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Central City Parkway plans move ahead

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

The upcoming reconstruction of Central City Parkway between Warren Road and Ford is pretty straightforward — 6 inches of new asphalt.

But an interactive public meeting was recently held to take input on how the landscaping in the 1-mile boulevard roadway will be improved.

“At the meeting, I dispelled all the myths and rumors — we’re not changing the road

location,” said project lead designer Tony Slanec of OHM. “That took the wind out of some folks’ sails. We’re not shooting for the moon.”

Budgeted at \$850,000, the upgrades to the landscaping will focus on improved safety

from overgrown trees that block site lines, aesthetic improvements, opportunities for signage/branding, looking at the low wall that divides North Carlson from Central City Parkway and the entrance areas at Warren Road and at

Ford. “Six feet from the road (for trees and vegetation) is the safe zone at 35 miles per hour,” Slanec said. “Overall, the plan is to simplify the landscaping.

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Early Nankin settler made mark at Yellowstone

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

If you visit Yellowstone Park, you’ll likely see Norris Geyser Basin, Mount Norris and Norris Pass — all named after early Nankin Township settler P.W. Norris.

Born in Palmyra, N.Y., in 1821, Philetus Walter Norris came to Nankin in 1832 after his father, John Norris Jr., bought 200 acres in the area of Newburgh and Joy roads. He was the eldest of eight children.

“The Norris family lived on Newburgh across from the Clyde Smith farm,” said Jo Johnson of the Westland Historical Commission. “People had started coming to Nankin in 1825 — the Swifts, the Patchins and other pioneers.”

Before he went west, Norris joined his brother-in-law, who had moved into the area of land disputed by Michigan and Ohio. Norris bought 80 acres in the area, which went to Ohio, in 1843.

In 1853, Norris, who married and had five children, founded and developed the village of Pioneer in Ohio. Located in northwest Ohio, Pioneer still exists as a village today.

According to Johnson, Norris maintained close ties with Nankin over the years, asking two of his brothers to come and help him with his businesses. When Norris’ daughter Alice died, he brought her body to Nankin to be buried in the family plot at Newburgh Cemetery.

Norris, who gave his son the middle name Chubb — the last name of his Nankin neighbors — also kept in touch with other pioneers like the Swifts and Osbands.

When the Civil War began, Norris enlisted in the Union Army. Norris served as a spy behind Confederate lines and captain of the West Virginia



A Nankin Township early settler who as a young man made a living as a trapper, P.W. Norris was later superintendent at Yellowstone Park. SUBMITTED

Mountain Scouts. While fighting near Laurel Mountain, West Virginia, Norris’ horse was shot out from underneath him, severely injuring his shoulder and spinal cord. He was later named colonel of an Ohio militia unit and become known as Col. Norris.

After his injury, Norris returned to Pioneer and was elected to the Ohio Legislature. Later, he became a member of the United States Sanitary Commission, caring for the wounded at the Battle of Spotsylvania Court House, and also served at the Confederate prison on Kelley’s Island.

In 1865, Norris returned to Michigan where he managed land that belonged to officers and soldiers of both the Union and Confederate armies as part of a federal contract.

He bought land in Hamtramck Township where, in 1873, he founded another village, this one called Norris. The Norris home is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Along with draining a creek to open land for farming, getting the railroad to run through the area, Norris maintained a plan road running between Detroit and Mount Clemens, operating a tollbooth located in the village of Norris.

Norris also published a series of articles in a newspaper after trips west in 1870 and 1875.

In 1877, Norris became the second superintendent of Yellowstone National Park, which was an unpaid position until June 1878 when Congress approved a \$10,000 salary. Norris stayed in the position until 1882.

When Norris arrived at Yellowstone, it was reported that there were approximately 32 miles of roads and 108 miles of trails at the park. When

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Stamp Out Hunger at mailbox Saturday

Wayne and Westland mail carriers will be picking up more than letters Saturday as they hold their annual “Stamp Out Hunger” food drive.

The mail carriers are asking residents to leave non-perishable foods — no expired items or glass containers — near their mailboxes by 9 a.m. Saturday. A separate mail truck will be making the collection of the donated items.

Prior to Saturday, food donations can be dropped off at collection containers at the

post offices. It’s suggested that items such as canned meats and fish, soup, juice, vegetables, pasta, cereal, peanut butter and rice be donated.

It’s the 24th year for the mail carriers food drive — the largest one-day food drive in the nation.

Along with the National Association of Letter Carriers union, the food has support from the U.S. Postal Service, the AFL-CIO, the United Food and Commercial Workers union.

Bidding on Gordie Howe bridge project slated to start in near future

Scott Daniel
Staff Writer

If all goes as planned, construction of the Gordie Howe International Bridge will begin next year and open as early as 2020.

Requests for proposals to design, construct and operate the bridge are in the process of being finalized and will soon be sent to six international business conglomerates for bidding, Canadian Consul General Douglas George said.

He was the featured speaker

er May 10 at a meeting of the I-275 Industrial Council at Davenport University in Livonia. The council meets quarterly and is composed of manufacturing managers, educators, policy makers and other business people from Livonia, Westland, Plymouth, Canton, Wayne and Redford.

About \$2 billion in trade flows between the United States and Canada each day, with about one-quarter of it relying on trucking across the 87-year-old Ambassador Bridge, George said. The new

bridge will increase trade and provide greater efficiency, he added.

“If the existing bridge closes for any reason,” George said, “there are no really good alternatives nearby. Canada is committed to improving our shared border.”

The Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority, a nonprofit created by the Canadian government in 2012, will oversee the procurement process for the project, as well as the construction of

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Family Resource Fair set for May 18

The Family Resource Fair is back at the Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, May 18.

About 500 people attended the inaugural event last year.

Co-sponsored by the Westland Rotary Club, the Norway Community Citizens Council and the City of Westland, the event provides one-stop shopping for residents needing a variety of social services.

There will also be

activities for the whole family and dinner provided. It's also a good chance to find out about learning, exercise and other opportunities at Jefferson Barns. The center library, gym and other activities in the building will be available during the event.

Jefferson Barns is at 32150 Dorsey, east of Venoy in Westland. For more information, call 734-595-0288.

BRIDGE

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the bridge, which will be done by a public-private partnership or "P3," he said.

No single company is large or diversified enough to handle the project on its own. George said the conglomerates formed to handle all facets of the project and are composed of large firms from the United States, Canada and the international community.

Talk about a new bridge goes back more than a decade. George said it has faced numerous obstacles to get to this point, from the Ambassador Bridge Co. fighting it legally to launching a ballot initiative, which Michigan voters turned down in 2012.

Canada is also paying for construction of the \$2 billion bridge and the 160-acre U.S. Customs plaza. George said the idea of using only U.S. steel in construction of the bridge was another



SCOTT DANIEL

Canadian Consul General Douglas George told local business people the new Gordie Howe International Bridge will open in 2020.

challenge that had to be met.

"We will now complete on a level playing field to supply steel to this bridge," he said. "Neither U.S. or Canadian companies will be disadvantaged."

When the bridge is built, it will span about 1.5 miles, with just more than a half-mile of open water underneath with-out piers. The P3 compa-

ny chosen will determine the style of the bridge, a contemporary "cable-stayed" design or a more traditional suspension bridge, George said.

It will feature six lanes, including one for expedited travel. George said passenger vehicles and commercial trucks will be separated. The U.S. side will also feature a direct connection to I-75.

Construction will disrupt both the Delray section of Detroit and Ontario's historic town of Sandwich. George believes the benefits to both in the form of jobs will offset that impact, which will mean the bulldozing of about 300 Detroit homes and 45 businesses.

Goodwill Industries of Detroit vice president Jeffrey Ukrainec agrees with George's assessment.

"It will create job opportunities in the near and long term," he said. "This will help bring business to Detroit and have a long-term affect. Construction of the bridge is only a starting point."

Schoolcraft College instructor of manufacturing occupational programs Gene Keyes said the bridge will be good for Tier I and II automotive suppliers. But other industries, such as medicine, will also get a boost.

"It's huge for manufacturing on both sides of the border," Keyes said.

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Norris left, removed for political reason, there were five times as many roads and twice as many trails.

Three mountain peaks, including Mount Norris, one geyser basin, and one pass in Yellowstone are named after Norris.

After leaving Yellowstone, Norris published a volume of verse, a glossary of Indian names and

words, along with a guide book to Yellowstone. He later worked in ethnological research for the Smithsonian and died after a brief illness in Kentucky while working for the museum.

Norris was initially buried at Elmwood Cemetery in Detroit, his body moved to Woodmere Cemetery subsequently.

Johnson notes that Westland nearly had the Norris name on the city map. But the developers of a subdivision off Newburgh north of the Clyde Smith Farm misread an

1876 map of Nankin. That resulted in the Warris Farm subdivision instead of Norris.

That same developer donated a stone wall found on the property to the Westland Historical Commission. It's now in the butterfly garden at the Westland Historic Village Park.

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PARKWAY

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There are big blocks of things. We also want to make it easier to maintain and have that wow factor."

An area with a wow factor is immediately south of Ford along Carlson at Tattan Park, Slanec said.

Residents who attended the public meeting supported improving safety but also suggested an option of limbing up existing evergreen trees in the median to improve sight lines and safety, he said.

Also receiving support from the residents was a potential paved pathway that would link the Central City Parkway sidewalk with the Veterans Memorial Garden of Westland, located behind the William P. Faust Library, and on to an informal unpaved path west to Dowling Street.

Another suggestion from residents was to have benches installed along Central City Parkway.

"It's an older community that lives around this area," Slanec said. "I think there is a lot of walking for exercise after dinner. There is no place to sit to enjoy the sunset or the breeze. Once they start walking, there is nowhere to sit until they get back home."

As plans move forward, Slanec also said that city could utilize signage to better identify the library to northbound drivers, as well as city signs and identifying the entrance to the city's Shop and Dine District.

It's work funded through the Tax Increment Finance Authority, which will take another look at the project before it returns again to council.

The reconstruction of the roadway was budgeted at \$1.73 million, including \$1.2 million in federal funding. Bid out by the Michigan Department of Transportation as required due to federal funds being used, the bids came in at \$1.53 million or 11.8 percent under budget.

The existing asphalt is scheduled to be removed and replaced. The project is expected to get underway in July and be wrapped up before the end of the 2016 construction season.


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Blessings of motorcycles revving up at Garden City churches

Diane Gale Andreassi
Staff Writer

If you ride a motorcycle, blessings are coming your way from Garden City churches this month.

The first one is noon to 4 p.m. May 15 at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt Road. The second begins at 9:30 a.m. at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman Road, May 21.

The Blessing of the Motorcycles is a first-time event at GCPC and it's an effort to reach out to local bikers "for fellowship and to get their bikes blessed," the Rev. Ruthanne Herrington said.

The blessing is at 12:30 p.m. Individual blessings for motorcycles and riders will be available throughout the afternoon.

"We will be able to share a day with people who we don't normally get to share a day with," Herrington said. "If you don't have a motorcycle you can come out and just look at them. It's a nice day for everyone."

Money raised for cause

An added benefit is that all proceeds go to Blum's Landing, a Michigan vacation retreat established for active and inactive military personnel, who have defended the United

States in the War on Terror.

Terry and Janet Blumberg started the organization in memory of their son Sgt. Trevor A. Blumberg — known as "Blum" to his fellow soldiers. Trevor, a 22-year-old Canton man was killed in Fallujah, Iraq on Sept. 14, 2003. Janet Blumberg was the principal at Henry Ruff Elementary in Garden City.

Trevor asked his parents to take care of "his guys" and his dog, Scrappy, if anything happened to him while he was serving the country, according to the Blum's Landing Website, www.blumslanding.org/about-us.

Trevor loved the outdoors, especially the woods, lakes, and rivers of Northern Michigan. He often spoke of bringing his fellow soldiers to Michigan for fishing and camping trips. Supporting Blum's Landing was a perfect fit for the church, which helps various veterans groups in other outreach programs throughout the year.

"We were looking for a veterans organization to support and we were lucky to be introduced to Blum's Landing," said Donna Wodarski, church deacon moderator.

The Garden City American Legion and local businesses are sponsoring the event, she



Blessings are coming from area churches for motorcycle riders this month. SUBMITTED

added. Members of the Garden City High School Air Force Junior Reserve Office Training Corps (ROTC) are coming to help. Food and entertainment are free, however donations will be accepted for Blum's Landing.

Another blessing

The other motorcycle blessing begins at 9:30 a.m. May 21 at Merriman Road Baptist Church.

It's the church's eighth annual biker blessing, dubbed

F.A.I.T.H. Riders Ride for Kids. Registration starts at 9:30 a.m. There will be free food, a free bike wash, music and a bike show. The motorcycle blessing is at 1 p.m. Door prizes and a flat-screen television will be raffled off.

After the blessing, motorcycle riders will embark on the Matthew Brotherton Memorial Cancer ride to benefit the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation. For more information, visit <http://www.curethekids.org>. Brotherton died from a brain

tumor in 2010.

The memorial ride is \$20 and \$25 for riders with passengers.

F.A.I.T.H. Riders was started in 2002 in Lakeland, Fla., by two couples and has grown to over 300 chapters nationwide, (www.fairiders.com). Launched in April 2009, MRBC is the only Michigan chapter, said Darrel Manuel, church director and chaplain of MRBC F.A.I.T.H. Riders, a church ministry.

Participation varies every year, but church members prepare for more than 200 visitors annually, Manuel said.

The church wants "to let the motorcycle community know that they are welcome at our church and most importantly that God loves them and wants to have a relationship with them," he added. "Over the last five years we have been able to donate over \$5,000 to help kids with brain tumors. My son had a benign tumor removed from his brain in 2012. We are very passionate about this cause. It's a blessing to take what you love, whether it's motorcycles or crochet, to serve God."

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Cycle, walk, ride Hines on Saturdays

Six miles of Hines Drive will close to vehicle traffic on Saturdays through Sept. 24 for the Saturday in the Park program.

From 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturdays, visitors can walk, run, skate or cycle safely along Hines Drive. Hines will be shut down to vehicular traffic from Ann Arbor Trail to Outer Drive so that guests have the opportunity to participate in their favorite activities in a vehicle-free environment.

"Saturday in the Park is a great program because it pro-

vides our community with an opportunity to enjoy outdoor activities in a beautiful and serene setting without traffic safety being a concern," said Beverly Watts, Department of Public Services interim director.

All ages are encouraged to participate. Parking is available at the Hines Park Helms Haven Area (Hines Drive, west of Outer Drive) and Hines Park Nankin Mills Picnic Area (Hines Drive, east of Ann Arbor Trail).

Nankin Mills hosts nature programs

Wayne County Parks is celebrating spring with weekend events throughout May at the Nankin Mills Interpretative Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, in Westland.

» Let's Go Birding

Come for a naturalist-led hike to search for birds on site and at nearby Holliday Nature Preserve. A great variety of birds live along the Rouge River floodplain in the park. Backyard bird feeding tips will be provided.

Please bring binoculars. The activity is outdoors and the trail can be muddy. The program is for adults and the fee is \$3 per person; add \$1 per person for out-of-county residents.

The event is scheduled for

9-10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 14

» First Settlement Families of Nankin Township: Swifts and Osbands

Marcus Swift and William Osband were the first to settle their families in this area, venturing from New York to the wilds of Michigan on the Erie Canal in 1825. They became prominent figures in the formation of Nankin Township, building the first schools, churches, anti-slavery societies and homes.

This program will be presented indoors at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center. The program is recommended for ages 12 and up and the program fee is \$3 per person; add \$1 per person for out-of-county residents. The program will be

held 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday, May 14.

» Butterflies of Southeast Michigan

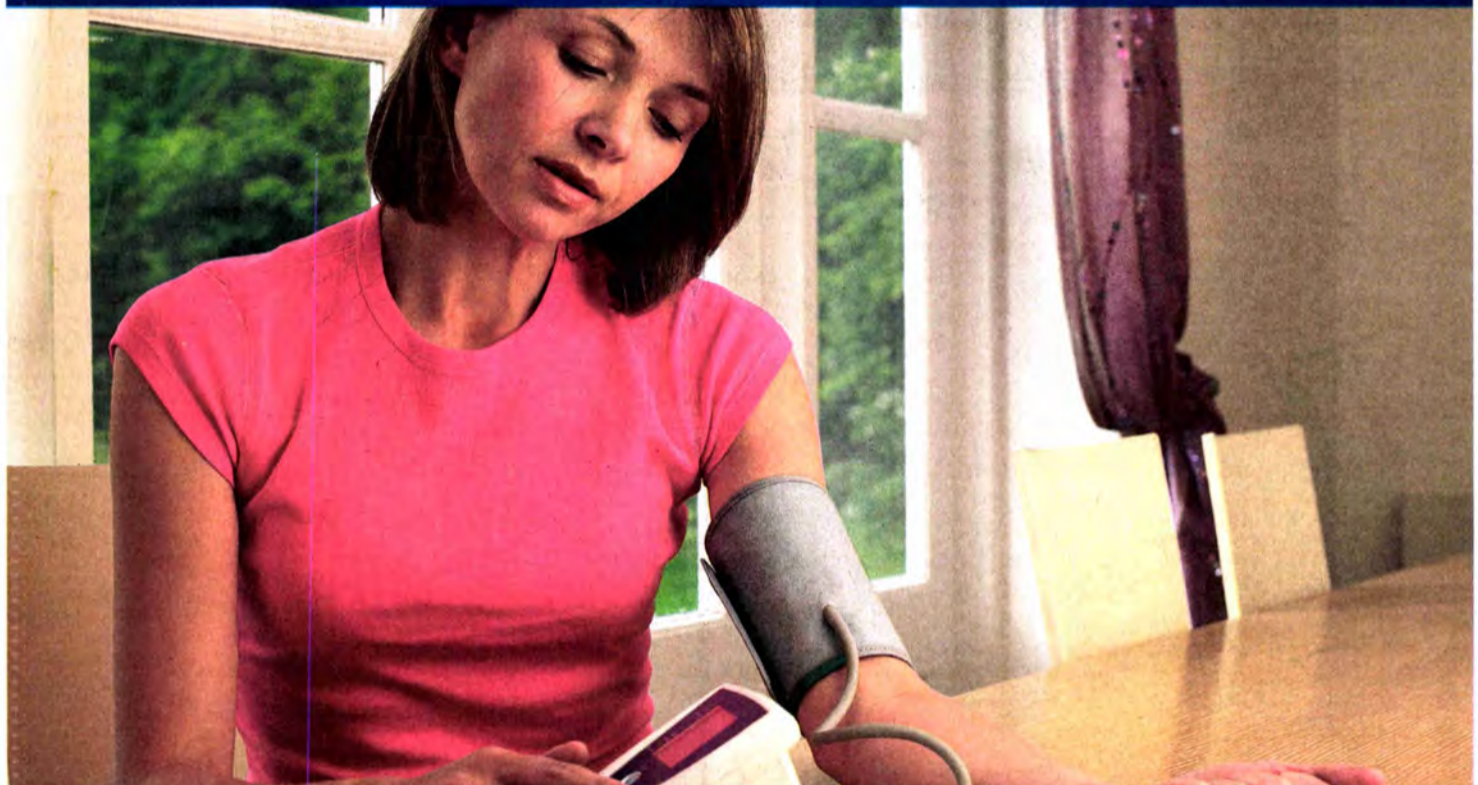
Michigan is home to many beautiful species of butterflies; participants in this program will learn how to recognize them throughout their different life stages, from egg to caterpillar and chrysalis to adult.

There will be a discussion about which plants butterflies need to survive and suggested plants that can be added to your own yard to attract them.

The program is recommended for ages 12 and up and the program fee is \$3 per person; add \$1 per person for out-of-county residents. It will be held 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday, May 21.

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Westland officer recognized as humble and kind

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A Westland police officer who bought a car seat for a child after finding his father — who was stopped for traffic violation — couldn't afford one has been honored by a local radio station.

Westland Police Officer Joshua Scaglione received the first Humble & Kind Award from 99.5 WCYD's Chuck, Rachael and Grunwald in the Morning. The program honoring metro Detroit individuals who go out of their way to

help others in the community, just kicked off and will become a weekly feature on morning radio show.

Inkster resident LaVonte Dell was stopped by Scaglione for illegally tinted windows on his car. After noticing Dell's 3-year-old daughter wasn't in a car seat and hearing Dell's explanation of his financial problems, Scaglione had the driver follow him to Walmart where the officer bought him a car seat.

The story got out when Dell wrote a lengthy post about his contact with Scaglione. The two met to

talk with the media a couple of days later.

A Westland officer for just over eight months, Scaglione commented that his objective was to make sure Lauren was riding safely — part of his commitment to protect and serve the public.

Going to receive his award on the air, Scaglione was accompanied by Westland Mayor William Wild and Westland Police Sgt. Robert Wilke.

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Chuck, Rachael and Grunwald from 99.5 WCYD pose with award recipient Westland Police Officer Joshua Scaglione (with award). Joining Scaglione are Westland Mayor William Wild and Sgt. Robert Wilkie.

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WAYNE COP CALLS

Break-in

A resident in the 34000 block of Ash told police May 6 that she went out about 6:30 p.m. and returned about 9 p.m. to find someone had broken into her home.

The woman said she found her front door open and that mail on her coffee table had

been moved. Checking further, she said a Kindle, blue Dell laptop computer and 36-inch television were missing.

On the second level of her home, she said the door leading to a balcony had been kicked open. The door was reported to have been warped and the deadbolt was bent.

The officer noted a

plexiglass window in the damaged door had fallen onto the floor and had a footprint on it. The officer also found some wood leaning on the side of the house which had apparently been used by the suspect to access the second floor balcony.

Hit and run

On May 7 a resident reported parking a vehi-

cle near Westwick and Shamrock overnight. In the morning, the vehicle was reported to have been hit on the passenger side, knocking off the mirror and damaging the front fender and both doors on that side.

LeAnne Rogers

GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

Multiple items reported stolen

A 33-year-old Dearborn Heights woman reported more than \$3,000 worth of car equipment and personal items stolen May 3 from her vehicle while it was parked at A-1 Transmission in Garden City.

She said \$600 speakers, a \$100 DVD screen, \$600 stereo, \$500 pair of Gucci sunglasses, \$100 power drill, \$1,300 hydraulic jack and \$30 electric air pump was taken from her 2003 Chevrolet Suburban.

She told police the vehicle was in for repairs when she was contacted by an employee who said her Suburban was broken into. After she arrived at the shop, she noticed the back window was broken, a police report said.

'Kind of homeless'

An 18-year-old man, who described himself to Garden City Police as "kind of homeless," was arrested for retail fraud May 8.

He said he lived with various people at different times and most recently he was staying with his uncle in Belleville.

The suspect reportedly went into Rock of Ages on Ford Road with two other men and began browsing. After looking around for a bit, they began to walk toward the exit, the police report said, but they were stopped when the store security alarm went off.

All three men went back by the sensor, but it only activated when the 18-year-old was near. The owner told police he asked the suspect several times what he was hiding, the police report said. The suspect reportedly pulled out a Bob Marley tank top from his pants. Police were called.

The other two men reportedly identified themselves as the suspect's younger brother and father.

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WESTLAND COP CALLS

Larceny from a vehicle

On May 4, a Westland man told police that he was parked at the Wilderness Park Apartments, 7261 Wilderness Park Drive, overnight when someone entered his unlocked vehicle. He said he found a pair of headphones, an iPhone charger and a bottle of cologne missing.

Larceny from a vehicle

A Detroit woman told police she had been vis-

iting at a friend's apartment at Woodland Villa, 7370 Drew Circle, overnight May 4. She said the unlocked car had been trashed and her wallet had been stolen. There was no cash in the wallet, she said, but it contained her driver's license, medical insurance card and other identification.

Larceny

The owner of a home in the 31000 block of Steinhauer told police May 4 that someone stole the air conditioning unit and an aluminum exten-

sion ladder. She said she had last been at the home April 25 and returned to find the items missing. The gate at the home was found open, she noted.

Vandalism

A Garden City woman told police May 4 that she had been at Westland Shopping Center, 35000 Warren Road, when she returned to find the front grill of her car damaged.

Fraud

A Westland woman told police May 6 that

someone had tried to use her personal information to obtain unemployment benefits. She said the claim was denied.

Vandalism

A resident at the Warris Farms Apartments, 36735 McKinney, told police that May 6 someone had smashed the rear window on a vehicle while it was parked in the lot.

LeAnne Rogers



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Westland Area Jaycees work to 'Flush Out Cancer'



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Westland City Clerk Richard LeBlanc was a recipient of a delivery from the Westland Area Jaycees as they work to flush out cancer for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. That's LeBlanc's grandson, also Richard LeBlanc, watching from the door.

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

When it comes to raising money to fight cancer, the Westland Area Jaycees don't mind using some potty humor.

The Jaycees Relay for Life team is accepting orders to leave a flower-filled toilet on someone's front lawn. It's their Flush Out Cancer fundraiser.

"It's a fun harmless prank to pull on someone while bringing awareness about cancer and Relay," Jaycee Katie Theakston said.

The cost is \$10 to have the toilet removed once it is delivered, then \$20 to send it to a friend and \$30 to have it removed, along with insurance that it won't return.

Among the recipients have been Westland Mayor William Wild, Council President James Godbout and Councilman Michael Kehrer.

"I got home after dark and went in through the garage. I didn't see it until the next

"It's a fun harmless prank to pull on someone while bringing awareness about cancer and Relay,"

KATIE THEAKSTON,
Jaycee member

morning," Kehrer said.

In the space of a week, Theakston said the toilet had been delivered 11 times, including a trip to a Garden City home.

"It's fun to see the toilet moving around the city. It doesn't have to stay in Westland," she said. "And it's all raising money for the American Cancer Society."

It probably isn't a good idea to send the toilet to someone who isn't a good sport, Theakston adds.

A toilet appeared on Westland City Clerk Richard Le-

Blanc's lawn recently. "Multiple people asked to be on the list (to receive the toilet). I sent it to a friend whose husband is nicknamed Flush," he said.

For more information about the toilet delivery fundraiser, visit the Westland Area Jaycees Facebook page.

This year, the Westland-Wayne Relay for Life will be held from 11 a.m. to 7 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, June 4-5 at Tattan Park, 1901 N. Carlson in Westland.

Teams will continue fundraising during the event, which will feature a lunch honoring cancer survivors and caregivers, themed walks and other activities. For more information about participating or sponsorships, visit RelayForLife.org/WestlandWayneMI or call Megan Schaper at 248-663-3417.

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A 'LIFE-CHANGING' GIFT

Volunteers refurbish Livonia home for Army veteran and his family

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Staff Writer

Nicole Blizinski kind of knew what was coming and still she couldn't hold back the tears when the secret was finally revealed.

When she and her husband, retired U.S. Army Staff Sgt. John Blizinski, were finally allowed to see the gift being bestowed upon them, Nicole let the tears come.

The Blizinski family — they have a 2-year-old son, L.J. — were the recipients Saturday of a refurbished home on Delaware Street in Livonia, a home gifted to them by a partnership developed between Citizens Bank and the Military Warriors Support Foundation.

The home was presented to the family Saturday during a ceremony outside the house.

And while the location was supposed to be a secret, Nicole admitted once the reveal happened that she'd seen a picture of it online, "done some recon" and figured it out.

"When they notified us we needed to come in for an interview, I thought we were one of many," Nicole said. "When we got there, they said they only had one question: 'Are you ready to move into your new home?'"

"This is amazing and all of you did this for us, which is even more amazing," she added. "From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for giving us a home to raise our family."

The Military Warriors Support Foundation provides support for combat-wounded heroes as they transition out of the military. John Blizinski spent seven years as an army medic, stationed mostly in Alaska. He was wounded during a tour in Afghanistan. For his efforts, Blizinski earned a variety of medals and honors, including two stars on his Afghanistan Campaign Medal and a Purple Heart.

The family applied for the MWSF program and Brandi Glover, a financial family mentor for the group, said their military service — in addition to John's medals and awards, Nicole received the Order of St. Joan of Arc for her efforts as a family member — made them a perfect candidate.

"They're so honest and so humble ... they don't even think they deserve this, because they were just doing what they had to do," Glover said. "Those are the kinds of families we look for."

Dozens of Citizens Bank staffers did the volunteer work on the home, refurbishing the inside, landscaping the outside and providing thousands of dollars in gift cards and other awards.

Tracey Dryovage, a business banking officer for Citizens Bank, was one of the many volunteers who put time in rehabbing the home. Her husband, who runs his own landscaping company, did much of the outdoor work.

"The wounded warriors have a special place in my heart," said Dryovage, a Garden City resident. "They serve our country and we need to do



BRAD KADRICH

Retired U.S. Army Staff Sgt. John Blizinski and his wife Nicole get their first look at the home on Delaware.



BRAD KADRICH

Karen Minghine (right) shows Nicole Blizinski the mural on the wall in the bedroom that will be home to 2-year-old L.J.



BRAD KADRICH

Nicole Blizinski gets her first look at the kitchen in the refurbished home.



BRAD KADRICH

Hundreds of people, most of them volunteers with Citizens Bank, lined Delaware Street to welcome the family of U.S. Army veteran John Blizinski.



BRAD KADRICH

The Blizinskis answer questions from the media following Saturday's ceremony.

everything we can to help them."

The Blizinskis had been living with John's family in Royal Oak. When they'd ap-

plied for the program, the family chose Livonia as a potential landing spot because Nicole's family is from the area.

Now the family is really home.

"It's literally life-changing," he said. "It's one of those things that just sounds too

good to be true. It's just unbelievable."

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Prenuptial agreement is part of any smart marriage

The other day, I read an article about a woman who balked at signing her prenuptial agreement. As a result, she decided to not get married. Since she had already paid for the reception, she decided to throw a party for the homeless. Obviously, this is someone who knows how to make the best out of a bad situation. I admire her for that, but I also admire her for refusing to sign a legal document she was not comfortable with. Unfortunately, too many people end up signing legal documents they're not comfortable with and they pay for it in the long run.

Unfortunately, there is still somewhat of a stigma with regard to prenuptial agreements and I believe there shouldn't be. Many people believe you get married for love and therefore shouldn't need a prenuptial agreement. That would be true if we all lived in Ozzie and Harriet families, but we don't. In today's complex world, where blended families seem to be the norm, a prenuptial agreement can be an invaluable document to protect you and your family.

