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Cities seek grants to add firefighters

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Westland and Wayne are each seeking additional firefighters to be funded through a federal grant.

Last week, the councils in both cities approved resolutions to accompany the 2014 federal Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response, or SAFER, grant application.

Under the grant, which comes through Department of Homeland Security and FEMA, Westland currently has 54 firefighters and is asking for 13 firefighters to restore staffing eliminated in prior years and vacated through attrition. The grant would be $2.3 million over the two years.

Wayne is requesting six firefighters to join 12 current firefighters — a level below the staffing number required by the contract with the firefighters union and forcing daily overtime shifts. The grant for Wayne would provide $1.2 million.

"The 13 firefighters (for Westland) gets us up to the NFPA (National Fire Protection Agency) requirement, if we get the grant," Wayne-Westland Fire Chief Michael Reddy said. "We have a fair shot but not as good a shot as a distressed community due to our financial situation."

Westland has a balanced budget with a $5.5 million fund balance. Reddy noted that Wayne has a more-than-$600,000 deficit in the current year with a $2 million deficit projected for 2015-16.

"I think Wayne has a better chance of receiving the SAFER grant versus Westland," Reddy said.

Consultant Lisa Nocerini of the Nocerini Group helped write the grants along with joining himself and Westland Mayor William Wild recently in Washington, D.C., meeting with officials, including U.S. Sen. Gary Peters, D-Michigan, Reddy said.

The SAFER grants fully fund the firefighter positions for two years. Reddy said that it will be made clear to any firefighters hired under the grant that their positions

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TOM BEAUDOIN
Westland Wild Wings Brett Levko battles for the puck against former Red Wing great Peter Klima at the annual Hockey Night in Westland.

TOM BEAUDOIN
Ava Saleh of Westland has the best seat in the house — on the shoulders of her father Brandon — to watch the game.

Hockey Night in Westland raises $30,000

It was standing room only Saturday at Mike Modano Ice Arena for the sixth annual Hockey Night in Westland.

More than 1,000 people turned out for the fundraiser to watch Mayor William Wild and the Wild Wings take on the Detroit Red Wings Alumni team.

Attendance has increased each year of the charity hockey game. Unfortunately for the Wild Wings the outcome of the game has also remained unchanged — the Red Wings Alumni outscored the Wild Wings 11-4.

"Even though the Wild Wings did not take home a victory this year, the event is considered a great success," Wild said. "This game is not only a great opportunity to bring the community together, but it also raises much needed funds for improvements to the Mike Modano Ice Arena."

After expenses, this year's game will raise nearly $30,000, which includes a $10,000 contribution by former Red Wing and Westland

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Prosecutor denies warrant in W-W teacher allegations

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

No criminal charges will be filed against a Wayne-Westland Schools teacher after a complaint that he sexually assaulted three young students.

The Wayne County Prosecutor's Office received a warrant request from the Wayne Police Department on March 18. After the warrant request was reviewed, the prosecutor found insufficient evidence to support criminal charges and denied the warrant request.

A complaint made to Wayne Police said that on March 9 around noon, three male students at Roosevelt McGrath School were sexually assaulted by a male teacher in a boys restroom.

The Wayne Police Department conducted a thorough investigation, which included security tapes from the school, interviews of child and adult witnesses, and other evidence related to the matter, Wayne Police Chief Alan Maciag said.

The Wayne County Prosecutor's Office Special Victims Unit reviewed the evidence submitted and conducted independent interviews of witnesses. After completing the warrant review process, it was determined that there is insufficient evidence to support issuance of any criminal charges, and the warrant has been denied.

In a letter sent home to parents and posted on the district's website, Wayne-Westland Schools Superintendent Mi-

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Wayne City Hall relocates to Vandenberg School as of Monday

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Beginning Monday, Wayne City Hall will be at a new temporary location.

City offices will be moving into the former Vandenberg Elementary School at 32101 Stellwagen. The move is needed to accommodate repairs to the roof on city hall, located on South Wayne Road just north of Sims.

Vandenberg has been closed since 2010 and is slated for demolition this year. Repairs on the city hall roof are expected to take 30-60 days, but the lease allows a 90-day window.

Originally, the lease was supposed to be for $1. Instead, Wayne-Westland Schools asked that the city cover the $7,678-per-month utilities costs, which the council approved.

