"This bring us full circle. The students have been working with the veterans on an oral history," principal David Ingham said. "What a great activity for our students. This is an unequaled event for us. Most of the activity happens outside the classroom talking directly with people."

The goal of the project — the oral history and USO dance — is also to honor veterans and give back to the community, said Ingham, who served in Grenada and Operation Desert Storm and was one of this year's oral history participants.

Held in the Glenn cafeteria, the USO dance included refreshments, dancing, the school jazz band and Glenn singers, along with showing excerpts of the oral interviews.

"The idea for this came to me a few years ago. My grandfather was a World War II veteran, a survivor of the Bataan death march and spent years as Japanese slave labor," said Michele Anderson, who chairs the school Social Studies Department. "A lot of the students didn't seem interested."

The oral histories, with students conducting the interviews, has been a great project for the students, she said.

"While the students learn, they are also feeling. It's something that you can't put on a standardized test," Anderson said.

From 1957-59, Masaaki "Mas" Miyazaki served in the Army 20th Engineering Brigade stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. His oral history interview, however, focuses his time being held with his mother and brother in a World War II internment camp.

A Canton resident, Miyazaki was born in California in 1935 as were his three brothers. His two older brothers had been sent to live with their grandparents in Japan to learn Japanese. When the war began, the brothers, who had dual citizenship, were inducted into the Japanese Army.

"I was 7 years old when this happened — when we were in a concentration camp. We ended up in Camp 2 Gila in Arizona," said Miyazaki, 82. "We stayed there for two years. We didn't know where my father was — they had taken him away."

Unlike some other camps, Camp Gila didn't have barbed wire fences or guards, he said, due to the isolated desert location, which made a successful escape impossible.

Radios, telephones, cameras and even newspapers were prohibited at the camp.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Teacher Terry Babenko and his dance partner Marnie Britcher, dancing to Glenn's Jazz Band. He served in the military from 1964 to 1970.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
World War II veteran Richard Pilon has a kiss for his wife Janette Sturk.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Teacher Michele Anderson talks about the purpose and history of the dance.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Dancing the evening away to the sounds of the John Glenn Jazz Band.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Bob and Karen Hott are active in the Yankee Air Museum at Willow Run Airport.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Wayne resident Daniel Valdez is a Vietnam veteran.



Cindy Beyer looks at student projects on servicemen and women during the Westland John Glenn High School USO dance.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Samantha McGrath poses with her grandfather Mas Miyazaki, who spent part of his childhood in an internment camp for U.S. citizens of Japanese descent in Arizona. He later served in Korea.

"There were no transportation, recreational area, post office and even toys or games for the children," Miyazaki said. "My brother and I only had a stuffed panda bear that went through a lot of wear and tear, which was not much for 5 and 7-year old boys. On Christmas, we decorated a rolling tumbleweed."

The only recreational area in the camp was at the school. "The only fun we had was chasing lizards and playing in

the dirty waters when we had a good rain flowing down the camp" he said.

When they were rounded up for internment, Miyazaki recalled they were only allowed to take what belongings they could carry. After the family was released, he said they had nothing and didn't return to California — they relocated to New Jersey.

Having lived in different cities, including Pittsburgh, Miyazaki eventually relocated

to the Detroit area through a transfer while working for Ford Motor Company.

Mayazaki was accompanied to the USO dance of his daughters Amy McGrath and Lisa Nelson. Also attending was granddaughter Samantha McGrath who connected Mayazaki with the oral history program.

Being presented with a scholarship, Samantha McGrath was attending a Daughters of the American

Revolution meeting at which Anderson happened to be speaking on the Glenn oral history project.

"The interview brought out information that Dad never talked about. It's history that goes by the wayside," Nelson said.

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HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

DAZZLING DISPLAY PROPELS SPARTANS



Stevenson's Grace Lamerson out-stretches Salem's Gabby Teodorescu for the ball during Monday's KLA Central Division showdown.

From spot-on corners to air-tight defense, Stevenson shines against Salem

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

If there was an Advanced Placement Soccer textbook, the chapter titled "Corner Kicks" may include a diagram of the sterling set piece the Livonia Stevenson girls soccer team pulled off midway through the first half of Monday's game against Salem.

In the 20th minute of a scoreless draw, Stevenson's Alia Basierbe — who had just subbed into the game seconds earlier — roped a perfect bender into the box that Spartan junior Grace Lamerson headed into the lower-left corner of the net to give the hosts a 1-0 lead they'd never relinquish.

Stevenson added an insurance goal three minutes into the second half when Megan Verant from 20 yards out after receiving a scintillating pass from Kayla Gacloch to put the finishing touch on a rock-solid 2-0 victory.

The Spartans, who earned a tough 1-0 triumph over Salem the first time the two teams met last month, improved to 9-3-2 overall and 4-2 in the KLA Central Division.

The ironic thing about the Spartans' first goal is that Lamerson was originally set to take the corner kick, until Basierbe stepped in after checking into the game during the stoppage in play.



Stevenson's Maria Tijlos looks for a teammate to pass to during Monday's victory over Salem.

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OBSERVERLAND INVITE

Area athletes primed for compelling races

Area athletes to compete for team and individual honors in track and field invite at Farmington HS

Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Plenty of fun, excitement and good competition are in store for athletes and spectators alike when the newly renamed Observerland Invitational takes place Saturday at Farmington High School.

The name change was due to a change in format, going from a largely relays meet to a regional style with the traditional open events and four



Garden City's Michal Trimble will be one of the athletes competing in Saturday's Observerland Invite.

running relays.

Furthermore, the formerly all-boys Observerland Relays will be a coed event. Nineteen girls teams are set to compete

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PREP TRACK AND FIELD

After 45 years, Observerland meet getting a makeover

Track and field meet started at RU in 1971

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Jim Gibbons has 45 years worth of memories from the Observerland Relays.

But the recently retired Livonia Stevenson High School principal, who served the meet as a volunteer, as a coach, as a meet director and as an official, has a good excuse why he won't be at his 46th this Saturday at Farmington High.

His son Michael, who ran four years at Observerland himself as a middle distance runner at Livonia Stevenson, is getting married Saturday at St. Edith Catholic Church.



Gibbons

"I have no problem doing it," Jim Gibbons said. "The irony is, my son ran in it four years in a row. I coached in it and been to all of them."

How ironic is it that the format has changed and Gibbons will be elsewhere for the 46th? In an effort to keep area teams coming back, the meet is going to a regional-style format in lieu of Observerland's traditional all-relays scoring formula.

The meet's original founder, former Redford Union boys track and field coach John MacKenzie, came up with the relays scoring format back in

See **HISTORY**, Page B2



Garden City senior Nick Edney will play in the annual East-West All Star Game.

Edney an All-Star

Nick Edney has been selected to play center for the East team in the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association East-West All Star Game, on June 25 at Saginaw Valley State University.

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CLARENCEVILLE ROUNDUP

Trojans baseball team rallies past T-Birds

An eight-run rally in the sixth inning spurred Livonia Clarenceville to a 12-3 win over host Dearborn Edsel Ford in baseball Saturday.

The Trojans trailed 2-1 until the big inning and added three runs in the seventh.

"This was by far our best win of the year against a quality team," Clarenceville coach Craig Cotter said.

Manny Miranda's pinch-hit single in the sixth inning broke a 2-2 deadlock and gave the Trojans the lead for good.

Junior Bobby Jaber

went the distance on the mound, giving up nine hits and striking out three.

"Bobby pitched to contact and got ahead of hitters," Cotter said. "He let the defense play, which is what you want."

The Trojans played flawlessly in the field with the exception of one miscue on a stolen base.

Clarenceville pounded out four doubles, two off the bat of junior Matt Drain, who collected five RBIs.

Nick Bisaro, Ryan Menifee and Mitch Kubiak also had two hits apiece. The top four batters in the Trojan

lineup produced eight hits.

The Trojans made eight errors Friday in a five-inning, 13-0 loss to visiting Wayne Memorial.

Bisaro pithed two innings and Kam MacIver three. Clarenceville had three hits — one each by Bisaro, Menifee and Jaber.

"We need a solid two weeks of practice," Cotter said. "We're playing too many games a week with minimal practice."

"That's something we are going to have to look at next year when we schedule games."

Softball

Clarenceville dropped a Western Wayne Athletic Conference softball doubleheader Saturday to visiting Annapolis, 18-2 and 17-0.

In the first game, Brittany Waggoner and Kara Roberts had four hits apiece for the Cougars. Roberts was a triple away from the cycle and drove in five runs.

Roberts was the winning pitcher, limiting the Trojans to five hits. She struck out 12 and hit one batter.

Waggoner pitched a no-hitter in the four-inning second game. She

walked three and struck out six. Roberts was 4-for-4 with two triples, a double and five RBI.

Wayne Memorial defeated host Clarenceville in six innings Friday, 14-4. The Lady Trojans are 2-8 overall.

Freshman Emily Schmidt pitched better than the scoreboard indicated, according to assistant coach Bryan DeCaire.

In a complete game, she struck out 10 and allowed 12 hits, but the defense made five errors. The offense didn't provide much support with only two hits.

Schmidt and senior

Kylee Hammond had the hits. Hammond also walked, scored a run and had two RBIs. Junior Claudia Moore walked three times and scored a run.

Girls soccer

Dearborn defeated host Clarenceville in a Western Wayne Athletic Conference girls soccer game Monday, 8-0.

Ashli Hearn, Rino Miyaki, Allison Lay, Myla Hoskins, Kelsey Grant and Allie Snage played well for the Lady Trojans (0-11), according to coach Amanda Moody.

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Panthers fight hard in loss to Glenn

RU can't keep Rockets off the basepaths in twinbill sweep

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Redford Union's softball team showed a lot of spunk during Saturday's doubleheader loss to host Westland John Glenn.

In the 13-6 setback in game one, pitcher Lindsay Pfirrmann was in fine form, striking out nine Rockets in the circle and contributing a hit and a run in the batter's box.

In addition to making a few sparkling defensive gems, shortstop Sophie Kanar went 2-for-4 to help the Panthers' cause.

Other contributors for RU were freshman Caitlyn Kenney (hit, run), Danna Meijia (3-for-4, run), Kiyonna Hardin (1-for-2, walk, run) and Shay Wells, who added a hit, walk and run.

The Panthers dropped the nightcap, 11-4, but Caitlyn Kenney was solid in her first start on the mound, striking out three. Kanar, Meijia, Pfirrmann and Destiny Sylvester also deliver hits at the plate.



Stevenson's Sarah Mesack delivers a pitch during a game earlier this season.

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Sweet split

Buoyed by three double-plays and sharp pitching by Elizabeth McCann, Stevenson earned a split in last week's double-header against Novi by pouncing on the Wildcats, 12-4, in the nightcamp. Novi won the first game, 5-1.

"Stevenson has not had a lot of success against Novi in recent years, so coming back to split with them was huge," said Stevenson head coach Kevin Hannigan. "We had only turned four or five doubleplays all year prior to the second game, and we turned three in that game alone. Our defense was fantas-

tic."

McCann struck out six in her complete-game masterpiece.

Offensively, Megan Gronau (4-for-5, two doubles, three RBI), Cori Wilson (3-for-5, two RBI) and Erin Andrews (3-for-4, two RBI) powered the Spartans.

"The key was we got hits with runners in scoring position, which we haven't been doing lately," said Hannigan.

Sophomore Sarah Mesack pitched well in the first game, limiting the Wildcats to just two runs over the final six innings after yielding three in the first frame. Mesack gave up just six hits.

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Derby Day

MacKenzie, who guided RU to its only state championship in school history, a Class A boys track title in 1969, came up with the idea to host the first Saturday in May, which coincided with Kentucky Derby Day.

"The first Saturday in May was always kind of open," said MacKenzie, who retired from coaching in 1992 and is now living in Santa Barbara, Calif., with his wife Roberta. "There wasn't any real meets run at all. There were the (Southgate) Schafer Relays, Mansfield (Ohio) Relays. Then the word relays struck me. I thought, 'Why not make all events relays?' Most other meets were all individual events and I said, 'I'm going to make this all-relays meet.'"

Instead of having an open mile, we'll have the four-mile relay and so with all the other events and the shuttle hurdles." And that's when MacKenzie got the local newspaper involved.