It is important to recognize what a prenuptial agreement is meant to accomplish. Generally, a prenuptial agreement will address two issues. The first and the one that most people are familiar with is what happens when the marriage does not work. As opposed to spending years in court and spending substantial amounts of money on divorce attorneys, a prenuptial agreement sets



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forth terms if the marriage does not work. For a young couple with very little in assets, a prenuptial agreement may not be necessary. On the other hand, if someone is coming into the marriage with substantial assets they're looking at protecting, a prenuptial agreement can be effective. For example, through the effective use of a prenuptial, a small business owner can protect the business if there is a divorce.

Another effective use of prenuptial agreements is to protect assets or an individual upon your death. Many people think prenuptial agreements are only effective in divorce situations; that's not the case. Prenuptial agreements are also used to protect children from a previous marriage. For example, upon your death, you may want to have your assets go to the children of your first marriage without leaving anything to your new spouse. One of the most effective ways of accomplishing this is through a prenuptial

agreement. My philosophy is that when someone gets married and they have substantial assets or children from a previous relationship they want to protect, a prenuptial agreement is effective to make sure that judges, courts and lawyers don't get involved with family affairs.

One of the mistakes people make with regard to a prenuptial agreement is they wait until the last second and, as a result, it causes all sorts of problems. You can't wait until the last second — the sooner you can put it behind you, the better. After all, if you can't discuss something as uncomfortable as a prenup, maybe it's a sign you should not be getting married.

I recognize the reason people get married is because they love each other. However, we all have to accept the reality that does not mean the marriage will necessarily work. A prenuptial agreement is the mature way to ensure that, if a relationship does not work, there is an orderly and systematic distribution of the property so that both parties can move forward without destroying each other in divorce proceedings.

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Jeff Felts fires an AR-15 on the range.

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Straight shot: Livonia-based Center Mass celebrates 20 years in business

David Veselenak
Staff Writer

The height of the Great Recession wasn't a typical time for a business to expand. But that's exactly what Canton resident Jeff Felts decided to do.

His business, Center Mass, began 20 years ago in his home's basement. Today, the retired Wayne police officer operates the law enforcement products and gun shop out of a storefront in Livonia and has 30 employees.

"We started out as a police training entity. We have some products we own rights to," he said. "We eventually did well enough to go to the banks ... and got a loan to buy this building."

The store, located at 33825 Plymouth, has a retail shop and 10 firing lanes for shooting practice. He moved into the store several years ago after purchasing it in 2010.

Felts said he started the private company 20 years ago as a way to offer additional training for law enforcement. Since then, he's also gotten into manufacturing of items for use by the military and law enforcement agencies.

He said he was involved in two shootings during his time as a police officer, and felt he was completely prepared for that experience. He wanted to offer such training to law enforcement.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Jeff Felts, owner and founder of Center Mass, celebrates 20 years in business.

"I knew there was a better way to do things," he said. "In 1996, I started Center Mass. And we have grown exponentially since then."

Those opportunities also lead to eventually expanding more training opportunities to civilians. That's a side, Felts said, that's seen a big spike in interest in recent months.

"The citizens need just as good of training for themselves," he said. "I thought I would try to provide that for them."

He hopes to have a celebratory cookout sometime this summer to recognize the company's 20-year anniversary, though no date has been selected.

National Patrol Rifle Conference

In addition to operating the business, Felts

is the chairman of the National Patrol Rifle Conference, an annual event held for hundreds of law enforcement officials across the country. This year's event will take place June 4-5 in Oakland County. Shooting will take place at a local shooting range, and other events, including several high-profile speakers, will take place at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

The event, now in its 17th year, attracts law enforcement professionals from across the country, and recognizes some each year. This year, San Bernardino police officer Nicholas Koahou, who was a part of taking down shooters in that city Dec. 2, will be recognized.

The award, named the Chief Jeff Chudwin Patrol Rifle Award, has been given to several notable people over the years, including former Marine sniper Chris Kyle, whose memoir is the basis of the movie "American Sniper."

Felts said he met Kyle at the conference before he was killed in 2013, saying Bradley Cooper's depiction of him in the film "nailed him to a tee."

"He absolutely nailed Chris," he said. "Chris was a very good man. Very humble."

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Youth employment

Mayor William R. Wild is reaching out to Westland businesses to partner on a common goal of introducing Westland's young adults to the workforce. The "Wild About Youth Works!" 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.

The Wild About Youth Works Program, in its sixth year, is geared toward ages 16-18. Participants will receive financial literacy training through the city's partnership in the program with Fifth Third Bank. Students will also be required to attend a "dress for success" event Wednesday, May 4. The event will begin at 6 p.m. and take place in the Grande Ballroom of Westland City Hall at 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 Program, participants will make the investment into their future by taking the



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steps to learn what makes an individual employable," Wild said.

"Our 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."

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

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.

(Those schools are: Schoolcraft College, Madonna University, Davenport University, Eastern Michigan University, University of Toledo, ITT Technical Institute, Walsh College, Wayne State University, and Lawrence Technological University.) The award will be directly sent to the school of the winner's choice upon complete student enrollment in that institution.

Applications must submit paperwork by 2 p.m. Friday, May 13, 2016. For more information, visit www.livonia.org.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Bellarmino festival

The parish community of St. Robert Bellarmino Church hosts its 2016 annual festival Thursday to Sunday, May 12-15.

Thursday night will feature carnival rides only. Friday, Saturday and Sunday will feature carnival rides, a game tent, food, beer tent, Vegas, bingo, live entertainment and a grand prize raffle drawing.

St. Robert Bellarmino is on the corner of West Chicago and Inkster roads, serving the communities of Redford, Livonia and Dearborn Heights. For more information, call 313-937-1520, Ext 142.

Wayne Memorial reunion

The Wayne Memorial High School Class of 1966 is holding a 50th year class reunion Saturday, May 14. For more information, visit www.waynehighalumni.com.

Used book sale

The Friends of the Westland Library is holding its Spring Used Book Sale May 19-22.

Readers can stock up for summer reading at the Thursday, May 19, preview sale (for Friends only) from 3-6 p.m. The sale continues 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 20-21, and noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, May 22 — that day will feature a \$4 "bag day" and a special sale of DVDs and CDs for \$1 each.

Nankin Mills programs

The next couple of programs at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center:

» Let's Go Birding, 9-10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 14 — Join the Nankin Mills naturalist for a cup of coffee or tea and then hike to search for feathered friends around Nankin Mills and in the Holiday Nature Preserve. Some binoculars are available, but visitors are encouraged to bring their own. Bird-feeding tips will be provided. Fee is \$3 per adult.

Pre-registration required for all programs at the Park Office, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland, 48185. Organizers accept check, cash or charge; to charge over the phone, call 734-261-1990. All programs are held at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center unless otherwise noted.

» Saturday, May 14, 1-2:30 p.m. — Marcus Swift and William Osband were the first to bring their families to settle in this area, venturing from New York to the "wilds of Michigan" on the Erie Canal in 1825. They became prominent figures in the formation of Nankin Township, building the first schools, churches, anti-slavery societies and homes. The program will be presented indoors at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center. The program is recommended for ages 12 to adult. Program fee is \$3 per person.

» Saturday, May 21, 1-2:30 p.m. — Michigan is home to many beautiful species of butterflies. Learn how to recognize

them throughout their life stages, from egg to caterpillar and chrysalis to adult. Discussion will include which plants they use to survive and suggest plants to add to a yard to attract them. After the indoor presentation, the group will visit the Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association Butterfly Garden next to the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center to see the plants and hopefully find some eggs, caterpillars and butterflies. The program is recommended for ages 12 to adult and the fee is \$3 per person.

Citizenship workshop

The Westland Library will host a Citizenship Workshop from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, May 15. Volunteer attorneys, accredited representatives and law students will be available to answer questions, assist in applying and provide study materials to become a U.S. citizen. This workshop is presented by the Michigan Immigrant Rights Center.

Registration is required for the workshop; call 734-239-6863 or visit <http://bit.ly/1lgFzNe>.

Historical society

At 6 p.m. Thursday, May 19, the Livonia Historical Society will have its annual banquet. A PowerPoint program on Willow Run and the Yankee Air Force Museum will follow, presented by Randy Horton.

Prepaid tickets are \$18. Make checks to the Livonia Historical Society and mail to B. Mansfield, 14342 Blue Skies St., Livonia, MI 48154. For more information, call 734-464-0450. Deadline is May 10.

Ice cream social

Livonia's elected officials host "Ice Cream & Information," an ice cream social that will give residents a chance to enjoy ice cream and ask

Visitors from France



COURTESY WAYNE-WESTLAND SCHOOLS

The world just got a little bit smaller for some students at John Glenn High School. They hosted high school students from France for two weeks. Eleven students from France and their teacher visited for two weeks as an exchange program run by the French Ministry of Education. The French students stayed with John Glenn families, attended school at John Glenn, the USO Dance, tailgates and sports events to immerse themselves in the American culture and the Wayne-Westland community. Some of the things they experienced included visits to the Westland police and fire stations, a Detroit Tigers baseball game and a visit to Detroit.

questions of their elected officials.

The event, which takes place 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 9, at the Livonia Senior Center, will be hosted by Mayor Dennis Wright, Clerk Susan Nash, Treasurer Lynda Scheel and council members Kathleen McIntyre, Brandon Kriztman, Scott Bahr, Maureen Miller Brosnan, Cathy White, James Jolly and Brian Meakin.

Food distribution

On Tuesday, May 17, the City of Livonia will distribute, through the State of Michigan Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), salmon, bran flake cereal, UHT milk, applesauce, green beans, rotini, cranberry juice concentrate and vegetable

soup. Other items will also be provided from Forgotten Harvest.

The distribution is from noon to 2 p.m. at the vacant district court building, 15140 Farmington Road, just south of Five Mile.

This distribution is offered to Livonia residents who are currently enrolled in TEFAP with a TEFAP identification card. Distributions are scheduled for the third Tuesday of each month. Senior housing residents should check with their housing office for TEFAP information.

For more information, contact the Community Resource Department, Commodity Food line at 734-466-2673. This institution is an equal-opportunity provider.

Used book sale

The Friends of the Livonia Civic Center Library group is sponsoring a three-day Used Book Sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 13-14, and from 1-5 p.m. Sunday May 15. There will be many books including fiction, history, mystery, religious, and cook books, as well as special books. Good prices will be on all the books.

On May 15, a bag of books can be purchased for \$5. All proceeds go back into the libraries. The Civic Center library is located at 32777 Five Mile. For more information, call the library at 734-466-2495.

Democratic club

The Livonia Democratic Party has two major meeting events each month. Executive board officers (and members who wish to attend) meet on the first Wednesday of each month. Livonia Democratic Party membership meetings occur on the second Wednesday every month. The meetings occur at 7 p.m., and are located at the Livonia Quality Inn & Suites, 30375 Plymouth Road in Livonia.

Visit the group's website at livoniademocraticclub.com

» LDC/MABSI Bingo — Shamrock Bingo, 33111 Plymouth Road, is held in the eastern end of the Sheldon Center Mall, seven evenings each week (excluding some legal holidays). Doors open at 4 p.m. Monday-Friday. Games begin at 6:30 p.m. Saturday games begin at 6 p.m., and Sunday at 5 p.m.

Genealogical meeting

Western Wayne County Genealogical Society meets Monday, May 16, at the Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road in Livonia. Please note the

new format: 5:30 p.m., bring your dinner and enjoy conversation with other members; 6 p.m., questions-and-answers and announcements; 6:30 p.m., Alan Wakenhut, group president, will present "Using Google Earth for Genealogical Research." Wakenhut will also cover any Google topics that were not covered in the March meeting.

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

Dinner/dance benefit

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

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

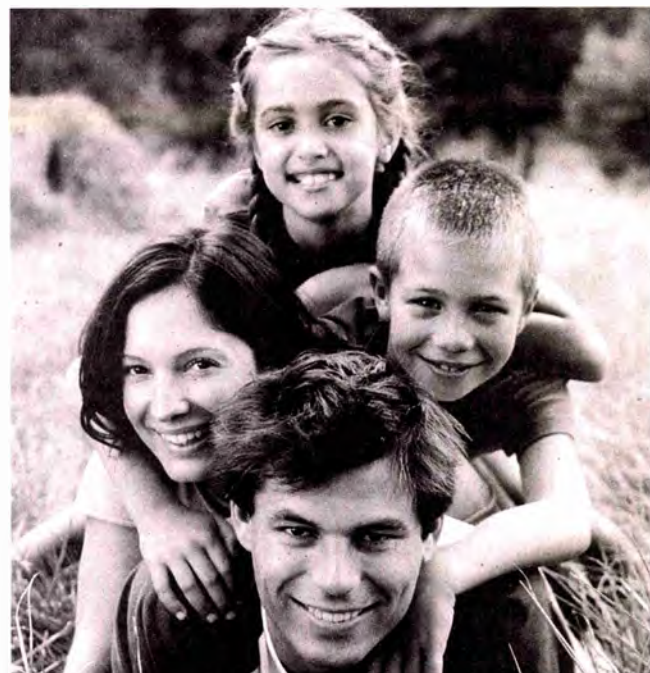
Tickets including dinner and refreshments are \$40 per person, with children ages 12 and under admitted free. To order tickets or for more information, contact Mihaela Charlier at 313-595-7640 or coccdetroit@yahoo.com, or Richard Shebib at 248-345-9346 or paschabooks@sbcglobal.net.

Casino trip

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

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

For more information, call 734-890-6934.



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Presiding: President Godbout
Present: Coleman, Hammons, Herzberg, Johnson, Kehrer
88: Minutes of regular meeting on 4/18/16.
- VFW #3323 Poppy Sales 5/5-7 Wayne & Chery Hill & Chery Hill & Palmer.
- Bid for Cross Connection Control Program to HydroCorp for 3 yrs. amt. not to ex. \$70,200.
- Bid for Automatic Door Operator at JBCC to KVM Door, amt. not to ex. \$4,862.
- Bid for Weed Control/Lawn Fertilization to TruGreen, 1yr. amt. \$7,162.
- MDOT Contract for Central City Pkwy resurfacing; City's est. share \$463,800.
- Adopt Ord. 248-A-81, rezone CB-3 to CB-1, PID #56-002-99-0014-000.
- Reprogram CDBG funds:
From: CDBG Central City Park Handicap (FY 2013-14) \$22,000
To: CDBG Norwayne Infrastructure \$22,000
- Adopt 2016 Bridge Program Application Resolution.
- Proclaimed May as "National Mobility Awareness Month" in the City of Westland.
89: Adopt Ord. 29-W-41-1 to amend City Code & provisions of International Property Code Maintenance Code re. weed cutting.
90: Closed public hearing on 2016-2017 Budget.
91: Intro. Final Statement for CDBG Annual Action Plan 7/1/16 - 6/30/17.
92: Waived procedure to intro. & adopt Final Statement for CDBG Annual Action Plan 7/1/16 - 6/30/17.
93: Adopt. Final Statement for CDBG Annual Action Plan 7/1/16 - 6/30/17.
94: Adopt. prep. res. to adopt CDBG & HOME Program Annual Action Plan 7/1/16 - 6/30/17.
98: Conf. re-appt. of B. McGough to ZBA for 3 yr. term to exp. 5/12/19.
100: Conf. re-appt. of M. Vellardita to ZBA for 3 yr. term to exp. 5/12/19.
101: Appr. checklist: \$ 15,345,398.79.
Mtg. adj. at 8:45 p.m.
Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

James Godbout
Council President

Richard LeBlanc
City Clerk

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Whereas, in accordance with the provisions of Section 16.2, Chapter XVI of the Charter of the City of Westland, a petition has been filed with this Body to absolutely abandon, vacate, and terminate the following:

"Twenty (20) foot wide alley abutting Lots 1-41 and 42-61 Block E, Ford Warren Park Subdivision, east side of Newburgh Road, south of Ford Road, located in the City of Westland."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a public hearing be held on **Monday, June 6, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. EST**, in the Westland City Hall Council Chambers, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, Michigan, to hear any objections thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that true copies of this notice be served, posted and published in accordance with the provisions of the City Charter.

Richard LeBlanc
Westland City Clerk



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GUEST COLUMNIST

Focus on transparency, resident issues

During my campaign for city council, I took a stand against "double-dipping" (receiving a pension and salary at the same time) by city employees, after Fire Chief Reddy was awarded this kind of deal.

While it's not within my power as one city councilman to change the rules concerning this, I made a commitment to take a stand against it if elected. At the start of the year, Mayor William Wild offered a hand-picked candidate, John Adams, to fill a director's position.



Mr. Adams has a political past and has donated to many of the elected officials' campaign committees, including one donation to my own in January. During the council vote in February to approve Adams as parks and recreation director, I voted no and honored my commitment to the voters (he is a former Fire Marshall who is

collecting a pension from Westland).

Within the appointment process, Mayor Wild touted Adams' lengthy credentials and that "department heads ... are 24-7 jobs for me." In May, I became aware that Mr. Adams has continued employment as a full-time fire chief in Inkster at the same time.

With the understanding that he would be leaving Inkster completely to work in Westland, I was disappointed to hear that this employee is, in fact, triple-dipping. At a recent council meeting I said

positive things about Adams but, with consideration to the taxpayers, felt compelled to ask him to choose one job or the other going forward.

My comments were simple and to the point. Mayor Wild's reaction in last week's *Westland Observer* again skewed the message: "He does some consulting ... helping Inkster." Surely, a fire chief does a fair share of "consulting," but to downplay the fact that this person is holding two full-time jobs at once, while receiving a large pension (all on the taxpayer

dime), doesn't change the reality that it is not what we were told would happen.

Adams also lashed out, calling my position on the subject "irresponsible," despite my recent positive comments regarding his work ethic and professionalism.

While I don't always expect the business of running a city as large as Westland to go smoothly, I do expect and will continue to require honesty and transparency. Failure to do so has gotten many communities in Michigan in trouble and we

should do what we can to steer clear of putting politics before people.

In the last few months, there's been a disconnect at city hall. A failed proposal for \$6,500 worth of houseplants at city hall with palm trees in the mayor's office, fears about water quality, and the hiring issues raised earlier are the kinds of things we should avoid.

Let's keep our attention focused on the needs of the residents and increase transparency.

Kevin Coleman is a Westland city councilman.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Huge mistake

City of Westland officials are on the verge of making one of the biggest mistakes in the 50-year history of the city. I'm referring to the proposed sale of 40 acres at the front of Central City Park which comprised the former City Hall, the Bailey Recreation Center and additional land. Selling this land for commercial development would be a tragedy of enormous scale.

The City of Westland will not benefit from commercialization of this site. Everyone knows that the city does not suffer from a lack of commercial develop-

ment. The City of Westland, however, will suffer greatly by foolishly diminishing the very best public gathering spot in the city. This should remain as a site for fairs and festivals, for public events and public recreation.

It is terribly shortsighted of Westland officials to even consider sale of this prime public property. As we celebrate the city's 50th Anniversary, it is imperative to also look to the future. This land should be incorporated into Central City Park, providing recreational benefits to all. City officials would also be wise to consider the needs of the

future, say 50 or 100 years hence. One thing is clear, they aren't making any more land in the city. There may be a day when City Hall again needs to be relocated, or there may be needs for other municipal facilities. This site should remain public in anticipation of those eventualities.

One of the biggest drawbacks to the success of the city has been its abysmal record of poor land use planning. In the early years, City officials allowed an overabundance of apartments and strip malls. There was little attempt to establish policies to benefit citizens; rather, it appeared that developers were the primary constituents. In fact, it was Westland's poor planning which inspired me to do my graduate work in urban planning.

As a real estate broker, I understand the need for commercial

development in a city, but poorly placed development is more of a hindrance to the well-being of a city than it is a benefit. Taking away the public benefits inherent at this site will literally cement the city's future. Citizens deserve better from our elected officials.

I moved to Nankin Township more than 10 years before Westland became a city. Over the years, I've seen the good, the bad and the ugly. Westland officials need to seriously reconsider this proposed sale. Their legacy hinges entirely on their decision, as does the future of the City of Westland.

Jack Smiley
Westland

On the efficacy of words

As the election season heats up, the talk is all on Donald Trump, on divisive words and promises. I have said

previously that the world takes too much stock in words, and that actions are worth more than the words that build up to such actions and diction which would condone Mr. Trump's words.

However, as all things are a balance, words can indeed go too far. In our culture of immediate gratification, normal words are no longer enough for many. "Acceptable" and "adequate" often get wry looks, whereas "love" and "great" are commonplace. What we end up creating — which is fueled by our consuming of mass media and its concentration of talent, good looks and good times — is the feeling that everything must be "hilarious," "awesome," "outrageous," "unbelievable," etc. We then look at our own, normal lives devoid of these words, and we feel inadequate, unacceptable.

In the age of immedi-

ate gratification and subsequent emotional and etymological hysterics, the burden of a top-heavy, immense society can turn us into timid non-players, but life never was and never will be about playing into an immense global network. No, it is about small communities and daily routine and the people with which you interact; the rest is but misinformation, usually including fear-mongering diplomacy and unabashed individualism.

No, words are important when they reflect our inner disposition to such an extent that our love and good deeds are diminished, and this is where the balance is lost. With excessive fear, individualism, and gratification, we lose the meaning of human life.

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Batman creator reflects on a half-century in comics

Susan Bromley
Staff Writer

When Neal Adams first pitched his vision of Batman to a comic editor, it was not well-received.

"He told me to get the hell out of his office," recalls Adams. "He said, 'What makes you think you know what Batman is?'"

But the artist brought his hero to the page, and 50 years later, it is his rendering that had staying power and is the hero now universally represented, in both print and digital mediums, in an art form that has become a cultural phenomenon.

Adams, 74, billed as one of the greatest comic book artists alive, will be at the Motor City Comic Con this weekend at Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

"Did I re-create Batman?" ponders Adams. "The truth is, I did the one I remembered as a kid — maybe the cape flows better. They messed up by following the TV show, and now Batman, creature of the night, scares villains because they are a cowardly and worthless lot."

After half a century in the comics industry, Adams is renowned not only for his work on Batman, but also X-Men, Green Lantern/Green Arrow, Superman and Deadman.

Starting early

His love for comics began before he even started school, when he was reading comics including "Tarzan" and "A Princess of Mars." Captain Marvel was his favorite as a child and he believes kids should be allowed to read what they want to read, as well as be encouraged to pursue their own artistic endeavors.

"Art is one of the things they teach out of you," Adams said. "You



Neal Adams, comic artist, will appear at Motor City Comic Con.

DETAILS

The Motor City Comic Con is open 12:30-7 p.m. Friday, May 13; 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, May 14; and 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 15. Tickets for adults range from \$25 to \$35 depending on the day, with a weekend pass available for \$75. Children 5 and younger are free all three days. Children 12 and younger are free Sunday with a paid adult or can get a day pass Friday or Saturday for \$10. VIP and combo packages are also available. For a more complete list of celebrity guests and details on this event, go to www.motorcitycomiccon.com.

want to draw comic characters and they make you draw landscapes."

He kept at it and out of high school, he was given work doing Archie joke pages, paid to write, draw, letter and ink for \$32 per page. He stole jokes, taking them out of Jr. Scholastic pages, "no one makes up jokes," he said.

Then came his run on Batman. The character was established, but each artist has his own style. Adams explained it as being called in as a relief pitcher in a baseball game. Someone else had done the first seven innings, and he was called in to save the game.

"The difference in this case, they were doing Batman from an old TV show, it wasn't dramatic or very dark, the TV show had become popular with a lighter, daytime Batman. As a comic fan, I felt that wasn't Batman. Great style, satire and TV show, and I loved it, but it wasn't Batman."

It was the late '60s and the comics weren't sell-

ing well. After the day he got tossed from the editor's office, he began working on "The Brave and the Bold," which featured Batman; and letters started pouring in from kids across America. He later got "X-Men" two issues before it was to be canceled, and then "Green Arrow."

"I basically showed the good side of these characters and redeveloped them into the 20th century," said Adams, who can draw two or three pages a day and often writes as well. "That's what I am doing right now with Superman ... The difference with mine is, he has more anatomy, muscles, finds a way to exercise on the basis maybe another Superman will come along and kick some butt, he'd better develop his body and mind. He's a little more handsome, I'm trying to draw one that women would fall in love with."

Changing field

Adams recognizes the influence he can wield

through a pencil (he now rarely does his own inking) and believes the internet has been a boon to comics, a help instead of the hindrance often seen to industries that originated in print. Digital comics are accessible to a broader audience and those who may never have thought of walking into a comic shop are now doing so after having been introduced to the medium online.

The internet has animated comics, with moving characters and explosions. Technology has also advanced for print comics, with Adams' new graphic novel "Blood" using lenticular lenses to bring the cover to life as the reader moves the book.

"We have instant communication and are educating cultures all over the world," said Adams. "Comics influence

movies and television shows and stories in every genre. I don't want to be high-falutin,' but there is no better art form. You put the best artists and the best writers together and isn't it the best piece of art in the world?"

It appears many would agree with him, as there are 100 comic conventions in America per year that have attendance at each of more than 20,000 people and gaining in popularity worldwide.

Comic conventions are a regular part of the life for Adams now, and he admitted it's a 3-day circus of awful food, lights blasting in the eyes, and yet, to him, it's incredible.

"No one gets drunk, no one shoots anyone, no one punches anyone," he said. "We believe in heroes, and they do hard

work."

Fans discuss the art and want to know how he can draw so elaborately when they struggle to make a straight line.

They want to know why he invented the first black superhero who wasn't a gangbanger (the answer: "Because I don't think they're all gangbangers.") One guy wanted him to know he was on the road to drug addiction and then he read "Green Lantern" and stopped doing heroin.

Ultimately, comic con is for Adams "the whipped cream on top of an ice cream sundae."

The fans have gotten him where he is and will find him happy to talk about his art this weekend. For more information, visit www.motorcitycomiccon.com.

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Police Officer of Year known for 'positive attitude'

Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Police Officer Jeffrey Seifert never knows what a day patrolling Canton streets will bring.

He could end up investigating a reckless driver, a domestic dispute, a home invasion or a retail theft. He often starts out enforcing traffic laws until the pace picks up.

"Then it's a race to the very end," he said.

One aspect of his job never changes, though. Seifert takes great pride wearing the Canton police uniform and badge.

"The sense of responsibility that goes along with the job is something I embrace," he said.

It's a positive attitude that, along with his skills, earned him the title of Canton Police Officer of the Year. He has been singled out among a department of nearly 90

sworn officers.

"There are so many people here as deserving — if not more deserving — of that honor," Seifert said Monday, during an interview at the Canton Police Department.

His supervisor, Sgt. Ed Johnson, said Seifert deserves the award.

"I think he's a very well-rounded officer," Johnson said. "He always shows up with a positive attitude to do his job. He writes a great report, too."

So great, Johnson said, that Seifert was sought out to teach his report-writing skills to budding officers honing their skills at the Wayne County Regional Police Academy at Schoolcraft College.

As a field training officer, officials say, Seifert also conducts one-on-one training with new Canton police officers and serves as a good



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Jeffrey Seifert, Canton Police Officer of the Year, pauses from his road patrol to talk about his job.

ambassador in the community.

"He is known for having exceptional problem-solving skills and a keen ability to remain calm during any type of call," said Canton Public Safety Director Joshua Meier, during the department awards ceremony last Thursday at The Village

Theater at Cherry Hill. "His strengths also include his professionalism, courtesy and respect when speaking with citizens and his fellow employees."

Seifert started out studying art at Henry Ford Community College but shifted his career to police work. He became a

Canton officer in 2006 after spending five years as a public safety service officer, whose duties include taking 9-1-1 calls, dispatching officers to emergencies and helping to process offenders taken into custody.

Meier said Seifert consistently ranks among the department's top officers for initiating arrests and writing citations. Meier also said Seifert "receives letters of praise and commendation from the public for his work and dedication to providing the citizens of Canton and the community with the most professional police services."

Seifert, a Canton resident, grew up in Wayne and is a 1988 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School. His duties of training other officers are taken with the utmost seriousness in Canton, which has one of only a

few police departments in Michigan accredited by CALEA, the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. CALEA demands a high standard of policies and procedures.

On one officer's first day, Seifert recalls training him as they worked together to investigate a series of larcenies from autos, attempted car thefts and a break-in at a mobile home park. They spent 12 hours but they solved the case, tracked down the suspect and returned many of the stolen items to neighborhood residents.

"Every day is different," Seifert said, but one thing never changes. "I love being involved in the community and representing the community as a Canton police officer."

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Livonia native, author shares stories of writing

David Veselenak
Staff Writer

It was Nancy Bilyeau's education at Livonia's Webster Elementary that made her want to become a writer.

"Ever since I was 8, I wanted to be a writer," the New York City resident and Churchill High School alumna said. "I had a couple great teachers who influenced me."

Today, Bilyeau has worked at several magazines and start-up websites, writing stories and has penned three books, one of which was recently released in paperback.

She said her three historical thriller books, which feature the heroine and 16th century English nun Joanna Stafford, were born after spending a lot of time at writing workshops. After



COURTESY OF BRET WATSON
Nancy Bilyeau, a Livonia native and a New York City resident, has written several books in recent years.

searching, she finally found an agent who enjoyed her original story and eventually had her first book, *The Crown*, published in 2012.

"I was working full-time. I couldn't. I kept workshoping, over and over, I had no agent, I had no idea this was going anywhere," she said. "I finally found an agent who liked the book."

That book was picked up by Simon & Schuster, which published the second and third books featuring Stafford, *The Chalice and The Tapestry*. The *Tapestry* was recently released in paperback in March.

The series is set around the time of the English Reformation, the time when the Church of England faced a schism with the Catholic Church. The timing for the novels, Bilyeau said, was a time period she was interested in and wanted to have a strong female lead in her books.

She even traveled to

England to see the historical buildings and locations her character may have spent time in, including the Tower of London.

"Writing historical novel is really hard work. I've always loved the 16th century. I thought I wanted to write a different kind of character," she said. "To have that person in the middle of a religious revolution would be very interesting."

The books are available at Barnes and Noble, Amazon, Indiebound, Books-A-Million and through Simon & Schuster.