While the day-to-day city hall operations will be at Vandenberg, the city council meetings will continue to be held at the Wayne Activities and Banquet Center. Steel trusses were found to be heaved and broken, creating unsafe conditions in the council chambers. Council meetings will return to city hall once the repairs are completed.

City Hall was constructed in the 1940s as a recreation building. The council chamber was part of a gymnasium/roller rink. The building was remodeled in 1988.

The cost for replacing the roof is about $350,000 and will largely be paid by the city's insurer, the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority. Belfor is coordinating the project and began packing up for the move earlier this week.

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Dee Brown remembered as energetic, active

At 96, Dee Brown was still living on her own, driving, going out with friends and enjoying trips to casinos.

"You would hardly know she was 96 by her enthusiasm and energy. She was amazing," former state senator and Westland councilman Glenn Anderson said. "She was so generous with her compliments. She would ask about (his wife) Gail, the kids and grandkids. She was one of the sweetest people I've ever known."

FAMILY PHOTO
Mrs. Brown

Mrs. Brown, widow of Westland's first mayor Thomas Brown, died in her sleep March 12 having earlier suffered a heart attack.

Born Dympna Amata Byrne in Belding, Mrs. Brown grew up on a farm with eight brothers and sisters. She married her first husband, James Hill, in 1940 and the couple eventually settled in southeast Michigan.

The couple moved to Wayne in 1952 where the family, including four children, became active members of the St. Mary Catholic Church Parish. Mrs. Brown developed a teen club at the church during the 1950s-60s when the school went through high school.

"She'd walk in for reunions and everyone called her Mrs. Hill," recalled her daughter Linda Hill-Lindsay, although by then she was long remarried.

After being widowed, Mrs. Brown married Thomas Brown, also a widower, in 1990.

"They always knew each other through St. Mary's of Wayne. After they lost their spouses, it was just perfect match," Hill-Lindsay said. "They made many visits to us in California to stick their toes in the sand."

Tom Brown died in 2002.

"I probably got to know her even better in the last years of Tom's life. They were a very happy couple," Anderson said. "She was just a remarkable woman. I never knew her to be ill. She stayed active after Tom died."

Mrs. Brown was a regular bingo player at the Wayne-Ford Civic League, surfed the Internet having a Facebook page, enjoyed gardening and was a diehard Detroit Tigers fan.

Per her wishes, Mrs. Brown has been cremated and no funeral will be held. A Mass will be said in her honor 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 10, at St. Mary's of Wayne. Immediately following at 11:30 a.m., an informal celebration of her life will be held at Haney Hall in the adjacent St. Mary School.

"Anyone who wants can bring picture or memento of Dee and celebrate her life," Hill-Lindsay said. "She had her fingers in a lot of things."

Mrs. Brown is survived by her children, Thomas (Karen), William (Susan), Gerald (Sharon) and Hill-Lindsay (Joe), nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

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chele Harmala thanked parents for their patience during the investigative process, noting the determination by law enforcement was "consistent with the results of our internal investigation."

"With this outcome, the district's administrative team will move forward in considering next steps and action as appropriate," Harmala said. "As a school district our actions are always driven by student safety and a singular focus on acting in the best interests of our students."

Parents had complained that the district was aware of the allegations for some time before taking any action.

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TOM BEAUDOIN
Sherri Wild looks on as daughters Payton and Lily drop the puck to start the annual charity hockey game held in Westland on Friday night.

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resident Mike Modano. Funds raised previously have helped fund the arena's energy-efficient compressors and lighting as well as a remodeled Breakaway Cafe, free WiFi, new heating units for the spectator area and new rubber matting on the player's benches.

The hockey game grows in attendance each year, Wild noted, as well as raising more money. Before this year's game, Hockey Night in Westland had raised over $100,000 for ice arena improvements.

"We are honored to host the Red Wings Alumni every year and appreciate the support of our players, generous sponsors, prize donors and fans," Wild said. "Without all of you, this game would not be possible."

TOM BEAUDOIN
Jon Greener from Wayne cheers as his favorite team scores a goal.

TOM BEAUDOIN
Wayne-Westland Schools Superintendent Michelle Harmala gets ready to play in the sixth annual game against the Detroit Red Wings Alumni Friday night in Westland.

TOM BEAUDOIN
Westland Wolves Mini Mites Skyler Loos and Haydn Kubany pose with Gordy, the mascot from Gordon Chevrolet, at the game.