"I raised that proposal and I met with the Observer guy, Eddie Edgar," MacKenzie said. "He invited me to his home when he lived in South Redford at the time. I sat down and talked to him about the idea and he went for it. He said it was very novel and something very different. Then we would be the host school at Redford Union."

The site was Howard Kraft Field, located next to Hilbert Junior High, and the track still had its original surface.

Track surfaces

"And at that time, we had a cinder track, whereas other schools had all-weather tracks," MacKenzie said. "But we got off to a good start and it was well-attended. We had quite a few teams and the Observer covered quite a few different communities. Even Catholic Central, which was in Detroit, did all their stuff at (Redford) Thurston High School, as I remember, and they did very well, as I recall. It was a lot of fun. The idea went over very well, even the field events. Each team had three entries in the field events, then add up the best three jumps and that's how it was scored."

Gibbons, still registered and working high school meets for the Association of Track Officials of Michigan, remembers the meet in its infant stages.

"I lived maybe five or six blocks from Hilbert (Junior High), where the meet was always held, so I would always go over there and I was always interested in track," he said. "I would go over and help in the first two or three years and then I started teaching in Redford Union in 1973 and that's when I started and the staff always worked the meet. I worked it, I coached in it, I was meet manager and then I became an official. I've



Livonia Franklin grad Paul Terek has fond memories of competing in the Observerland Relays.



Observerland Relays founding father John MacKenzie is retired and now resides in Santa Barbara, Calif.

officialled all but one, but I've gone to all of them since then."

Gibbons was also a proponent of the all-relays scoring format.

"I know (MacKenzie) started it because the big teams didn't have many meets to go to, so the big teams had a lot of runners that never got to compete," Gibbons said. "So to encourage team depth, he started a relay format meet, which was kind of new at the time and it was very successful. Then gradually, they added the three individual events (mile, hurdles and 100 dash). Now they're changing the whole thing."

Girls meet launched

Prior to the Title IX days, girls served as volunteers helping out at the Observerland meet.

"We had a group of girls, we called 'The Trickettes.' We had 15-20 girls that helped out tremendously on the track," MacKenzie said. "They moved hurdles, handled the refreshment stand, helped out at the finish line, had a uniform."

But in 1985, MacKenzie pushed to host an Observerland Relays girls meet, which inherited the RU Girls Track Relays, but the event was short-lived as area schools began pulling out to commit to other area girls meets that began to proliferate.

In 1983, a torrential rain during the meet turned the Redford Union track into a virtual moat. That's when it became time to find another host with an updated facility.

"It absolutely flooded," Gibbons said. "That's when they moved the meet. That was good, because the newer tracks came in and they had the newer equipment."

Not only was RU's cinder track outdated, but parking in the nearby neighborhood was also limited.

"We had (school) buses park at a nearby elementary school," MacKenzie said. "But I talked (Churchill coach) Fred Price and he said he'd be glad and hold the meet at Churchill. I gladly accepted."

Different venues

In the early years of Churchill hosting, the 1989 meet was "iced-out" halfway through by a wintry mix of snow and sleet.

"I had a kid named Chris Woodbeck that had a chance to win the 100-yard dash and they canceled the meet right before that," Gibbons said.

Meanwhile, the meet rotated on a yearly basis between Churchill, Canton and Farmington high schools.

The meet has certainly had its share of stars over the years, including the multi-talented late 1970s performers Mike Petsch (RU) and Dave Hall (Stevenson), both of whom could high jump 6-8 and throw the shot more than 50 feet.

The meet has also featured several NFL players, including Stevenson's Myles White (currently with the New York Giants), Westland John Glenn's Keshawn Martin (New England Patriots), Glenn's Jeremy Langford (Chicago Bears) and Redford Catholic Central's Mike Martin (Philadelphia Eagles), along with former NFL players Tim Shaw (Livonia Clarenceville), Devin Thomas (Canton) and Doug Brzezinski (CC).

The meet also helped spawn 2004 U.S. Olympic decathlete Paul Terek (Livonia Franklin), who still owns the MHSAA all-class pole vault record at 16 feet, 6 inches.

Pole vault days

With the meet virtually over and all events nearly completed, Terek began his opening high jumping at 14-6 as darkness set in during his senior year in 1997.

"When I'd do the international track meets, what came to mind was high school track meets like that," said Terek, who went on to star at Michigan State and now resides in Grover Beach, Calif. "It was one of those things that always made me kind of smile. There was always people there watching the events. It was kind of the first taste. At Observerland, you actually had the feeling you were in a big meet for the first time and people cheering everybody on was awesome."

Terek, who competed on G4's American Ninja Challenge and retired from international competition in 2010, was also fond of the all-relays scoring format.

"It was the total height on everybody on your team," Terek said. "It didn't matter that if you were the best jumper at Observerland. Just because you were great, it wouldn't help you win. I always liked the format, but I guess you have to change with the times."

But the times have changed and the meet continues into its 46th season.

"My fond memories just being able to host the meet and getting all the help that we received from everybody around," Gibbons said. "I loved watching that 4 by 400 (relay) under the lights. It was always cool to do."

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GIRLS TENNIS

Spartans rise to occasion at Brighton Invite

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In a tournament that was tighter than the strings on a new tennis racquet, Livonia Stevenson edged host Brighton Saturday to earn the title in the annual four-team invitational hosted by the Bulldogs.

Led by a strong showing from its doubles contingent, the Spartans racked up 19 points — one more than Brighton and six more than third-place Walled Lake Central.

Canton placed fourth with four points.

"Our doubles teams really stepped up big today with some great play," said Stevenson head coach Don McCathney. "We needed to get more matches together for conference and regional play just a few weeks away."

"Our singles players were challenged today with a very good Brighton singles lineup, but I am very impressed with the amount of fight our girls are showing. This was a very good quad to win with some quality teams involved."

Stevenson's No. 1 doubles team of Lauren Larson and Natalie Hay set the victorious tone by sweeping all three of its matches without losing a set. Larson and Hay thumped Brighton, 6-2, 6-0, before taking care of WLC, 6-4, 6-3, and Canton, 6-3, 6-0.

The Spartans' No. 2 tandem of Natalie Roznowski and Allison Malkowski won their flight in dramatic fashion with three-set triumphs over the Vikings (2-6, 6-3, 10-5) and the Bulldogs (6-2, 4-6, 11-9).

The No. 3 duo of Rachel Crachiola and Julia

Seychel followed suit by winning all three of its matches: 6-0, 6-0 over Canton; 6-2, 3-6, 10-4 against Brighton; and 7-5, 6-3 over Central.

Stevenson's No. 4 doubles team of Kayla Parker and Hanna Kliza was brilliant all day, outscoring their three opponents in games won, 36-11.

The path to the flight championship for the Spartans No. 5 tandem of Rachel Smith and MacKenzie Pisko required resilience and perseverance as they outlasted WLC and Canton in nail-biting three-setters.

The No. 6 doubles team of Jessica Hinkle and Mackenzie Wilson iced the victory cake for the Spartans by winning its flight with a default and a sweep.

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Members of the Livonia Stevenson tennis team pose with their newest trophy following the Brighton Invitational.

The sky's the limit for all-area hoops stars

FIRST TEAM

Billy Thomas, N. Farmington: The senior guard was a great addition to the team after transferring and sitting out last season. He was a major reason the Raiders were 24-3 and were Class A state finalists. An outstanding 3-point shooter,

Thomas shot 39 percent from that distance and led the Raiders in scoring with 23 points per game. He also averaged four assists, four steals and three rebounds.

Thomas has numerous Division I offers from mid-major schools such as Oakland, EMU, CMU and Wichita State, according to coach Todd Negoshian.

"I thought BT had a great senior year after missing five of our first six games with a foot injury," Negoshian said. "He showed a great ability to score the ball in a variety of ways."

"He not only has a great IQ for the game but is one of the fiercest competitors I've ever been around."

Logan Ryan, Canton: The 6-7 senior forward's third varsity season was outstanding, sparking the

Chiefs to an incredible 20-0 regular season. Canton captured the division, conference and association championships in the process.

Ryan averaged 14 points, 7.5 rebounds and 2.5 blocks per game and earned all-KLAA honors.

"He is a very skilled player," coach Jimmy Reddy said. "He can score inside and out. He did a nice job of protecting the rim for us on defense as well."

Zeale McCullough, John Glenn: McCullough was an explosive inside force for the Rockets, averaging 20 points, nine rebounds and two blocked shots a game.

"Zeale was our team's leading scorer, team's leading rebounder and our team's third-leading shot-blocker," said John Glenn coach Rod Watts, emphasizing the senior forward's importance to the team's 11-win season.

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points per game to go with six assists, six steals and four rebounds. Best known for his rocket acceleration and powerful drives to the basket, the 6-foot-3 Hardy can dump the ball to an open teammate or make the difficult layup.

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D'eauntae Jackson, sr., Thurston
Kenny Topolovec, sr., Salem
Jacob Joubert, sr., N. Farmington
Jon Hovermale, sr., Churchill
Alex Darden, sr., N. Farmington

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Trevon Dixon, sr., Harrison
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HONORABLE MENTION

N. Farmington: Josh Hogans, Mher Tcholakian, Sasoun Tcholakian; Harrison: Adrian Partah, Russell Campbell; Canton: B. Arts White, Jalen Cochran, Chris English; Plymouth: Frank Brown, Pete Carravalah; Salem: Freddie McGee, Calin Crawford; Ply. Christian: Matt Malcolm, Luke Yakube, Levi Yakuber; Clarenceville: Mitch Kubiak, Quentin Banks; Churchill: Dayton Davis, Joan Androni, Jerron Hampton; Stevenson: Devin Dunn; Kyle Malkowski; John Glenn: Christian Agnew; Franklin: Joe Chinnave; Thurston: Caebryn Crabtree; Garden City: Vinnie Bakerian, Robbie Moyes; Lutheran Westland: Zach Burk, Brent Croft; Redford Union: Kevin Hogans; Wayne: Keion Epps.

said. "He can flat-out score. He gets the ball to the rim and he worked hard to improve his mid-range jump shot, and it showed. Whenever we needed a rebound (offense or defense) he would get it for us. He has been a tremendous player for us, he has helped our basketball program grow, and I am going to miss him a lot."

Kenny Topolovec, Salem: An inside presence at both ends of the court, the 6-6 senior center and

team co-captain averaged 12.6 points, 10.4 rebounds and 2.3 blocks per contest. Topolovec was named team co-MVP with Cameron

Grace and also made the first all-KLAA team for his efforts. He also owns a 4.1 grade-point average.

"He is a very versatile inside post player that most teams double- or triple-teamed all season," coach Bob Brodie said. "He was a force inside on defense as a shot blocker and intimidated a lot of players driving to the basket."

"He has very good court awareness and is a great passer."

Jacob Joubert, N. Farmington: Joubert was a four-year starter at point guard for the Raiders and was

instrumental as a team leader in the Raiders winning a share of the OAA Red Division title and making a run to the Class A state final.

Joubert sacrificed some of his numbers to be the set-up man for his teammates, averaging eight assists per game in addition to 13 points, four steals and three rebounds. He is exploring multiple college offers.

"Without JJ, we would not have had the year we did," Negoshian said. "He was able to run our team on the floor and control the game while putting all his personal accolades aside for the betterment of our team."

"I haven't seen many point guards in the past four years who are better and that do so many things correctly."

Jon Hovermale, Churchill: Hovermale led the Chargers to their first Class A district title in over 20 years — and helped

Churchill battle eventual state champion U of D Jesuit for the entire first half of a regional semifinal game — by averaging 14 points, four rebounds and three steals per game. The Siena Heights signee nailed 85 percent of his free-throw attempts and 40 percent of his three-point shots.

"Jonny will be remembered as one of the best players in Churchill history," Churchill coach Jimmy Solak said. "He was a four-year starter who, at some point in his career, played every position on the floor, both offensively and defensively. He constantly worked at every aspect of the game and became an all-around player."

"I'm most proud of what Jonny

represented. He was our offseason leader every year. He attacked every practice and game with an unmatched intensity. He is everything that we, as coaches and educators, want from our student-athletes. His outstanding career was a result of hard work and dedication; he deserves everything he has received. He will be truly missed."

Alex Darden, N. Farmington: The 6-foot-6 senior was the primary rebounder and the only non-guard

among the starting five, but he also has great agility, can handle the ball and made the Raiders such an athletic, effective team. Darden averaged

13 rebounds a game and helped the Raiders go as far as they did. He also produced nine points, four steals and two assists per game.