Hometown ties

Bilyeau spent her undergraduate career as a student at the University of Michigan, writing at *The Michigan Daily*

and wanting to spend her career in journalism. She worked at some papers, including the Stamford Advocate in Connecticut, before moving to New York and began working at various publications. She currently works at *Apprecier*, a start-up publication based in New York.

While she's settled in New York with her husband and children, she said she still maintains connections with her hometown. She's brought her children back to her hometown, even taking them up north and sharing the Michigan experience with them.

And thanks to social media, keeping tabs on what's going on back in Livonia isn't difficult to do.

"I have cousins who I talk to and due to Face-

book, I'm still in touch on a weekly basis to people I went to junior high and high school with," she said.

While she's relocated to New York, Bilyeau said those looking to get into a writing career don't need to do the same. Her best advice? Read, practice and critique.

"I could have written these books from anywhere. New York had nothing to do with it," she said. "Take a two-month workshop, and come up with ideas, get critiqued. Read as much as you can."

"You can be a novelist anywhere. It's wonderful."

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Criminal justice reform among bills introduced last week

Kathleen Gray
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LANSING — The subject of reforming the criminal justice system has been a significant topic of debate for several years now and the state Senate weighed in last week, introducing a package of 20 bills aimed at lowering recidivism rates and reforming parole guidelines.

The package would reduce prison time for parolees who have committed technical violations of their probation; provide incentives for parole officers to help keep parolees out of prison; create a "Swift and Sure" court to deal with parole violators; allow judges to shorten sentences because of an inmate's good behavior in prison; add a program tailored to young offenders; create a "county bed" program for counties willing to take low-risk felony offenders in county jails, rather than state prisons.

The House of Representatives has passed a series of criminal justice reforms, including one that would give many offenders "Presumptive Parole," if they were

deemed low risk and had served at least their minimum sentence. But those bills haven't gotten a hearing yet in the Senate.

Other bills introduced in the Legislature last week:

House bills

HB 5617: Include second-degree child abuse in the felony murder statute. Sponsor: Rep. Pam Farris, D-Clío.

HB 5618-5622: Revise requirements and procedures for suspension or expulsion of students and require public school officials to consider the use of restorative justice measures. Sponsors: Reps. Andy Schor, D-Lansing; Al Pscholka, R-Stevensville; Adam Zemke, D-Ann Arbor; Lisa Lyons, R-Alto; Thomas Hooker, R-Byron Center.

HB 5623-5625: Prohibit the inclusion of health care service as a covered benefit if required co-payment exceeds a certain amount. Sponsors: Reps. Mike Callton, R-Nashville; Brad Jacobsen, R-Oxford; Henry Yanez, D-Sterling Heights.

HB 5626-5629: Prohibit and provide criminal

charges and penalties for the advertising, solicitation or recruiting of a prospective biological or adoptive parents to participate in the transfer of a child. Sponsors: Rep. Thomas Hooker, R-Byron Center; Hank Vaupel, R-Handy Township; Mike McCready, R-Birmingham.

HB 5630: Increase funding for firefighter training. Sponsor: Rep. Holly Hughes, R-White River Township.

HB 5631: Modify the allowable uses for the state's forest development fund. Sponsor: Rep. Al Pscholka, R-Stevensville.

HB 5632: Reduce the amount of money independent committees are allowed to give to candidate campaigns. Sponsor: Rep. Martin Howrylak, R-Troy.

Senate bills

SB 930-931: Prohibit and provide penalties for leaving an animal unattended in a motor vehicle. Sponsors: Sens. Curtis Hertel, D-East Lansing; Rick Jones, R-Grand Ledge.

SB 932-941 and 947-949: Make reforms in criminal justice by creating the Parole Sanctions Certainty Act; modify penalties for probationers who commit technical violations, allowing for the reduction in the term of probation; require evidence-based supervision practices; require quarterly reports on criminal justice statistics; expedite review and hearing process for commutations if requested by the governor. Sponsors: Sens. John Proos, R-St. Joseph; Rick Jones, R-Grand Ledge;

Mike Shirkey, R-Clarklake; Judy Emmons, R-Sheridan; Marty Knollenberg, R-Troy; Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton; Mike Nofs, R-Battle Creek; David Robertson, R-Grand Blanc.

SB 942: Allocate crime victims fund into child assessment centers. Sponsor: Sen. Rebekah Warren, D-Ann Arbor.

SB 943-944: Require Corrections Department to report parole absconders to Department of Health and Human Services and discontinue services or financial assistance to the absconder. Sponsors: Sens. Ken Horn, R-Frankenmuth; Dale Zorn, R-Ida.

SB 945: Require 17- to 22-year-old inmates to be housed in the same facility. Sponsor: Sen. Bert Johnson, D-Highland Park.

SB 946: Create the work opportunity employer reimbursement program to provide incentives to employers to hire employees. Sponsor: Sen. Jack Brandenburg, R-Harrison Township.

SB 950: Require provision of alternative water supply when Department of Health and Human Services issues a drinking water advisory. Sponsor: Sen. Jim Stamas, R-Midland.

SB 951: Extend the sunset on Energy Financial Assistance Act. Sponsor: Sen. Mike Nofs, R-Battle Creek.

SB 952: Revise and incorporate rules on sewage systems and water requirements in license and permit regulations for campgrounds. Sponsor: Sen. Darwin Booher, R-Evart.

SYNOPSIS OF THE MINUTES OF THE 1,799th REGULAR MEETING LIVONIA CITY COUNCIL - APRIL 18, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President McIntyre. Present: Jim Jolly, Cathy White, Brian Meakin, Brandon Kritzman, Maureen Miller Brosnan and Kathleen McIntyre. Absent: Scott Bahr

#156-16 Resolution by White and Kritzman, unanimously adopted, approving the minutes of the 1,798th Regular Meeting of the Council held April 4, 2016.

Meakin wished everyone a happy Tax Day.

President McIntyre mentioned the retirement of Lee Morrow from the Planning Commission and acknowledged his outstanding service to the Community.

President McIntyre wished a Happy Birthday to Jim Jolly.

President McIntyre expressed condolences to Linda McCann, Director of Community Resources, and her family on the passing of her mother over the weekend.

President McIntyre stated there is two (2) x-items at the end of tonight's agenda, as well as new data on item 3 and x-item 1.

AUDIENCE COMMUNICATION:

Jim Egged, a Retired Firefighter, spoke about the Oil and Gas Pipeline number 5 operated by Enbridge and presented a handout to Council.

White offered information regarding the City of Livonia's involvement with Protec, an organization which reviews Pipeline safety.

The following items were received and filed:

Communication from the Department of Finance dated March 21, 2016, re: forwarding various financial statements of the City of Livonia for the month ending February 29, 2016.

Email communication from Douglas L. Moore, Superintendent of Public Service, dated April 5, 2016.

Communication from the Department of Law dated March 14, 2016, re: report and recommendation on the impact of HB 5232 (House Bill No. 5232) on City of Livonia Ordinances regarding historical districts as well as the makeup and conduct of business of the Livonia Historical Commission.

Communication from the Department of Law, dated April 1, 2016, re: report regarding amending the City of Livonia Retiree and Health Disability Benefits Plan to include the 16th District Court Judges and employees in the eligibility for VEBA.

Email Communication from Frank Crupi, dated April 18, 2016.

The following resolutions were offered by Kritzman and White:

#157-16 Approving the request of Kathleen Fitzgerald, 9917 Cranston, to close Cranston Street between Elmira and Orangelawn, on Monday, May 30, 2016 from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of conducting an annual Memorial Day block picnic, subject to the approval of the Police Department.

#158-16 Approving the request of Douglas Bates, 18156 Deering, to waive Section 8.32.070 (Noise Control) of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended, to allow a DJ to play music at his home located at 18156 Deering, in connection with a wedding scheduled for Saturday, June 18, 2016, from 5:00 p.m. until 12:00 a.m., subject to the approval of the Police Department.

#159-16 Approving participation in the Alliance of Rouge Communities (ARC) and for payment to the Alliance of Rouge Communities, c/o 46036 Michigan Avenue, Suite 126, Canton, MI 48188, in the amount of \$28,502.00 for the City's Annual ARC Assessment for 2016.

#160-16 Authorizing the purchase of two (2) 15" drum style chippers with tier III engines, utilizing the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) pricing from Morbark, Inc., PO Box 1000 Winn, Michigan 48896, for a total cost not exceed \$90,036.00 from budgeted funds.

#161-16 Authorizing the purchase of two (2) 2016 Ford F250 Super Cab 4x4 Pick-Up Trucks from Signature Ford, 1960 E. Main Street, Owosso, MI 48867, as replacement vehicles for the water maintenance section of the Department of Public Works, for a cost not to exceed \$55,348.00; and the outfitting of said vehicles by Cannon Truck Equipment, 51761 Danview Technology Ct., Shelby Township, MI 48315, at a cost of \$40,460.00; and the bi-fuel conversion of said vehicles by ICOM North America, LLC, 54790 Grand River Avenue, New Hudson, MI 48165 at a cost of \$12,625.00, for a total amount not to exceed \$108,433.00, from budgeted funds.

#162-16 Authorizing the purchase of six (6) 2016 Ford F250 Super Cab and one (1) 2016 Ford F250 Crew Cab, 4x4 Pick-up Trucks, with plow, safety lighting, spray in bed liners, under hood air compressor and bi-fuel conversion, as replacement vehicles for the Building Maintenance, Engineering, Fleet Maintenance, Roads and Park Maintenance sections of the Department of Public Works, from Signature Ford 1960 E. Main St, Owosso, MI 48867, for a cost not to exceed \$197,378.00; and the outfitting of six (6) F250 Super Cab Pick-Up Trucks by Cannon Truck Equipment, 51761 Danview Technology Ct., Shelby Township, MI 48315, at a cost of \$82,353.00; and the outfitting of one (1) F250 Crew Cab Pick-up Truck by Truck & Trailer Specialties, INC., 1200 Victory Drive Howell, MI 48843, at a cost of \$9,214.00; and the bi-fuel conversion of five (5) Pick-up Trucks by ICOM North America, LLC, 54790 Grand River Avenue, New Hudson MI 48165, at a cost of \$31,562.50, for a total amount not to exceed \$320,507.50, from budgeted funds.

#163-16 Approving Petition 2016-02-02-02, submitted by Wade Shows, Inc., requesting waiver use approval to conduct a carnival in the parking lot of Sears, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Livonia, consisting of amusement rides, games and food concessions from May 20, 2016 through May 30, 2016, inclusive, on property located on the northwest corner of Seven Mile Road and Middlebelt Road (29500 Seven Mile Road), subject to conditions.

#164-16 Approving Petition 2016-02-02-03, submitted by Midwest Memorial Group, requesting waiver use approval to construct an addition to an existing mausoleum at the Mt. Hope Memorial Gardens Cemetery on property located on the east side of Middlebelt Road between Six Mile Road and Pickford Avenue (17800 Middlebelt Road), subject to conditions.

#165-16 Approving Petition 2016-02-08-01, submitted by Costco Wholesale Corporation, requesting site plan approval to construct a warehouse addition to the rear of the building, expand the loading dock area and modify the entrance of the Costco store on property located on the east side of Haggerty Road between Seven Mile and Eight Mile Roads (20000 Haggerty Road), subject to conditions.

A roll call vote was taken on the foregoing resolutions:

AYES: Jolly, White, Meakin, Kritzman, Brosnan and McIntyre.
NAYS: None.

Meakin gave **SECOND READING** to the following Ordinance

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 25 OF THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF LIVONIA AND AMENDING ARTICLE III OF ORDINANCE NO. 543, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AND CITED AS "THE CITY OF LIVONIA ZONING ORDINANCE" BY ADDING SECTION 3. THERETO. (PET. 2015-09-01-08)

A roll call vote was taken on the foregoing Ordinance:

AYES: Jolly, White, Meakin, Kritzman, Brosnan and McIntyre.
NAYS: None.

#166-16 Resolution by Brosnan and Kritzman, unanimously adopted, referring the matter of the impact of House Bill 5232 on City of Livonia Ordinances to the Legislative Affairs Committee for its report and recommendation.

#167-16 Resolution by Meakin and Kritzman, unanimously adopted, referring the matter of an amendment to the City of Livonia Retiree and Health Disability-Benefits Plan to include the 16th District Court Judges and employees in the eligibility for VEBA to the Civil Service Commission for its report and recommendation.

#168-16 Resolution by Meakin and Jolly, unanimously adopted, referring the matter of Petition 2016-01-06-01, submitted by the City Planning Commission, to determine whether or not to amend Section 11.03 of Article XI, C-2 District Regulations of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance, to allow indoor, climate-controlled self-storage facilities as a waiver use, to the Legislative Affairs Committee for its report and recommendation.

#169-16 Resolution by White and Brosnan, unanimously adopted, accepting the Grant of Easement, executed by Michael Beaubien, CEO for MKO Real Estate, LLC, for a 12-foot wide public utility easement in connection with the water main line constructed at 36622 Five Mile Road in the Southwest 1/4 of Section 17.

#170-16 Resolution by Brosnan and White, unanimously adopted, designating Jim Jolly to replace Maureen Miller Brosnan as the City Council Representative on the City's Community Tree Committee, until further order by Council Resolution.

#171-16 Resolution by Meakin and Jolly, unanimously adopted, suspending the rules for procedure as outlined in CR 574-82 to permit consideration of items that do not appear on the agenda.

#172-16 Resolution by Brosnan and Meakin, unanimously adopted, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the agreement with Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) for the reconstruction of I-96/1-275 from Five Mile Road Northerly to Eight Mile Road; FURTHER, the Council does hereby authorize an expenditure in the amount of \$500,000.00 from budgeted funds; FURTHER, the Council does hereby authorize an additional appropriation and expenditure in the amount of \$209,000.00 from the Unexpended Fund Balance of the Major Street Fund - City Participation in MDOT and County Projects (202) for this purpose, and the City Engineer is authorized to approve minor adjustments in the work, as required.

#173-16 Resolution by Meakin and Brosnan, unanimously adopted, authorizing the Department of Law to resolve the claims brought on behalf of Shelley Holloway and Gregory Pertunen; Wayne County Circuit Court Case No.14-007990-CD, for the amount of \$35,654.00 and the Department of Law is hereby authorized to do all things necessary or incidental to the full performance of this resolution.

AUDIENCE COMMUNICATION: None.

By Brosnan and Kritzman, unanimously adopted, adjourning this 1,799th Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Livonia at 7:25 p.m. on April 18, 2016.

SUSAN M. NASH
CITY CLERK

*The foregoing is a summary of the Council's proceedings in synopsis form as authorized by CR 1158-68. The full text of the official minutes of this meeting is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and is available to the public upon request.

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**CITY OF WESTLAND
INVITATION TO BID**

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland - Jefferson Barns Community Center, located at 32150 Dorsey, Westland, MI 48186, on **May 23rd, 2016 @ 10:00am**, (no exceptions will be made for late filings) for the following:

JEFFERSON BARNS COMMUNITY CENTER /
MERRIMAN PARK FENCING INSTALLATION

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

This project is a federally funded; Davis Bacon Prevailing wages will apply.

Devin J. Adams
City Controller

Published: March 12, 2016

**ABSTRACT
WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NO. 2016-14
May 3, 2016**

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. at the Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Rd. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. The City Council accepted a donation from the Fire Dept. fundraiser. The City Council presented certificates to Alfred & Bernadette Brock and Sammy Willingham. Heard a presentation from Len Fisher about the Wayne Park Day, May 7, 2016. APPROVED: minutes of spec. mtg. Apr. 19, reg. mtg. of Apr. 19, study session of Apr. 23 and spec. mtg. of Apr. 27; DPW Week; Buddy Poppy Sales; Preservation Month; donation to Memorial Day Parade; purchase agreement with DTE; move Prec. 3 to WMHS; move Prec. 6 to WMHS; consent calendar. Received and filed Communications and Reports. Adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Matthew K. Miller
City Clerk

Published: May 12, 2016

**PUBLIC NOTICE
MINUTES OF REDFORD
TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETINGS
FOR MARCH 2016**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the approved Minutes for meetings of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Redford for the month of March 2016 are posted at the following public places within the Township:

Community Center, 12121 Hemingway
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Library, 25320 Six Mile Road
Department of Public Services, 12200 Beech Daly
Police Department, 25833 Elsinore
Town Hall, 15145 Beech Daly

Approved Minutes may also be viewed on-line at
www.redfordtp.com

GARTH J. CHRISTIE, Clerk
Charter Township of Redford

Published: May 12, 2016

**CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION**

On May 17, 2016 the Westland Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin promptly at 11:00 am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

2000 BUICK	REGAL	2G4WB55K1Y1353614
2006 DODGE	DURANGO	1D4HB482X6F142942
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2001 GMC	JIMMY	1GKDT13W112111519
2002 FORD	F150	1FTRW07692KE24414
2005 CHEVROLET SILVERADO		1GCGK13U35F923591
2001 MERCURY	COUGAR	1ZWFT61L715614215
2000 CADILLAC	STS	1G6KY549XYU305519

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

Published: May 12, 2016

Canton Dog Park offers free day for pets, owners

Round up Rover and head to the Canton Dog Park.

The dog park will host its free, annual Bark in the Park event from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, May 15. Visitors and their dogs can enjoy live entertainment, shopping and prize giveaways while trying the off-leash park, located on Denton Road north of Cherry Hill.

"Our Bark in the Park event is the perfect opportunity for dog owners to come and try out the

Canton Dog Park for free," recreation specialist Laura Mortier said. "Plus, it's a great chance to meet other local dog owners, get some great canine information and coupons — and your four-legged family member can make some friends, too."

Dog park membership is not required to take part in this free event. In order to attend, those who are currently not a member of the Canton Dog Park must present a valid Canton dog license,

which can be obtained at the Canton clerk's office for \$10 and requires proof of your dog's up-to-date distemper and rabies vaccinations, signed by an accredited veterinarian. No pre-registration is required for this event.

The opening day of the Canton Farmers Market, located a short trail walk away in adjacent Preservation Park, will take place alongside Bark in the Park from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 15.

"Market shoppers and dog owners alike are welcome and encouraged to visit both free community events," Mortier said.

Among the vendors in attendance at Bark in the Park will be Kelly's Pet Care, Animal Friends Veterinary Hospital and Paws Grooming Studio. First Step, a local agency that assists victims of domestic and sexual violence in Wayne Coun-

ty, will also be on-site for a fundraiser to raise money for their ARK (Animals Receiving Kindness) Program, which is an on-site pet sanctuary available to residents of First Step.

Cruisin' Custom Coneys hot dog cart will be offering lunch for guests to purchase and enjoy.

The Canton Dog Park has six acres of fenced-in, outdoor space for dogs to run and play

off-leash, with specific rules for a safe and positive experience for everyone. The park is divided into a large dog section for animals more than 20 pounds and small dog section for animals less than 20 pounds. Annual memberships for the dog park are \$25 for Canton residents and \$50 for non-residents.

For more information, go to www.cantonfun.org or call 734-394-5310.

ORDINANCE NO. 248-A-81

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE AND RESTRICT THE USE OF LAND AND STRUCTURES BY DIVIDING THE CITY OF WESTLAND INTO DISTRICTS AND ESTABLISHING THE LOCATION AND BOUNDARIES THEREOF BY ADOPTION OF AN OFFICIAL ZONING DISTRICT MAP; TO SPECIFY THE DISTRICTS WITHIN WHICH LANDS MAY BE USED FOR BUSINESS, INDUSTRIAL, RESIDENCE AND OTHER SPECIFIED PURPOSES; TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS, REGULATIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND PROHIBITIONS GOVERNING THE LOCATION, ERECTION, CONSTRUCTIONS, RECONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION AND USE OF BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND LAND WITHIN SUCH DISTRICTS; TO LIMIT THE HEIGHT AND BREADTH OF BUILDINGS, SIGNS AND OTHER STRUCTURES; TO REGULATE THE INTENSITY OF USE OF LOT AREAS AND TO DETERMINE THE SIZE OF YARDS AND OTHER OPEN SPACES; TO ESTABLISH SITE DESIGN REGULATIONS AND TO PROVIDE SITE DESIGN REVIEW PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS; TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS FOR SPECIAL LAND USE AND SPECIAL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT; TO LIMIT CONGESTION IN THE PUBLIC STREETS BY PROVIDING OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING REQUIREMENTS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE RESTRICTION AND GRADUAL ELIMINATION OF NON-CONFORMING USES OF LAND, BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES; TO REGULATE SIGNS BY ESTABLISHING RESTRICTIONS UPON THE SIZE, HEIGHT, LOCATION AND NUMBER OF PERMISSIBLE SIGNS AND PROHIBITING CERTAIN SIGNS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, ENFORCEMENT AND AMENDMENT OF THE ORDINANCE; TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS; TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS WITH RESPECT TO ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE; AND TO REPEAL THE PRIOR ZONING ORDINANCE.

THE CITY OF WESTLAND ORDAINS:

Section 1. That the zoning map of Ordinance No. 248 of the City of Westland be and the same is hereby amended to show CB-1 district classification where CB-3 district classification is now shown in the area situated in the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan, described as:

THAT PART OF THE NORTH 15 ACRES OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE N.W. 1/4 OF SECTION 1, T.2S., R.9E., DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF JOY ROAD SOUTH 89°48'00" EAST, 1304.91 FEET AND SOUTH 00°08'00" EAST 60.00 FEET FROM THE N.W. CORNER OF SAID SECTION 1; THENCE SOUTH 89°48'00" EAST ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF JOY ROAD 111.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 15°24'35" EAST 451.65 FEET (RECORDED AS SOUTH 15°16'00" EAST 451.34); THENCE NORTH 89°48'00" WEST 230.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00°08'00" WEST 435.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CITY OF WESTLAND, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, CONTAINS 1.703 ACRES OR 74,166 SQUARE FEET

PARCEL NO. 56-002-99-0014-000

Section 2. The other classifications in effect in all other areas of the zoning map shall remain in full force and effect.

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

Section 4. Repeal. All other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

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

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon publication thereof.

Adopted: May 2, 2016
Effective: May 12, 2016
Published: May 12, 2016

LO-000281546 3-8

ORDINANCE NO. 29-W-41-1

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE WESTLAND CITY CODE AND THE PROVISIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE CONCERNING WEED CUTTING

Section 1. That Chapter 22, Section 22-132 of the Westland City Code is hereby amended to provide as follows:

"Sec. 22-132. - Same-Amendments.

The International Property Maintenance Code is amended and revised in the following respects:

Section 101.1. Insert: City of Westland.

Section 103.5. Insert: The appropriate fee schedule listed in section 46-1 of the Westland City Code.

Section 112.5. Insert: \$100 and \$500.

Section 302.4. Amended to provide as follow:

302.4 Weeds. (a) All premises and exterior property shall be maintained free from weeds or plant growth in excess of eight inches (hereinafter "Weeds"). All noxious weeds shall be prohibited. Weeds shall be defined as all grasses, annual plants and vegetation, leaves, other than trees or shrubs provided; however, this term shall not include cultivated flowers and gardens.

(b) Upon failure of the owner of a property, as listed in the city's tax records, to cut and destroy Weeds as required, the city may provide a notice of violation of this section by either affixing a written notice on the house or building or by sending a notice to the owner, by mail.

(c) If the length of the grass is between eight inches and ten inches at the time of the City's notice, and the owner fails to cut and destroy the Weeds within ten days of the date the city posted or mailed the notice of violation, in accordance with Westland Charter Section 14.1 and MCL 247.61, et seq., the city or its designee or contractor may enter upon such land and cut and destroy such Weeds. The city shall charge the owner a weed cutting fee, in accordance with Westland Code Section 46-1(51), for this work.

(d) If the length of the grass is in excess of ten inches at the time of the City's notice, and the owner fails to cut and destroy the Weeds within seventy two hours of the time the city posted or mailed the notice of violation, in accordance with Westland Charter Section 14.1 and MCL 247.61, et seq., the city or its designee or contractor may enter upon such land and cut and destroy such Weeds. The city shall charge the owner a weed cutting fee in accordance with Westland Code Section 46-1(51), for this work.

(e) If the owner fails to pay such weed cutting fee, the city shall have the right to spread such fee against the property of such owner on the next county and school tax roll or the next general city tax roll. If it becomes necessary for the city to include such fee on the tax roll, an administrative charge of 30 percent of fee shall also be assessed.

(f) Should any owner fail to timely cut and destroy weeds a second time in the same growing season, the city may cut and destroy such weeds at the expense of the owner, in the manner provided in paragraph (c), without providing a second notice as provided in paragraph (b).

Section 30-1. 1-1. Insert: April 1 to December 1

Section 602.3. Insert: September 1 to May 15.

Section 602.4. Insert: October 1 to May 15.

Section 2. That all other provisions of Chapter 22 of the Westland City Code shall remain in full force and effect.

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

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

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

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

Adopted: May 2, 2016
Effective: May 12, 2016
Published: May 12, 2016

LO-000281548 3-8

Redford Union School District Request for Proposal Information Technology Assessment Services

The Redford Union School District is soliciting proposals from qualified information technology consultants to conduct an evaluation and assessment of the current state of its Information Technology operation. This includes all aspects of its infrastructure from desktop PCs, servers, software, internet, system security, back up, disaster recovery and related functions. The assessment will include submission of an action plan that addresses current needs and forecasts future needs. There are 8 buildings in the district. Five of the buildings are instructional sites with approximately 3,400 users and about 750 computers.

Bidders shall submit written proposals on or before May 16, 2016 by 4:00 p.m., in a sealed envelope addressed to the Redford Union Schools Administration Office-Keeler Center located at 17715 Brady, Redford, MI, 48240 and labeled "Redford Union School District, Bid for Information Technology Assessment." The public bid opening will be held on May 16, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. in the board room at the Administration Office - Keeler /Center. Incomplete proposals and those received after the specified date and time will not be considered. Faxed and emailed responses will not be accepted. In submitting a proposal, it is understood by the Bidder that the right is reserved by the School District to accept any proposal in any and all parts, to reject any and all proposals, and to waive any irregularities or informalities which are in the best interest of the School District. The RFP is available on our website at www.redfordu.k12.mi.us
Published: May 12, 2016

LO-000282180 3-3

NO. 3001

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 25 OF THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF LIVONIA AND AMENDING ARTICLE III OF ORDINANCE NO. 543, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AND CITED AS "THE CITY OF LIVONIA ZONING ORDINANCE" BY ADDING SECTION 3.3941 THERETO.

THE CITY OF LIVONIA ORDAINS:

Section 1. The report of the City Planning Commission, dated October 21, 2015, setting forth its resolution 10-74-2015 recommending approval of Petition 2015-09-01-08, having been considered by the Council, and the Council having conducted a public hearing on November 30, 2015, on said petition, and having concurred in the recommendation of the City Planning Commission, the Council hereby adopts said Petition 2015-09-01-08 to amend the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map of the City of Livonia and all proceedings heretofore conducted on said petition are hereby approved.

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

Section 3.3941. Petition 2015-09-01-08 submitted by the City Planning Commission is hereby approved, and the zoning classification of the premises hereinafter described is hereby changed from M-2 to C-4:

Part of the north 1/2 of section 25, town 1 south, range 9 east, City of Livonia, Wayne County, Michigan, being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the northwest corner of section 25, town 1 south, range 9 east, City of Livonia, Wayne County, Michigan and running thence south 00°27'00" west along the west line of said section 25, a distance of 1169.51 feet to a point; thence south 89°34'33" east, a distance of 785.00 feet; thence north 00°27'00" east, a distance of 919.17 feet to a point on the southerly line of Schoolcraft Road; thence proceeding along said southerly line of said Schoolcraft Road the following two courses: north 87°19'36" east, a distance of 561.33 feet; and north 86°43'06" east, a distance of 461.76 feet to the point of beginning of the overall Livonia corporate center parcel; thence continuing along the southerly right-of-way line of Schoolcraft Road, north 86°43'06" east, a distance of 123.76 feet and north 82°11'17" east, a distance of 116.55 feet to the true point of beginning of this 2.22 acre hotel site parcel; thence continuing along the southerly right-of-way line of Schoolcraft Road, north 82°11'17" east, a distance of 35.04 feet and north 86°43'06" east, a distance of 219.72 feet; thence leaving the southerly right-of-way line of Schoolcraft Road, south 00°13'23" west, a distance of 389.24 feet; thence north 89°46'37" west, a distance of 254.00 feet; thence north 00°13'23" east, a distance of 370.91 feet back to the point of beginning of the parcel herein described containing 96,843 square feet of 2.2232 acres of land, more or less.

and the North 1/2 of Section 25 of the Zoning Map is hereby amended to conform to the change made in this section.

Section 4. The attached map designated "Amendment No. 957 to the Zoning Map of the City of Livonia" showing all of the amendments and changes made in the foregoing Section 2 of this ordinance is hereby approved, established and made a part hereof.

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

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

The above ordinance was passed at the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Livonia held Monday, April 18, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

Susan N. Nash, City Clerk

The foregoing ordinance was authenticated by me on this 19th day of April, 2016.

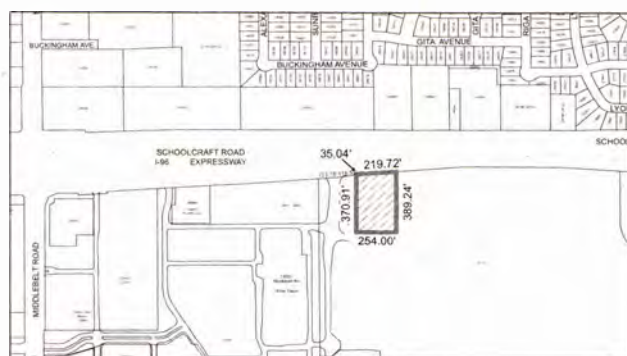
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Donald L. Knapp, Jr., City Attorney

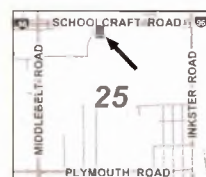
Dated: April 19, 2016

BOUNDARY OF DISTRICT AS AMENDED FROM M-2, GENERAL MANUFACTURING TO C-4 I, HIGH RISE COMMERCIAL - MAXIMUM 6 STORIES



PETITION NO. 2015-09-01-08 A PART OF THE N.W. 1/4 OF SECTION 25

AMENDMENT NO. 957 TO THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN ORDINANCE NO. 3001 Adopted by the City Council on 4/19/16



MAYOR CLERK

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Hills woman's life reads like a history lesson

Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Live for 84 years and you're bound to pick up a bunch of life's lessons. Plus, you're likely to pass some of those lessons on to others.