TOM BEAUDOIN
Westland Wild Wings Matt Rust had his own cheering section of friends and co-workers at the annual hockey game.

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wouldn't continue unless the grant were renewed.

"It doesn't look like we have anyone leaving — not like last time with the retirements (in Westland)," Reddy said. "When you reapply (after receiving a grant) for SAFER, firefighter retention is the highest priority."

Although there is a combined Wayne-Westland Fire Department with a shared fire chief and other administrative positions, firefighters hired under the individual grants would work in their respective departments, Reddy said.

"This would give us two firefighters on a shift. We would be in much better shape. We would be able to maintain the level of service," Wayne Mayor James Hawley said. "Overtime is a big factor. It stresses out the firefighters working the overtime."

There are currently no laid-off Wayne firefighters to be recalled to work, Reddy said, although staffing had been at 21 firefighters a few years ago.

If received, the grant would also save Wayne $270,000 in overtime paid to reach minimum staffing levels, in addition to increasing revenues from EMS patient transport to over $650,000, Hawley said.

"Our fire department expenses are $2.4 million or so. This is significant savings," Hawley said. "This could reduce our expenses to $1.5 million or so. I'm not sure anyone can get this service for that money."

The grant review process will take about 30 days, Reddy said, with the grants to be awarded in July.

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Benefactors honored at St. Mary Mercy

St. Mary Mercy celebrated the re-installation of its Benefactor Wall on March 19 and recognized donors who have made significant gifts to the 304-bed Livonia hospital during their lifetime. The gifts support the work that is being done at St. Mary Mercy every day.

Included in this effort are the contributions to the current Generations Together fundraising campaign, which supports ongoing programs and services for areas like the Heart & Vascular Center and Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, as well as the three-story, 154,000-square-foot south wing addition — its Emergency Center and two inpatient floors of 80 all-private patient rooms — which opened in 2012, and the recent completion of 125 renovated semi-private rooms to private rooms in the hospital's north wing.

During the past five years, the hospital's many loyal donors have increased their giving significantly. The number of those giving at the President Society Level of more than $100,000 has more than doubled, and 200 donors have either increased their contribution level or have been added to the wall through their generosity within the past five years.

The donors were recognized on the wall of Benefactors, located in the hospital's central corridor. St. Mary Mercy Livonia President and CEO David Spivey thanked the hospital donors at the event.

"As I look out at everyone here today my heart is filled with gratitude and pride," he said. "I see the faces of champions, partners and friends, whose generosity is making it possible to reach our goal to sustain the healing legacy of the Felician Sisters, to transform St. Mary Mercy Hospital to meet today's needs and to create a foundation for the future of health care in our community."

Among the recognized and honored were Sister Mary Modesta, the hospital's former president and CEO, for sharing her dedication as the Honorary Chair of the current Generations Together Campaign. Sister Modesta helped establish the hospital more than 50 years ago.

Sister MaryAnne Olekszyk, representing the Felician Sisters of the North Americas, was also recognized for the Sisters' ever-growing commitment to carry on a legacy of healing and a heritage of meeting the needs of the time. Other long-time donors of the hospital — Hearts of Livonia, Phillips Service Industries and Phillips Family and Roberta Palmer — were also honored for their continued support and generosity.

"We feel fortunate that you share our vision and recognize the importance of investing in our hospital for patients today and generations to come," Spivey said.

For more information or to make a gift, contact St. Mary Mercy Livonia's Development Office at 734-655-2980.

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Larry D'Ascenzo, at right, and Chuck Rork and Andy Savage, record the donor wall.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Donors and staff gathered for re-dedication of the Donor Recognition wall.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Honorary co-chair Sister Mary Modesta speaks with David Shepherd, Leslie Ford LePard and Dawn Williams.

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St. Mary Mercy's Michelle Moccia photographs Glenna Yaroch and Jean Borin, of Home Instead Senior Care.

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Westland doctor's license suspended after no-contest plea

A Westland physician has had his license to practice summarily suspended by the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs.

Dr. A. Bala Setty, also known as Bala Annaihsetty Setty, lost his license in part based his no-contest plea to a criminal charge of assault and battery in Wayne County Circuit Court, according to LARA.

An internist with an office on Palmer, Setty, 66, had originally been facing charges of criminal sexual conduct — assault with intent and fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct, force or coercion.