A left-handed pitcher with a baseball scholarship to Cincinnati, Darden was a four-year varsity starter in basketball.

"Alex had a great senior year," Negoshian said. "He loved being the glue guy and doing the dirty work that was able to make us successful. He showed a lot of people how much rebounding can change a game with 16 games of double-digit rebounds."

THIRD TEAM

Alex Manasa, Farmington: The 6-foot-4 senior forward was a three-year varsity player and two-year

starter for the Falcons. Manasa averaged 11½ points and 7½ rebounds. An all-state and all-area center

fielder, Manasa has a baseball scholarship to Oakland University.

"Alex really stepped up this year and improved his leadership," coach Terrance Porter said. "He's a person who led by example."

"He was called upon to score and rebound more (and did that). He stepped into that role and gladly accepted it."

"He did everything we asked him to do. He's an even better young man. He's a young man of character."

Trevon Dixon, Harrison: The 6-foot-4 senior guard was his team's leading scorer with 18 points per game. He was often the leading rebounder, averaging seven per game as well as three assists.

"Trevon really came along toward the end of the year," coach Stefan Wilson said. "He knew we needed him to be more selfish offensively. He really kicked it into gear. He has the ability to get to the rim and create opportunities to get to the line, to make easy baskets and for his teammates to get open shots. Once he got it in his head to be more selfish, he became a much better player for us the second half of the season."

Ian Knoph, Stevenson: Knoph was undeniably one of Observerland's most dangerous perimeter shooters,



averaging 15.6 points per game and three triples per contest. His athleticism also made him a top-notch defender and a potent rebounder, especially for a guard.

"Ian is a captain and a leader," Stevenson coach Kareem Smartt said. "He is a very good student and teammate, and he works hard at his craft as a basketball player."

"He can get off a shot anywhere on the floor. The sky is the limit on how far he can go."

Brandon Marshall, Thurston: Despite his modest size, Marshall excelled at both ends of the court for the Eagles, averaging 15.7 points and five assists per game while hitting 38 percent of his three-point shots.

Marshall finished second in school history with 61 three-pointers this past season. "Brandon handled the ball 90 percent of the time and hardly ever turned it over," Bates said. "Whenever we needed a big shot, he seemed to always make it. As an example, he hit four three-pointers in the fourth quarter in the district final."

"Brandon always did what we needed to do to win the game: be it score, defend or pass the ball. He has been a tremendous player for us. He has helped our basketball program grow, and I am going to miss him a lot."

Hamoudy Turfe, Canton: Yet another key component to the Chiefs' best-ever regular season (20-0), the senior and third-year varsity player averaged 10 points, three rebounds, three assists and 1.5 steals.

Turfe's all-around performance earned him an all-conference selection. "Hamoudy had a really good senior year for us," Reddy said. "He did a great job of scoring in bunches for us, especially when we would get a little stale on offense."

"Hamoudy is a young man with great character and it was a pleasure to coach him."

Cameron Grace, Salem: The Rocks' co-captain and co-MVP, Grace averaged 12.8 points per contest, led the team in three-point shooting (43 percent) and free-throw shooting (75 percent).

The junior was named to the all-KLAA first team for his standout season. "A very athletic and complete basketball player, Cam can play on the perimeter as a guard or go inside as a power forward with his leaping ability," Brodie said. "He usually guarded one of our opponents' best players with his quickness and size and was a threat at both ends of the court."

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Brent Davis, Plymouth: Davis closed out his high school career with a standout season. The Wildcats' captain averaged 17.4 points and five rebounds, earning team MVP and all-conference accolades.

"Brent was our main scoring threat this year," coach Mike Soukup said. "He was constantly guarded by the other team's best defender and was still able to put up big scoring numbers on a nightly basis."

"His ability to score the ball and get out into transition will be missed." The shooting guard will play college basketball at Spring Arbor.

Obi Okoli, Canton: An all-KLAA selection, Okoli had a stellar third season with the Chiefs' varsity. He averaged 13 points, 5.5 rebounds, 1.5 steals and 1.5 blocks per game.

"He had a great senior year for us at both ends of the floor," Reddy said. "His ability to shut down some of the best perimeter players in our area was remarkable."

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HIGH SCHOOL TRACK & FIELD

Area athletes shine at Crestwood Charger Invitational

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Several Observerland athletes excelled during Saturday's Crestwood Charger Invite.

Dearborn won the boys meet with 104 points, seven more than runner-up Orchard Lake St. Mary's. Lutheran Westland placed eighth with 30 points, just ahead of ninth-place Redford Thurston (26). Garden City finished 11th with 22 points.

Plymouth captured the girls event with 102 points, outperforming second-place Wyandotte Roosevelt, which racked up 82 points.

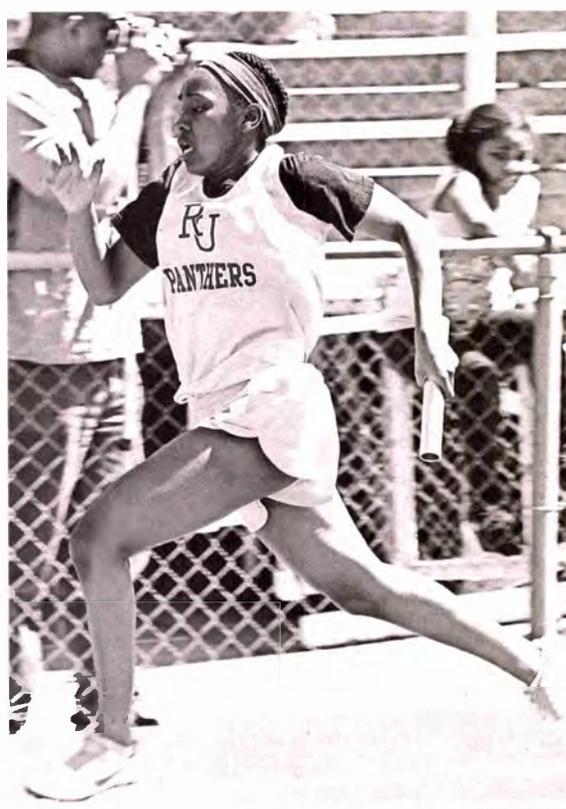
Westland John Glenn earned eighth place with 29 points while Lutheran Westland and Garden City tied for 11th with 23 points.

Redford Thurston was 14th with 13 points and Redford Union placed 16th with 10 points.

Lutheran Westland junior sprinter Daryl Nykiel showed his stuff in the 100-meter dash, placing sixth in 11.70. Thurston freshman James Flournoy was 12th in the 100 with a time of 11.99 seconds.

The top Observerland entry in the 200 was Garden City's Dylan Rayburn, who placed ninth in 24.42 seconds. Flournoy was second in the 200 prelims with a clocking of 23.13.

Eagle senior Errol Franklin won the 400 dash in 51.48 seconds. Lutheran Westland's Weslee Warren was 10th



Redford Union's Jaliyah Gray ran strong at Saturday's Crestwood Charger Invite.

(54.97) and Thurston's Brashawn Williams was 20th in 56.22.

Thurston's Caebryn Crabtree ran a solid 800, placing



Garden City's Erin Marshall has enjoyed a solid season for the Cougars.

third in 2:06.23. Warrior sophomore Lucas Moody finished fifth in 2:07.77.

The area's top performer in the 1,600 was Lutheran Westland's Doug Tischler, who finished 15th in 5:02.68. Thurston's Darian Jackson was just behind Tischler, taking 16th in 5:02.89.

Redford Union's Jack Shroat was impressive in the 3,200, placing 19th in 11:12.35.

Garden City's Denzel Tinsley scorched the track in the 110 hurdles, setting a school record of 14.69 seconds while

placing second to Birmingham Groves' Nick Moore. Cougar William Hill was fifth in 16.17.

GC's Hill and Devon Dodd went 10th and 12th, respectively, in the 300 hurdles.

Girls results

Redford Union freshman Jaliyah Gray ran like a senior in the 100, taking fifth with a time of 12.97. Thurston's Kayla Bownes was 11th (13.52) and John Glenn's Nikole Gipson was 12th (13.74).

Rocket Asia Gardner nearly took gold in the 200, finishing behind only Plymouth's Ryan Draper. Gray was formidable in this race, too, taking eighth in 27.33. Thurston's Dasia Johnson turned in a stellar 10th-place effort (27.42), nipping teammate Kasie Bownes by half of a second.

Johnson stormed back to win the 400 in 1:02.55.

Lutheran Westland's Jenna Wisner opened some eyes by winning the 800 in 2:27.43. Garden City's Erin Marshall was 13th in 2:45.01.

Wisner nearly posted a double-double, finishing second in the 1,600 to Berkley's Claire Kendall. GC's Korey Szymbaniak was also in the hunt for gold, taking third in 5:27.25 — just three seconds off the pace of Kendall.

GC's Tionna Thompson was brilliant in the 100 hurdles, taking sixth in 18.42 seconds. John Glenn's Alona Oshevskva was fourth in the 300 hurdles.

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BOYS TRACK & FIELD

Zebras runners-up at Courageous Invitational

Hood accumulates mountain of points for Wayne

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Thanks to several 100-percent-effort performances, Wayne Memorial's boys track-and-field team hit the 100-point mark at Saturday's Courageous Invitational, which put the Zebras in second place in the talent-laden event.

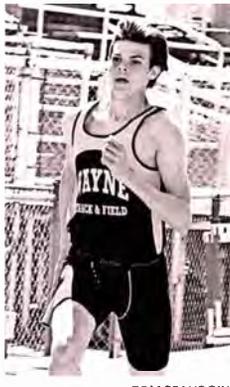
Senior speedster Montel Hood enjoyed an epic day for Wayne, winning the 200- and 400-meter dashes while sparking his team's first-place finish in the 1,600-meter relay. Andrew Chant, Khalil Burks and Jon Rivera were also members of the winning relay contingent.

Burks was stellar as well, placing third in an extremely competitive 300 hurdles field. The 800 relay team of Hood, Chant, Danny Delleh and Tyrone Billingslea earned second-place points in its race.

Wayne's field events effort was led by Reggie Michaux, who placed third in the shot put with a personal-best heave of 40 feet. Michaux was fourth in the discus and Delleh was fourth in the long jump.

The Zebras' 3,200-meter relay quartet of John Gaton, Rivera, Jon Boland and Tyler Westfall placed third, while Gaton and Blake Barber turned in personal-best times in the 1,600 while placing third and fifth, respectively.

Rounding out the Zebras' ultra-successful



TOM BEAUDOIN

Andrew Chant helped contribute to Wayne's second-place showing at Saturday's Courageous Invitational in Detroit.

day was a 4-5-6 finish in the 3,200 by Gaton, Barber and Boland, all of whom eclipsed their previous-best clockings.

Stevenson rolls past Lions

Perhaps riding the wave of momentum it picked up during Friday's successful Livonia City Championships Meet performance, Livonia Stevenson hammered South Lyon, 85-52, Tuesday afternoon in a KLAA Central Division showdown hosted by the Spartans.

The result improved Stevenson's record to 1-2 while the Lions dropped to 0-3.

Stevenson got after it in the sprints, particularly senior Tyler Hudson who broke the tape first in the 100 and 200.

Spartan senior David Gasser had a big day as well, taking third in the 100 and second in the 200. Stevenson's LaDarius

us Sharpe was just a stride behind Hudson in the 100, finishing second in 11.77.

Stevenson's Alex Brauer was super-productive in the distance events, leading a Spartan sweep in the 1,600 along with Nathan Wilson and Andrew Bambach, before finishing second in the 3,200 behind only teammate Jack Balint.

Spartan freshman Austin Stratton placed third in the 3,200.

STEVENSON 85 SOUTH LYON 52

Tuesday at Stevenson
Shot put: 1. Josh Remstad (SL), 44 feet, 4.5 inches; 2. Stone Ruffin (SL), 40-8.75; 3. Spencer Eddings (SL), 39-0.
Discus: 1. Stone Ruffin (SL), 134-2; 2. Taylor Garpow (SL), 120-3; 3. Josh Remstad (SL), 119-10.
Pole vault: 1. (tie) Logan Delonis (SL) and Travis Starr (SL), 12-0; 3. Collin Bowersox (SL), 11-0.
Long jump: 1. Malik Lowery (SL), 20-4.5; 2. Aaron Simmon (SL), 19-1.75; 3. Mike Licata (SL), 18-9.
High jump: 1. Aaron Simmon (SL), 6-1; 2. Josh Travis (SL), 6-1; 3. Evan Marini (SL), 5-10.