That's what Ada Long has enjoyed doing nearly her entire life.

Long, 84, a resident at Botsford Commons Senior Community in Farmington Hills, has many stories to tell and, since she spent a good deal of her life as a teacher, she's had audiences on whom to weave the tales. From her childhood as the fifth of 16 children to her time picking cotton, Long has seen quite a bit.

"I used to like telling my students what it was like growing up, so they'd know," Long said. "I remember one student asking me for my autograph, because she said she wanted to tell her mother about me."

It would be a good story to tell. Long grew up in Lake Providence in northeast Louisiana in the 1930s. She was the fifth of 16 children (she had four brothers and 11 sisters). The kids slept three to a bed, unless they got sick.

Those were the "lucky" ones, Long noted with a chuckle.

"When you got sick, you got a chance to get in momma's bed," she said,

laughing. "That was a big deal."

Getting schooled

Her parents couldn't afford to send her to high school, because they had no way to get her there. Long said there was no transportation for black children back then and they lived 18 miles from the high school.

She did go to grade school in a one-room school house, where the teacher — she even remembers her name, Lena May Clay — had an authoritative way of motivating the students to learn.

"She'd whack you on the wrist with a belt if you missed a spelling word," Long said.

She picked cotton, outpicking the men by leaving the seeds in the cotton, thereby causing it to weigh more. While some men picked maybe 250 pounds in a day, Long did 500 pounds. She tried to get to the fields early, when the dew still sat upon the crops, because the cotton was heavier then.

Her dad was a deacon of their church and was strict about the Sabbath. No card-playing on Sunday, couldn't play ball, had to wear dresses. "I still don't wear pants to church," Long said, laughing again. "Actually, I don't even wear pants after church."



LONG FAMILY PHOTO
Ada Long taught quilting to students during a mission trip with her church to Africa in 2008.

Humanity efforts. An avid quilter, Long hand-stitched a large quilt that tells the story of the Underground Railroad. Her quilting prowess took her on a mission trip to Africa with her church, New Prospect Church, in 2008.

"When I was growing up, running around without shoes, if someone had told me I'd be going to Africa, I would have said they were crazy," Long said.

All of it sounds like a great life and it is. But Williams said it was anything but easy, with life the way it was in Louisiana in the 1930s. Williams is amazed by Long's ability to overcome all that.

"It's awesome," Williams said. "I grew up in a time when there was a lot of unrest and it was difficult for me. For (Long), it was a thousand times worse and she came out on the other side shining."

Long doesn't know about all of that, but she does think she's led a charmed life.

"Whoever thought I'd end up where I am after all I went through?" Long said. "I feel blessed."

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They didn't have much, but then again, they had everything. "We had lots of food, because we grew everything we ate, and we had lots of fun," Long said. "We had lots of love."

Married young

Long's friend Mattie Williams knows of Long's Louisiana background, because she shares it. Long and Williams' mother grew up in the same neighborhood and Williams, like Long, picked cotton and has a love for education.

"(Long) grew up with my mother," Williams said. "They were fishing buddies, really good friends."

Long married at the tender age of 18 (the couple would have three

children) and moved to Michigan in 1952. Having completed high school, she started taking classes at Wayne County Community College, where it took her five years to get a degree. She then earned her teaching degree at Wayne State University.

Long is proud of things she accomplished and people she met since her move to Detroit. She was part of the 25,000-person throng that took part in Dr. Martin Luther King's march on Detroit, which took place in June 1963, some two months before his famous march on Washington, D.C.

While Long never met

King, she's proud she took part in the march, which she said is historically overshadowed by the Washington rally.

"My sister marched, too, but we never could really get close to him," Long said. "Nobody ever talks about that Detroit march."

Quilts tell stories

Long said she taught adult education at a school in Rosa Parks' neighborhood. And although she never met the civil rights icon, she said she did attend Parks' funeral. She has also helped former President Jimmy Carter build a house in his Habitat for

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**CITY OF WESTLAND
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
and HOME PROGRAMS
CONSOLIDATED PLAN 2016-2021
ANNUAL ACTION PLAN 7/1/2016-6/30/2017 --- FINAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF NO FINDING OF SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE
ENVIRONMENT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST
RELEASE OF FUNDS**

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:
On or about June 15, 2016, the City of Westland will request the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to release federal funds under the CDBG and HOME Programs:

USE OF CDBG AND HOME FUNDS

CDBG funds (\$998,354; program income \$20,000):	
• Grant Administration	- 197,871
• Public Service Activities:	- 225,000
Senior Programs, Youth Programming	
Community Policing, Domestic Violence	
Homeless Assistance	
• Code Enforcement	- 175,000
• Rehabilitation Projects	- 116,575
• Friendship Center, JBCVC Improvements	- 95,000
• Acquisition/Demolition Blighted Structures	- 91,908
• Norwayne Infrastructure and Parks	- 55,000
• Section 108 Loan	- 53,000
HOME funds (\$249,565; program income \$200,000):	
• Grant Administration	- 44,957
• Housing Rehabilitation	- 56,004
• Homebuyer Assistance	- 94,400
• Housing Acquisition & Rehabilitation	- 234,205

Environmental Review Records are available for review, Housing & Community Development Department, 32150 Dorsey Road, Westland, MI 48186, weekdays, 9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. No further environmental review of said projects is proposed prior to Request for Release of Federal Funds. All parties disagreeing with the decision may submit written comments for consideration by the City of Westland by 5:00 p.m., June 15, 2016. The City will not request the release of federal funds or take administrative action on the above projects prior to June 15, 2016.

CERTIFICATION: The City of Westland will undertake the projects described above with CDBG and HOME funds from the HUD. The City of Westland certifies to HUD that the City and Mayor William R. Wild, in his capacity as Mayor, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews and administrative action, and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, the City of Westland may use the CDBG and HOME funds, and HUD will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. HUD will accept an objection to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is one of the following basis:

- That the certification was not in fact executed by the Chief Executive Officer of the applicant or other officer of the city; or,
- That the applicant's Environmental Review Record for the project indicates an omission of a required decision, finding, or step applicable to the project in the environmental review process.
- Other specific grounds cited in the HUD Regulations at 24 CFR Part 58.75

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part 58) and may be addressed to HUD, McNamara Federal Building, 17th Fl, 477 Michigan Ave., Detroit, MI. 48226. No objection received after 5:00 p.m., July 5, 2016 will be considered by HUD.

William R. Wild, Mayor
City of Westland
Published: May 12, 2016

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD
NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO
REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:
On May 27, 2016 the Charter Township of Redford will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to release Fiscal Year 2016-2017 funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383), as amended. The 2016-2017 Action Plan allocated a total of \$1,068,000 toward eligible community development activities.

The Township has made available to the general public the approved CDBG One-Year Action Plan 2016-2017. A copy was made available for examination and comments during a 30-day public comment period. Copies of the document are available for review at the following locations:

- Redford Township Community Development Dept., 12121 Hemingway, Redford, MI 48239
- Redford Township Clerk's Office, 15145 Beech Daly, Redford, MI 48239
- Redford Township Website, www.redfordtwp.com

In addition, an Environmental Review Record which documents the relative environmental information for these projects and more fully sets forth the reasons why such a statement is not required has been conducted by the Charter Township of Redford. This Environmental Review Record (ERR) is on file at the Community Development Department, 12121 Hemingway, Redford, Michigan 48239, and is available for public examination and copying, upon request, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday and available on the Township website at www.redfordtwp.com.

All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with the determination, or wishing to comment are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the Township to the above-stated address. Such written comments should be received on or before May 26, 2016. All such comments so received will be considered and the Township will not request the release of Federal funds or take any administrative actions on the projects within the document prior to May 26, 2016.

The Charter Township of Redford will undertake the projects described above with the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The Charter Township of Redford and Tracey Schultz Kobylarz, in her official capacity as Supervisor of Redford Township, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal courts, if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision making and actions; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied.

The legal effect on this certification is that upon its approval, the Charter Township of Redford may use Block Grant funds and HUD will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the Charter Township of Redford's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Charter Township of Redford; (b) the Charter Township of Redford has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to HUD, Patrick V. McNamara Building, 477 W. Michigan Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48226. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

TRACEY SCHULTZ KOBYLARZ, Supervisor
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HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Rockets are the hosts with the most

John Glenn wins fund-raising tournament

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The Westland John Glenn softball team's seventh annual "Bat Away Breast Cancer Tournament" was a success for the Rockets on several levels. Not only did the event raise much-needed donations to help breast cancer patients, but the hosts walked away with the championship trophy after registering three emphatic victories: 15-0 over Wayne

Memorial; 10-0 over Dearborn Heights Crestwood; and 11-1 over Clawson. Senior pitcher Mackenzie Huren was fabulous throughout the tournament, yielding just one run over the three contests. Offensive sparkplugs in the game-one win over the Zebras included junior Megan Buford and Madison Wetmore, who both went 2-for-2. Cheyenne Grim, Alexis Guajardo and Kaitlyn Johnson also contributed hits. Huren threw a rare perfect game against Crestwood, striking out 14 of the 17 batters she



Members of the Westland John Glenn softball team pose with their championship trophy Saturday afternoon.

faced. Offensively, Wetmore was 2-for-2 with a double, Buford was 2-for-3 with a triple, Huren smashed three doubles and Guajardo was 3-for-3 with a two-bagger. In the final game against Clawson, Huren fanned 10 of

the 15 batters she faced and issued zero walks. Propelling the Rockets' offense were Wetmore (3-for-3), Huren (2-for-2 with a triple), Grim (2-for-2) and Guajardo (2-for-2). ewright@hometownlife.com

Franklin alumni baseball game

The Livonia Franklin baseball program will be hosting an alumni game on Sunday, May 22, at 6 p.m. at the school's baseball field. The cost to participate will be \$20. For more information, contact head coach Matt Fournier at mfournie2@livoniapublicschools.org.

Cougar hoops camp

The Garden City girls basketball program will be hosting a "Cougar Camp" June 20-23 for boys and girls who will be attending third through eighth grade beginning later this summer.

The camp will run from 9 a.m. to noon each day. The cost of the camp is \$20 per day. Participants can attend one, two, three or all four days of the camp.

With Garden City players and coaches serving as instructors, the camp will feature instruction on fundamentals, contests and scrimmages. Campers will receive a T-shirt, basketball and daily treats. Participants are encouraged to enter and exit the Garden City gymnasium from the rear doors by the tennis courts. For more information, contact Garden City girls basketball coach Michele Tyree at tyreem@gardencityschools.com; or call Ted Fournier at 734-368-5031.

OBSERVERLAND INVITATIONAL

FAST AND FABULOUS



DAN DEAN

Chanel Gardner finishes a Churchill victory in the 800-meter relay. She also won the open 400 and 200 races for the champion Chargers.



DAN DEAN

Churchill's Dash Dobar maintains a sizable lead during the 800-meter run event that he won.

Chargers conquer talented field at Farmington

Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

It was a great night to be a Churchill Charger at the inaugural Observerland Invitational for area track and field teams Saturday. The Livonia high school was a double winner, capturing the boys and girls championships in the expanded and reformatted competition at Farmington High School. The Chargers won both meets going away, leading by

insurmountable margins going into the final event and being the only teams to break the century mark in total points. For the first time in the 46-year history of the event, the girls were included, too, and the format changed from mostly relays to a regional-style meet. "I think our guys outscored us by half a point, so I'll have to hear about that from the guys coaches," Churchill girls coach Patrick Daugherty said. "But, to have something like this, with the inaugural event and the new format, is very special for both programs and is some-

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Churchill girls hoops camp

The Livonia Churchill girls basketball camp will be held July 27-29 from 5-7 p.m. each night in the school's gymnasium. Kids who will be entering first through ninth grades are invited to participate. The \$60 registration fee includes a T-shirt if the participant is registered prior to July 1.

All players will receive coaching from former college athletes (Michigan, Notre Dame, and Madonna) along with current Churchill varsity players. The emphasis of the camp will be on developing the fundamentals of basketball. Former Notre Dame player Ariel Braker, a former Fighting Irish team captain who started all 37 games her senior season, will be a guest speaker at the camp. For more information, contact Churchill head coach K'Len Morris at Kmo2334@gmail.com or 810-874-8641.

SOFTBALL FUNDRAISER

'Strike Out GIST' event a rousing success

Money raised for youth with cancer; game won in dramatic fashion

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

It took a village to make Monday's "Strike Out GIST" fundraising softball event featuring Stevenson and Churchill a roaring success. But it only took one swing of the bat to end the festivities in spine-tingling fashion. In one of the most compelling under-the-lights Livonia rivalry softball games in recent memory, Stevenson rallied from a 9-8 deficit in the bottom of the seventh inning with a redemption-coated inside-the-park home run by Erin Andrews and a dramatic walkoff double by Kayce Ziemba that propelled the Spartans to a 10-9



NATHAN ADAMS

Livonia Wild travel softball player Emma Ostrowski throws out the ceremonial first pitch before Monday's fundraising game feature Stevenson and Churchill.

victory before a large and enthusiastic crowd at Ford Field. While the game was a classic, it took a backseat to the

night's fundraising project. Traditionally, every year Stevenson and Churchill play under the lights, the home team

chooses a person or organization to assist.

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Spartan 5K Run returns

The Livonia Stevenson High School Boosters Club will host the annual Spartan 5K Run on Sunday May 22.

This very successful, long-standing community event includes a one mile run/walk and competitive 5K run. Age group awards are in the 5K run only. Day-of registration opens at 7:30 a.m. The one-mile run/walk begins at 9 a.m. followed by the 5K run at 9:15 a.m. All preregistered runners will receive a Brooks Running shirt. Online registration is available at https://runsignup.com. For more information, contact Rick Brauer at 734-642-6664 or email rickjbrauer@ml.rr.com

HIGH SCHOOL GOLF

Chargers play well in loss to Plymouth

Welch's 36 not quite enough for Churchill

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Sometimes, your best just isn't quite good enough.

Case in point: the Livonia Churchill boys golf team's season-best dual match score of 152 against host Plymouth Friday afternoon.

Although the four-player total was the Chargers' low tally of the spring — and good enough to beat most teams in the area — it fell short against the state-ranked Wildcats, who carded a sizzling 141.

Three of the four Charger scorers broke 40 on the Fox Hills' Hills course layout. Logan Welch led the way with a 36, followed by Sam Spayd (37), Aaron Walton (38) and

John Doyle, who came in with a 41.

Churchill's non-scorers were Chase Fallu (43) and Griffin Ahmet (48).

Ace Jack Bozcar led the 'Cats with a 33. Kyle Kozler was one shot back at 34 while Logan Stefanko (36) and Justin Kapke (38) also figured in the scoring for the winners.

The result improved Plymouth's KLAAs South Division record to 4-1 while Churchill slipped to 3-2.

Spartans fall

Livonia Stevenson dropped a well-played 156-162 decision to Canton on Tuesday in a KLAAs Kensington Conference crossover match played at Fox Creek Golf Course.

Connor Jakacki (38) and Jon McDonald (40) paced the Stevenson attack. Easton Schlat-terbeck and Trevor Lopus both

carded rounds of 42 for Stevenson.

Non-scorers for the Spartans were Tyler Smith (44) and Alec Moore (45).

Canton was led by Suhas Potluri and Brian Oldani, both of whom shot 38's.

Panthers pounce

Redford Union continued to thrive in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference, as it posted a 170-213 triumph over Romulus.

Junior Ben Hawn was the match medalist after posting a 39. Other contributors included Evan Albrigh (40), Ryan Randall (44) and Jesse Suite (47). Sophomore Carlos Ramos shot a solid 49, but did not figure in the scoring.

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TOM BEAUDOIN

Churchill's Sam Spayd sizes up a putt during a match earlier this season.



DAN DEAN

Churchill's Alexis Lombardo passes the baton to Gabby Swider.



DAN DEAN

Saturday's Observerland Invitational drew a large crowd to Farmington High School.

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thing I'll cherish the rest of my coaching career.

"(Churchill boys coach) Rick (Austin) and I have been coaching together 16 years, and this is very special for us, doing this in the same year. I'm very proud of both our teams for taking a win on the first time around for this."

The Chargers scored 124 points in the boys meet. In the late stages, the battle was for second place, which went to Canton with 95 points.

The top six included Livonia Stevenson (89), Salem (84), Southfield (61) and Novi-Detroit Catholic Central (59).

"I'm surprised we were able to score 124 points, but that's indicative of how excited our kids get about running at this meet," Austin said. "The Chargers are the first winner under the new format, so that's kind of special."

"There was a lot of great competition. My hat is off to Canton and Stevenson. They have good teams, and we just happened to be a little better today. That could all change next week at the conference meet."

Churchill amassed 123½ points in the girls tally. Farmington was the runner-up with 96, followed by Birmingham Seaholm (67), Salem (65), North Farmington (45) and Canton (40½).

The Chargers were led by Chanel Gardner, who won the girls 400- and 200-meter races in 57.34 and 25.03 seconds.

Churchill's Takiya Bradley won the 300 hurdles (47.24) and Jamani Moultrie the long jump (16-3¼).

The Chargers also won three of the four relays. Gardner anchored the 800 and 1,600 teams, which also included Bradley and Moultrie.

Churchill won the 3,200 relay, too. The girls ran times of 1:43.52, 4:05.68 and 9:45.08, respectively.

"She's a senior; we're going to miss her a lot," Daugherty said of Gardner. "I'm going to cherish the next 3-4 weeks here, getting ready for the state, because there's been no one else like her at Churchill. She's been the best sprint athlete we've had."

"I'll be real excited when she sees serious competition to run against. She's already broken three school records this year. The only one to be broken is the 4x4, and they're like a second off the school record."

Churchill won five events in the boys meet, including the 1,600 relay in 3:28.14.

Demarco McKinney threw the discus 144 feet even. Carrington Smith ran the 400 meters in 50.69, Dash Dobar the 800 in 2:01.39 and Jamal Allen the 200 in 22.17.

"Our sprinters are beginning to find their way, and our half-milers broke it open tonight," Austin said. "We were able to score three guys in the half."



DAN DEAN

Amanda Schultz (left) Allie Terry, Emily Ehrheart and Hope McMullen celebrate a victory in the 4 x 200 prelim heat.



DAN DEAN

Franklin's Tony Floyd turned in a memorable performance at his final Observerland meet.

"I think we're building up all the areas, and we're a well-balanced team. If you're well balanced in a regional-style meet like this, that bodes well for scoring a lot of points."

"We kind of miss the old relay format, but the meet was dying, so we had to do something to save it. I'm glad we went to the regional format, especially with the conference meet and regional coming up. So that helps everybody."

McKinney also was second in the shot put, Smith fifth in the 100. Kameron Stancer placed third in the pole vault. The Chargers had a pair of fourths from Joshua Momeyer and Brendan Meakin in the 400 and 800, respectively.

"DeMarco is having an outstanding season, and he keeps getting better and better," Austin said. "Carrington has found his event. He's more of 200 and 400 guy, and he usually anchors

our mile relay. He had a little bit of a muscle tug, so we took him out of the mile relay."

Churchill's 800 and 400 relay teams finished second and third, respectively.

"Those guys are really coming together as a sprint group," Austin said. "They know they have to, because John Glenn is so tough in the sprints. They're hoping to challenge them."

"I think we scored in just about everything. It helps to have great depth. I think we're peaking at the right time. Our athletes are excited here at the end of the season."

The Churchill girls had an awesome team effort, according to Daugherty, who added the Chargers are really strong in 15 of the 17 events.

"That should bode well for us at the conference meet Friday and the regional," he said. "We had the best thrower in the area, and she's out with a concussion. We probably could have put 15 to 20 more points on the board if she was here."

"We're a pretty well-rounded team. A lot of work and dedication goes into that by the kids. As much as coaches coach, they have to buy into that and want to be winners."

"It's been a very fun and rewarding year, and I'm looking forward to the championship season."

Franklin had the top two distance runners. Natalie Douglas and Tony Floyd won their respective 3,200 races in 11:13.42 and 9:47.51.

Stevenson's Malik Lowery won the long jump (20-1) and Aaron Simmon the high jump (6-0) in the boys meet.

The Spartans also won the 3,200 relay, and Garden City's Denzel Tinsley was No. 1 in the high hurdles (14.59).

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OBSERVERLAND INVITE BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

May 7 at Farmington HS

Team standings: 1. Livonia Churchill, 124; 2. Canton, 95; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 89; 4. Salem, 84; 5. Southfield, 61; 6. Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, 59; 7. Livonia Franklin, 41; 8. Garden City, 33; 9. Birmingham Seaholm, 22½; 10. Farmington Harrison, 18; 11. Plymouth, 11½; 12. Redford Thurston, 10; 13. Farmington, 8; 14. Ferndale, 5; 15. Melvindale, 2.

Shot put: 1. Jannik Schmitt (SA), 54-9; 2. Demarco McKinney (LC), 48-8; 3. Nick Edney (GC), 47-10; 4. Jalen Edwards (SO), 47-2½; 5. Chris Bradbury (CC), 46-7½; 6. Alex Howie (SA), 45-8½; 7. Matthew Young (CC), 45-½; 8. Ryan Woebkenberg (CC), 44-7.

Discus: 1. Demarco McKinney (LC), 144-0; 2. Jannik Schmitt (SA), 137-5; 3. DeAngelo Meredith (SA), 130-2; 4. Jalen Edwards (SO), 124-8; 5. Ryan Woebkenberg (CC), 124-0; 6. Michael Grabla (LC), 122-0; 7. Javon Edward (SO), 120-9; 8. Christian Pearson (SA), 120-4.

High jump: 1. Aaron Simmon (LS), 6-0; 2. Matthew Gilbert (SO), 6-0; 3. (tie) Ben Barton (SE) and Malik Lowery (LS), 5-9; 5. Brendan Downs (CC), 5-9; 6. (tie) Evan Marini (LS) and Cameron Kight (P), 6-9; 8. Oyin Oghufo (FH), 5-6.

Long jump: 1. Malik Lowery (LS), 20-1; 2. Brendan Smith (LC), 19-6½; 3. Noah Hendricks (FH), 19-4; 4. Kevin Colangelo (LC), 19-3¾; 5. Steve Walker (CA), 19-2¾; 6. Ben Williams (FH), 19-2½; 7. Mike Licata (LS), 19-1; 8. Brandon Turner (FH), 18-9½.

Pole vault: 1. Andrew Koenigsnecht (CA), 14-1; 2. Logan Delonis (LS), 12-0; 3. Kameron Stancer (LC), 11-6; 4. Collin Bowersox (LS), 11-6; 5. Chuck Carey (CA), 11-0; 6. Drew Nierniec (LF), 11-0; 7. Jeff Miles (M), 11-0; 8. Nick Beckelmeier (LC), 10-6.

3,200-meter relay: 1. Stevenson, 8:14.54; 2. Churchill, 8:15.89; 3. Seaholm, 8:21.45; 4. Plymouth, 8:35.00; 5. Catholic Central, 8:37.72; 6. Salem, 8:45.45; 7. Thurston, 8:54.53; 8. Franklin, 8:54.74.

100 hurdles: 1. Denzel Tinsley (GC), 14.59; 2. Jemal Vaunado (CA), 15.24; 3. Andrew Levens (CC), 15.33; 4. Evan Marini (LS), 15.49; 5. William Hill (GC), 15.51; 6. Eesoosa Arhebamen (SA), 15.54; 7. Haden Kasdorf (CC), 15.83; 8. Dakota Travis-Gilmore (LC), 16.17.

1000 dash: 1. Delan Wynn (SO), 10:35; 2. Darren Davis (CA), 11:08; 3. Brandon Smiley (LF), 11:11; 4. Andrew Davis (SA), 11:16; 5. Carrington Smith (LC), 11:36; 6. LaDarius Sharpe (LS), 11:36; 7. Steve Walker (CA), 11:76; 8. Ben Williams (FH), 11:80.

800 relay: 1. Canton, 1:31.25; 2. Churchill, 1:31.57; 3. Salem, 1:32.10; 4. Franklin, 1:32.58; 5. Garden City, 1:34.25; 6. Southfield, 1:35.08; 7. Stevenson, 1:35.33; 8. Catholic Central, 1:35.97.

1,600 run: 1. Chaz Jefferson (SA), 4:28.25; 2. Scott Smith (CC), 4:33.00; 3. Jack Bellini (LS), 4:34.04; 4. James Weekley (FH), 4:35.00; 5. Ethan Byrnes (P), 4:35.70; 6. George Mummer (SE), 4:35.71; 7. Nick Trevisan (FA), 4:36.76; 8. Griffin Skaff (SA), 4:40.84.

400 relay: 1. Canton, 43.77; 2. Salem, 43.99; 3. Churchill, 44.16; 4. Franklin, 44.31; 5. Garden City, 45.50; 6. Stevenson, 45.96; 7. Catholic Central, 46.36; 8. Harrison, 46.80.

400 dash: 1. Carrington Smith (LC), 50.69; 2. Errol Franklin (RT), 52.07; 3. Caleb Moraw (CA), 52.30; 4. Joshua Momeyer (LC), 52.53; 5. Emerson Rogers (SO), 53.13; 6. Dirk Thornhill (CA), 53.22; 7. Anthony Marx (SE), 53.46; 8. Nique Smith (LC), 53.87.

300 hurdles: 1. Delan Wynn (SO), 40.19; 2. Jemal Vaunado (CA), 40.46; 3. Andrew Levens (CC), 41.59; 4. William Hill (GC), 42.00; 5. Dakota Travis-Gilmore (LC), 42.59; 6. Ben Barton (SE), 42.81; 7. Haden Kasdorf (CC), 43.00; 8. Sharrif Dyer (SA), 43.09.

800 run: 1. Dash Dobar (LC), 2:01.39; 2. Alex Oquist (LS), 2:02.17; 3. Gino Persicone (SA), 2:02.23; 4. Brendan Smith (LC), 2:02.61; 5. Andrew Bambach (LS), 2:02.77; 6. Frank LaFave (LC), 2:03.24; 7. Jared Zella (SA), 2:04.38; 8. Scott Caspersen (SE), 2:05.05.

200 dash: 1. Jamal Allen (LC), 22.17; 2. Delan Wynn (SO), 22.36; 3. Darren Davis (CA), 22.37; 4. Brandon Smiley (LF), 22.40; 5. Christian Bagnall (BF), 23.26; 6. Antonio Alexander (LC), 23.32; 7. Sharrif Dyer (SA), 23.65; 8. VerShawn Patrick (SA), 24.12.

3,200 run: 1. Tony Floyd (LF), 9:47.51; 2. Zachary Clark (CA), 10:04.07; 3. Nick Trevisan (FA), 10:14.27; 4. David Meakin (LC), 10:26.51; 10:06.43; 5. Jacob Kubinski (SA), 10:09.28; 6. Tyler Opydyke (LC), 10:09.47; 7. Alex McLaren (CC), 10:11.95; 8. Ben Williams (SE), 10:13.78.

1,600 relay: 1. Churchill, 3:28.14; 2. Canton, 3:28.78; 3. Southfield, 3:38.13; 4. Stevenson, 3:38.20; 5. Salem, 3:38.25; 6. Catholic Central, 3:41.09; 7. Franklin, 3:42.74; 8. Seaholm, 3:43.53.

OBSERVERLAND INVITE GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

May 7 at Farmington HS

Team standings: 1. Livonia Churchill, 123½ points; 2. Farmington, 96; 3. Birmingham Seaholm, 67; 4. Salem, 65; 5. North Farmington, 45; 6. Canton, 40½; 7. Plymouth, 39; 8. Livonia Franklin, 37½; 9. Farmington Hills Mercy, 33; 10. Livonia Stevenson, 30½; 11. (tie) Southfield and Livonia Ladywood, 11; 13. Farmington Harrison, 20; 14. Redford Union, 11; 15. Garden City, 8; 16. Plymouth Christian, 4; 17. Redford Thurston, 1.

Shot put: 1. Cantara Williams (SO), 36-1½; 2. Kyndra Parker (SA), 32-11½; 3. Deja Adams (FA), 32-6; 4. Ti VanHorn (FH), 32-5; 5. Elise Wehmer (P), 32-4; 6. Melissa Fular (LC), 31-10½; 7. Natalia Lewandowski (SA), 31-10; 8. Alexis Browning (LF), 30-7.

Discus: 1. Kyndra Parker (SA), 101-4; 2. Jada Sabir (CA), 99-11; 3. April Seilo (M), 99-8; 4. Micayla Martin (FA), 94-6; 5. Hannah Egan (LS), 89-9; 6. Indya Hood (M), 89-4; 7. Cecilia Norris (FA), 88-1; 8. Melissa Fular (LC), 87-9.

Long jump: 1. Jamani Moultrie (LC), 16-3¼; 2. Mia Flynn (M), 16-0; 3. Shanya Butler (CA), 16-0; 4. Raven Tatum (NF), 15-8; 5. Mikaela Hille (LF), 15-6½; 6. Ally Hill (LL), 15-4½; 7. Carlena Toombs (SO), 14-8¾; 8. Gabby Hamill-Paulina (FA), 14-8¾.

High jump: 1. Jamani Moultrie (LC), 5-3; 2. (tie) Julie Wonch (LF), Ryan Sparks (CA) and Arianna Allman (M), 5-0; 5. Katherine Harris (P), 5-0; 6. Heather Meadows (SE), 5-0; 7. Gabby Chouinard (P), 4-9; 8. Jillian Betts (P), 4-9.

Pole vault: 1. Emily Caragay (P), 11-0; 2. Olivia Rykarsky (LC), 10-6; 3. (tie) Shannon Burke (LS) and Natalie Yurgill (LC), 10-0; 5. Cate Visscher (LC), 9-6; 6. Natalie Janke (P), 9-6; 7. Sommer Pappas (LS), 9-0; 8. Ashley Reban.

3,200-meter relay: 1. Churchill, 9:45.08; 2. Seaholm, 9:57.24; 3. Stevenson, 10:12.42; 4. Salem, 10:17.22; 5. Ladywood, 10:17.30; 6. Canton, 10:18.06; 7. Plymouth, 10:50.96; 8. Garden City, 11:05.78.