As part of a plea bargain, on Oct. 31, 2014, Setty entered a no-contest plea to the assault-and-battery charge while the other charges were dismissed.

Setty was sentenced Dec. 5, 2014, to one year probation and ordered to pay $198 in costs and fees.

On March 13, LARA issued an order summarily suspending Setty's license pursuant to the Public Health Code, which provides for the summary suspension of a health professional's license when it is found that the public health, safety or welfare requires emergency action.

By LeAnne Rogers

WESTLAND COP CALLS

Larceny

» A resident in the 37000 block of Barkridge Circle told police March 16 that someone had stolen a FedEx package from his front porch, containing his Detroit Tigers season tickets and club passes valued at $1,500. He said the package had been delivered March 3 but he waited to file a police report while FedEx did their investigation.

» On March 18, a resident in the 2100 block of Martin told police that she never received clothing she had ordered from Macy's that was delivered by UPS on March 10. She said the clothing was valued at $200.

Break-in

Several pieces of copper plumbing were reported stolen from a vacant home in the 30000 block of Birchwood on March 18. The officer noted no sign of forced entry.

The real estate broker told police that the lock box and key had been stolen recently. Both had been replaced, but the lock on the door hadn't been changed.

Larceny from a vehicle

A Redford woman told police March 21 that someone smashed a window on her 2003 Chevrolet Impala while she was parked for about 90 minutes at the Barsudor Arms Apartments, 2565 S. Wayne Road.

Reported stolen from the vehicle was a cell phone, valued at $150, and a wallet.

Attempted break-in

On March 22, a resident of the Landings Apartments, 6676 Lakeview, told police that she returned home from work about 5 p.m. to find that someone had tried to pry open her apartment door.

The officer noted visible pry marks near the deadbolt and damaged paint on the door. The resident told police she had recently moved in and was told the previous tenant had been robbed in front of the building in December, then moved. It was unclear if that incident was related, police said.

Stolen wallet

A Livonia man told police March 18 that on Dec. 3, his wallet was stolen while he was shopping at a kiosk at Westland Shopping Center, 35000 Warren Road. The wallet had been left unattended momentarily, he said.

The missing wallet containing five credit cards, identification, insurance cards and about $40 in cash, the man said. The theft was reported to mall security and video showed a couple in their 50s picking up the wallet.

Now, the man said he has been receiving notices of insufficient fund checks drawn on an account he never opened. Police advised him to go to Livonia Police on the identity fraud because none of that appeared to have happened in Westland. The wallet theft report was filed in Westland.

By LeAnne Rogers

WAYNE COP CALLS

Attempted break-in

On March 17, the owner of Wayne Feet Specialists, 35519 E. Michigan Ave., told police that an employee called him after finding the front door, jamb and door frame had been damaged in an attempted break-in.

The damage was found on March 15, but no entry had been made. Police weren't called until the owner was at the business on March 17. The officer noted a muddy footprint where someone had attempted to kick the door open.

The business fits shoes for people with diabetes, and there are no prescription drugs stored at the business, the owner told police. The damage was estimated at $300.

By LeAnne Rogers

GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

Break-in

Garden City Police were called to Garden City Middle School about 8 p.m. March 22 after a woman who was walking her dog noticed that a window was missing on the school building. She didn't see anyone in the area at the time.

The window was segregated from its frame. The police report said that a lower-level window was removed at the school located at 1851 Radcliff. No other vandalism or search activity was apparent.

The responding officer was able to enter through the window into a small office with a closed door, through the hallway and into the main office and any other part of the school, the report said.

The officer checked the alarm by activating it. The school principal also arrived when police were investigating. The officers were unable to secure any evidence from a surveillance camera.

Property damage

A 71-year-old Garden City man reported damage to his Ford pickup truck, which was parked in the lot of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, 31530 Beechwood, about 8 a.m. March 22.

He found scratches on the driver's side of the rear door and on the tailgate. The driver's side had an "X" on it and "Son of a gun" was written on the tailgate.

There are no suspects or witnesses.

Fraud

A Garden City man who lives in the 28000 block of Leona reported fraud about 1:13 a.m. March 21. Although his credit card was still in his possession, a thief used the information to fraudulently charge three purchases at a Meijer store in Lincoln Park.

» A female resident in the 33000 block of Hennepin came to the Garden City police station about 6 p.m. March 20 to report that somebody used her debit card three times at a Kroger store in Walled Lake and two times at a Meijer store in Royal Oak.