3,200-meter relay: 1. Stevenson (Ben Griffith, Alex Oquist, Trevor Tillman, Jeremy Webb), 8 minutes, 31.27 seconds; 2. South Lyon (Josh Cheezik, Jack Gomori, Rory McCillen, Travis Starr), 8:33.05.
100 high hurdles: 1. Kevin Schopa (SL), 15.67; 2. Steve Hartlep (SL), 15.85; 3. Evan Marini (SL), 15.95.
100 dash: 1. Tyler Hudson (SL), 11.65; 2. LaDarius Sharpe (SL), 11.77; 3. David Gasser (SL), 11.94.

800 relay: 1. South Lyon (Kevin Schopa, Dani Lewis, Braxton Blackwell, Steve Hartlep), 1:33.19; 2. Stevenson (LaDarius Sharpe, David Gasser, Tyler Hudson, Mike Licata), 1:34.09.
1,600 run: 1. Alex Brauer (SL), 4:45.26; 2. Nathan Wilson (SL), 4:51.75; 3. Andrew Bambach (SL), 4:53.83.
400 relay: 1. Stevenson (LaDarius Sharpe, David Gasser, Tyler Hudson, Joshua Page), 45.32; 2. South Lyon (Josh Travis, Ryan Gill, Dani Lewis, Braxton Blackwell), 45.80.
400 dash: 1. Mike Licata (SL), 53.47; 2. Brendon Goins (SL), 54.72; 3. Jeremy Webb (SL), 55.12.

300 hurdles: 1. Kevin Schopa (SL), 41.29; 2. Steve Hartlep (SL), 41.86; 3. Nathan Sudick (SL), 43.89.
800 dash: 1. Andrew Bambach (SL), 2:00.15; 2. Alex Oquist (SL), 2:01.79; 3. Jerod Allen (SL), 2:06.71.
200 dash: 1. Tyler Hudson (SL), 23.90; 2. David Gasser (SL), 24.64; 3. Dani Lewis (SL), 24.78.

3,200 run: 1. Jack Balint (SL), 10:14.23; 2. Alex Brauer (SL), 10:15.90; 3. Austin Stratton (SL), 10:24.72.
1,600 relay: 1. South Lyon (Steve Hartlep, Brendon Goins, Kevin Schopa, Travis Starr), 3:34.79; 2. Stevenson, 3:38.12.

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

Battle-tested Wayne surges past John Glenn, 96-24

Stevenson chalks up first dual-meet win

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Wayne Memorial's girls track-and-field team had little trouble with Westland John Glenn Tuesday afternoon.

Anavia Battle made sure of it.

Led by the fleet feet of Battle, the Zebras sprinted to a 96-24 victory over the Rockets in a KLAA South Division dual meet.

Battle conquered the competition in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.99 seconds. She also won the 200 in 25.43 seconds.

The Zebras' distance crew also contributed mightily to the triumph, especially Jessica Leigh and Nikita Bhangu.

Wayne went 1-2 in the 400 thanks to strong efforts from Erica Robinson and Reanna Brown-Deacon.

Last but not least, Chanel Khan swept both of the hurdles races for Wayne.

Courageous champions

On Saturday, the Zebras won the Courageous Invitational in Detroit by piling up 181 points.

The 3,200-meter relay team of Robinson, Ramiya White, Bhangu and Leigh broke their own school record, while the Zebras' 800 relay foursome of Robinson, Khan, Brown-Deacon and Battle remained unbeaten in the half-mile event.

Battle won the 100 in 12.2 and the 200, while Leigh won two individual races: the 1,600 and 800.



TOM BEAUDOIN

Wayne's Anavia Battle has enjoyed a stellar season for the Zebras.

the 1,600 in 5:50.37, and Kylie Callison, who won the 800 in 2:37.34.

Stevenson's Amanda Schultz put a wrap on her team's memorable victory when she won the 200 by a stride over South Lyon's Liberty Romanik.

The Lions went 1-2 in the 3,200 and won the 1,600 relay, but Stevenson had already locked up enough points to prevail.

STEVENSON 71 SOUTH LYON 66

Tuesday at Stevenson
Shot put: 1. Morgan Waters (LS), 28 feet, 7 inches; 2. Hannah Egan (SL), 27-7.3; 3. Katrielle Garland (LS), 26-8.
Discus: 1. Morgan Waters (LS), 86-1; 2. Hannah Egan (SL), 85-10; 3. Katrielle Garland (LS), 74-5.
Pole vault: 1. Sommer Pappas (LS), 9-6; 2. Shannon Burke (LS), 9-6; 3. Kelsey Cunningham (LS), 7-6.
Long jump: 1. Christy Hogue (SL), 15-7; 2. Diane Senkowski (SL), 14-8.5; 3. Liberty Romanik (SL), 14-8.25.
High jump: 1. Zayne George (SL), 4-4; 2. Taylor Banks (SL), 4-2; 3. Madi Droste (SL), 4-2.

3,200-meter relay: 1. Stevenson (Alyssa Bergman, Kiira Hadden, Ashley D'Amour, Bri Lebboss), 11 minutes, 4.59 seconds; 2. Stevenson (Anna Braschwitz, Kylie Callison, Ava Dwyer, Emily Lauzon), 11:50.31.
100 hurdles: 1. Danielle Booth (SL), 18.49; 2. Emily Nettie (LS), 18.82; 3. Alexa Locante (LS), 19.33.
100 dash: 1. Zayne George (SL), 13.67; 2. Makayla Tanski (LS), 13.88; 3. Monica Wierzbach (LS), 14.06.

800 relay: 1. South Lyon (Zayne George, Chloe McKensie, Liberty Romanik, Christy Hogue), 1:53.25; 2. Stevenson (Heather Burke, Hope McMullen, Diane Senkowski, Amanda Schultz), 1:54.40.
1,600 run: 1. Erin DeBono (LS), 5:50.37; 2. Emily Hudgens (SL), 5:54.11; 3. Haley Jurczynski (LS), 6:13.45.

400 relay: 1. South Lyon (Zayne George, Chloe McKensie, Danielle Booth, Liberty Romanik), 53.50; 2. Stevenson (Shelby Darke, Lindsey Dilworth, Tezanna Sharp, Makayla Tanski), 54.04.
400 dash: 1. Christy Hogue (SL), 1:04.57; 2. Natasha Mwila (LS), 1:05.24; 3. Kristen Szabalski (LS), 1:05.37.

300 hurdles: 1. Danielle Booth (SL), 50.38; 2. Diane Senkowski (LS), 54.50; 3. Emily Nettie (LS), 55.24.
800 dash: 1. Kylie Callison (LS), 2:37.34; 2. Sydney Kantoook (SL), 2:37.72; 3. Anna Braschwitz (LS), 2:48.16.
200 dash: 1. Amanda Schultz (LS), 27.86; 2. Liberty Romanik (SL), 28.04; 3. Hope McMullen (LS), 28.80.

3,200 run: 1. Emily Hudgens (SL), 13:13.92; 2. Kylie Carbery (SL), 13:47.60; 3. Delany Harris (LS), 14:02.35.
1,600 relay: 1. South Lyon (Sydney Kantoook, Sydney Hall, Christy Hogue, Danielle Booth), 4:26.02; 2. Stevenson (Sammi Dickson, Kristen Szabalski, Julia Kozler, Emily Lauzon), 4:21.90.

Franklin splits Saturday doubleheader

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Livonia Franklin's baseball team bounced back from a first-game 10-5 setback to Temperance Bedford Saturday to upend Lincoln Park, 13-3, in a pair of games played on the Patriots' diamond.

Nick Hoyer earned the game-two win on the mound by scattering five hits and four walks, while striking out four.

Franklin plated three runs in the first, six in the second and four in the third.

Jake Giacobbi was a

menace at the plate for the winners, going 2-for-2 with two runs scored. Adrian Reed (3-for-3, two RBI) and Jon Montie (2-for-2, two RBI) also enjoyed a perfect game at the dish.

Franklin outhit Lincoln Park, 8-5.

Reed (2-for-4, run RBI) and Kolby Dewhurst (2-for-3, three RBI) led the Patriots' hitting assault.

Chargers edge Novi

A monumental defensive play helped Churchill secure a 2-1 victory over Novi Monday after-

noon in a KLAA cross-over game.

With his team leading by a run and two outs in the top of the seventh, Churchill catcher Joe Hatley threw out Joey Carn who was trying to steal second after drawing a game-extending walk.

The victory improved the Chargers' record to 10-9 overall and 5-6 in the conference. Novi slipped to 11-10 and 6-5, respectively.

Jon Hovermale earned the win for the Chargers, yielding just four hits and five walks over sev-

en innings.

Churchill grabbed a 1-0 lead in the second when Noah Cross singled and scored on a two-out double by Evan Cummins.

Novi knotted the game at 1-1 in the fifth when Alec Bageris laced a two-out single to score Spencer VanKirk.

The game-winner scored in the bottom of the sixth when Joe Wozniak drew a lead-off walk, advanced to second on a Cross single and to third on an intentional walk to Cummins. Matt Smith then drew a bases-

loaded walk, scoring Wozniak. On Saturday, Churchill dropped a pair of games at Farmington, 6-3 and 5-2.

Spartans take one of two

Livonia Stevenson split a Saturday twinbill with visiting Walled Lake Northern. The Spartans dropped game one, 7-2, before storming back to earn the split, 6-1.

The Knights broke a 1-1 draw in the first game with four fourth-inning runs. They added a two-spot in the fifth.

Danny Morris had a nice game at the plate for Stevenson, going 3-for-4. Chris Tanderys and De-

vin Dunn scored the Spartans' runs.

Jake Frelich went 3-for-4 with two runs scored to lead Northern, which outhit its hosts, 10-6.

Stevenson sophomore Jacob Way was the story of game two, earning a complete-game win in his varsity debut. Way scattered six hits and three walks, while fanning three, over seven innings.

Tanderys fueled the offense with three hits, an RBI and a run. Dunn also turned in a solid plate performance with two hits, a ribbie and two runs.

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INVITE

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in alternating fashion alongside 17 boys teams.

"It will be great to have the girls there," Farmington co-coach Charles Bridges said. "The kids all work together; the coaches all work together. From that standpoint, it's long overdue."

"There are some other big meets that day, and we want to be able to compete with those head-to-head. We have some pretty good teams coming. Hopefully, we'll have more teams that want to come next year, and we'll be able to compete with those big meets."

"Hopefully, a lot of people will come out. I think they'll have a pretty entertaining evening of track and field and a lot of fun."

One of those good teams, a perennial contender for a top-three finish is Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, which won five consecutive

boys championships between 2009 and 2013.

"I don't know about (being) the favorite, but we're certainly going to give the favorite team a run for their money," longtime CC coach Tony Magni said.

"Knowing who's going to be there, it's going to be very competitive. There are some teams we've never seen before, and we look forward to competing against them, also."

As was the case in the old relays meet, the Shamrocks are expected to do well in the hurdles, throws and distance races.

CC will be led by junior Andy Levens in the hurdles, junior Chris Bradbury in the throws, seniors Scott Smith and Avery Felty and junior Ty Buckley in the 1,600 and 3,200 meters.

Magni hopes to get injured sophomore Brandon Smith back on his feet and able to compete by Saturday. He's the top 200-meter sprinter and long jumper for the Shamrocks.

Each team will be limited to two entries per open event (one for relays), but they also will have five wild cards to be placed in any events.

"If you want to put three, four or five in a race or field event, you can do that," Bridges said. "Hopefully, that will make it a fun deal. We're hoping to create something as successful as the Observerland Relays were."

"The wild card is going to help us do very well in some of our events," Magni said. "It should be interesting; it should be a fun meet."

Farmington co-coach Jeremy Auer looks for the girls to add a great deal to the event.

"There are some really good girls teams in the area," he said. "Seaholm is coming; they were the cross country state champs. They're going to score a ton of points on the distance side. We can as well."

"In a regional format, top-notch individuals can win a meet for you. Five, six or seven girls or boys

can score enough points to win. There are a lot of teams that can be in that mix.