100 hurdles: 1. Mia Flynn (M), 15.90; 2. Haven Essian (SA), 15.98; 3. Takiya Bradley (LC), 16.14; 4. Heather Meadows (SE), 16.53; 5. Daria Cook (FH), 16.69; 6. Gabby Hamill-Paulina (FA), 16.96; 7. Nadine Salimney (P), 17.37; 8. Casaca Seary (NF), 17.57.

1000 dash: 1. Akhii Echols (FA), 10:47; 2. Jada Sabir (CA), 10:53; 3. Mychal Lewis (NF), 12:67; 4. Jaliyah Gray (RU), 12:84; 5. Jalia Brooks (FA), 12:96; 6. Jessica Krone (CA), 13:10; 7. Jamani Moultrie (LC), 13:11; 8. Hannah Blakey (M), 13:21.

800 relay: 1. Churchill, 1:43.52; 2. North Farmington, 1:44.81; 3. Canton, 1:45.96; 4. Salem, 1:48.10; 5. Seaholm, 1:52.54; 6. Southfield, 1:52.54; 7. Harrison, 1:52.81; 8. Stevenson, 1:53.47.

1,600 run: 1. Madly Trevisan (FA), 5:03.56; 2. Abby Inch (FA), 5:12.83; 3. Rachel McCordell (SE), 5:13.51; 4. Christina Murphy (LC), 5:21.60; 5. Emily Rooney (SE), 5:22.67; 6. Erin Seibert (LF), 5:26.46; 7. Corey Szymaniak (GC), 5:28.16; 8. Kathleen George (LC), 5:33.52.

400 relay: 1. Farmington, 50.78; 2. Salem, 51.23; 3. North Farmington, 51.46; 4. Redford Union, 52.88; 5. Stevenson, 52.98; 6. Southfield, 53.34; 7. Seaholm, 53.45; 8. Harrison, 53.94.

400 dash: 1. Chanel Gardner (LC), 57.34; 2. Julie Wonch (LF), 1:00.33; 3. A.J. Williams (NF), 1:00.23; 4. Ally Hill (LL), 1:01.96; 5. Allie Creechius (P), 1:02.31; 6. Alyssa Knight (SA), 1:03.02; 7. Lily Trapp (SF), 1:03.24; 8. Daria Johnson (RT), 1:03.36.

300 hurdles: 1. Takiya Bradley (LC), 47.24; 2. Gabby Hamill-Paulina (FA), 49.00; 3. Kayia Dudek (P), 50.00; 4. Maddie Bastin (LL), 51.50; 5. Erin McCann (SA), 51.51; 6. Nadine Salimney (P), 51.85; 7. Heather Meadows (SE), 52.24; 8. Diane Senkowski (LS), 53.17.

1000 run: 1. Morgan Werline (FA), 1:18.64; 2. Patty Girardot (SE), 1:23.35; 3. Kaya Knake (SA), 1:24.33; 4. Emily Lauzon (LS), 1:26.10; 5. Megan Gendjar (LC), 1:28.14; 6. Alexis Lombardo (LC), 1:28.64; 7. Ana White (P), 1:29.27; 8. Reagan McNally (SE), 1:32.28.

200 dash: 1. Chanel Gardner (LC), 25.03; 2. Akhii Echols (FA), 25.50; 3. Jade Sabir (CA), 25.77; 4. AJ Williams (NF), 25.82; 5. Raven Tatum (NF), 25.90; 6. Carlena Toombs (SO), 26.57; 7. Julie Wonch (LF), 26.57; 8. Jaliyah Gray (RU), 26.82.

3,200 run: 1. Natalie Douglas (SA), 11:13.42; 2. Abby Inch (FA), 11:28.33; 3. Christina Murphy (LC), 11:34.24; 4. Corey Szymaniak (GC), 11:43.12; 5. Kathleen George (LC), 11:44.17; 6. Whitney Reid (NF), 11:56.79; 7. Kati Beckeman (SE), 12:02.89; 8. Anna Nagelhout (CA), 12:05.50.

1,600 relay: 1. Churchill, 4:05.68; 2. Seaholm, 4:12.61; 3. Salem, 4:13.64; 4. Farmington, 4:20.53; 5. Ladywood, 4:21.14; 6. Franklin, 4:30.31; 7. Stevenson, 4:34.42; 8. North Farmington, 4:41.95.



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Members of the Livonia Stevenson baseball team pose with the milk jug, which serves as kind of a Stanley Cup-like traveling trophy for winners of the annual Livonia City Baseball Tournament.

LIVONIA CITY BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

Stevenson pulls off two close wins to keep jug

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The most-coveted, multi-colored milk jug in Livonia — and possibly all of Wayne County — will maintain a home with Stevenson's baseball program for at least another year after the Spartans captured their fourth city championship in the past six years Saturday afternoon.

In a pair of crisply-played games, the Spartans subdued Franklin, 2-0, in a morning semifinal thriller before out-scoring Churchill, 5-3, in the title matchup.

The Chargers advanced to the final with a 10-0 victory over Livonia Clarenceville.

The Stevenson-Franklin game was a pitchers' duel from the get-go featuring Spartan starter Dan Bos and reliever Branden Posky, and Franklin's Harrison Merrill, who threw "very, very well," in the estimation of Patriot head coach Matt Fournier.

The pivotal play unfolded in the sixth with Stevenson protecting a 1-0 lead and the Patriots threatening with a runner on second base. Stevenson

right-fielder Gordon Ferguson chased down a well-hit ball and made a scintillating catch, before firing a laser to third base to cut down the Franklin runner who had tagged up on the catch.

"He made one of the best throws I've seen this year, and then their third baseman made a nice play because the throw kind of short-hopped him," said Fournier.

Stevenson's runs came on a solo home run by Chris Tanderys and an RBI single by Bobby Cavin that plated Mark Pettersson.

Danny Morris and Pettersson both had two-hit games for the winners. Jake Giacobbi and Kyle Wollam accounted for the Patriots' only hits.

Bos and Posky were electric on the hill for Stevenson. Bos gave up two hits over four-and-one-third innings, striking out three. Posky earned the save with two-and-two-thirds innings of no-hit relief. Posky walked three and struck out two.

Stevenson never trailed in the championship game, scoring three runs in the second and two more in the third.

Churchill tallied a single run in the second and two in the sixth.

Ferguson was the winning pitcher, striking out seven while letting up just six hits and two walks in a complete-game effort.

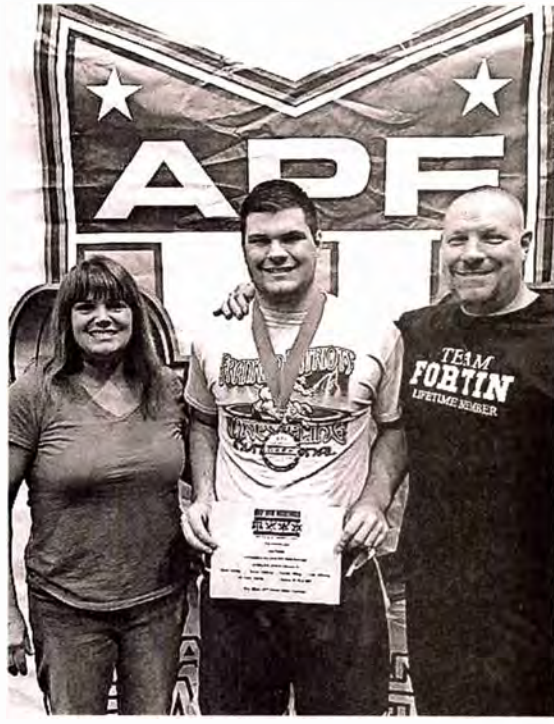
Tanderys (2-for-4, two RBI) and Pettersson (2-for-3, RBI, run) spearheaded the Spartans' offense. Posky also delivered a two-run hit, while Ferguson helped his own cause with a hit and two runs.

Joe Loudon was the lone Charger with two hits. He also knocked in two runs.

Joe Targosz, Jake Osen, Joe Hattley and Jon Hovernalme had one hit a piece for Churchill.

Franklin defeated Clarenceville, 14-1, in Saturday's consolation game. The Patriots out-hit the Trojans, 11-2, and did not commit an error.

Jon Montie was solid on the mound, striking out seven and walking four over six frames. Offensively, Nick Hoyer (1-for-2, RBI), Brendan Sanders (2-for-4, two runs, RBI) and Bobby Mandrink (1-for-4, two RBI) for Franklin.



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Joe Fortin is pictured with his parents, Loni and Dante, after placing first in his age and weight class at the APF championships in Chicago.

NATIONAL POWER-LIFTING

Franklin's Fortin turns in strong effort in Chicago

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

314 points and deadlifted 529 pounds, for an aggregate total of 1,361 pounds.

Fortin, who was a multi-year star on the football field and in the wrestling room at Franklin, attempted a world-record age-group squat of 545 pounds in Chicago, but his bid was unsuccessful.

"Joe benched 330 pounds, but he touched the upright on the bench, and the lift was not allowed," said Dante Fortin.

Fortin's golden performance earned him an opportunity to represent the United States at the WPC World Championships, which are set for Nov. 7-13 in Louisiana.

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Heavy metal turned into gold for Livonia Franklin senior powerlifter Joe Fortin during the APF Raw Nationals held May 6-8 in Chicago.

Although Fortin placed first in the 18/19-year-old, 220-pound weight division in the elite competition held in the "Windy City," the accomplishment was anything but a breeze for the Patriot, who had to out-lift many of his strongest peers from across the country.

Following in the footsteps of his father, Dante, who was also a successful powerlifter in his prime, Fortin squatted 518 pounds, bench pressed

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This year, the recipient of the event's love was Farmington Hills seventh-grader Emma Ostrowski, who plays travel softball for the Livonia Wild. Ostrowski was diagnosed this past winter with pediatric Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumors (GIST), a form of cancer that is rarely found in children.

Every player who stepped on the field Monday night had the phrase "Strike out GIST" printed across the back of her special pink-and-blue jersey.

While the past several months haven't been easy for Emma or her family, they're persevering with uncommon strength and resilience.

"Emma is doing well," said

her dad, Doug. "She's symptom-free at the moment. She's playing softball for the Wild. She can't play catcher like she wants to because it's pretty tough on the body, but she's playing, which we're happy for."

Emma's mother, Carol, said the family has been touched by the warmhearted outreach by the area's softball community.

Emma, who attends East Middle School in Farmington Hills, said she loves everything about softball, "especially hitting," she emphasized.

When asked who she was rooting for Monday, she delivered a diplomatic answer. "I want the pink team to win," she said, smiling.

Thrilling end

The final inning couldn't have been any more exciting.

Trailing 8-7 heading into the top of the seventh, Churchill mounted a two-out rally when Haley Bennett and Regan Peyton reached on singles. Ashley Bond then sent a routine fly ball to right field that Andrews bobbled and dropped, allowing the tying and go-ahead runs to score.

"The thing about Erin is that she is very level-headed," said Stevenson head coach Kevin Hannigan. "She came in the dugout after her error, and she said, 'Let's get 'em back.'"

With one out, Andrews rocketed a drive up the right-center field gap and dashed around the bases to knot the game at 9-9.

Abigail Zwicker reached first and stole second, setting the stage for Kayce Ziemba, who launched a no-doubt-about-it walk-off double to give the Spartans' a 10-9 victory.

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Franklin goes 1-2 in N. Farmington Invite

Churchill takes second in Livonia Classic

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

If the Livonia Franklin softball team's three-game set at Saturday's North Farmington Invitational was a sandwich, the middle section — an impressive 15-3 victory over Farmington Hills Harrison — would have been prime rib.

The bread was pretty fresh, too, considering the Patriots were extremely competitive in their game-one 7-2 loss to highly-acclaimed Waterford Kettering and in their finale, a tight, 7-3 setback to the host Raiders.

"We knew going into our first game this weekend that Kettering was a very solid team," said Franklin head coach Brittany Gryns. "The score doesn't reflect the hard work and effort our girls put into that game, but I am very proud of their continued dedication and was very impressed on how the team stepped it up fundamentally."

"With the exception of one rally that Kettering had, our defense held them to short innings, which is something we have been focused on as a team."

Miyah Smith picked up the "W" on the mound against the Hawks after yielding just three hits and two runs. Smith struck out three.

Hitting-wise, Franklin was fueled by Brooke Garbarino (5-for-8, three doubles), Danielle Hoskins (4-for-7, two doubles), Smith (4-for-6), Jess Banks (4-for-8) and Tara Trujillo, who



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Franklin's Jess Banks edges off third base during a game earlier this spring.

laced three hits in seven plate appearances.

Eagles clipped

Redford Thurston dropped a 17-8 decision to visiting Dearborn Fordson on Monday.

The loss dropped the Eagles to 4-2 overall and 3-2 in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference's Red Division.

Rachel Pegouske had a rare off-day pitching for Thurston as she yielded six runs in the first inning. Sydney Taylor relieved Pegouske with one out in the first and gave up 11 runs over the final six-and-two-thirds innings.

Offensively, Ivory Mamo and Gillian Drake powered the Eagles' attack with two hits each. Taylor, Ronay Pegues, Devan Robinson and Kianna Shepherd ripped one hit each.

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COLLEGIATE SIGNING

Carpenter builds strong softball resume

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Livonia Churchill senior student-athlete Erin Carpenter is headed to LeBron James country — but to play softball, not basketball.

Carpenter recently committed to play collegiate softball for Cuyahoga Community College, which is located in Cleveland.

She will join former Charger teammate Rachel Mattison, who recently finished up her first season at Tri-C.

"I really like the coaches, the players on the team, and it's nice that I already know someone there (Mattison)," she said. "I've been playing softball since I was five years old, so it's exciting to know I get to continue playing at a high level."

Carpenter joined the travel-softball ranks when she was just 8, and has excelled ever since. Currently a third baseman and left fielder for the Chargers, Carpenter has earned the responsibility of serving as the team's leadoff hitter.

"I'm more of a get-on-base type of hitter than a power hitter," said Carpenter, who proved she does possess some



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Erin Carpenter is pictured with her parents, Craig and Sherri, during last week's collegiate signing ceremony at Churchill.

power by cranking a home run her sophomore year at Churchill. "I love softball because of the friendships I've made and because it's fun."

An honor roll student this year, Carpenter's ultimate career ambition is to become a special education teacher.

She emphasized that her parents — Craig and Sherri — have played pivotal roles in

her softball and academic success.

Cuyahoga C.C. competes at the Division 2 level in Region XII (Ohio, Michigan and Indiana) of the National Junior College Athletic Association and is part of the Ohio Community College Athletic Conference.

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HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

Wayne takes third at Zebra Classic

Zebras dazzle at the net and on baseline

Ed Wright
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Wayne Memorial's emerging girls tennis team registered an impressive third-place finish at Saturday's Zebra Classic, which it hosted.

Dexter successfully defended its title in the second annual event, piling up 25 points to out-distance runner-up South Lyon East by eight points.

The Zebras earned 15 points, followed by Dearborn (14), Westland John Glenn (10), Dearborn Fordson (eight) and Dearborn Heights Annapolis (eight).

Wayne's No. 1 singles player, Ciara Casey, opened with a 6-1, 6-0 victory over John Glenn's Gifty Tawiah before dropping a 6-2, 6-0 decision to eventual flight champion Summer McEvers of SLE. Casey placed third after bouncing back to win her third match, 6-0, 6-0, against Annapolis. Savannah Mowry earned



Wayne Memorial's girls tennis team placed second in its own invitational on Saturday.

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second-place points for Wayne at No. 2 singles by sweeping opponents from Annapolis

(6-2, 6-0) and John Glenn (6-0, 6-3) prior to falling in a thrilling title match to East, 7-6, 6-4.

At No. 3 singles, Wayne's Sara Hiveley placed third after splitting her two matches

against Dexter (a 6-1, 6-1 set-back) and Dearborn (a 6-1, 6-1 triumph).

Karla Strong lived up to her name at No. 4 singles, placing third in the bracket thanks to an emphatic 6-0, 6-0 win over her Annapolis opponent.

The Zebras' No. 1 doubles duo of Tirzah Ault and Sydney Matiska went 1-2, losing its opener to John Glenn's team of Arianna McElmeel and Bryanne Campbell, 6-3, 6-3.

The No. 2 tandem of Britanni Ricks Audrey Sabal persevered to win a consolation championship after dropping its first match to East, 6-4, 3-6, 13-11.

The hosts' No. 5 doubles team of McKinley Hood and Misty Tomlin enjoyed a stellar day, going 2-1 to place second thanks to wins over East and John Glenn. Hood and Tomlin battled Dexter point-for-point in the title match before falling, 6-2, 7-5.

John Glenn's lone medalist was No. 3 singles player Megan Bjerk, who conquered her Annapolis foe, 6-7, 6-3, 10-4, to earn some hardware.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Stevenson edges Churchill in rivalry-game slug-fest

Posky, Tanderys go 4-for-4 to spark Spartans' offense

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Following Monday's Churchill-at-Stevenson baseball game, it was advisable for the pitchers and the thirdbase coaches to ice their arms.

In a game that featured 25 runs, 24 hits, an eight-run inning by the Chargers, 4-for-4 hitting performances by a pair of Spartans and plenty of don't-stop-here wind-milling arm rotations by the thirdbase coaches, Stevenson prevailed, 14-11 — two days after edging Churchill, 5-3, in the championship game of the Livonia City Tournament.

The result of the two-and-a-half-hour contest left Stevenson with a 12-13 overall record and 6-8 KLAAs Kensington Conference mark. Churchill slipped to 11-13 and 5-9, respectively.

"This was kind of anticipated because both Ron (Targosz) and I used our best pitchers on Saturday," said Stevenson head coach Rick Berryman. "Every team only has so much depth on their staff, and it came down to we had just a little bit more than they did today."

Stevenson juniors Chris Tanderys and Brandon Posky were their team's primary catalysts by ripping four hits a piece. Posky, who missed his entire 2015 season with a back injury, was the picture of health on Monday, drilling three doubles, knocking in three runs and scoring three runs — a nice way to celebrate his 17th birthday.

"And his other hit was a sacrifice bunt that he turned into a single," noted Berryman. "He laid it down the line and it stopped just inside the chalk. It's nice to have Brandon back. He and Frank Carlin are probably our two fastest players."

Tanderys was equally effective at the dish, adding a triple, two ribbies and five runs scored.

Joe Loudon paced the Chargers' 11-hit attack with three safeties. James Rintala and Joe Hattley both went 2-for-5 with an RBI and a run scored.

The Spartans were flirting with a mercy-rule-shortened victory after exploding to a 6-0 lead after two frames. However, the Chargers, who were limited to just two hits over the first three innings by Stevenson starting pitcher Nick Cotter, erupted for eight fourth-inning runs to pull ahead, 8-6.

The rally started with one out when Jon Hovermale walked, Noah Cross reached on an error, Tim Ohtake beat out an infield single and Drew Alsbrooks brought Hovermale home with a single.



Churchill's Drew Alsbrooks dives back into first base ahead of the tag by Stevenson's Mark Pettersson.

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Stevenson catcher Frank Carlin shows the umpire that he hung onto the ball after tagging out Churchill's Noah Cross in a bang-bang play at the plate.

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Evan Cummins then laced a two-run single, scoring Cross and Ohtake. With two outs in the inning, James Rintala and Joe Hattley delivered two-run singles before Cross and Ohtake drew bases-loaded walks.

Stevenson pulled to within 8-7 in the bottom of the fourth when a Danny Morris ground-out scored Tanderys, who had singled and advanced to third on Posky's second double.

The Spartans surged ahead for good with five runs in the bottom of the fifth. After the hosts loaded the bases with a Gordon Ferguson lead-off single and back-to-back walks to Dan Bos and Tanderys, Posky drove home two with a double. Tanderys and Posky later scored on wild pitches before Bobby Cavin capped the rally with a two-out single, scoring Carlin, who had walked.

Trailing 12-8, the never-say-die Chargers scored twice in the sixth — the second run coming when Hovermale scored from third as Ferguson threw out Ohtake at first on a sharply-hit ball to right field.

Stevenson tacked on two insurance runs in its half of the sixth, extending its lead to

14-10, when Tanderys tripled home Ferguson, who had singled. Tanderys then scored on a Posky sacrifice fly.

Junior relief pitcher Nate Leach earned the win after replacing Cotter with two outs in the fourth.

Rally falls short

Livonia Clarenceville made an effort to catch up with unbeaten Romulus in a Western Wayne Athletic Conference baseball game Monday, but it fell short in a 7-5 loss.

After the Eagles jumped out to a 7-1 lead, the Trojans scored four runs in the fifth inning.

Bobby Jaber shut down the Eagles in four innings of relief pitching. Offensively, Clarenceville was unable to do anything more in the last two innings.

"We have a couple of starting players who are really struggling at the plate and on the field," Trojans coach Craig Cotter said. "We have to be ready to play every inning, and we are not."

The Trojans were 3-3 in the conference heading into a Wednesday game with Dearborn Fordson.

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK & FIELD

Churchill girls win KLAAs South title

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The Livonia Churchill girls track-and-field team finished off an ultra-productive four-day stretch Tuesday afternoon by defeating cross-town rival Franklin, 90-47, to finish 5-0 and clinch the KLAAs South Division championship.

The visiting Patriots closed their dual-meet season with a 3-2 mark.

On Saturday, the Chargers won the Observerland Invitational at Farmington High School.

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Tuesday at Churchill

Pole vault: 1. Olivia Rytarsky (C), 11 feet, 6 inches; 2. Natalie Yurgil (C), 9-6; 3. Ashley Rebin (C), 8-6.

High jump: 1. Julie Wonch (F), 5-0; 2. Maddie Pasgoff (C), 4-8; 3. Sarah Channey (F), 4-4.

Long jump: 1. Iamani Moultrie (C), 14-8.75; 2. Mikaela Hille (F), 14-6.75; 3. Emma Rimatzi (C), 13-11.5.

Shot put: 1. Melissa Fular (C), 30-4; 2. Alexis Browning (F), 28-7.5; 3. Danielle Hague (C), 28-7.

Discus: 1. Alexis Browning (F), 96-0; 2. Danielle Hague (C), 89-3; 3. Melissa Fular (C), 88-9.

3,200-meter relay: Churchill, 10 minutes, 9 seconds.

100 hurdles: 1. Takiia Bradley, 17.5; 2. Mikalia Murphy, 18.4; 3. Alexann Zahara, 19.1.

100 dash: 1. Iamani Moultrie (C), 13.3; 2. Morgan Eveslage (F), 13.3; 3. Alaina Herrera (F), 14.1.

800 relay: 1. Churchill, 1:46.0.

1,600 run: 1. Natalie Douglas (F), 5:21.7; 2. Christina Murphy (C), 5:21.9; 3. Kathleen George (C), 5:41.0.

400 relay: 1. Churchill, 55.1.

400 dash: 1. Chanel Gardner (C), 57.5; 2. Julie Wonch (F), 1:01.2; 3. Alexis Lombardo (C), 1:06.5.

300 hurdles: 1. Mikaela Hille (F), 52.9; 2. Mikalia Murphy (C), 53.3; 3. Hailey Pangreen (C), 54.1.

800 run: 1. Gabby Swider (C), 2:21.5; 2. Natalie Douglas (F), 2:32.3; 3. Megan Gendjar (C), 2:38.3.

200 dash: 1. Chanel Gardner (C), 25.5; 2. Takiia Bradley (C), 26.3; 3. Julie Wonch (F), 26.7.

3,200 run: 1. Erin Seibert (F), 12:03.0; 2. Caroline George (C), 13:20; 3. Gabby Swider (C), 13:20.

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1,600 relay: 1. Franklin (Julie Wonch, Mikaela Hille, Christianna Benson, Camryn Zurawski), 4:32.4.

top-shelf time of 44.22. Franklin's Cory Linsner (45.14) and Hunter Klotz (45.17) finished second and third in the 300.

Dominant in the short sprints all day, Franklin went 1-2-3 in the 200 as Christian Bagnall, Clark and Pasha blazed around the corners.

Tony Floyd iced the cake for Franklin by winning the competitive 3,200 run by approximately two seconds over Plymouth's Ethan Byrnes.

FRANKLIN 81
PLYMOUTH 56
May 3 at Plymouth

Shot put: 1. Bobby Madley (F), 41 feet, 8 inches; 2. Robert Florence (P), 39-5.5; 3. Lukas Pekorius (F), 39-2.5.

Discus: 1. Lukas Pekorius (F), 107-0; 2. Robert Florence (P), 105-9; 3. Hunter LeForge (P), 102.8.

Pole vault: 1. Matt Lepper (F), 11-0; 2. Drew Niemi (F), 10-6.

Long jump: 1. Gabriel Paquette (P), 19-1; 2. Joseph Ahearn (P), 17-8; 3. Austin Cramer (F), 17-1.

High jump: 1. Cameron Kight (P), 6-0; 2. Denzel Adams (F), 5-10; 3. Isak Pope (F), 5-3.

3,200-meter relay: 1. Plymouth, 8 minutes, 41.79 seconds; 2. Franklin, 8:52.90.

110 hurdles: 1. Martino Deltoro (P), 17:05; 2. Ian Hogg (F), 17:25; 3. Andrew Shattuck (P), 18:20.

100 dash: 1. Brandon Smiley (F), 11:43; 2. Jacob Clark (F), 11:68; 3. Khalil Pasha (F), 11:74.

800 relay: 1. Franklin (Christian Bagnall, Marcus Martin, Jacob Clark, Brandon Smiley), 1:35.12; 2. Plymouth, 1:42.62.

1,600 run: 1. Ethan Byrnes (P), 4:35.22; 2. Grant Rudd (F), 4:43.39; 3. Jacob Steward (P), 4:52.05.

400 relay: 1. Franklin (Christian Bagnall, Marcus Martin, Jacob Clark, Brandon Smiley), 44:41; 2. Plymouth, 45:84.

400 dash: 1. Khalil Pasha (F), 53.53; 2. Joseph Ahearn (P), 54.13; 3. Cade Ahijian (P), 56.21.

300 hurdles: 1. Ian Hogg (F), 44:24; 2. Cory Linsner (F), 45:14; 3. Hunter Klotz (F), 45:17.

800 run: 1. Matt Weiner (P), 2:07.20; 2. Jacob Steward (P), 2:07.55; 3. Greg Thaxton (F), 2:11.35.

200 dash: 1. Christian Bagnall (F), 23.99; 2. Jacob Clark (F), Khalil Pasha (F), 24.57.

3,200 run: 1. Tony Floyd (F), 9:47.55; 2. Ethan Byrnes (P), 9:49.72; 3. Jarrett Warner (P), 10:37.13.

1,600 relay: 1. Franklin (Christian Bagnall, Hunter Klotz, Khalil Pasha, Brandon Smiley), 3:40.52; 2. Plymouth, 3:45.34.

Wayne runners scorching track

Wayne Memorial's brother-and-sister running duo of Montel Hood and Antavia Battle are sprinting straight into the history books.

According to one record-keeping expert Wayne track-and-field coach Jamal Johnson has conferred with the duo are the fastest brother-sister combination in state history.

At Saturday's Golden Triangle Meet, Battle won the 100- and 200-meter dashes with times that propelled her to the top of the list of Michigan's high school female sprinters.

Posting a time of 48.16 seconds, Hood captured the 400-meter dash title by over a half-second. Along with being a school record, Hood's 400 time is the fastest in the state this spring — and was a Golden Triangle record.

The siblings aren't the only ones making noise for the Zebras. Wayne's boys 800-meter sprint medley team set a national-qualifying mark of 1:32.80 at last month's Patriot Relays. That time is also the eighth-fastest time in the event in state history, according to Johnson.

The Zebras' 800 sprint medley contingent also qualified for the New Balance Nationals as well, Johnson said.

Patriot boys upend Plymouth

Livonia Franklin's boys track-and-field team posted an impressive 81-56 triumph over Plymouth on May 3.

The Patriots received solid contributions from athletes across the board. Franklin's depth was reflected in the fact that although it won eight individual events, no Patriot finished first more than once.

Field-events standouts Bobby Madley (shot put), Lukas Pekorius (discus) and Matt Lepper (pole vault) helped shift the Patriots into high gear by earning first-place points in their respective events. Plymouth's Robert Florence was runnerup in both the throwing competitions.

Franklin long-jumpers Denzel Adams and Izaak Pope placed second and third, respectively, to earn valuable points.

The Patriots' breakout event proved to be the 100-meter dash, which they swept behind strong efforts from Brandon Smiley (11.43 seconds), Jacob Clark (11.68) and Khalil Pasha (11.74).

Pasha returned moments later to win the 400 in 53.53 seconds, before Ian Hogg out-hurdled the competition in the 300 intermediates with a

RELIGION CALENDAR

Thirty-two couples recently celebrated their wedding anniversaries at St. Aidan Catholic Church in Livonia.

The Fourth Degree Honor Guard from Knights of Columbus participated in a procession at the beginning of the "Jubilarian Mass." During the Mass the Rev. Kevin Thomas blessed the couples and led them in a renewal of their wedding vows.

The group included Bill and Pat Mikkelsen, Glenn and Dianne Frisch, Ed and Carol Moros, Frank and Gail Orr, Vince and Pat Bastine, David and Jane Begley, Charles and Carrie Calomeni, Paul and Mary Gieske, Hank and Kathy Phillips, Mike and Annette Schwab, Chris and Nancy Bosen, Mark and Kathleen Kazmierska, Conrad and Zoysia Kudelko, Ray and Maureen Wakenell, Norm and Judy Hamady, Rick and Andrea Krollicki, Joe and Nancy Naujokas, David and Deborah Rutkey, Will and Carol Sullivan, Greg and Mary Vance, Arturo and Patricia Villarruel, Donald and Gail Esler, Frank and Janice Grisa, Frank and Rose Grisa, Scott and Robin Mercer, Bob and Elizabeth Schulz, Frank and Paula Suchanek, David and Lisa Weber, Craig Beyrand and Dr. Marie Delewsky, Steven and Beatrice Schmidt, Mike and Kathy Stacey, Terry and Gerri Scharnhorst.