She said that she didn't make the purchases, nor was she in the location when the purchases were made.

Identity theft

A husband and wife who live in the 32000 block of Rosslyn came to the police station about 3:30 p.m. March 20 to report that either one or both of their personal information was used.

They said that they received a report from the IRS on Feb. 17 that their income tax return was filed though they had not yet submitted their 2014 tax return.

Stolen license plate

A resident in the 6800 block of N. Inkster reported at 1 p.m. March 19 that she believes her ex-boyfriend stole the license plate from her 2006 Saturn.

Although the car was inside the garage, she said that because he knows the code to the garage door, he could have entered the garage.

She also reported that the floor of her $200 trampoline was cut.

Theft

A resident in the 5000 block of Middlebelt filed a police report March 23 stating that her housemate stole 22 of her Oxycontin pills.

Because of back pain, she said that she takes the medication daily.

She is now trying to evict the woman.

The alleged suspect denied taking the pills. She added that her belongings are packed and ready to leave the residence.

By Sue Buck

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Madonna signs forensic science articulation pact with WCC

Administrators from Madonna University and Washtenaw Community College (WCC) signed an articulation agreement Monday, providing WCC students an opportunity to complete their bachelor's degrees at Madonna in forensic science.

This agreement provides students who earn an associate degree in biology the opportunity to transfer up to 87 credits from WCC, enabling them to finish their bachelor's degree at Madonna University in 40 credits.

"We are grateful for this collaboration and look forward to providing WCC students with an outstanding degree through our forensic science program," said Michael O. Kenney, vice president for planning and enrollment. "We are a mere 20 minutes from WCC, and with free parking and block scheduling, this is a win/win. That's always our goal."

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Lori Radwin of Ypsilanti, a senior in the forensic science program, and Stephanie Gladyck of Clinton Township, a master's degree student from Syracuse University who is also completing the master's certificate in Applied Forensic Science Research through a dual enrollment program, listen as Dr. Jodi Lynn Barta, Director of the Forensic Science program, instructs them in their lab work.

Currently, Madonna is the only school in Michigan to offer a bachelor's degree in forensic science accredited by the Forensic Science Education Programs Accreditation Commission (FEPAC). Madonna also has a similar articulation agreement with Macomb Community College and is in the process of completing a comparable agreement with Mott Community College in Flint.

This agreement offers 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 are now 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.

The requirements for WCC students who follow this articulation agreement include:

» An Associate of Science in Biology degree with a Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA) endorsement

» An overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.8

Students will enter the pre-forensic program as soon as they transfer, and once they successfully complete the introductory survey course in forensic science they will be eligible for acceptance into forensic science.

"We are very happy to enter into another articulation agreement with Madonna University," said William Abernethy, WCC interim vice president for instruction. "As with our other articulation agreements, it will benefit students at both institutions and we look forward to continuing our valuable partnership."

For more information about the program at WCC, contact Brad Hoth at 734-973-3676 or Ruth Walsh at 734-973-3689. For more information about the Madonna University forensic science program, call Sue Sayers at 734-432-5523.

MotorCities National Heritage Area challenge grants due April 1

Non-profit organizations, government entities and educational institutions have until April 1 applications for grants from the MotorCities National Heritage Area.

The grant program reimburses up to 20 percent of the total project expenses. The other 80 percent can be composed of other non-federal funders, in-kind services, donated goods or volunteer hours. Projects can include brick and mortar and span up to two years.

The applications are available to groups which are member organizations. Visit www.motorcities.org for information on becoming a member organization and to access the grant application.

The first application period of the year closes April 1, with a subsequent period closing on Oct. 1.

MotorCities National Heritage Area is a non-profit affiliate of the National Park Service. Its programs are designed to develop and deploy educational and informational programs that tell the story of the American automobile industry and labor in this region; encourage revitalization through conservation; and increase tourism throughout the state of Michigan.

During its 16 year existence, MotorCities has granted $1.2 million which have leveraged more than $4 million in matching funds and community support. Applications are available for the 2015 grant program.

For more information, contact Brian Yopp, Grant Program Coordinator, at 313-259-3425, ext. 307, or by email at byopp@motorcities.org.