"There are going to be really fast races on the boys and girls sides. There's a pretty good good balance between sprint and distance schools."

The opportunity for athletes to run under the lights at night adds to the excitement and atmosphere, according to Livonia Franklin girls coach Dave Bjorklund.

"If all the schools on the list put their best athletes out there, you should see some incredible performances," he said. "This should set everyone up well for the conference and regional meets in the coming weeks."

The North Farmington girls are one of the good sprint schools. With Mycah Lewis, AJ Williams, Raven Tatum, Chasadie Searcy and Tiara Williams, the Raiders will be formidable in the 400 and 800 relays.

"This will be a really good test for us, because

a nice goal."

The Spartans' defense was in lockdown mode all night, helping the winners enjoy a 13-4 advantage in shots on goal.

"Our back line was

we're going to have such quality teams that will be there," North coach Bill Pinnell said.

"We should do fairly well in the meet, so I'm excited about it and to see how they can do against that competition."

In the wake of a cold April, Tatum is hoping for some warmer temperatures this weekend.

"I love track," she said. "I wish the weather would love us, too. I'm always excited to run. I'm looking forward to seeing and meeting all the other athletes."

Farmington senior and middle-distance runner Morgan Merlino, who will run for Central Michigan, will do her best to help her team win the girls title.

"That would be awesome," she said. "It'd be a great moment for everyone on the team. It would boost our confidence for the end of the season."

"(The home track is) always an advantage. It's our track and we're going to try to show people what we're capable of doing."

"I'm glad we're hosting it and it's so close to home. Hopefully, we'll have a lot of people come out, too."

Farmington senior and all-state distance runner Maddy Trevisan didn't run in the April 27 city meet due to a minor injury. She is expected to run Saturday.

"Hopefully, we caught it early," she said. "We were just trying to be smart about it. Hopefully, I'll be ready to go next week."

The meet will retain the earlier start time for the field events as in the former relays.

"The field events didn't interfere with the running events," Bridges said. "Athletes can focus on having a great day in the field events and not worry about one getting in the way of the other."

The meet begins with the pole vault at noon, followed by the other field events at 1 p.m. The running prelims start at 4 p.m. and the finals at 5:30. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$4 for students.

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SOCCER

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"Alia served up a great ball and Grace is a basketball player, so she

can jump, and she got her head on it and put the ball in a good spot," said Stevenson head coach Ken Shingledecker.

It was fitting that Gaciocch assisted on the second net-finder given

that she was "dynamic all night," Shingledecker added.

"Kayla did a great job of dribbling in space and then finding Megan, who made a great touch on the ball," he said. "It was

a nice goal."

The Spartans' defense was in lockdown mode all night, helping the winners enjoy a 13-4 advantage in shots on goal.

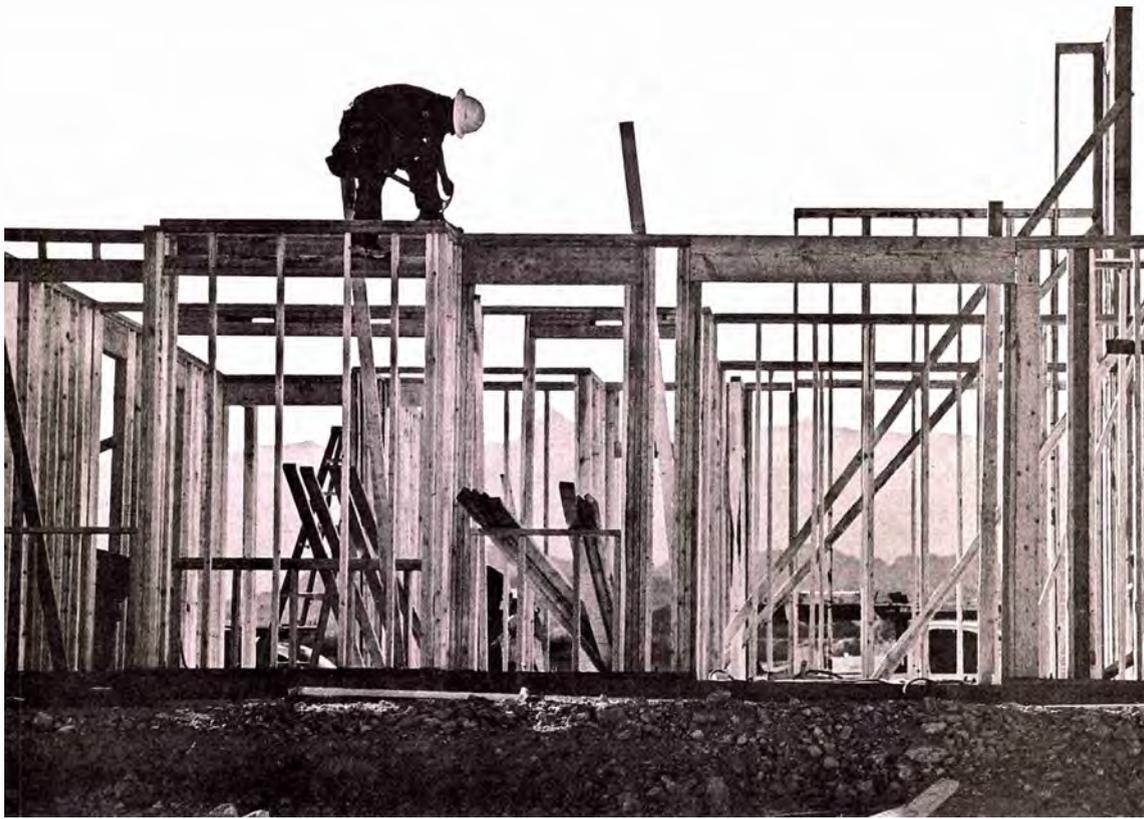
"Our back line was

fantastic," said Shingledecker, pointing out the excellent efforts of Jenna Thom, Yasmine Jaafar, Alyssa Benvenuti and Samantha Dickson. "That was as clean of a defensive performance

as you'll see in a high school game."

Stevenson goal-keeper Hannah Reamer was credited with one save.

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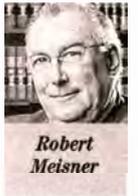
Building industry experts are encouraged by an upswing in activity.

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Florida's Delray Beach: Heed local broker's expertise

Q: I understand that Delray Beach, Fla., on Atlantic Avenue is a good location for galleries and other retail businesses. What is your experience with it, if any?

A: There are a number of high-end galleries on the main drag in Delray Beach, but there are also a number of restaurants and a fair number of vacant stores. Obviously, the rent is high and the parking is scarce, relatively speaking, but it is still a mecca for retail sales being close to the Palm Beaches as well as Boca Raton. You are best advised to consult with a commercial real estate broker and be prepared to negotiate given the number of vacancies that are available but ensure some degree of parking availability to the extent possible.



Robert Meisner

Q: I am wondering what the market is like in the Sarasota, St. Armand's, Longboat Key area. Do you have any information regarding that area in terms of how it relates to the real estate costs in comparison to Southwest Florida? I speak mostly Spanish.

A: While most Realtors in the Sarasota area have someone who speaks fluent Spanish to assist you in analyzing market conditions in most of Southwest Florida, the market continues to be strong and the prices continue to rise close to pre-2008 levels. There is a fair amount of new construction in downtown Sarasota and the number of teardowns and/or rebuilding of homes on the Longboat Key area. St. Armand's Circle continues to be a focal point for shopping and restaurants so you are best advised to interview two or three different Realtors in that particular vicinity before making a choice.

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REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

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Report: Local home building activity on upswing

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Local home building experts are buoyed by a monthly report that looks at industry activity in southeast Michigan.

Based on residential permit data compiled by the Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan and reported in the HBA Southeastern Michigan Residential Building Activity Report, a total of 1,265 single-family and multi-family permits were issued in Macomb, Oakland, St. Clair and Wayne counties in the first quarter of 2016. That's the highest three-month combined total to start a calendar year since January-March 2006 (1,862).

Michael Stoskopf, CEO of the Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan, said several economic factors are studied. Those include employment, up 3.8 percent from last year at this time "which helps to build that momentum for housing starts," he said. "That combined with the relatively pleasant weather we've had this year combined to get us off to a good start."



Stoskopf

For multi-family permits, Orion Township, Macomb Township and Clinton Township comprise over 70 percent of the 361 permits issued in 2016. This total is over 35 percent higher than the 267 multi-family permits issued in the first quarter of 2015.

Stoskopf noted frost in the ground made building difficult the previous two winters. "This year, completely different," he said.

Single-family home permits saw a slowdown in activity (342) in March as builders continued to work on permits issued in January and February at a pace not seen since 2006.

For the first quarter this year, 69 municipalities across the four-county area have issued 944 single-family permits. Within that, five — Macomb Township, Canton Township, Lyon Township, Shelby Township and Novi — make up over 40 percent of the single-family home permit activity.

"They have been for the last several years and this year seems to be no different," Stoskopf said of communities such as Canton Township and Lyon Township, which have room to expand.

"Housing permits expand in those areas," he noted. There's good freeway access

to I-96, for example, in Novi and Lyon Township.

"Those are the locations people are looking to get to work or to vacation," Stoskopf said.

Increased multi-family construction of rental-focused residential units, which started in earnest locally in 2014, continues to accelerate. That's part of a generational shift that is occurring across the country. Millennials are delaying their entry as first-time home buyers, with many choosing to rent. However, they're reaching the rental market with different expectations.

"That's really a nationwide trend," Stoskopf said. "In this case, I think it's a positive trend. It's definitely a generational trend." Millennials are marrying later and buying homes later, he said.

"Now going out on their own, they're not looking to buy," he said. Those millennials, however, don't want the drab 1968-era apartment to rent.

"It's not the same as the modern stuff that's going up," he said, noting millennials want attractive lighting, granite counters and luxury bathrooms. "It's more of a luxury experience. That's the expectation now."

Older millennials often do expect to buy a home, he said. "It's just a matter of time when they establish that family."

That's perfectly fine with Stoskopf, who also runs the Apartment Association of Michigan. "In my mind, they're complementary," he said of those roles. "It's all part of the evolution of the housing cycle."

Younger renters become accustomed to making monthly payments, he said, and then can qualify for a loan.

For multi-family permits, three municipalities — Orion Township, Macomb Township and Clinton Township — comprise over 70 percent of the 361 permits issued thus far in 2016. This total is over 35 percent higher than the 267 multi-family permits issued in the first quarter of 2015.

Stoskopf is optimistic looking down the road: "I look forward to the next couple of months having good news to report," he added.

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State Habitat for Humanity leader honored at Building Michigan Communities Conference

Sandra Pearson, president and CEO of Habitat for Humanity Michigan, was named this year's Duvernay Award winner at the Building Michigan Communities Conference (BMCC).

Pearson was honored during a luncheon awards ceremony at the conference, which began April 25 and wrapped up April 27 at the Lansing Center.

The Duvernay Award is named for the late Terrence R. Duvernay, a pioneer in affordable housing who served as executive director of MSHDA. The award is chosen by a committee of past recipients and goes to a person who reflects the ideals and personal qualities of Duvernay.

Pearson has been with Habitat for Humanity Michigan for eight years, first as chief operating officer and as president and CEO since 2010. In the eight years she has been with Habitat for Human-

ity Michigan, she has provided leadership in implementing the strategic priorities of the board of directors, including energy efficiency at building, a shift into home repair and neighborhood revitalization.

"Upon receiving the call with the news that I was being extended this honor, I couldn't believe it," Pearson said. "Any work I have accomplished has been the result of care and hard work of countless people."

Other awards presented during the luncheon include:

» Community Economic Development Advocate of the Year, Nancy Finegood, Lansing executive director, Michigan Historic Preservation Network. Awarded by CEDAM.

» Community Economic Development Leader of the Year, Lansing Office of Financial Empowerment. Awarded by CEDAM.

» Michigan Foreclosure Prevention Corps Host Site of the Year, Inner City Christian Federation. Awarded by CEDAM.

» The Corrie Bair Building Inclusive Communities Award, Paul Ecklund, disability rights advocate, Disability Network Southwest Michigan. Awarded by CEDAM.

» Community Spirit Award, Clint Todd, vice president, Retail Lending, Community Shores Bank - Muskegon Awarded by Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis

» Affiliate of the Year, Habitat for Humanity Capital Region. Awarded by Habitat for Humanity Michigan.