Here's a listing of other local faith-related activities:

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

CHARITY CRAFT & VENDOR SHOW

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, May 14

Location: St. Mel's Catholic Church, 7506 Inkster Road, north of Warren Road in Dearborn Heights.

Details: Admission is \$1 with all proceeds to help veterans and their families. Bake sale, food available.

Contact: American Legion Aux396craftshow@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

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 coccdetroit@yahoo.com

POMEGRANATE GUILD

Time/Date: 1 p.m. May 15

Location: Prentiss 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 jmgbloom@gmail.com

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday, May 19, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday, May 20

Location: First Farmington United Methodist Church, 33112 Grand River Ave., at Warner Street, Farmington

Details: Bag sale will be Friday. Items that don't fit in the bag will be half off that day

Contact: 248-474-6573

RUMMAGE, BAKE SALE



Bill and Pat Mikkelsen celebrate their marriage at a Jubilarian Mass at St. Aidan. The couple has been married 65 years.

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: 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday-Friday, May 12-13, 8 a.m.-noon, Saturday, May 14

Location: St. Matthew Lutheran Church and School, 5885 Venoy, between Ford and Warren Road, Westland

Details: Free admission; \$5 bag sale Saturday

Contact: 734-425-0260

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

JUNE GOOD NEWS DAY CAMP

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. June 20-24

Location: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia

Details: Activities include worship, praise singing, games, arts and crafts, Bible study, nature study and more. Includes snacks. Early-bird registration is \$65 for the first child in the family, \$60 for the second child, and \$55 for each additional child. After May 29, registration is \$65 per child. Deadline to register is June 13

Contact: Judy Cook at 248-442-8822

HAWAIIAN LUAU

Time/Date: 5:30 p.m.-dusk, Saturday, June 11

Location: St. Mel's Church, 7506 Inkster Road, Dearborn Heights

Details: Pig roast and catered dinner, Hawaiian dancers with fire wands, and cash bar. Held rain or shine. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for kids, 6-10 and free for ages 5 and under. One free drink is included with admission. Tickets are available at the parish office, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or call 313-274-0684

Contact: Grace Topolewski at 734-525-3607

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: 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursday, through May

Location: 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Gary Michuta, author and Catholic apologist, leads a study of Isaiah. Bring your own Bible

Contact: 734-261-1455, ext 200 or on line at www.livoniast-michael.org.

Faith Community Wesleyan

Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. every Saturday

Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Details: This informal class includes fellowship, discussion and question and answers. All ages welcome. Bibles available if you don't have one

Contact: pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

EXERCISE

Time/Date: 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday

Location: Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia

Details: Instructor Wendy Motta, a seven-year Zumba practitioner, teaches Zumba through drop-in classes. Each costs \$3. Participants should bring water, a towel and wear athletic shoes. For more information, email Motta through zumba.com

Contact: 313-408-3364

FAMILY MEAL

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday

Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

Details: Free meal

Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

HEALING SERVICE

Time/Date: Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month

Location: The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia

Details: The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Offertory candles are available for a free will offering in the vestibule of the church.

Contact: Rev. George Shalhoub at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey Badeen at sbadeen@tbsm.com

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners

Contact: Ethanief 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

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St. Michael Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday

Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.

Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

RISEN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. third Saturday of the month

Location: 46250 Ann Arbor Road, between Sheldon and Beck roads, Plymouth

Details: Recycle your cell phones, laser cartridges, inkjet cartridges, laptops, 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 transliteration as well as the original Hebrew.

Contact: 248-737-1931 or email nancyellen879@att.net.

SUPPORT

Apostolic Christian Church

Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily

Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act.

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

Connection Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday

Location: 3855 Sheldon, Canton

Details: Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery for all hurts, habits and hang-ups. Child care is available for free

Contact: Jonathan@Connectionchurch.info or 248-787-5009

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 202

Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems

Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

Farmington Hills Baptist Church

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August

Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills

Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group

Contact: 248-433-1011

Merriman Road Baptist Church

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday

Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City

Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations questions at 734-981-2519

Fireside Church of God

Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Fireside Adult Day Ministry activity-based program for dependent adults, specializing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center

Contact: 734-855-4056 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.aa.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

Passages View Online www.hometownlife.com

How to reach us: 1-800-579-7355 • fax 313-496-4968 • www.mideathnotices.com

Deadlines: Friday, 4:00 p.m. for Sunday papers Tuesday, 4:00 p.m. for Thursday papers Holiday deadlines are subject to change.

KASISCHKE MOSS



SANDRA ANN died Thursday, May 5, 2016. Sandy died peacefully at home in Harbor Springs, Michigan, while holding hands with her husband Lou and two sons, Douglas and Gregg. Sandy was born in Detroit, Michigan on August 2, 1943 to Edward and Jennie Colosimo. She grew up in Royal Oak, Michigan, where she attended and graduated from the National Shrine of the Little Flower Parish Schools. Sandy graduated from Marygrove College in 1965 to become an educator of young people. Most of her education career was with Detroit Country Day School teaching first grade. Sandy met Lou Kasischke in 1966 and they were married in 1967. They loved each other for 50 years and were married for nearly 49. They resided in Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, until building their current home just north of Harbor Springs. Before becoming ill, Sandy liked to walk the beach, play a little golf, work out at the gym, play cards with good friends, and take care of her flower gardens. But more than anything, Sandy loved spending time with Lou and their sons. Sandy is survived by her husband Lou, her two sons Douglas of Petoskey and Gregg of Royal Oak, and her brother Don Colosimo of Saratoga Springs, New York. A private interment service was held at Lakeview Cemetery in Harbor Springs. A memorial church service will take place at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 21, at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1800 West Maple Road, Birmingham, Michigan. The family will greet friends at the church beginning at 10 a.m. A luncheon reception will



Service personnel in the U.S. benefit from their military status in buying homes.

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Industry survey: Military personnel purchase homes at younger age

Differences in household demographics and affordable financing options spur home buying demand for young active-service military members, causing them to significantly outpace the share of nonmilitary home buyers under the age of 35, according to the first-ever 2016 Veterans & Active Military Home Buyers and Sellers Profile, which evaluates the differences of recent active-service and veteran home buyers and sellers compared to those who've never served. The survey also found that while nearly all veteran and nonmilitary buyers and sellers use an agent, usage is practically universal among active-service military members.

NAR's survey gathered greater insight into how each population of buyers and sellers differs and is similar to those who have never served in the military. Of all home buyers, 18 percent identified as veterans and 3 percent as active-military. Of all home sellers, 21 percent identified as veterans and 1 percent as active-military.

The results revealed quite a few contrasts between active-service military buyers and buyers who've never served. At a median age of 34 years old, the typical active-service buyer was a lot younger than nonmilitary buyers (40 years old) and was more likely to be married and have multiple children living in their household. As a result, they typically bought a larger home that cost more than those purchased by both nonmilitary buyers and veterans.

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, says young active-service buyers (ages 18-35) bought homes at a far greater rate (51 percent) than nonmilitary buyers (34 percent). "Despite having a lower median income (\$76,800), more stable job security and no down payment financing options give aspiring homeowners in the military a deserving advantage over their civilian peers," he said. "Furthermore, their tendencies to marry and raise a family at an earlier age and carry less student debt

make buying a home a more desirable and achievable option."

Veterans Affairs loans — which offer over 100 percent financing for veteran and active-service home buyers — were the most popular loan type for active-service and veteran buyers, leading to the majority of active-service buyers financing their entire home purchase and veterans putting down a median down payment of 5 percent. For nonmilitary buyers, the median down payment was 11 percent.

Added Yun, "Current data shows that VA loans perform remarkably well and are a safe and affordable choice. Their current seriously delinquent and homes in foreclosure rate is 2.78 percent versus 3.44 percent for non-VA loans."

A place to call home is often times one of the few constants for the families of the brave men and women defending our country, said NAR President Tom Salomone, broker-owner of Real Estate II Inc. in Coral Springs, Fla. "That's why it's so important to ensure that homeownership opportunities and affordable financing options exist for qualified military personnel, veterans and their families."

With the ability to obtain a VA loan, only 5 percent of veterans and 3 percent of active-service buyers said saving for a down payment was the most difficult step. Of those, only 4 percent of veterans and 13 percent of active-service buyers said student loan debt delayed saving. Sixty-two percent of veterans cited having other types of debt and 43 percent of active-service military referenced credit card debt.

While a larger share of active-service military buyers had student loan debt compared to nonmilitary buyers and veterans, their debt balances were typically lower. Among active-service members, 37 percent had student loan debt under \$10,000 compared to 21 percent for those who've never served.

Active-service buyers prefer large single-family homes

The median income of veteran and active-service member home buyers in the survey was slightly lower than buyers who've never served in the military, which was \$86,500. Active-service buyers typically bought a 2,170-square-foot home that cost more (\$226,000) than those purchased by nonmilitary buyers and veterans. Veteran buyers had a median income of \$84,000, and they typically bought a 1,980-square-foot home costing \$220,000.

Mirroring the general population of buyers, over 80 percent of both veterans and active-service buyers purchased a single-family home, with those currently serving purchasing single-family homes at the highest rate (87 percent).

The primary reason for the home purchase for active-service military was job relocation, followed closely by the desire to own a home of their own. Compared to nonmilitary buyers, veterans were more likely to want to be closer to friends and family or moving for retirement.

Increased mobility means active-service and veteran buyers and sellers rely on real estate agents

Veterans and active-service buyers purchased a home a lot further away from their previous residence (at 75 miles and 28 miles, respectively) than buyers who never served in the military (10 miles). Among the biggest factors influencing neighborhood choice, veterans were most influenced by the quality of the neighborhood, while convenience to their job was desired the most by active-service members.

While nearly all buyers predominantly used the Internet and a real estate agent during their home search, active-duty buyers used a real estate agent at an even higher rate (95 percent versus 88 percent for non-military buyers). As a group, they were also most likely to use mobile or tablet search engines and relocation companies during

their search.

"Many Realtors are veterans themselves, who understand the unique housing needs of those serving our country," Salomone said. "Whether it's relocating to a completely new area across the country or needing to sell their home in a short time frame, Realtors are committed to helping active-service members and veterans succeed in their homeownership goals."

Some of the characteristics of active-service sellers differed from nonmilitary sellers. They were younger, far more likely to have multiple children living in their household and sold a home in a suburban area at a far higher rate. Additionally, the use of an agent was highest for active-service military sellers (94 percent), who — likely dealing with relocating to a new area in a short time frame — cited both wanting help marketing the home to potential buyers and help negotiating and dealing with buyers at a far higher rate than nonmilitary sellers and veterans. Eighty-nine percent of veterans used an agent, on par with nonmilitary sellers (90 percent).

The most commonly cited reason for owners selling their home varied. For nonmilitary sellers, the most commonly cited reason for selling their home was that it was too small (18 percent), while the most common reason cited by veterans was to be closer to friends and family (23 percent). Not surprisingly, job relocation for active-service military sellers was the most common reason for selling (43 percent).

NAR is committed to educating more Realtors about working with current and former military service members through its "Military Relocation Professional" certification program. This educational initiative available to Realtors offers insights into finding housing solutions that best suit the needs of current and former military members while taking full advantage of their military benefits.

Judges often allow support animals in court during testimony

Q: I have a young son who is being forced to testify in a case. Can I bring a support animal?

A: More than likely you can. In a recent Michigan Court of Appeals case, which was a criminal case, the court recognized that the trial court has within its inherent authority the right to control its courtroom and the proceedings before it to allow a witness to testify accompanied by a support animal.

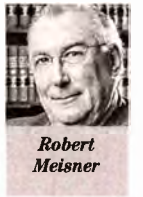
Q: I am a landlord being pursued by a tenant because someone attacked him in my building. Apparently, this person who attacked this tenant had also attacked someone in our building in the past. Do you think I have any liability? I have reported it to my insurance company.

A: Probably not. On a case somewhat similar in facts, the Michigan Court of Appeals had recently ruled that in a case by the Michigan Supreme Court, it was stated that the common law imposes a duty of care when a special relationship exists such as between a landlord and its tenants and their invitees.

The court also said that landlords and merchants share a similar level of control over common areas that are open to their tenants and other invitees and thus assume the same duty of reasonable care with regard to those common areas. However, the landlord's duty regarding criminal acts of third parties is limited to and co-extensive with the duty to respond by reasonably expediting police involvement when it is given notice of a specific situation occurring on the premises that would cause a reasonable person to recognize a risk of imminent harm to an identifiable invitee.

The court said that like a merchant, a landlord can presume the tenants and their invitees will obey the criminal law and because of the unpredictability and the rationality of criminal activity, this assumption should continue until a specific situation occurs on the premises that would cause a reasonable person to recognize the risk of imminent harm to an identifiable tenant or invitee and only when given notice of such situation, is a duty imposed on the landlord. Depending upon your facts, there may not be liability, but, obviously, your insurance carrier will have to make a determination of the facts and circumstances of your case.

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Robert Meisner

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Investors

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

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

For more information, call Bill Beddoes at 734-934-9091 or Wayne Koehler at 313-819-0919.

Short sales

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

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

Call 248-782-7130 or email june.quantum@gmail.com.

Realtors Association lauds flood insurance effort

Property owners who opt to purchase flood insurance in the private market rather than through the National Flood Insurance Program may do so under current rules, but they risk paying higher rates if they return to the NFIP.

H.R. 2901, the "Flood Insurance Market Parity and Modernization Act," passed the U.S. House of Representatives on April 28 by a vote of 419-0 and seeks to alleviate that concern.

The National Association of Realtors stands firmly behind the effort.

"Realtors know that a robust National Flood Insurance Program is important for protecting consumers and ensuring property sales can move forward in 20,000 communities nationwide," said NAR President Tom Salomone, broker-owner of Real Estate II Inc. in Coral Springs, Fla. "For many, the NFIP offers the only source of coverage that meets federally related mortgage requirements and protects properties in the 100-year floodplain."

"At the same time, consumers who wish to purchase insurance in the private market should have the freedom to do so," he said. "This legislation will help foster a vibrant private flood insurance market while giving consumers the flexibility to return to the NFIP at a reasonable cost if they choose to."

Under current regulations, the NFIP requires homeowners to retain a minimum amount of flood insurance coverage to maintain the lowest rates available within the NFIP. Those same regulations

treat consumers who move to private insurance as having had a "break" in coverage, even if the private insurance product offers comparable coverage for the property.

Oftentimes, consumers will return to the NFIP when a private insurance product goes up in price or is no longer available. In that instance, a homeowner can only do so in the face of a rate hike.

H.R. 2901 would change this by clarifying that private flood insurance that meets state law provides continuous coverage. If the bill becomes law, property owners could move seamlessly between the NFIP and private insurance markets without the risk of arbitrary rate increases.

Earlier this year, NAR wrote (link is external) to members of the House Fi-

nancial Services Committee to ask for their support of the bill. H.R. 2901 later passed the committee by a unanimous vote, clearing the way for the April 28 vote on the House floor.

Additionally, the week before April 28, NAR joined members of the SmarterSafer coalition to urge House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-Wis.) to bring the bill up for a vote.

Salomone praised the bill's passage, calling it a step forward for reform of the broader flood insurance system.

"NAR is grateful to Congressmen Dennis Ross (R-Fla.) and Patrick Murphy (D-Fla.) for their leadership on this important issue," Salomone said. "This legislation is a step in the right direction as we work to reauthorize and modernize the NFIP."

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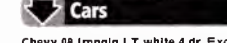
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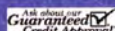
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The 2016 Observer & Eccentric Academic All-Star Team represents the most accomplished students from public, private and parochial schools in Oakland and western Wayne counties.

This year's team has 27 students and 10 of them 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. All of the students profiled here are examples of academic excellence. This year's team represents the top 1 percent of students who take the ACT and SAT tests.

The students nominated represent the top high school scholars in southeast Michigan, according to the judging panel.

This year's section is made possible by the Observer & Eccentric in cooperation with our major partner, Madonna University. Based in Livonia, Madonna is committed to teaching, scholarship and service.

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Judging the team were Dan Willenborg, principal of Livonia Franklin High School, and Charlie Hollerith, principal of Bloomfield Hills High School.

They have been part of the program for more than a decade. The principals met in March to review the applications. The All-Star Team is selected solely on academic achievement in academic subjects and SAT

THE JUDGES



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The scholarship winner will be announced Friday, at the awards breakfast at Madonna University.

The 2016 All-Star Team:

» 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.

Read more about the team and other outstanding nominees, their college choices and career dreams and the teachers who influenced them in this section.

YANNIS BI Northville High School

Yannis Bi is a resident of Northville. Among the colleges he is interested in are University of Michigan, Princeton, Columbia and Duke. "My potential fields of study are economics, pharmacy and business. Right now my likely profession is pharmacy. "I hope to go into a career that is related to math and I've been looking into pharmacy and economics."



Yannis was co-founder of the math club, played clarinet in band and was a member of the National Honor Society. He also participated in Math Olympiad and was a varsity player on the tennis team. His academic honors include AP Scholar with Distinction and National Merit Scholar semifinalist. Yannis said the teacher who had the biggest influence him was William Kinney. "He taught two of my math classes, honors geometry and honors calculus 2. Since math is my favorite subject, we naturally bonded."

His parents are Xuanjing Zhou and Shuxin Bi. He has a brother, Jonathan, 18.

JAMES JAHNS Churchill High School

James Jahns is a resident of Northville. He will attend Michigan State University with a dual major in mathematics and computer science.



"I want to complete graduate school and ultimately find a career that allows for both contribution and innovation within my field."

Academic honors include: National Merit Finalist, AP Scholar with Distinction and Honor Roll. Extracurricular activities include: robotics team, after school volunteer at Grandview Elementary and many math competitions such as MMPC, AMC, MML, SML and ARML.

The teacher who influenced him most was Mike Vasich, English, Frost Middle School. "He showed me the value of creative writing and he made literature engaging. His class was intriguing and his way of teaching was refreshing and unorthodox."

His parents are Christine and Jason Rhines and the late Jim Jahns. His siblings are Brandon Rhines, 17; Casey Rhines, 20; and Catherine Jahns, 19.

EAN MALONEY Catholic Central High School

Ean Maloney of Canton plans to attend the University of Notre Dame to study mathematics and statistics or science. Ean said he'd like to return to Detroit Catholic Central to teach some day.



"My goal is to become a secondary education teacher or college professor," he said. "I enjoy mathematics, particularly statistics, so those are the classes I would like to teach. I really love Catholic Central so my dream is to be able to teach there after college. I am, however, open to whatever opportunity comes to me. If being a teacher is not possible, I have also considered working in the business world in a mathematically-intensive position."

Ean said the teacher who had the greatest influence on him was quiz bowl coach and former world history teacher Ben Herman. "After being around him for four years, I have come to find his hard work, enthusiasm and genuineness inspiring. We traveled all over the country for quiz bowl so I spent much time with Mr. Herman. I have learned about how he gets up at 4:30 a.m. to prepare for class and grade assignments. He spent the summer writing lectures and preparing to teach AP history for the very first time. His devotion to teaching and the sacrifices he makes show me how to approach whatever I do in my career with excitement. He has demonstrated how hard work impacts those we serve in our jobs."

Ean's extracurricular activities are Detroit Catholic Central academic team, Our Lady of Good Council Life Teen, PB&J ministry at OLG Church, National Academy of Future Scientists and Technologists. Ean's academic honors include National Honor Society, Sociology and AP English language academic awards, Gabriel Richard Award and National Merit Scholarship Finalist.

Ean's parents are Joseph and Kerry Maloney and his brother is Aaron, 14.

ZACHARY OBSNIUK Churchill High School

Livonia resident Zachary Obsniuk plans to major in math. Zachary is deciding between University of Michigan and Michigan State University and is still waiting to hear from Harvard, Stanford and Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He plans to pursue an advanced degree that will lead to a research career.



He either wants become a mathematics professor or put his skills to use in an economically stable industry related to math or computer science. His academic honors include National Merit Finalist and Presidential Scholar nominee. He was a member of FRC Robotics Livonia Warriors, Plays tuba in band, marching band, Livonia Youth Symphony and the Michigan Youth Philharmonic. He was also in Boy Scouts Troop 1382 (working on Eagle rank) and was on Varsity Quiz Bowl.

The teacher who had the greatest influence on him was Joel Meloche, biology. "He has given me a greater appreciation of science as a whole and has encouraged a good work ethic while also being a fun and engaging teacher."

Zachary's parents are Glenn and Kathleen Obsniuk.

JASON REN Canton High School

Jason Ren is a resident of Canton Township. He has been accepted to the University of Michigan and is waiting to hear from Harvard University, Stanford University, MIT, Princeton University, Yale University and the University of Pennsylvania.



Jason plans to double major in computer science and business. "My short-term career goal is to get accepted into my dream school, Massachusetts Institute of Technology. There my plan would be to double major in electrical engineering and computer science and management. I also intend to play varsity soccer. My ultimate career goal is to start my own successful business whether right out of college or after some work experience. I am fascinated with computer science so my business will most likely be tech-related and the work experience would be as well."

Jason's academic honors include U.S. Presidential Scholars candidate, National Merit Scholarship finalist, National Merit Scholar, AP National Scholar, AP Scholar with Distinction, Michigan Math Prize Competition Top 100, MHSAA Scholar Athlete.

Extracurricular activities include: President of the National Honor Society, co-captain of the high school soccer varsity team, co-captain of the high school math Olympiad team, club travel soccer, pianist with over 50,000 views on YouTube.

Jason wanted to recognize several teachers. Ms. Nicole Willett, AP English language, was first on his list. "She has had a great influence on me as a teacher. Ms. Willett is passionate and charismatic. She always went the extra step and made class interesting. As a person, she is extremely caring and understanding. When I returned to school after several weeks off due to multiple lung collapses, she was always doing the small things that often get overlooked, asking me how my day was going or how I was feeling. She emphasized that I should take as long as necessary to catch up — she truly cared about my well-being as a person."

"Ms. Karen Ludema and Ms. Rebecca Craft have also had a great influence on me. In addition to teaching me AP calculus during my sophomore year, Ludema has supported me as the adviser of math Olympiad. Ms. Kraft has greatly helped me develop as a leader during my senior year through my independent study. Through no other experience have I developed the same practical management skills and made as much of a tangible difference in my community."

His parents are June Ouyang and Feng Ren and he has a brother, Brian Ren, 21.

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ELIZABETH SULLIVAN
North Farmington High School

Elizabeth Sullivan is a resident of Farmington Hills. So far she has been accepted to the University of Michigan, Calvin College and Clemson University. She's waiting to hear from Duke, Vanderbilt, Northwestern, Yale, Penn and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

"I plan to study engineering and complete both a bachelor's and master's degree. Engineering combines three of my passions — curiosity about creation and technology, talents in math and science and the desire to improve people's lives. Interdisciplinary fields such as material science and biomedical engineering currently interest me the most. I plan to explore these fields in college and choose a major and career that will prepare me to create new technologies in order to directly impact people's lives."

Academic honors include: National Merit Finalist, Madame Curie Award, AP Scholar with Distinction, AP biology department award, mathematics department award and an invitation to apply for the presidential scholars program.

Extracurricular activities include: Marching band, varsity softball, piano, National Honor Society, brothers and sisters in Christ Church Orchestra.

She mentioned two teachers as being influential. The first is band teacher Michael Yoskovich. "He is the teacher I respect most for his engaging teaching style, breadth of knowledge and application of philosophy to the classroom into our lives. He is also the most demanding teacher and coach I know. His high expectations encourage me to strive for excellence in everything I do."

The second teacher is Peggy Najarian, biology and chemistry. "Ms. Najarian is passionate about both sciences and helping students learn and grow. Learning in her class was a pleasure because she is diligent and organized a variety of activities that helped us understand the material more deeply."

Her parents are Tim and Cindy and she had a brother, Timothy, 13.

SREERAM THIRUPATHI
North Farmington High School

Sreeram Thirupathi lives in Farmington Hills. He will attend the University of Michigan to study mechanical engineering or aerospace engineering.

"I want to work as an engineer for NASA, space X or similar company and help advance our understanding of the universe through my work," he said. "I also hope to do humanitarian work and fix problems like water filtration in areas of need."

His academic honors include Michigan Math Prize Competition top 100, math department award, science department award. His extracurricular activities include: Robotics team, boys tennis team, National Honor Society, Mayor's Youth Council of Farmington, Model UN, nature park volunteer, physics club.

Sreeram wanted to honor teachers going all the way to elementary school. Catherine Castlerline helped him learn computers in elementary school. Jon Vondrasek helped him with science in middle school. In high school, he said teachers Susan Szeged, Michael Bause and David Ruehl all played key roles in nurturing his interest in math and science.

Of Ruehl, Sreeram said: "I learned from him that nothing is too complex or too hard if the right effort is given and even it seems pointless or impossible, I shouldn't give up on my dreams."

His mother is Sabitha Lakshminatusimhan and his father is Sridhar Thirupathi. He has a brother, Vikram Thirupathi, 15.

CLAIRE WANG
Country Day School

Claire Wang lives in Farmington Hills. Claire has been accepted to the Honors College at the University of Michigan, but is also waiting to hear from several other schools.

"I hope to major in either molecular and cellular biology or comparative literature," she said. "I plan to pursue an M.D./Ph.D. dual degree. Following my undergraduate education I hope to become a physician/scientist so that I will be able to conduct clinical research work with patients and teach medicine simultaneously."

Academic honors include Intel International Science and Engineering Fair Finalist, National Council of Teachers of English certificate, Superior Writing Scholarship for best all-around from the Association of Chinese Americans, National Merit Scholarship Finalist, National AP Scholar with Distinction. Her poem, "Alabaster," was

published in Teen Ink magazine. She also won a University of Chicago Book Award and participated in the Michigan State Science and Engineering Fair.

Extracurricular activities include: editor of Spectrum literary magazine, varsity girls hockey, prostate cancer research University of Michigan Medical School, freelance writing club, hockey and skating coach, volunteer for YMCA, Gleaners Food Bank and DCD student ambassador.

The teacher who had the big influence on her was AP biology teacher Dr. Marc Fazio. "I first met Dr. Fazio at his AP biology class during my junior year. I had heard stories about him being a quirky teacher and I soon fell in love with the class. I still remember distinctly the day he performed his notorious 'phospholipid' dance to teach us about the fluidity of cell membranes. What I didn't realize at the beginning of junior year was that Doctor Faz would become more than just a teacher to me. He would also become a close friend, a second father of sorts. As I reflect on our relationship through the past two years, I cannot imagine how I would have made it through without his friendship and wisdom. He stuck by me through the highest of highs and the lowest of lows. He taught me to have faith in things working out in the end."

Claire's parents are Zhenwen Wang and Xinlan Shi. Her brother is Collin Wang, 14.

CLAIRE WESTERLUND
Groves High School

Claire Westerlund lives in Beverly Hills. She plans to attend the University of Michigan or University of Notre Dame and is interested in the health sciences. She hasn't declared a major.

"I'm undecided about my future career path but regardless of my chosen field, I want to have a positive impact on the lives of others."

Academic honors include AP Scholar with honors, National Merit Commended Student, Math Con National Math Competition, seventh place, scholar athlete award.

Claire's extracurricular activities include cross country, soccer, symphony orchestra, National Honor Society, DECA, Grove's big brother big sister program, St. Joseph Mercy Oakland hospital volunteer, Habitat for Humanity, Susan G. Komen volunteer, tutor.

Ms. Christina Marentette, Honors and AP Physics teacher, had the biggest influence on Claire. "She is an exceptionally understanding teacher who understands student struggles in this difficult subject area. She is willing to help students anytime of the day. She inspired me to become a better student."

Her parents are Patrick and Kathleen Westerlund and her sister, Katie, is 15.



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These agreements offer a unique opportunity for students interested in a career in forensic science, said Jodi Lynn Barta, Ph. D., associate professor in biological and health sciences and director of Madonna University's forensic science program. "We have an active forensic science research facility here at Madonna, which also provides students access to experiential learning in research and development," Barta said.

"Employers now are asking for forensic science technicians who have received a degree from a FEPAC-accredited program. We can provide our students with the tools they need to be successful in their field," Barta said.

Students coming to Madonna from another college will enter the pre-forensic program as soon as they transfer. Upon successful completion of the introductory survey course in forensic science, they are eligible for acceptance into the program.

Forensic Science is a burgeoning field. According to the Bureau of Labor and Statistics, employment of forensic science technicians is projected to increase, growing six percent from 2012 to 2022. Scientific and technological advances are expected to increase the usefulness, availability, and reliability of objective forensic information used as evidence in trials. In addition, the use of forensic evidence in criminal proceedings is expected to expand. More forensic science technicians will be needed to provide timely forensics information to law enforcement agencies and courts.

STUDENTS GIVE TO FLINT IN WATER CRISIS

When Reverend Jesse Jackson called for a "Massive Demonstration" over the Flint Water crisis, more than 25 Madonna students and staff answered the call. They not only raised more than \$600 in cash and bottled water for Flint, the group traveled to Flint for the demonstration. They assembled with over 500 others at the Metropolitan Baptist Church in a peaceful protest of the public health disaster that left Flint residents unable to drink the water.

Kevin Finch, a Madonna senior, felt his participation in the March was a way to show compassion to the people of Flint. "The March provided me an opportunity to learn 'from' a crisis, rather than 'about' a crisis."



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ZHAO (JOE) ZHANG Country Day School

Zhao (Joe) Zhang is a resident of Windsor, Ontario. He has applied to MIT, Harvard, Princeton, Stanford, Cal Tech and the University of Pennsylvania. He has already been accepted to the University of Michigan.



"I would like to major in mechanical engineering or economics," Joe said. "I hope to have a profession relating to those two fields. I would like to work on engineering projects that challenge the limits of human understanding. I want to be able to apply my knowledge and economics to bridge the gap between scientific products and discoveries and mainstream society."

"I would like to conduct research to make a new breakthrough in engineering or technology. Ultimately I want to leave my mark in the world and contribute to the betterment of humankind."

Academic honors include: Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition Top 100, American Invitational Mathematics examination qualifier, Dartmouth Book Award, Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award, National French Contest Laureate, summa cum laude.

Extracurricular activities include: Honor Council, Science Olympiad, Science Bowl, Leadership Council for Track and Field, Varsity Tennis, Super Science Saturday Volunteer, peer tutor at the upper school.