» Housing Education Program Agency of the Year Bay Area Housing Inc. Awarded by MSHDA.

» Housing Education Program Counselor of the Year Jessica Rivard, Bay Area Housing. Awarded by MSHDA.

» Housing Education Program Counselor of the Year Roxane Hiler, Inner City Christian Federation Teresa Torres, Southwest Solutions Barb Stricker, Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency. Awarded by MSHDA.

Other conference highlights include hosting country music singer/songwriter and author Jimmy Wayne on Monday afternoon and an evening reception recognizing MSHDA's 50th anniversary where the department unveiled a new brand. Wayne is a former foster kid whose songs and story highlight his mission to bring awareness to kids who age out of the foster system and become homeless.

Celebrating its 18th year, the BMCC brings together individuals from across the state working to create and preserve affordable housing, serve the homeless and revitalize downtowns and neighborhoods.

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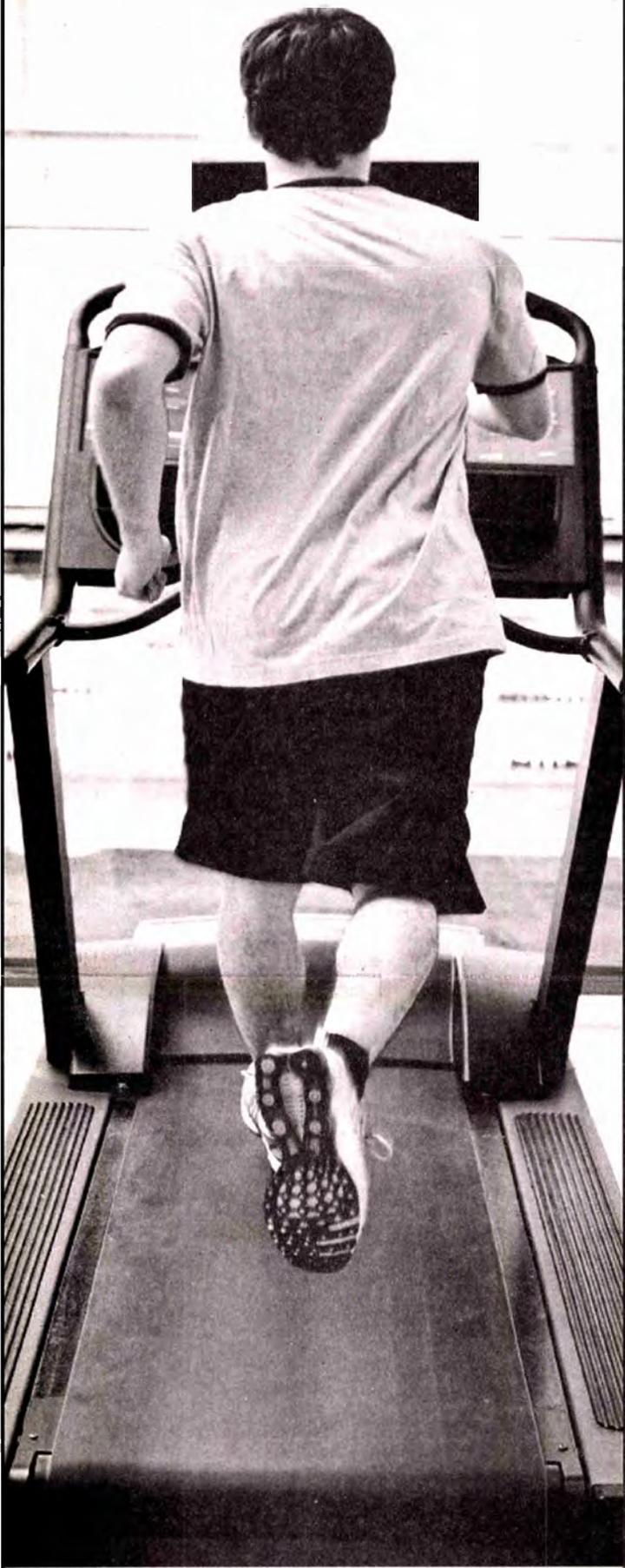
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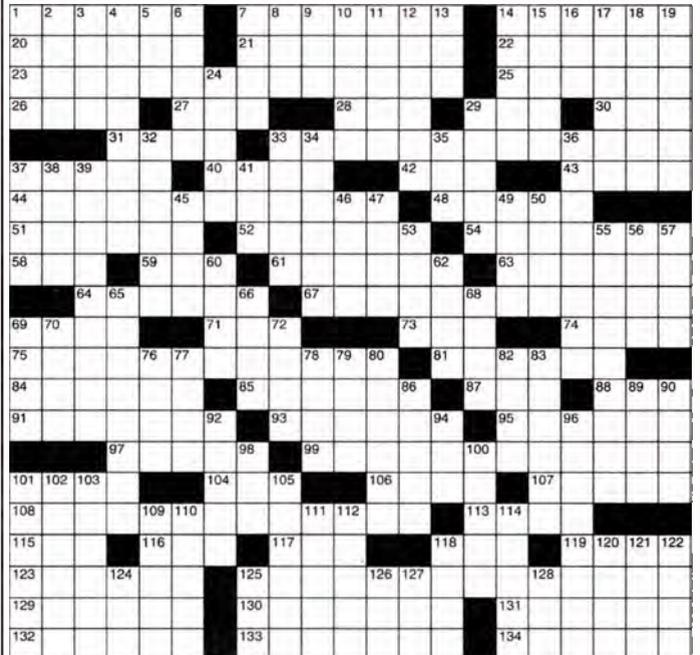
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CROSSWORD PUZZLER

- ACROSS**
- 1 Ones doing stand-up
 - 7 Dancer's bodysuit
 - 14 Roosevelt's predecessor
 - 20 Wide road
 - 21 Work history summaries
 - 22 Unabridged
 - 23 What many a thin person has
 - 25 Be there for
 - 26 "What — is new?"
 - 27 Actor Benicio — Toro
 - 28 Here, to Yves
 - 29 — carte (not prix fixe)
 - 30 Prefix with fascist
 - 31 Beams
 - 33 Specialty of many emergency teams
 - 37 Is sore
 - 40 Ballet move
 - 42 Dawn deity
 - 43 Nutrition
 - 44 Alternative to jogging
 - 48 Recurrent theme
 - 51 Often-stubbed digit
 - 52 Used a saber
 - 54 Color-mixing board
 - 58 Smoke waste
 - 59 — port (PC connection)
 - 61 Ladderlike in organization
 - 63 Charlton Heston film
 - 64 Harry at Hogwarts address
 - 67 Cornmeal mush
 - 69 Starting on
 - 71 Jim-dandy
 - 73 "Mean Girls" actress
 - 74 Stretches of history
 - 75 Vigilante retribution, perhaps
 - 81 Informant
 - 82 Snowden
 - 84 Hindu belief
 - 85 Moment
 - 87 See
 - 88 China's Sun — sen
 - 91 Keeping up contact
 - 93 Bait
 - 95 Without risk
 - 97 Some lap dogs, briefly
 - 99 It doesn't stop at a lot of stations
 - 101 Big hauler
 - 104 Dernier — (latest thing)
 - 106 Bad guy in "Othello"
 - 107 Spine-chilling
 - 108 Improv comic's skill
 - 113 Sail support
 - 115 Clickable address
 - 116 State of rage
 - 117 Mattel man
 - 118 "Emmy" has two
 - 119 Had to repay
 - 123 Element in antiseptics
 - 125 Wish for getting better
 - 129 Shells out
 - 130 Australian sheepdogs
 - 131 Skittish
 - 132 Badger
 - 133 Moment
 - 134 Sculptures without limbs
 - 6 Dilapidated
 - 7 Kazakh river
 - 8 State north of Kan.
 - 9 The same, at the start?
 - 10 May bloom
 - 11 Friends, in Florence
 - 12 Have a home honor
 - 13 Bnt. military
 - 14 Cures
 - 15 Scheduled
 - 16 Mel of the diamond
 - 17 Austrian port
 - 18 Borgnine with an Oscar
 - 19 Totally alters
 - 24 Coil deviser
 - 29 Fable author
 - 32 Invite to a movie, e.g.
 - 33 Lawn tools
 - 34 Not much, as of salt
 - 35 DVD — drive
 - 36 Wrongdoer
 - 37 "Mamma Mia" group
 - 38 NFL receiver
 - 39 Zenith
 - 41 Santa helper
 - 45 Part of SSW
 - 46 Bowl game gp.
 - 47 Hair care products
 - 49 — by Dana (perfume)
 - 50 Old TV's "Three Lives"
 - 53 Info to input
 - 55 Like college juniors
 - 56 With
 - 57 Little bits of work
 - 60 Lover boy
 - 62 Cubs great
 - 65 Straying from the subject
 - 66 Diva Diana
 - 68 Increases fraudulently
 - 69 Sparkling wine city
 - 70 Duck relative
 - 72 TV-advertised music label
 - 76 Veritable
 - 77 It beats a 10
 - 78 Stush Puppie company
 - 79 Wheedle
 - 80 Leg on which a cello rests
 - 82 Wimpy type
 - 83 Tapers off
 - 86 Hip-hop headwear
 - 89 Others, in Latin
 - 90 Daly of "Cagney & Lacey"
 - 92 Anne of "Wag the Dog"
 - 94 Less than zero: Abbr.
 - 96 Worry about
 - 98 — Lenka
 - 100 Amiens' river
 - 101 Stogging-in-mud sound
 - 102 A moon of Jupiter
 - 103 Less harsh
 - 109 Sorts
 - 110 Piece of hair
 - 111 Boat spines
 - 112 Like klutzes
 - 114 Natty tie
 - 118 In the past, in the past
 - 120 Takes as a spouse
 - 121 "And so ..."
 - 122 Hides gray, in a way
 - 124 With 3-Down, really disorderly
 - 125 Schuss, say
 - 126 Julio's "day"
 - 127 Strong wish
 - 128 Lennon loved her



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SUDOKU

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

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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!

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

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- HARDPAN
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- LATH
- LAYERING
- NODE
- PANICLE
- PISTIL
- ROOT
- ROSETTE
- RUNNER
- SPHAGNUM
- THINNING
- TOPSOIL

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Crossword Answers

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ELSE DEL ICTI ALA NEO
RAYS RAPIDRESPONSE
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Word Search Answers

U-M Hospital continues Gifts of Art program

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

An eclectic performance series and nine art galleries have drawn a loyal audience for 30 years to one of the most unlikely venues for entertainment — U-M Hospital in Ann Arbor.

"As far as programming, I don't know of another hospital in Michigan that does what we do," said Elaine Sims, director of the Gifts of Art program at the U-M Health System.

"I try to be Ed Sullivan. I try to bring in everything you'd ever see around the world. I like it if we can have Chinese opera, Indian dance, classical piano. I've even staged a full youth orchestra. We've had tap dance. We do a little of everything."

The free public concerts start shortly after noon on Thursdays and run to 1 p.m. in the hospital's main lobby. Concerts this month include a singer-storyteller, classical guitarist, jazz and swing band, and folk trio.

Shows move outside in June for the annual "Summer Courtyard Concert Series," and in June will feature Bluescasters, classic and modern jazz with Ingrid Racine Quartet, The Raisin Pickers with roots and bluegrass, steelworks band with calypso and steel drums, and Gwentyth Hayes Trio with sultry jazz and soul.

"We do get some groupies, people from the community who come in. We have our fans. In the summer we get a university daycare center that comes and they dance around on the lawn," Sims said. "We get a nice big crowd. Staff and a certain number of patients do come down. You might see a few patients with an IV pole."

Sims used to record the concerts for playback and has considered broadcasting them live. She wants staff at other U-M Health System locations, such as Northville, Brighton, Livonia and Canton, to get a chance to experience the concerts, too.

"We've been experimenting with tweeting them, tweeting parts of the concerts. We do get people who watch it (via tweet)," she said.

Delicate balance

In addition to the concert series, music students and volunteers sometimes play the lobby piano or perform in high traffic areas within the hospital. Performances have included dance and improv.

"It's a hospital first and foremost. You don't want to flood the place. It's a delicate balance," Sims said. "I have stopped concerts. Our trauma burn unit is around the corner from the main lobby. A young firefighter was critically injured and many of her team members came and spilled into the main lobby. It just wasn't the place you could play even the most sensitive music."