The teacher who had the greatest influence on him was Mrs. Gillian von Seeger, freshman biology. "She introduced me to high school science and the way she went about conducting her class left an indelible mark on me. She taught with such enthusiasm and care for our well-being and influenced me to be more interested in pursuing the sciences."

"Mr. Ross Arseneau, my math teacher throughout high school, influenced me in many ways, through coursework, Science Fair mentoring and advising in general. He has motivated me to challenge myself in all things and do the best that I can. He has also been so helpful whenever I'm not sure of the concept or just need a pointer or two."

His parents are Zhibua Zhang and Liping Dang. His sister is Qi Zhang, 25.

ANJALI ROYCHOWDHURY Cranbrook Kingswood

Anjali Roychowdhury is a resident of Troy. She plans to attend Stanford University and most likely pursue a BS in mechanical engineering. She will then further her studies in aerospace engineering with the long-term goal working on space exploratory missions.



She's currently robotics team club president, captain of the rowing team, on Model UN, a tutor at Kabir's Prep, a medical intern and researcher in nanotechnology.

Her academic honors include Strickland writing award, foreign language award, Marion Goodale Marsh Scholar, a McCaul Endowment for Research.

The teacher who most influenced Anjali was Betsy Lamb, director of robotics. "She has really inspired me to pursue all of my goals and be confident and comfortable with myself," said Anjali.

Her mother and father are Jyotika and Ranajit Roychowdhury.

SRUTHI SUNDAR Plymouth High School

Sruthi Sundar is a resident of Canton Township. She has been accepted to University of Michigan college of engineering and is waiting to hear from other schools as well. She is considering a career in either electrical or biomedical engineering.



Extracurricular activities include varsity swimming, Bharathanatyam (Indian) dance, varsity Plymouth Science Olympiad, café Michigan math Olympiad student teacher and Micore volunteer. Academic honors include National Merit Finalist and Presidential Scholar nominee.

She mentioned two teachers who influenced her during high school: Molly Culligan, AP world history. "It was the most difficult class I ever had to take," said Sruthi. "She prepared me for the rest of high school and taught me how to take risks." Jeffrey Boykin, human body systems, was also influential, she said. "He had a unique teaching style that pushed me to be curious and go beyond basic expectations. He gave me a passion for biology."

Sruthi's parents are Mina Gala and Sundar Kumak. Her sibling is Sneha Sundar, 14.

SAM INLOES Cranbrook Kingswood

Sam Inloes lives in Huntington Woods. He is currently considering MIT, Harvard University, Princeton University, Yale University, Columbia, Cornell, Stanford University and University of Michigan.



Sam wants to study computer science, mathematics and physics. He wants to become a successful engineer and be able to use his math and science skills to give back to the community.

Extracurricular activities include math club, science and engineering club, student council, quiz bowl, Wayne state lab research, MIT launch summer program finalist and cross country. Academic honors include the Bosch-Lomb Medal, MMPC top 100 in the state, Margaret Avery Auger Scholar.

The teachers who most inspired him were Daniel Lorts, an enthusiastic physics teacher who first showed him what the subject could provide and Sanford Hertz, a passionate geometry teacher who first inspired him to learn.

His parents are Melanie Myers and Daniel Inloes. He also has a sister, Emma Inloes, 12.

JARRETT BLACK Bloomfield Hills High School

Jarrett Black lives in Bloomfield Hills. He plans to attend University of Michigan business school for undergrad and then go to Duke University Divinity school. After that he plans to become a pastor and start his own church in North Carolina.



He's in Boy Scouts of America and has earned the rank of Eagle Scout. He is also a member of National Honor Society, is on the boys varsity tennis team and has taken a mission trip to Haiti. Jarrett also volunteers at his local elementary school. He earned AP scholar with distinction.

Jarrett said his English teacher, Mrs. Vanessa Thompson, was the biggest influence on him. "She taught me how to write with passion and how to view the world. Her class helped me become who I am and helped me grow."

His parents are Debra and Steve and he has one brother, Mitchell, 21.

STUDENT FILMMAKERS WIN AWARDS

The work of talented Broadcast and Cinema Arts students was honored recently by the Michigan chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. Nancy Boyd, of Highland, Joseph Calhoun, of Clarkston, Shayne Cahill, of Novi, and Kelly Surmann, of Commerce Township, received Michigan Regional Student Production Awards. Madonna students were nominated for 13 awards this year.

Boyd garnered two awards: one for directing *Madonna University Lip Dub 2015*, involving the campus community, and one for a short form non-fiction film *Eating Disorders*. Calhoun and Cahill won in the public affairs/community service category for *We are the Friends of the Dearborn Animal Shelter*. Kelly Surmann took the student production award for her work a short form fiction film depicting Edgar Allan Poe's poem *Annabel Lee*.



Madonna BCA students with their NATAS awards: Nancy Boyd, Joseph Calhoun and Kelly Surmann.



FIRST-EVER STUDENT SENATE ELECTED

Madonna University students made history when the first-ever Student Senate was sworn into office April 15, 2016.

Madonna President Michael Grandillo, Ph.D., swore in Senate President Thomas Martin and Vice-president Stefanie Papasoglu, (pictured above, back row, far left) who in turn gave the oath of office to 22 additional students. As a whole, the Student Senate will represent student-athletes, organizations, school spirit, the University's various colleges, and many more subgroups; several other students are senators-at-large.

The Student Senate provides the opportunity for all segments of the student body to have a voice on issues affecting them.

After the Inauguration, Martin and Papasoglu spoke to the gathered students, faculty and staff. They shared their enthusiasm for leading the student body, and their appreciation for the support they received from the campus community.

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★ 2016 ACADEMIC ALL-STARS ★

PAUL CHAMBERLAIN Plymouth Christian Academy

Paul Chamberlain lives in Canton Township.

Among the schools he's considering are University of Michigan, Johns Hopkins University and Calvin College. "I plan on double majoring in biochemistry and German with the hopes of becoming a doctor, researcher or biomedical engineer. ... I want to contribute to society with a career in science."

Academic honors include valedictorian of Plymouth Christian Academy, one of 39 winners of the American Association of German teachers study trip to Germany, one of 14 national finalists in the international German Olympiad. He also garnered a Gold Award for distinguished achievement on the American Association of teachers of German Level III national German exam. Paul also won the highest achievement award in pre-calculus, British literature, band, AP US government, and German for 2015.

He volunteered for the Red Cross blood, Salvation Army, Gleaners food bank, and helped children with disabilities play baseball through the Miracle League of Plymouth. His extracurricular activities include varsity boys cross country, boys track and field, National Honor Society, German club, Calvary Baptist Church praise band, Michigan Philharmonic Youth Orchestra, Delta Epsilon Phi and student council. Paul also found time to play Franz the butler in the "Sound of Music."

He cited two teachers who inspired him during his days at Plymouth Christian Academy. "Emily Carlson inspired me to love German and helped me become fluent. David Murray helped me rise to the challenge and equipped me to solve calculus problems with confidence."

Paul's parents are Donald and Kristin Chamberlain. He has two sisters, Joy, 15 and Grace, 13.



JOHN DOLAN Groves High School

John Dolan is a resident of Beverly Hills. He has been accepted to the Honors College at the University of Michigan. He has also applied to Duke, Northwestern, Princeton and Stanford.

"I plan to pursue a major in mathematics and statistics by attending an honors math program wherever I attend college. After attaining an undergraduate degree, I plan to continue my education in graduate school, culminating with a Ph.D. Although I have no specific career in mind once I finish my education, I want to find a career that allows me to work with my peers using math to create innovative solutions to real-world problems."

His academic honors include National Merit Finalist, AP Scholar with Distinction, Michigan Interscholastic Press Association, third place award for news analysis, National Honor Society, Michigan Math Prize Competition finalist, sixth place among juniors at mathCON national competition.

Extracurricular activities include: Big Brother Big Sister at Groves, tutoring, Michigan Math League.

Among the teachers of influence were: Mr. Stuart Kane, algebra two teacher. "Mr. Kane not only allowed me to take two math classes my freshman year, he encouraged me to take two math classes my sophomore year too. He pushed me to challenge myself and achieve the most I could in math."

The second teacher of influence was Ms. Christina Marentette. "Ms. Marentette, my physics teacher, is brilliant. She loves to discuss my future plans and offers advice based on years of studying math and science. I go to her when I need information or advice on a college class or on the latest scientific discovery such as gravitational waves."

He also mentioned Mrs. Jennifer Hoinka, Spanish teacher. "She knows about my love of math, she challenges me to balance my education. Because of her encouragement, I also excel in Spanish."

His parents are Lory and Ben Dolan and his siblings are Courtney, 15; Brendan, 14; and Michael, 10.



HUGH FLYNN Brother Rice High School

Hugh Flynn is a resident of Bloomfield Hills. He plans to study pre-med and is choosing among University of Notre Dame, Northwestern University, University of Michigan and Boston University.

"I would really enjoy being part of the field of medicine," he said. "I'm not sure in what area I would like to work but the human brain really interests me. People with mental illness inspire me to look toward this career path because their struggles make me want to help them in anyway I can. A dream job of mine will be working at Children's Hospital. I am also interested in creative writing and critical thinking."

Academic honors include National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Scholastic all Catholic Award, National Merit Finalist, class co-valedictorian, AP Scholar Award. He played baseball at Brother Rice and intramural sports. He traveled to Peru for a week of service, volunteers at the annual St. Hugo rummage sale, was a tutor at The Student Connection and a junior golf ranger at Lincoln Hills Golf Course.

Hugh said teacher Kelly Katz, who taught geometry with trigonometry and calculus, was the person who made the biggest difference. "Ms. Katz has a way of teaching that can make the most confusing topics extremely clear. Her classes are the perfect balance of learning and fun. She's one of the nicest people in school and is truly looking out for her students' best interest."

His parents are Michael and Debra Flynn and his siblings are Elle, 21, Denny, 19, and Brendan, 16.



JHUREE HONG Bloomfield Hills High School

Jhuree Hong lives in Bloomfield Hills. She is considering University of Michigan and is waiting on some other schools. Jhuree plans to study biology and psychology, but is undecided on a profession. "I want to go in the science direction," she said. "I'm going towards the pre-med route, but I'd like to decide for sure in college."

Jhuree is a talented musician who plays violin in the Detroit Youth Symphony Orchestra and plays chamber ensemble. She has volunteered for Habitat for Humanity and was president of that group. She's captain of her Science Olympiad team and captain of her color guard team. She also in the National Honor Society, Model UN, link crew, and volunteers at the Novi Autism. Jhuree is also on the track and field team and volunteers at church. Her academic honors include: AP scholar with distinction and Michigan Math Prize Competition finalist.

The teacher who most influence her was Dennis Kwasny, AP biology and AP chemistry. "He helped me realize my interest in the sciences and helped me develop academically and as a person."

Jhuree's parents are Tae and Yoon Hong. Her sibling is Ahree Hong, 15.



MARGARET (MAGGIE) KONDEK Harrison High School

Margaret (Maggie) Kondek lives in Farmington Hills. She is selecting among University of Michigan, Johns Hopkins University and Duke. She plans to major in biomedical engineering.

"After receiving my bachelor's degree, I hope to continue my education to receive a master's degree and then begin work as a biomedical engineer in research."

Maggie was an AP Scholar with Distinction, she was on varsity cross country, varsity track, student council, Science Olympiad, HOSA and a member of the National Honor Society.

She listed Stephen Dail as a teacher who influenced her most. "In AP physics, he taught everyone to work hard and proved that it paid off."

Her parents are Deborah and Joshua Kondek. She has a sister, Paige, 20.



BENJAMIN LEVIN International Academy

Benjamin Levin lives in Bloomfield Township. He's awaiting word from Amherst, Brown University, Harvard University, Middlebury College, Vassar College, Wesleyan University, Williams College and Yale University. His likely fields of study are sociology, anthropology and philosophy. His career goal is to affect positive social change as a human rights lawyer or labor activist.

Extracurricular activities include Groves varsity soccer, Vice President of the Black Student Association, Students for Human Equality, Spanish Honor Society, National Honor Society, Groves varsity basketball, Hispanic outreach at Auburn Elementary. He was an organic farm volunteer at Oakland University and volunteer at the Michigan United Immigrants Rights Advocacy Center. Academic honors include Swarthmore College book award, National Merit Scholarship Finalist and summa cum Laude, 2015.

The teacher who most influenced him was Robert Uhelski, history, for sinking deep into his subject matter and insisting on both the inherent value of studying history and history's relevance to our daily lives.

His parents are Mary Freeman and Andy Levin. His siblings are Koby Levin, 22; Saul Levin, 20; and Molly Levin, 10.



ALEXANDRA MERTZ Marian High School

Alexandra (Lexi) Mertz is a resident of Beverly Hills. She plans to attend the University of Notre Dame to study environmental engineering and international affairs. Her long-term goal is to become an engineer.

"I want to create solutions for the water crisis both locally and throughout the world," she said. "I want to ensure everyone has access to clean water."

She was salutatorian and received the Marian Academic Achievement Award. She was on the Archdiocese of Detroit All Catholic Academic Team and earned the the College Board AP Scholar Award.

Lexi's extracurricular activities include Marian senior retreat leader, Powder-puff football, varsity bowling, National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, volleyball coach of Saint Regis JV; volleyball coach at Michigan Intensity Club. Lexi also took a mission trip to Nicaragua to build bathrooms for school and taught English to young children.

Her parents are Darrin and Jacki Mertz and she has two sisters, Katie, 16 and Danielle, 9.



KATHERINE ELIZABETH ROBERTSON Northville High School

Katherine Elizabeth Robertson lives in Northville. She will attend the University of Michigan Honors College. Katherine will major in biology and minor in French and will also study German and Russian. Her goal is to attend medical school. "I plan to either practice medicine or conduct med-



ical research, particularly in the field of genetics."

Katherine was a National Merit Finalist, AP scholar with honors, summa cum laude, American Association of Teachers of French Le Grand Concours Silver Medalist. She was also a member of the National Honor Society and French Honor Society.

She said the teachers who influenced her were Karen Motz, French and Karin Nelson, biology.

"Madame Motz helped me discover my passion for learning foreign languages. I used to be extremely intimidated by the idea of learning one language let alone three, but she has shown me that not only is it possible, it is extremely rewarding. I will always cherish her kindness and support."

Of Nelson, Katherine said: "Mrs. Nelson showed me how interesting it is to learn how living things 'work' and in particular awaken my passion for genetics. She is extremely knowledgeable about all areas of biology and was always willing to answer my questions. Although there are others who have influenced me as well, these two teachers are very special to me."

Katherine's parents are Dr. John and Janet Robertson. She has one brother, Will, 12.

SHRIHARIMURTHI BHASKARAMURTHI Farmington High School

Shriharimurthi Bhaskaramurthi of Farmington Hills will attend University of Michigan and is planning on studying a electrical engineering and computer science.

He's a member of the National Honor Society, lead programmer for the robotics team, varsity player for quiz bowl, varsity tennis player, bass section leader for the concert choir. He also helps tutor underprivileged children.

Academic honors include Michigan Math Prize Competition Top 100, National Merit Finalist and AP scholar. As far as career goals, Shriharimurthi wants to become an electrical engineer and hopefully start his own company someday.

The educator who had the largest influence on him was math teacher Mark Azeez. "He was very influential because he was very supportive of me even as I was the youngest kid in his class."

His parents are Bhaskar and Lalitha Bhaskaramurthi and he has one brother, Ram, 24.



DANIEL EVANS Seaholm High School

Daniel Evans is a Birmingham resident. He's been accepted to University of Michigan and Miami (Ohio) University. He lists possible majors as political science, international relations and economics.

He was one of three Seaholm juniors to participate in the National Council for teachers of English writing contest and ended up earning the highest certification of superior. He earned a silver award in LeGrand Concord Friends Competition, AP Scholar with Distinction, National Merit Commended Scholar and a member of the National Honor Society.

Daniel was on the policy debate team and he delivered a Ted talk at the inaugural youth conference in April 2015. He also served a term as a student representative on the city of Birmingham's multi-modal transportation board and placed first in the chapter regional and state competitions of the Optimist International Oratorical Contest.

Daniel hopes to pursue a career in a field that deals with public policy or international affairs. Possibilities include policy analyst for the government working in the State Department or becoming a foreign service officer.

"My experience living abroad in Europe for 10 years has guided me towards this area of work. I have a desire to become engaged in the process of facilitating US involvement in matters on a global scale."

He listed two teachers of influence. "French teacher Richard McMullan impressed me with the seemingly infinite wisdom in all imaginable areas. Being an avid fan of shows like Jeopardy, the amount of things he knew about everything was astounding."

His creative writing, debate and forensics coach, Peter Shaheen, also made the list. "I am always amazed at the investment Mr. Shaheen makes in the students he worked with closely by staying hours after school and dedicating weekends to traveling to tournaments. I am convinced had it been anyone else I would not have been able to have the success I have had in those activities."

His parents are Jill and David Evans and his sister is Sarah, 15.



ZAIN KHERA Canton High School

Zain Khera is a Canton Township resident. He plans to attend the Honors College at University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, Wayne State University or the University of Pittsburgh to study neuroscience, philosophy and history. He wants to major in neuroscience, then go to medical school to specialize in neurosurgery or ophthalmology.

He is a volunteer at the surgery center at Beaumont hospital, he coaches for the elementary school science Olympiad, and he's event captain for Science Olympiad. His academic honors include Science Olympiad state medals, AP Scholar and HOSA regional medal.

The teachers who most influenced him are Scott Milam in math and Mike Ziolkowsky in history.

His parents are Saqib and Roheela Khera. He has one sibling, Zaki Khera, 12.



★ 2016 ACADEMIC ALL-STARS ★

BOGDAN MANGA

International Academy

Bogdan Manga is a resident of Troy. Potential colleges include University of Michigan, Princeton, Harvard, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Carnegie Mellon University. He plans to study mathematics and physics with the goal of becoming a university professor with a research position.

Bogdan's extracurricular activities include Science Olympiad, math club, honors science and he was also an Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America. Bogdan also plays violin in the International Academy Symphony Orchestra. He is also a member of the Spanish Honor Society and participates in Hispanic outreach ESL tutoring at local elementary schools.

He cited Mr. Robert Uheleski, history teacher, as having a major influence on him. "Although history is not my strong suit, my junior year history teacher inspired me to adopt a critical mindset and genuinely interact with material, which made me view history more as a logically coherent puzzle rather than an amalgam of unrelated facts. His passion for teaching rubbed off on me, motivating me to overachieve



on all of my homework assignments."

Bogdan also cited freshman Spanish teacher Rebecca Riggs.

"She facilitated my intellectual transition into high school by reminding me that reward will never come without an honest effort. Throughout my senior year, she has encouraged me to supplement my classwork with individualize practice, which combined with her sense of humor, has helped me improve my Spanish to the point where I can maintain complex conversations."

RILEY NORTH

Brother Rice High School

Riley North lives in Bloomfield Hills. He is currently choosing among the University of Notre Dame, Villanova University and Boston College with plans of studying business.

"I plan on working in the business sector after college," he said. "However, I am undecided as of yet as to the specific area of the business world I would like to enter. I am hoping that my experiences and class selections in college will give me a strong indication of what I would like to pursue after I gradu-



ate."

His academic honors include, class of 2016 salutatorian, Commended, National Merit Program, AP Scholar Award, 2015 State DECA Champion, president of the school business club and he also received the Saint Timothy Award for service from the Archdiocese of Detroit. Riley was also a member of the National Honor Society and the Latin Honor Society.

He was president of Angels' Place Youth Council and he also organized the Brother Rice Varsity Lacrosse service initiative with Angels' Place.

Riley cited two teachers who influenced him at Brother Rice. The first was eighth-grade English teacher Peter Kelly. "Mr. Kelly treated me as an adult and taught me that being a good man was just as important as having proper grammar."

Physics teacher Robert Barnes was also mentioned. "He said a great example for all of his students to follow," said Riley. "He walked the walk, so to speak. He showed me that it's possible and plausible to balance family life, a job, a strong spiritual life and being a good person and role model all at the same time."

Riley's parents are J. Douglas and Gwen and he has a brother, Colin, 19.

His parents are Marius and Mirela Manga.

★ 2016 HONORABLE MENTION ★

ANDREW REED

Roepers School

College: Deciding between University of Michigan and Babson College. He plans to major in business and engineering.

Academic honors: National Merit Finalist

Extracurricular activities: Soccer, Class co-president, volunteer math tutor, volunteer for anti-bullying effort at Roepers.

Influential teacher: French teacher Michael McConville.

Family: His parents are John and Julie and brother, Wesley, 14.



CAITLIN DELEVIE

Mercy High School

College: Possibilities include University of Michigan, University of Illinois, Miami University and Princeton University. She intends to pursue a career in engineering.

Academic honors: National Merit Commended Scholar, National Honor Society, National French Honor Society, Honor Roll.

Extracurricular activities: Link Leader, head coach, girls on the run; USSF soccer referee, forensics team.

Influential teachers: Jennifer Kreft, Kathy Sill and Jan Wampuszyc.

Family: Parents Donna and Hugo, sister Maggie, 15.



DIPIKA

KRISHNASWAMI

Farmington High School

College: Choices include University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Purdue University. Her goal is to become a biological engineer.

Academic honors: AP Scholar with Honors, National Merit Finalist, Phi Beta Kappa Award.

Extracurricular activities: National Honor Society, Link Leader, Violin in the DSO Philharmonic Orchestra.

Influential teachers: Reid Smith and Mark Azeez.

Family: Her parents are Ram and Vandana and her brother is Druva.



LUCY DEVINE

Mercy High School

College: Harvard University to study psychology and cognitive science. She intends to become an elementary or middle school teacher.

Academic honors: National Merit Semifinalist, Best Delegate, North American Model UN; National Catholic Forensics League Octofinalist.

Extracurricular activities: Theater, Model UN, National Honor Society, French Honor Society, Mime Club, Forensics, International Thespian Society.

Influential teachers: Tess Kelly in elementary school. Mr. Potter, middle school social studies.

Family: Her parents are Timothy and Julie and her siblings are Tim, 20 and Penny, 12.



BETHANY HOEHNE

Lutheran High School Westland

College: Concordia College Chicago to study secondary education with an emphasis in Mathematics. Her long-term goal is to become a Lutheran High School math teacher, athletic director and basketball coach.

Academic honors: Valedictorian.

Extracurricular activities: National Honor Society, concert band, devotion group leader, honors choir, basketball, volleyball, soccer, chamber singers.

Influential teachers: Mike Unger and Kevin Wade.

Family: Her parents are Matthew and Jodi and her siblings are Katie, 15, Ellie, 11, and Bekah, 11.



SWETHA

DURAI SWAMY

Plymouth High School

College: University of Michigan to major in biomedical engineering.

Academic honors: National AP Scholar, National Merit Finalist, Brown University Scholar and Joyce Ivy Summer Scholar.

Extracurricular activities: Varsity tennis, Debate Team, Destination Imagination.

Influential teachers: Ms. Joan Pence, AP biology and honors zoology, and Mr. Richard Mui, AP U.S. history.

Family: Parents Durai and Gayathri Duraiswamy and sibling Kirthi, 20.



CATHERINE KENZIE

Ladywood High School

College: Selecting between Michigan State University and University of Michigan. She intends to become an engineer and have a job that involves travel.

Extracurricular activities: National Honor Society, Tri-M music Honor Society, field hockey, soccer, orchestra, Society of Mother Angela Service Club, Yellow Ribbon Club.

Influential teachers: Gale Schwalm, math, and Kristena Stachura, history.

Family: Her parents are Earl and Sandra and her brother, Joseph, is 19.



NATALIE LEITMAN

Seaholm High School

College: University of Michigan Honors College with plans to major in economics. Her long-term goal is to work at the Federal Reserve.

Academic honors: National Honor Society, Excellence in Economics Award, Honor Roll, AP Scholar.

Extracurricular activities: Birmingham Bloomfield Community Coalition, Seaholm Student Congress, Marching Band, Symphony Band.

Influential teacher: Peter Smith, AP economics.

Family: Her parents are Kelly and Matthew and her brother is Joshua, 19.



TURNER MILLER

Stevenson High School

College: Undecided. Long-range plans are to earn a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering and then go on to medical school or perhaps pursue and MBA.

Academic honors: Summa cum laude, National Honor Society, AP Scholar with Honors, KLAA Scholar Athlete.

Extracurricular activities: Class Council, soccer, tutoring, youth soccer coach, Rays of Hope - Haiti.

Influential teachers: Mrs. Wilson in kindergarten and Mr. Barker in high school.

Family: His parents are Gary and Melinda and he has two siblings, Mason, 14 and Owen, 11.



JILLIAN

MATASOVSKY

Lutheran High School Westland

College: Michigan State University to major in human biology. Her long-term goal is to become a doctor specializing in emergency medicine.

Academic honors: Valedictorian.

Extracurricular activities: Band, choir and theater.

Influential teacher: Math teacher Mike Unger.

Family: Parents John and Dina and her brother, Emmett, 15.



ALLISON CALE

Stevenson High School

College: Central Michigan University with the intent to major in biochemistry.

Academic honors: National Merit Scholarship, Commended Student; Kettering University Women in Engineering Scholarship, Centralis Scholarship, AP Scholar with Honor.

Extracurricular activities: Chorus, Dance, Quiz Bowl, student director of one act play, St. Colette Youth Group.

Influential teachers: Karen Dillon, N. Scott Sherburne and Rodney Foster.

Family: Parents Kathleen and Gordon.



PRAGATHI

PATHANJELI

Harrison High School

College: Undecided, but has been accepted to University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Purdue University and Wayne State University. She plans to study pre-med with the intent of becoming a pediatrician or neurosurgeon.

Academic honors: National Honor Society, Honor Roll, Varsity letter for outstanding academic achievements.

Extracurricular activities: Student board, soccer, student council, interact club, tutor, volunteer at Beaumont Hospital.

Influential teachers: Chemistry teacher Kevin Miesner and Timothy Russell, psychology.

Family: Her parents are Kishore and Shobha and her sibling is Sahana, 14.



SEBASTIAN MINER

Catholic Central High School

College: Undecided. His long-range goal is to earn a master's degree in computer science and work for a software company like Intel or Google.

Academic honors: National Merit Finalist, National Honor Society, Scholastic All-Catholic League, AP Scholar with Honor.

Extracurricular activities: Chess Club, tutor to inner-city youth, Youth Advisory Council, Co-editor of the school newspaper, World Cube Association - he's really fast at solving the Rubik's Cube.

Influential teacher: Anthony Cornish, Latin teacher for four years.

Family: Parents are Ross and Kelly Miner and he has a brother, Christian, 20.



ELIJAH SPENS

Clarenceville High School

College: Undecided on a school, but he wants to pursue a career in computer engineering.

Extracurricular activities: Soccer, Symphonic Band, Business Professionals of America, president of local chapter.

Influential teacher: Soccer coach Trevor Johnson.

Family: His Parents are Richard and Laura Spens. His siblings are Steven, 19 and Kimberly, 14.



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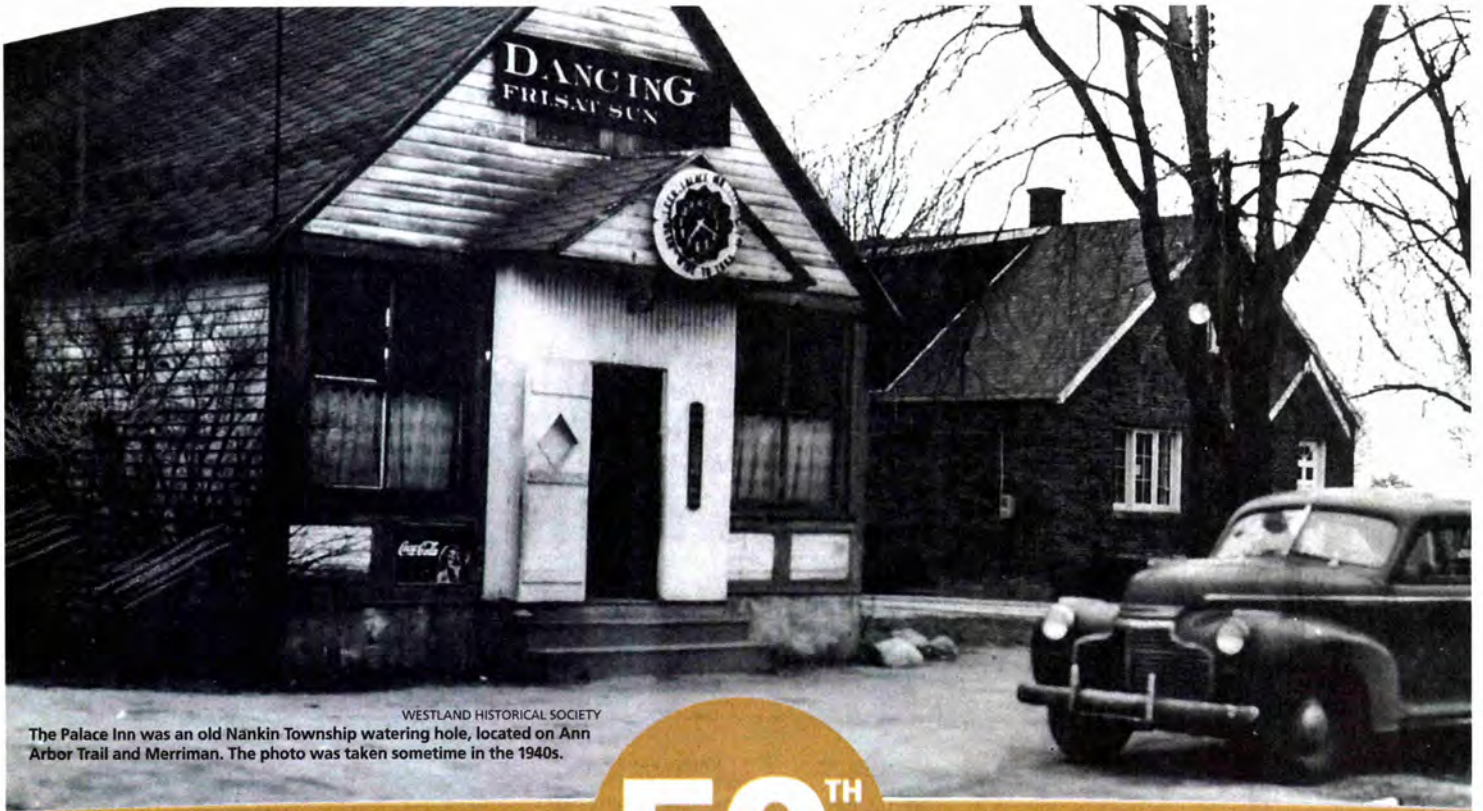


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WESTLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
The Palace Inn was an old Nankin Township watering hole, located on Ann Arbor Trail and Merriman. The photo was taken sometime in the 1940s.