Patients have the option of requesting bedside music, in addition to attending the weekly public concert. Professional



SAN, EMILY AND JACOB
Sandor Slomovits, Emily Slomovits and Jacob Warren are the trio San, Emily and Jacob. They'll play May 26 at U-M Hospital



SUBMITTED
Eileen Mollen, assistant professor emerita of pediatrics and communicable diseases, shows stands next to her art work, "Butterfly Music" which won honors for collage and mixed media at the annual employee art exhibition last year at U-M Health System.



RAISIN PICKERS
The Raisin Pickers are among the performers slated for the summer concert series at U-M Hospital in Ann Arbor.

musicians are on staff and available to play viola, flute, guitar, celtic harp or to sing. All have completed a one-year program in music for healing and they have experience working amid patients and hospital equipment.

Patients also may select a piece of framed poster art for display in their room from the Art Cart or try their hand at making art, including watercolor, beaded bracelets, drawings and more. The Gifts of Art program creates its own art kits and coloring books, that are given to patients for

free. "We've got to make the patients feel good. We don't just leave the kits. The intention is to have them make the art," Sims said, adding that Gifts of Art began offering bedside coloring books to adult patients 10 years ago.

"Ours are high quality, 32 pages with a box of crayons."

Three-month exhibits

Sims is looking at ways to make the exhibits at the hospital's nine galleries more accessible to patients. Developing a decent program and making

the art available on iPad are possible goals.

The galleries — five are located on the main floor, two on the second floor and two in the cancer center — are open to the public. The art changes every three months.

"It's always fresh. Right now we're in our annual call for art. People send in submissions for next year. We try to be as diverse as we can. We look for shows that are easy for people to understand, whether representational or abstract. We don't want it to be disturbing. We don't want it to

be all fuzzy warm bunny rabbits. We do our best to find art that is interesting, different."

Find out more about Gifts of Art at med.umich.edu/goa/programs.htm

Check out other local hospitals with art exhibits, including the Healing Art Exhibit Gallery at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital and the Arts for the Spirit program, with rotating exhibits at the Dearborn, Trenton, Taylor and Wayne campuses of Beaumont Hospital.

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Location: 1-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak

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

Sunset at the Zoo: The event runs 7-11:30 p.m. Friday, June 10 and includes a strolling supper with tastes of signature dishes from more than 40 restaurants, zoo-themed drinks, music by The Simone Vitale Band, dancing, live and silent auction, and access to many of the animal habitats. Tickets range from \$175-\$300 and are available at detroit-zoo.org/sunset. Add an additional \$25 to tickets purchased at the event
Contact: 248-541-5717

ARTS AND CRAFTS NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: Exhibit hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and noon to 4 p.m. May 6-21

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville
Details: This student show includes a reception, 6-9 p.m. May 6

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

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

FILM PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, May 6 and Thursday, May 12, and 4:45 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, May 7-8

Location: 760 Penniman, Plymouth
Details: "Kung Fu Panda 3," \$3

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

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. May 6 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. May 7

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

Details: "Field of Dreams," tickets \$5
Contact: 313-898-1481; redfordtheatre.com

SUMMER DRIVE-IN

Time/Date: Dusk, May 20-21 and 27-29

Location: At USA Hockey Arena, 14900 Beck Road, Plymouth Township

Details: Double features will be shown on three screens during "sneak peek" weekends. Admission is \$10 for ages 13 and up and \$8 for kids, 4-12. Movies play daily beginning Friday, June 10
Contact: 734-927-3284



SUBMITTED
Ariel Quartet wraps up the Chamber Music of Detroit 2015-16 concert season May 14.

HISTORY KELSEY MUSEUM

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

Location: 434 State St., Ann Arbor

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

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth
Details: Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for ages 6-17

Special event: Potluck dinner with author Jack Dempsey, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 10. The event also serves as the annual membership meeting and board of directors election for the Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum. Dempsey's books will be

available for purchase. The event is open to the public, although only Friends members may vote.

Contact: 734-455-8940

MUSIC CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY

Time/Date: 8 p.m. May 14

Location: Seligman Performing Arts Center, 22305 West 13 Mile, at Lahser, Beverly Hills

Details: Ariel Quartet with Alon Goldstein on piano, performing music of Bartok, Brahms, Haydn and Webern. Tickets are \$32-\$64 for adults and \$16-\$32 for students

Contact: CMSDetroit.org; 248-855-6070

FARMINGTON COMMUNITY CHORUS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 6-7

Location: Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills

Details: The show will be devoted to songs written by Hoagy Carmichael and Cole Porter. Tickets are \$15, available at the door or in advance at farming-tonchorus.com

Contact: farmcommchor@gmail.com

BLUES@THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month

Location: Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: The Kathleen Murray Band

MOVIES OPENING SOON

Check screening times at local theaters for these films opening soon.

Friday, May 6

» "Captain America: Civil War" finds Steve Rogers leading the newly formed team of Avengers in their continued efforts to safeguard humanity. But after another incident involving the Avengers results in collateral damage, political pressure mounts to install a system of accountability — and fractures the heroes into two camps. Steve Rogers wants the group to remain free from government interference. Tony Stark supports government oversight. Rated PG-13.

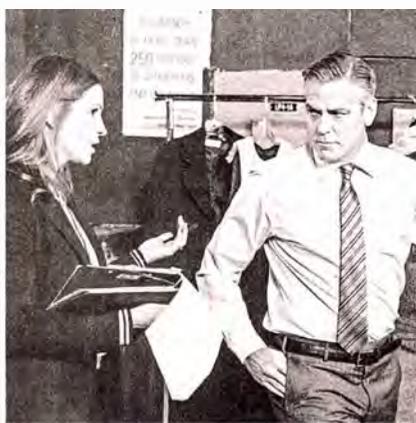
» "Sing Street" opens at the Maple Theater. It tells the story of Conor, a 14-year-old boy, who is looking for a break from home while trying to adjust to his new inner-city school in 1980s Dublin. He finds a glimmer of hope in the beautiful Raphina and with the aim of winning her heart he invites her to star in his band's music videos. There's only one problem, he's not part of a band. Directed by John Carney. Rated PG-13.

May 13

» In "Money Monster," George Clooney and Julia Roberts portray financial TV



Jack Reynor and Ferdia Walsh-Peelo star in "Sing Street," opening May 6 at The Maple Theater in Bloomfield Township.



Julia Roberts plays Patty Fenn and George Clooney plays Lee Gates in TriStar Pictures' "Money Monster," opening May 13.

host Lee Gates and his producer Patty, who are put in an extreme situation when an irate investor takes over their studio. Also starring Caitriona Balfe, Giancarlo Esposito, Jack O'Connell, and Dominic West. Directed by Jodie Foster. Rated R.

May 20

» "The Angry Birds Movie" is a 3D animated comedy voiced by Jason Sudeikis, Josh Gad, Danny McBride,

Maya Rudolph, Bill Hader, Kate McKinnon, Tony Hale, Tituss Burgess, Peter Dinklage, Keegan-Michael Key, Jillian Bell, Romeo Santos, Ike Barinholtz, Danielle Brooks, Hannibal Buress, Ian Hecox and Anthony Padilla. Rated PG.

» "A Bigger Splash" tells the story of a famous rock star and a filmmaker vacationing on a remote Italian island. An old friend and his daughter disrupt their vacation and

create a whirlwind of jealousy, passion and danger. Starring Ralph Fiennes, Dakota Johnson, Matthias Schoenaerts, and Tilda Swinton. Rated R.

» "The Meddler" opens at The Maple Theater in Bloomfield Township. It follows Marnie Minervini, played by Susan Sarandon, a recent widow and eternal optimist, as she moves from New Jersey to California to be closer to her daughter, played by Rose Byrne. Marnie sets out to

make friends, find her purpose, and possibly open up to someone new. Not rated.

» "Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising" is a follow-up to the 2014 original comedy. It features returning stars Seth Rogen, Zac Efron and Rose Byrne, who are joined by Chloe Grace Moretz. In this story Mac and Kelly have a second baby on the way, and they are ready to make the final move into adulthood, by moving to the suburbs. But just as they thought they'd reclaimed the neighborhood and were safe to sell, they learn that the new occupants next door belong to an out-of-control sorority. They turn to the one ex-neighbor with the skills to bring down the new Greeks next door. Rated R.

» "The Nice Guys" is set in 1970s Los Angeles, Calif., where down-on-his-luck private eye Holland March and hired enforcer Jackson Healy must work together to solve the case of a missing girl. During their investigation they uncover a shocking conspiracy that reaches up to the highest circles of power. Starring Russell Crowe, Ryan Gosling, Angourie Rice, Matt Bomer, Margaret Qualley, Keith David, Beau Knapp, and Kim Basinger. Rated R.

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GET OUT!

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performs Tuesday May 10. Bring your dancing shoes. \$5 donation
Contact: 734-453-1780

JAZZ@THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month
Location: Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: RJ Spangler Planet D Nonet Band performs May 31. A \$10 donation at the door includes hours d'oeuvres
Contact: 734-453-1780 or email plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com

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 Ricinto 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: Wild Ponies, May 7; Ian Ethan Case, May 14; Open Stage, May 17; The ODD Fellas, May 20; Amy Petty and Scott Fab, May 21 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 FIRESIDE STORYTELLING

Time/Date: 7 p.m. May 19
Location: Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Pre-selected storytellers, along with a few slots open to audience members on the theme, "venture." \$5 admission
Contact: trinityhousetheatre.org

MOTH STORY SLAM

Time/Date: Doors open 6 p.m., stories start 7:30 p.m. May 17
Location: Circus Bar, 210 S. First Ave., Ann Arbor

Details: Prepare a five-minute story on the theme, toss your name in the hat, and if your name is pulled, step up and

tell your true personal story live without notes. Volunteers from the audience judge the stories. The theme is "escape." Admission is \$8. Adults only
Contact: themoth.org

STORY NIGHT

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. May 12
Location: Crazy Wisdom Tea Room, 114 S. Main, Ann Arbor

Details: Members of the Ann Arbor Storytellers' Guild tell stories. Desserts, tea, light supper available
Contact: annarborstorytelling.org

THEATER BAREFOOT PRODUCTIONS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 6-7; 2 p.m. May 8
Location: 240 N. Main, Plymouth

Details: "Motherhood Out Loud" is a series of monologues about parenting for mature audiences. Tickets are \$17
Contact: justgobarefoot.com; 734-404-6889

FARMINGTON PLAYERS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, and Thursday, May 19, and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 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 ON YOUTH

Time/Date: 7 p.m. May 12-13, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. May 14 and 2 p.m. May 15
Location: Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: "Enchanted Sleeping Beauty" is a spin on the classic tale. Tickets are \$12
Contact: 734-394-5300, 734-394-5460 or canton-mi.org/villagetheater

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RELIGION CALENDAR

MAY BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, May 15
Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland
Details: French toast, pancakes, sausage, ham, applesauce, scrambled eggs, coffee, milk, juice; \$3 adults, \$1.50 children, 2-10
Contact: 734-425-4421

CARD PARTY

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 6
Location: SS Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer, Westland
Details: Play cards and games of your choice. Admission is \$8. Door, table prizes, 50-50, light meal and snacks
Contact: 734-722-1343

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: AmericanLegionAux396craftshow@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: 313-532-8655 or 734-

968-3523
DANCE

Time/Date: 5 p.m. social hour, 6 p.m. buffet, May 15
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church, 26375 W. Chicago Road, Redford
Details: Music by the Off Beats and entertainment for children. Tickets, including dinner and refreshments, are \$40 per person; free for children, 12 and under. Sponsored by the Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit to benefit retired Orthodox priests and priests' widows.
Contact: Mihaela Charlier at 313-595-7640 or cccdetroit@yahoo.com

FOOD ASSISTANCE

Time/Date: Doors open at 9 a.m., Saturday, May 7
Location: Hosanna-Taber Lutheran Church, 9600 Leverage, 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, Jessica-wimmer@hotmail.com

POMEGRANATE GUILD

Time/Date: 1 p.m. May 15
Location: Prentis Apartments community room, 15100 10 Mile, Oak Park
Details: Stitch and Kvell session. Bring a project to work on and a few to show. Pomegranate Guild of Southeastern Michigan studies and creates Judaic needlework
Contact: Judy Galperin at 248-661-5337 or jmgibloom@gmail.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: 6-8:30 p.m. May 5, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. May 6, 9:30 a.m.-noon, May 7
Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 5 Mile Livonia
Details: Preview sale on Thursday is \$2 admission. \$3 bag sale (bags will be provided) and half-price sale on Saturday
Contact: 734-464-0211

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

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday, May 20, 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, May 21
Location: Atonement Lutheran Church, 6961 Mead, Dearborn
Details: Clothes, shoes, toys, household items and more; cash sales only
Contact: 313-581-2525

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Our Lady of Loretto
Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday
Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township
Details: Scripture study
Contact: 313-534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel Parish

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursday, through May
Location: 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Gary Michuta, author and Catholic apologist, leads a study of Isaiah. Bring your own Bible
Contact: 734-261-1455, ext 200 or on line at www.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: Clarencville 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 Stacy

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners
Contact: Ethanie Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

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

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

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

PRAYER

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

St. Michael Lutheran Church

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

RECYCLING

Risen Christ Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. third Saturday of the month
Location: 46250 Ann Arbor Road, between Sheldon and Beck roads, Plymouth
Details: Recycle your cell phones, laser cartridges, inkjet cartridges, laptops, iPods, iPads, tablets, eReaders on the third Saturday of each month. Use the doors on east side of church.
Contact: Lynn Hapman at 734-466-9023

SINGLES

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

Steve's Family Restaurant

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

SONG CIRCLE

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

SUPPORT

Apostolic Christian Church
Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily
Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia
Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C

Older Americans Act.

Contact: 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

Connection Church

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

Detroit World Outreach

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

Farmington Hills Baptist Church

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

Merriman Road Baptist Church

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday
Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City
Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations support group meets at 734-981-2519

Fireside Church of God

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

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

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

St. Thomas a' Becket Church

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

Unity of Livonia

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

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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

THRIFT STORE

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

Way of Life Christian Church

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

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ALLEN

DURWOOD CLARK 84, of Traverse City and formerly of Birmingham, passed away Sunday, May 1, 2016 in Traverse City. He is survived by his wife Leslie; daughters, Dana and Kristen Allen and grandchildren Jamie and Briggs Chapman. Please visit www.reynolds-jonkoff.com to read the complete obituary for Durwood.

HODAS



SHIRLEY (ADLER) lived her childhood in Grosse Pte and her married life in Lathrup Village and Bloomfield Hills, with vacation homes in FL and AZ. She was married 65 years to Ernie Hodas with three children; Kenneth (Wing-deceased), Robert (Bob), and Barbara (Bunny). Shirley was known for her vivacious personality, kind-heartedness and philanthropic ways. She was an active member of Birmingham Unitarian Church and multiple civic organizations. Ernie and Shirley traveled extensively but she most enjoyed her time with her granddaughters, Rachel(Hodas) and Lauren (Osmer). She died peacefully in her home in Scottsdale, AZ on Dec. 13, 2015 at the age of 97. A memorial reception will be held Sat. May 7, 2016 at 3:30pm at Birmingham Unitarian Church - 38651 Woodward Ave Bloomfield Hills. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Child Safe Michigan (childsafemichigan.org)

May you find comfort in family and friends

LYNCH



MARILYN D. May 2, 2016 age 86 of Plymouth. Beloved wife of the late John. Loving mother of Julie (Stanley) Snider, Nancy (Jeffrey) Lomber and the late John Jr. Proud grandmother of Alyssa, Jaclyn, Terra, Steven, and Nicholas. Dear sister of Sue Karrer, and the late Marilyn Lawrence. In state Monday 9:30 a.m. until Monday 10:30 a.m. Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial Rd., Plymouth (at Beck). Memorials may be made to the Capuchins. To share memories, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com

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GARNETT VERA September 9, 1929 - April 28, 2016
 Garnett Vera Werhane passed away peacefully April 28, 2016 surrounded by her family and caregivers. Garnett was born September 9, 1929 in Garden City, Michigan, in the home her father Garnet McLean built in 1925, and lived in most of her life. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garnet McLean, and sister to Glen and Gerald McLean. She leaves her husband of 63 years William Paul Werhane, and daughters Karen and Lynn, and son Dirk. Her Grandchildren include Jayme, Kyle, Patrick, Kristen, Paul, Kirk, Laura, and Sarah, and Great-Grandchild Jackson. Garnett Vera graduated from Fordson High School. She then worked at Eloise Hospital with her father. She also worked for many years and retired from Hudson's in the fine china department which she enjoyed very much. She had many hobbies including quilting, reading books, cooking and canning, and collecting Depression glass. She was a member of TOPS for over 50 years. She liked to spoil her grandchildren with large bags of gifts for Christmas and birthdays, watching endless episodes of Sesame Street (The Count was her favorite) and playing Memory and Skipbo games until the kids were exhausted. She enjoyed camping, playing card games (Euchre and Pinochle), traveling around the most of the United States and England, cheering on her grandchildren's sporting events, and was an avid Detroit Tigers fan. The family is hosting a memorial service on Saturday, May 7th. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Garden City Library Building Fund. Library Address: 31735 Maplewood St, Garden City, MI 48135

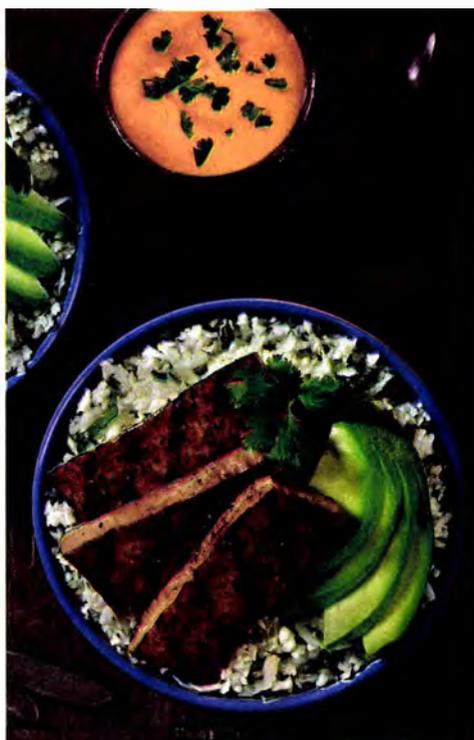
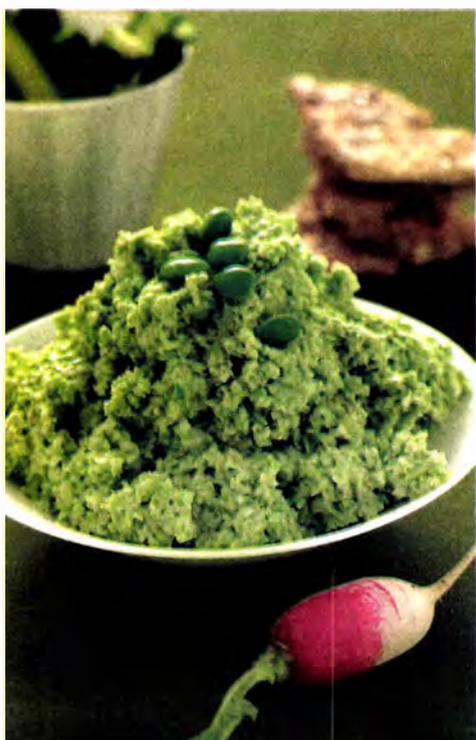
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If you're uncertain how to cook with soy, you may be surprised by the diverse ways you can incorporate this nutrient-rich food into your meals and snacks. As these recipes show, it's easy to cook with soy throughout the day, from fluffy breakfast pancakes to a fresh take on hummus or a delicious tofu dinner loaded with flavor.

In addition to the nutrition benefits and versatility, soy uses fewer natural resources, such as water and land, than any other protein source, so you can feel good about making it a star ingredient in your kitchen.

USES FOR SOY

Looking for creative ways to incorporate more soy into your diet? You may be surprised by all the ways you can build delicious snacks and meals around this plant protein:

» **Tofu:** Extra-firm replaces meat protein in recipes such as grilled kabobs and sandwiches, or use soft or silken in place of mayonnaise and sour cream in creamy dishes, such as soups and dips.

» **Edamame:** Serve these green soybeans in the pod for an appetizer or add to dishes, such as chili or stir-fry, for protein-packed flavor and texture.

» **Soy milk:** Ideal for beverages such as smoothies and lattes, over cereal and in cooked dishes, such as puddings or custards.

» **Dairy alternatives:** A wide range of dairy-free products are available, including soy-based "yogurt," "cheese" and frozen desserts.

» **Soy crumbles:** Perfect for chili, spaghetti sauce and tacos, this "veggie ground" contains 75 percent less fat than ground beef.

» **Soy flour:** Improves taste and texture and elevates the nutrition profile when mixed with wheat flour.

Find more recipes and inspiring ideas for cooking with soy at soyfoods.org.

Courtesy of Family Features

EDAMAME HUMMUS

Recipe courtesy of United Soybean Board
Makes: 14 2-tablespoon servings

2 cups shelled edamame, cooked according to package directions
¼ cup soybean oil
3 tablespoons lemon juice
2 teaspoons garlic, chopped
¼ teaspoon cumin, ground
½ teaspoon salt

In food processor, puree edamame, oil, lemon juice, garlic, cumin and salt for 30 seconds, scraping sides twice, until almost smooth. Cover and refrigerate until ready to serve.
Serving tips: Serve with pita triangles, crackers, baguette or raw vegetables.

Nutrition information per serving: 60 calories; 2 g protein; 3 g carbohydrate; 1 g dietary fiber; 5 g fat (0 g saturated fat); 0 mg cholesterol; 90 mg sodium.

GRILLED BALSAMIC TOFU WITH CAULIFLOWER CILANTRO RICE AND AVOCADO

Recipe courtesy of House Foods
Serves: 4

1 package firm or extra-firm tofu, drained and pressed well
¼ cup balsamic vinegar
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
salt and pepper, to taste
1 medium head of cauliflower, grated
1 bunch cilantro, roughly chopped
1 avocado, sliced
Sriracha Mayo:
2 tablespoons reduced fat mayonnaise
½ teaspoon lime juice
½ teaspoon sriracha sauce
¼ teaspoon minced garlic or garlic paste

Slice tofu into ½-inch slices and set aside. In bowl, whisk together vinegar, olive oil, salt and pepper. Pour over tofu and marinate for 20 minutes.

Meanwhile, mix together all ingredients for Sriracha Mayo.

Grill marinated tofu 3 minutes on each side. In large bowl, combine cauliflower and cilantro. Separate mixture into four serving bowls. Top with grilled tofu and sliced avocado. Serve with Sriracha Mayo.

Nutrition information per serving: 290 calories; 12 g protein; 18 g carbohydrate; 7 g dietary fiber; 15 g fat (2.5 g saturated fat); 0 mg cholesterol; 160 mg sodium.

LEMON BLUEBERRY PANCAKES

Recipe courtesy of Silk
Serves: 6

1 ¼ cups all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon egg replacer
¼ teaspoon salt
pinch of ground nutmeg
1 ½ cups plain soy yogurt alternative
¼ cup vegetable oil, divided
2 tablespoons granulated sugar
1 tablespoon lemon juice
2 teaspoons finely grated lemon zest
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1 ½ cups blueberries, divided
maple syrup

Whisk together flour, baking powder, egg replacer, salt and nutmeg; set aside.

In separate bowl, whisk together yogurt alternative, 2 tablespoons oil, sugar, lemon juice, lemon zest and vanilla; stir into flour mixture until just combined (batter will be lumpy). Let stand for 15 minutes.

Heat large, non-stick skillet over medium heat; brush with remaining oil. Pour ¼ cup batter per pancake into skillet, leaving space between each pancake. Add 1 tablespoon blueberries to each pancake.

Cook in batches for about 2 minutes, or until bubbles form on the surface; flip and cook for 1-2 minutes, or until golden brown and set in the center. Wipe skillet between batches. Store prepared pancakes in warm oven until ready to serve.

Serve pancakes with remaining blueberries and maple syrup.

Nutrition information per serving: 260 calories; 6 g protein; 34 g carbohydrate; 2 g dietary fiber; 11 g fat (1 g saturated fat); 0 mg cholesterol; 230 mg sodium.

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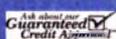
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