WESTLAND 50TH ANNIVERSARY

A LOOK AT HISTORY

The city of Westland celebrates its 50th anniversary of incorporation with a day-long party. In this special eight-page section, the Westland Observer looks at some of the people who've been a part of that movement, the leaders and events that shaped history. Inside this section, you'll find photos from the city's past, as well as details of some of its development and comments from people who led the city. Enjoy!

City's history began in Bucklin Township



An overview photo of Westland City Hall on Ford Road, looking south. It served as Nankin Township Hall before the 1966 incorporation as a city and was demolished last month. Note the big empty field beyond the parking at the top of the photo. That's where the Bailey Recreation Center, Central City Park and Tattan Park were later developed. At the bottom of the photo, the vacant land across the street is home to the Kroger strip center today.

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Before Westland was incorporated as a city May 16, 1966, it was Nankin Township. But before that, the area that is now Westland was part of the much larger Bucklin Township.

Covering an area that included what is now Westland, Livonia, Garden City, Inkster, Wayne, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights and Redford, Bucklin was formed in 1827.

It was named for Joseph Bucklin, credited with firing a musket in 1772 and severely wounding a British naval captain — the first intentional and planned attack on British forces in the American Revolution.

Even earlier, Algonquin tribes — Potawatomi, Ojibwa and Ottawa — met each year at the middle fork of the Rouge River near where it joins with Tonquish Creek to establish hunting territories. Today, their meeting place is the site of Nankin Mills.

Bucklin's namesake didn't last long. There was a proposal in 1829 to divide

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All-American city still the place to be

Lyndon Johnson was president of the United States and George Romney was governor of Michigan. The biggest hits of the year were Frank Sinatra's "Strangers in the Night" and Percy Sledge's "When a Man Loves a Woman."

"Star Trek" and "Batman" (the TV shows, not the movies) premiered, along with the popular "Hollywood Squares," but nothing was more popular with TV watchers than "Bonanza."

Miniskirts were at the peak of their popularity as a group of dedicated residents of Nankin Township saw their dreams and hard work come to fruition in the birth of a city.

The year was 1966 — the year Westland officially became a city.

At that time, my parents rented a home from former state Rep. Justine Barns on Alpena Court, which is located in what is now known as The Historic Norwayne District, and they would soon bring into this world a son who would grow up to be the mayor of this new city 40 years later.

I am extremely proud to serve as the eighth mayor of this great city and have had the honor to do so since 2007. I love my city and I hope you see and feel my passion in my work. I can't think of anywhere else I would



William Wild

MAYOR OF WESTLAND

want to raise my family.

It's hard to believe the area which was once inhabited by Potawatomi Native Americans would become Bucklin Township and then Nankin Township and would one day emerge as Michigan's 10th largest city with more than 85,000 residents.

It wasn't always easy, but after the city's founding fathers had the foresight to fight off an annexation attempt by the city of Livonia for the land that would soon encompass the Westland Shopping Center, Westland soon became a city. It hasn't looked back since.

Westland was led from the start by its first mayor, Thomas H. Brown, through the late '60s, and by Mayors Eugene McKinney and Thomas F. Taylor throughout the '70s. It's noteworthy that both of these intelligent gentlemen still call Westland home and have helped with its upcoming celebration.

The '80s saw the leadership of Mayors Charles W. Pickering and Charles "Trav" Griffin, who serves today as a Wayne-Westland Community Schools trustee. Mayor Robert J. Thomas led the city through tremen-



dous growth from 1990-2002 and still stands as the longest-serving mayor in the city's history.

Sandra Cicirelli became the city's first female mayor in 2002 and served through 2006 before being elected to

serve as an 18th District Court judge. All the mayors worked with various city councils, commissions and employees to continue to move the city forward. While all had their own challenges and politics to overcome, you can still see the mark that each made on the city, in their own way, yet today.

Westland is now 22 square miles and is home to 25,000 single-family homes and more than 22,000 multi-family residences and condominiums. Our proud city boasts a thriving local economy that has historically been retail-based, but has diversified to meet the demands of Ford plants in nearby Wayne and Livonia and is currently attracting investments in the manufacturing, medical, bioscience, cloud computing and nanotechnology sectors.

Westland has long been known as a great place to raise a family. With plenty of clean safe neighborhoods, award-winning police and fire de-

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Celebrations mark 50th anniversary

It will be an all-day celebration Monday, May 16, as Westland celebrates 50 years to the day since it changed from Nankin Township to incorporate as a city.

The festivities kick off at Westland City Hall on Warren Road, east of Central City Parkway, at 11 a.m. with a ceremony that will include the opening of a time capsule that was buried in front of the old city hall 50 years ago.

There will be refreshments served throughout the days as guests can take self-guided tours of city hall, see historical displays and art displays in the gallery.

At 6 p.m., there will be the regular city council meeting, including a special 50th anniversary recognition and a cake.

The Mayors' Homecoming Reception will be held 7-9 p.m., with all the living mayors invited to participate in reminiscing about the city's 50 years, followed by a question-and-answer period.

The city's former mayors (first Mayor Thomas Brown, namesake of Central City/Thomas Brown Park, is deceased) are expected to join current Mayor William Wild at the celebration.

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Eloise remains a rich part of city's history

Jill Halpin
Correspondent

Despite origins as a poor house serving the indigent, Eloise's roots are a rich part of Westland's background, dating back more than 175 years and providing a valuable history of a bygone era.

The history that surrounds the Wayne County Infirmary, Psychiatric and General Hospital Complex — most commonly referred to as Eloise — includes an original 208-acre plot of land near the intersection of Merriman Road and Michigan Avenue.

With physicians and medical professionals intently focused on providing care and assistance to the needy, the facility opened in 1839 with 35 residents. Eloise saw dramatic growth throughout the next century, expanding to serve more than 10,000 people daily at its pinnacle during the 1930s on more than 900 acres.

Eloise eventually became one of the largest public health facilities in the United States, said Jeffery Koslowski, a Westland resident and president of the Westland Historical Commission.

"Eloise has a remarkable history and I think that it is important that people recognize that fact," he said. "There are people that think of Eloise just as a spooky old building on Michigan Avenue and it is so much more than that. We need to erase the notion that it was a sad and depressing place."

One of a kind

In fact, Koslowski noted, for most, Eloise was just the opposite: A completely self-sufficient community with 75 buildings housing not only hospital residents,

but more than 2,000 employees and their families.

Owned by Wayne County, it was the only one of its kind in Michigan, perhaps the country, dedicated to providing care for those in need of physical, psychological and financial help, Koslowski said.

Eloise was unique, agrees Patricia Ibbotson, a Westland resident and president of the Friends of Eloise, a volunteer preservation group aimed at keeping alive the memory of the institution.

Ibbotson worked as a nurse at the facility for 23 years in and is the author of 2002 book "Eloise: Poorhouse, Farm, Asylum and Hospital 1839-1984," providing a detailed look at daily life at the institution and its expansive grounds.

Within those grounds existed a "city within itself," Ibbotson said: "It was practically self-sustaining."

A lot going on

Although only two buildings on the grounds are currently operating, at one time the burgeoning property included not just a psychiatric facility, a general hospital, an infirmary and sanitarium for tuberculosis patients, it also accommodated a farm, a piggery for providing meat, a bakery and a greenhouse, where plants for landscaping and maintaining the spacious grounds were tended.

The grounds also included a tobacco-curing barn, a cemetery, a post office and public services such as a police and fire department. There were also Eloise trolley and train stations. "There was so much going on at Eloise; it really was an integral part of the community. Not just Westland, but



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The staff at Eloise, circa 1963.

surrounding communities as well," Ibbotson said, recalling a story about an Eloise physician's wife from Wayne who visited the grounds weekly to ensure that church services were provided for interested residents.

"This was a facility that provided assistance and care for many, many people," Ibbotson said. "Some were long-term residents with physical or mental health issues, some were short-term patients. From the bakery to the farming and the canning, it took a lot of work to keep it going.

Eloise touched many lives." The facility truly was extraordinary, Koslowski agrees.

State of the art

At its height, physicians at Eloise were responsible for providing state-of-the-art medical treatments, attracting some of the best medical minds in the Detroit area. Physicians at the facilities were pioneering in many fields, he said.

"Physicians in the

facility were the first in the United States to perform X-rays for diagnostic purposes — sometime around the late 1890s — and they were some of the first to do kidney dialysis," he said. In addition, Eloise physicians were among the first to explore advanced therapies for mental health, including music and recreation therapies and even television therapy in the 1950s.

Although some may tell tales of lobotomies

and electric shock therapy to treat mental illnesses (both of which were performed at Eloise), it must be established that these measures were medically accepted procedures at that time, Koslowski noted.

"Yes, these things were done, but they were done with the best intentions in mind," he said. "The physicians at Eloise were trying to find ways to cure people and help them re-establish themselves into society."

Unique history

For longtime Westland resident Jo Johnson, Eloise's history is uniquely interwoven with history of the city of Westland, with the facility expanding as the city itself grew.

When Eloise moved to the area from Hamtramck Township in 1839, the city of Westland did not even exist, Johnson said.

"The area was known as Nankin Township and it was considered 'the wilderness' by some," she said. "There weren't any paved roads — just a lot of corn fields." The property and its surrounding area remained part of Nankin Township until it was incorporated by the city of Westland in 1966.

After its peak in the 1930s, growth at Eloise began to decline and operations slowly ground to a halt. Farming operations ceased in the 1950s, when outside vendors began supplying food, Ibbotson said, and the psychiatric facility closed in 1973, with patients transferring to other state institutions.

As Wayne County sought to divest itself of

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Historic Norwayne benefits from revitalization effort

Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

The Norwayne subdivision, formed nearly a quarter-century before the city it now calls home, has seen prosperous times, survived an attempt to raze it and come out rebuilding on the other side.

Now activists, neighborhood members and various volunteers and groups are trying to make sure that revitalization continues — and they're working at it from the inside out.

At the heart of it now is the Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center, a gem in the middle of the neighborhood that has long taken pride in its history. And the man at the center of the revitalization, Hank Johnson, believes the community is worth the effort.

"I know the history of Norwayne. I know the people who come from Norwayne and I know the spirit of Norwayne," said Johnson, president of the Norwayne Community Citizens Council. "We've made a contribution to our country."

The history is as good a place as any to start. Norwayne was formed in 1942, a response to the "Arsenal of Democracy" attitude of the World War II era. It was developed by the National Housing Agency as permanent housing for workers at the Willow Run plant, where B-24 bombers were being built, and other nearby plants.

According to Johnson, people working in those plants were "living in cardboard boxes" and other substandard housing at the time. Nearly 1,200 buildings were constructed, containing some 1,900 dwellings (one- and two-bedroom row houses, two- and three-bedroom duplexes and two-bedroom single homes).

The plants became the area's biggest employers. Willow Run peaked at some 42,000 workers. Dormitories and trailer parks constructed to house the workers weren't enough, which (according to papers submitted during Norwayne's Historic District designation application process) led to the development of Norwayne. Norwayne was granted its historic designation in 2012.

The initial projection for Norwayne population was estimated at 20,000, but never hit that level, according to the historic documentation. By 1958, for a federal application



Norwayne activists say contributions from Norwayne residents like Jeff Styres, who funded the boxing facility at Jefferson Barns, are instrumental in the neighborhood's revival.

to the National Park Service, population was given as approximately 9,500. The population dwindled through the years; in 1979, it was down to 5,000.

Sprawl hit Nankin Township in the 1950s, Johnson said, and Norwayne began to thrive. The neighborhood became so populous, he said, that it had not only a positive effect on Norwayne and Nankin Township, but also on business in surrounding areas, such as the village of Wayne.

"It definitely had an impact on Wayne," Johnson said. "We are much closer to Wayne than, say, the Westland Shopping Center. All of those (Wayne) businesses were important to families in Norwayne."

Families were also key to Norwayne, according to former Mayor Gene McKinney, who grew up just outside Norwayne, in the area around Wayne Road and Cherry Hill. McKinney, who would later become the second mayor of Westland, said Norwayne's biggest impact may have been on the school district.

"Norwayne was very instrumental in the development of Nankin Township," McKinney said. "Thousands of people came in here. It completely

changed the school district."

Like many areas through the '60s and '70s, Johnson said, Norwayne fell on hard times. Residents beat back an attempt by then-Nankin Township Supervisor Joe Tattan to raze the neighborhood and eventually began the long trek back.

It took a realization of the problem. Johnson said landlords started being more absentee in nature and "didn't care" to whom they were renting. He said the once-proud Norwayne neighborhood to "being known as 'Shacktown.'"

But the neighborhood has also produced residents with great achievements. According to Johnson, the area has produced, among others, three mayors (Tom Brown, Bob Thomas and Bill Wild) and a couple of state representatives.

"People had forgotten the history of Norwayne," Johnson said. "We needed to re-educate people. (Norwayne) people have contributed locally and even nationally."

Johnson said McKinney, who grew up just outside the neighborhood, was one of the first to start the effort to bring it back.

"(McKinney) recognized Norwayne was beginning to



A view of Norwayne, circa 1948.



Arenac Court in Norwayne.

falter in the 1970s," Johnson said. "He was the first mayor to recognize it, and he pulled people together to start looking at ways to fix it."

Now Johnson — who moved for a time to Royal Oak, but came home to take care of his mother — is among the leaders of the revitalization effort. Much of it centers around Jefferson Barns, the renovated former Jefferson Elementary School, which sits in the middle of the neighborhood.

Wayne-Westland Schools officials were going to close the building and tear it down; instead, the Norwayne committee secured a lease for \$50 for 50 years and have spent tens of thousands of dollars renovating it.

The building now contains, among other things, a boxing gym, a library, a recreational gym and various other classrooms and facilities. The committee is currently building a Fairy Garden it hopes to open later this year.

The effort, as Johnson is quick to point out, is being led by current and former Norwayne residents. For instance, former resident Jeff Styres single-handedly built the boxing gym at Jefferson Barns. And Michael Cayley, a Nor-

wayne resident who now owns a manufacturing company in Chicago, is a consistent contributor to the revitalization effort.

Cayley feels an affinity for his old neighborhood, which includes a park named for his father.

"I wanted to help keep up the park ... I drive by it every time I go to visit," Cayley said. "I hope they can (revitalize). Everyone involved is working very hard to do it."

The effort is working. According to Johnson, some 47 blighted homes have been removed. Dorsey Road has been improved. The city of Westland, he said, is putting money into the community. Johnson attributes the success of the revitalization to current Mayor William Wild, whom Johnson said vowed to "move Norwayne from the back burner to the front burner."

As Norwayne eyes its 75th anniversary next summer, one of its native sons is happy to be involved.

"I didn't want (Norwayne's) end story to be, 'We were beaten up,'" Johnson said. "It's important to me."

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After 60 years, Annapolis Park is still going strong

Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

The advertisement in the Detroit Times screamed of opportunity and, before long, hundreds of African-American families were taking advantage of it.

It was the 1950s and Detroit's African-American population had doubled from some 150,000 to 300,000. Families were looking for a place to live.

With discrimination rampant in the housing industry and banks reluctant to back mortgages for black families, Julius Schwartz decided to give them that opportunity.

Schwartz, a white developer, and his brother William bought some 85 acres of land in what was then Nankin Township, in the area between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt, south of Annapolis and north of Van Born, and divided it into more than 350 lots.

Since banks wouldn't lend to African Americans, the Schwartz brothers worked with their brother-in-law, Jack Kellman, to form the Franklin Mortgage Co.

And Annapolis Park, one of the first suburban neighbor-

hoods to cater to African-American home buyers, was born.

Reasther Everett and her husband Arnell were one of the earliest families to settle there. The Everetts moved in in 1955 and still live there 60 years later. Reasther Everett said the move to build the black neighborhood was a brave one.

"They were courageous to do it," Everett said of the developers. "At the time, it wasn't popular."

One of the reasons bankers weren't willing to offer mortgages to black families was a concern they wouldn't stay longer than five years. According to Delores Flowers, president of the Southeast Westland Homeowners Association, there was also a concern the families wouldn't take good care of the homes.

It's a kind of discrimination, Flowers said, that was prevalent at the time. But both Flowers and Everett point out the quality of the neighborhood, still quiet and well-kept 60 years later, shows how wrong they were.

The brick homes contained two or three bedrooms and cost some \$11,000 in 1954; the



Annapolis Park covers the area between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt, south of Annapolis and north of Van Born.

price jumped to about \$15,000 by 1957. Apparently, the fear the homes wouldn't be taken care of was unfounded: Everett points out her home is worth about \$80,000 today.

"(Banks) perceived you had these black families who were going to let it fall apart," Flowers said. "We're still here, 60

years later."

The neighborhood has attracted residents of all occupations, including professionals such as engineers, teachers, nurses and pharmacists. Some folks have left for Hollywood; there's even a Marvette (the all-girl group from the 1960s) in the area.

"People come out of this community and go on to do other things," Delores Flowers said.

In the early 2000s, residents started working on making Annapolis Park a historic district. Residents were interviewed, tax records researched and other background material collected.

And it worked: In 2006, Annapolis Park became Westland's first district to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

It's a close-knit community, no longer all African American (though largely still). Original residents still dot the landscape and the children of other original families frequently come "home" to raise their families.

Reasther Everett takes pride in being the self-appointed "mayor" of Annapolis Park. She and Arnell raised five children in Annapolis Park and wouldn't have had it any other way.

"The only place I'd rather live than living here is in heaven," Reasther said.

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Nankin native McKinney one of Westland's early leaders

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Former Westland Mayor Gene McKinney got a surprise when he recently attended a Westland Democratic Club meeting.

"Everyone was so polite. In the old days, it was rough-and-tumble politics — all Democrats and heavily UAW," said McKinney, the city's second mayor who served from 1969-75.

A journalist by training, McKinney worked for a number of newspapers and eventually was managing editor with Associated Newspapers, which published the Eagle newspapers.

"We opposed (Nankin Township) Supervisor Joe Tattan. There was a fundraiser at the VFW," said McKinney, 80. "One of Tattan's guys threw me out of the party. I was with my girlfriend."

McKinney grew up in Nankin Township when, as a 5-year-old in 1940, his family moved into a home on Cherry Hill near Wayne. Cherry Hill was a two-lane gravel road at the time.

"My parents paid \$2,000. My mother would hate to hear me



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Nankin Township native Gene McKinney was in the first graduating class at Wayne Memorial High School and became the second mayor of Westland.

say, it but it was a shack with no indoor plumbing — we had an outhouse," said McKinney, who lives in a second house on the property later built for his mother. "We were the first house in the neighborhood with electricity."

McKinney and his three siblings attended Cady School, then went to Wayne for high school. "I went to Wayne High for three years and in 1953 was

in the first graduating class from Wayne Memorial," he said.

In the early 1960s, township residents began to consider incorporation as Livonia was looking to grab the north end of Nankin Township south to Warren Road, including the planned site of Westland Shopping Center.

Stories written by McKinney and editorials make it clear that The Eagle was fully in support of the incorporation and keeping the mall, from which the city would take its name.

"The mall was a factor. Livonia was taking steps to annex the mall. (The newspaper) wanted the Westland Shopping Center ads," said McKinney, who was elected to the city charter commission. "Nankin Township was growing so rapidly. There was no way, in my view, that the township could handle the problems it was facing."

Cities are able to levy more millage for additional services, he said, along with wanting Westland to have its own police and fire services.

"I thought I would run for the city charter commission. I wasn't a political partisan. I

felt as a newspaperman. I could review the charter. I didn't plan to be in politics," said McKinney, who ended up being elected to council in 1967 and mayor two years later.

Once the charter commission did its work, McKinney said he attended about 25 PTA meetings along with civic associations in an effort to sell residents on the charter.

The late Thomas Brown, after whom Central City-Thomas Brown Park was named, was elected the city's first mayor. Like himself, McKinney said Brown was a Nankin native.

When he was elected mayor in 1969, defeating Brown, McKinney said he discovered an oversight in the charter.

"We made a real goof in the charter. There was no time for taking office, so you became mayor the next day after the election," he said. "I walked into city hall and they wouldn't even speak to me — they supported Tom Brown."

During his tenure as mayor, McKinney said he was proud that a fire station was built on Palmer, a police station constructed on Ford and that he took steps to create civic institutions such as establish-

ment of a local symphony orchestra. A building was rented to house district court operations, which had been using city hall.

"(Next mayor) Tom Taylor found a way to build a court — we already owned the property," McKinney said. "Things kind of evolve. In my administration, we started things that had to be carried on, like that beautiful library. I dreamed of a Westland library. We got it thanks to (former supervisor and later state senator) Bill Faust."

The biggest disappointment for McKinney was the failure of his road paving program, which proved unpopular with residents.

McKinney was also sorry to see the recent demolition of the old city hall — built before the incorporation.

"Every mayor overlooked the building being water soaked," he said, noting he had written the text to a plaque dedicating the building to the memory of President John F. Kennedy, who had recently been assassinated.

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WESTLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
An undated photo of Nankin Mills, located near where the Middle Rouge River and Tonquish Creek join. On Ann Arbor Trail, it is home to a Wayne County interpretive center.

HISTORY

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Bucklin into two townships, Lima and Richland. Due to a prohibition on duplicate place names, Lima became Nankin after the Chinese city Nanking and Richland become Pekin after Peking.

The changes continued as Pekin was renamed Redford Township in 1833, with the southern part later split off as Dearborn Township. Livonia Township, now the city of Livonia, was established and split off from Nankin in 1835.

Over the years, Garden City, Inkster and Wayne incorporated, taking more land from Nankin Township.

"Garden City, Wayne and Inkster took what they wanted (of Nankin) and we had what was left," said Jo Johnson of the Westland Historic Commission.

There is a strip of land that dog-legs south of Warren Road on the east side of Merriman that many people assume is Garden City, but is actually Westland.

"Hawthorne Valley was going to put in stables and other things on the east side of Merriman," Johnson said.

Early settler Marcus Swift, an ordained Methodist Episcopal minister, served as the first



Early settler Marcus Swift, an ordained Methodist Episcopal minister, served as the first Nankin Township supervisor.

Nankin Township supervisor. He also held the post of overseer of the poor. C.D. Chubb, a member of another pioneer family, was the first township clerk.

Nankin Township saw its population grow until the early 1960s. Efforts by Livonia to annex land, including the site of Westland Shopping Center, led Nankin voters to approve city incorporation in 1966.

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50 years of Westland's leaders



Thomas Brown (1966-69)



Gene McKinney (1969-75)



Thomas Taylor (1975-82)



Charles Pickering (1982-86)



Charles "Trav" Griffin (1986-90)



Bob Thomas (1990-2001)



Sandra Cicirelli (2002-06)



William Wild (2007-present)

WILD

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partments, great schools, shopping, dining and a strong focus on parks, senior services and recycling, current and prospective home buyers continue to be attracted to the high-quality, affordable lifestyle the city offers. Testimony to this was Wall Street 24/7 naming Westland to its 50 Best Cities to Live in Under 100,000 Population in 2015.

Westland residents have enjoyed a resurgence in home values following recent city investments in Central City Park, which includes the incredible Farmers & Artisans Marketplace, the H2O Zone Splash ground and the Giant Play Planet play structure. Westland has also been

addressing aging city buildings with the recent award-winning project that saw the transformation of a vacant big box building on Warren Road into a new spectacular energy-efficient modern city hall that has turned into an economic engine for the city's central business district surrounding the mall and a gathering spot for residents with its friendly ballrooms and meeting spaces.

And as our city ages like a fine wine, we are also seeing the emergence of the arts and culture within the community with the recent openings of an Art Gallery at city hall and a Community Theatre in the former WLND Cable Building.

You can learn more about Westland's history by attending a Special Homecoming Ceremony at 11 a.m. May 16 at city hall, where local dignitaries and members of the

Westland Historical Commission will be helping me unseal the time capsule that was buried 50 years ago. We will also be starting to fill another that will be buried later this year to be opened 50 years from now.

There will also be an open house throughout the day and former mayors will join me at 3 p.m. for a moderated discussion that will be filmed by WLND. The Westland City Council will meet for a short meeting at 6 p.m. We will close out the night with a special Homecoming Reception, hosted by the mayors, with free food, music, refreshments and a special champagne toast to the next 50 years.

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ELOISE

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the Eloise property, buildings were razed and the acreage was divided. Although some land parcels have already sold and redeveloped, some property remains for sale.

Beneficial role

"That property includes Kay Beard Building, the old fire hall, the old power plant and the remains of the bakery, which was victim of an arson fire in late March," Ibbotson said.

Ibbotson and others are hopeful that whatever the fate of the property, Eloise can be recognized for its beneficial role.

"Eloise played an important role in the community by offering assistance and aid to

those in need in Westland and surrounding communities," Johnson said. "I think it deserves to be both recognized and remembered."

A Westland historic commissioner, Johnson was part of a group responsible for the state of Michigan Historical Marker commemorating the site's significance.

Johnson has also worked with Koslowski and others worked to establish the Eloise Museum to house remaining artifacts from the facility. The artifacts, on a 49-year loan from the county, include medical bags and equipment, cups and silverware stamped with the Eloise insignia and more.

The museum will be located at 857 N. Wayne Road on the grounds of the Westland Historic Village Park and is scheduled to open sometime in late 2016.

Mayor William Wild said that the Eloise provide museum will be a valuable addition to the city.

"Eloise is Westland's oldest and most historical landmark," he said. "Scholars continue to research the history of this once thriving self-sustaining city. It's exciting knowing that the Eloise Museum, which will be located at the Westland Historical Village Park, will open later this year as the city of Westland celebrates its 50th anniversary."

Koslowski agrees. "It is important for people to know the truth about Eloise," he said. "This was a facility that cared for people when society cast them out, that baked bread to feed people when they were hungry and provide care for people when they needed it. It was a place that helped others."



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Happy 50th Anniversary to Westland!
We're proud to serve our patients from Wayne, Westland, Garden City, Livonia, Redford and the surrounding communities.

**Providing Gentle and Effective Chiropractic Care for the Whole Family
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- Scoliosis
- Sciatica
- Spinal Stenosis

What Our Patients are Saying:

My experience is always exceptional. Dr. Apfelblat is absolutely amazing. The staff is outstanding. The care you receive is remarkable. I can't say enough about them! Highly recommend to everyone! You will feel better than you have ever felt! -Laura S

Hours of availability are great. Informed, Friendly, Professional, and very personable staff. Doctors are genuine and remember my adjustment needs and incorporate my physical activity into my treatment regimen. -Edgar D

Dr. Apfelblat is a Board Certified Pediatric Chiropractor.
Why trust your child's care to anyone else??



2016 Golden Anniversary Celebration

NEW PATIENT SPECIAL!

FREE 1 HOUR MASSAGE

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Member of: • International Chiropractic Association
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• Michigan Chiropractic Pediatric Association

Mon, Wed, Fri 9 am - 6 pm • Tues Thurs 9 am - 7 pm • Sat 9 am - 11 am • Closed Sun

Wayne-Westland Community Schools is proud to congratulate the City of Westland on their 50th Anniversary!

Wayne-Westland Community Schools (WWCS) has a tradition of excellence. We are proud to have a nationally recognized History Teacher of the Year, as well as JROTC Senior Army Instructor of the Year amongst our highly qualified and dedicated teaching staff. Great staff leads to great futures. WWCS proudly prepared three students who were Gates Millennium Scholarship winners over the past two years.

Our Early Childhood Center serves children from zero to age five. The district offers elementary foreign language and Talented and Gifted programs (TAG).

High school students can choose both advanced placement classes and earn direct college credit for free.

Our award-winning Career-Technical Center offers more than 20 programs to high school students including Emergency Medical Technician, Health Occupations, Robotics, Construction Technology, and Alternative Energies.

The district promotes high expectations for success and provides students with a safe, caring, and nurturing environment. Wayne-Westland students develop the character, confidence, and values needed to become productive citizens in a global marketplace.

Wayne-Westland assures every student a high-quality education and a jump-start on career and college futures.

GREAT FUTURES START RIGHT HERE

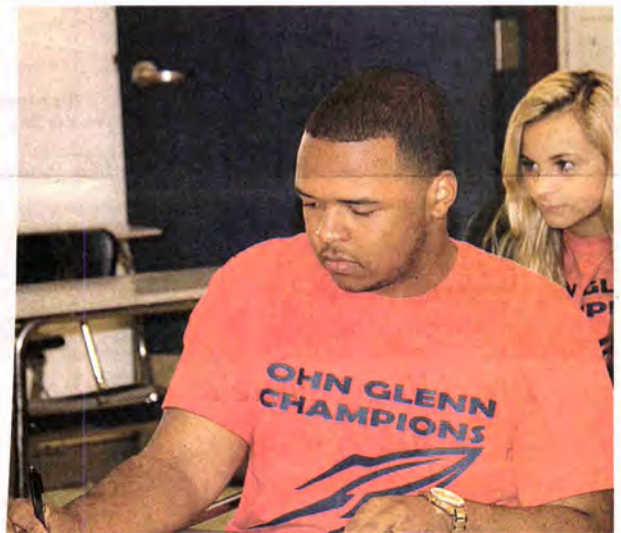

Wayne-Westland
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Michele A. Harmala, Ph.D.
Superintendent



District and city officials attend student-led character education, "Leader in Me", celebrations.



We provide all day kindergarten and have before and after school childcare available.



Mentors work with students to achieve their goals in the Champions Programs at Wayne Memorial High School and John Glenn High School.



The John Glenn High School Planetarium was re-opened thanks to a \$60,000 upgrade funded by donations from the Wayne-Westland community.

For more information, please visit our website at wwcsd.net or call (734) 419-2000.

Did you know WWCS is on social media? Keep up-to-date on everything Wayne-Westland by following us:





Happy 50th Anniversary, Westland!

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