Club holds coin show

DAVID MALHALAB | MNS PHOTO / M NEWS SERVICE

Northwest Detroit Coin Club will hold its 53rd annual Spring Coin Show from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at the Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road at Five Mile. There will be raffle drawings for gold and silver coins, free parking, free admission, and young collectors will get a special bag of Fed Shreds with $364 in shredded currency. Visitors can also get free appraisals on their coin and currency collections.

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Westland police, dispatchers honored for their work during Jan. 15 fire

The Westland Police Department has recognized 14 police officers and four dispatchers for their life-saving actions during the Jan. 15 fire at Presbyterian Village of Westland.

The officers and dispatchers were presented with departmental awards by Deputy Chief Brian Miller during the police department roll call on March 12.

"As officers, they put their lives on the line every day," Chief Jeff Jedrusik said. "They take risks in their jobs that most people will never experience, and our priority is to keep our citizens safe. I am so proud of the work our officers do every day and they deserve special recognition."

Life Saving Awards included Sgts. Robert Kenyon and James Francisco, Officers Matt Allen, James Compton, Robert Fruit, Cale Furney, Derek Gomez, Bryan Jachym, Edward Pawlowski and Andrew Techendorf, Inkster Police Sgt. Kritzner, Inkster Officers William Melendez and Chuck Randazzo and Garden City Officer Tom Pelaccio.

Department citations were given to Westland dispatchers Adrienne Carter, Angela Clark, Michelle Randolph and Michelle McNulty.

On Jan. 15, 2015 at 1:47 a.m., a large fire occurred inside of the Presbyterian Village Retirement Community at 32001 Cherry Hill Road. Along with the Wayne-Westland Fire Authority, members of the Westland, Garden City, and Inkster Police Departments assisted.

When officers arrived, an area of the building was already fully engulfed in flames. Officers at the scene immediately took action and began evacuating residents. Without hesitation, officers kicked open locked doors and broke out apartment windows to evacuate the residents.

Some residents were unable to walk and had to be carried by officers. After transporting the residents to safety, many officers reentered the burning building, again risking their own lives, to locate additional residents.

Two police officers were treated for smoke inhalation at the scene while one had to be transported to Garden City Hospital for treatment. In all, 30-40 residents were evacuated from the home. Due to the officers and firefighters' actions that night, many lives were saved.

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Eleven Westland police officers and four civilian dispatchers were honored for their actions during the Jan. 15 fire at the Presbyterian Village of Westland.

Fascinating, wonderful books are behind Dewey class 000

Dewey class 000 has been under-appreciated. A zero at the beginning of a three-digit number does not mean a nonentity. There are numbers after the zero, and these numbers denote fascinating and wonderful books.

INFORMATION CENTRAL

To begin with, this is where the computer books are shelved. Holdings range from *Is this thing on? A Computer Handbook for Late Bloomers, Technophobes and the Kicking and Screaming*" to titles for those with a more advanced understanding of these tools of our computer-oriented world. Here are Dreamweaver (an HTML generator), Adobe Photoshop, Web Publisher and a book titled *Learning PHP, MySQL, JavaScript and CSS: a Step-by-Step Guide to Creating Dynamic Websites*. There are, as well, works covering all digital proficiencies in between, in case there is not a first-grader in the home.

There is in this section a Dewey class, 001, labeled "knowledge." Shelved here are a weird and wonderful assortment of books disclosing mysteries of the unknown. There are works about Roswell and UFO visitation for those who worry, as well as *The Official Alien Abductee's Handbook*. There is a series called *The Mysteries of the Unknown*. These books explore Utopian visions, phantom encounters and the mysteries of time and space, among other enigmas. Volume 4 of this series is titled *Mysterious Creatures*. Here at last are found Bigfoot and the Yeti, Nessie as well as some lesser-known strange and elusive creatures. One may also read about the fearsome and fiery dragon, the deceptive kraken, the baleful basilisk, the gigantic griffin and the man-faced manticore that prowls the jungles of India.

For skeptics and those who would disparage the voyage of imagination, there is *The Museum of Hoaxes* and a book titled *Myths, Lies, and Downright Stupidity*. Anyone who really looks at the books offered on the shelves anywhere in the library will make very pleasant discoveries; for example, *Best Books for Kids who (Think They) Hate to Read*. Two books in particular stirred the soul of this librarian: *The Encyclopedia of the Exquisite: an Anecdotal History of Elegant Delights*. A quick perusal found a definition of "Quintessence, the fifth element, thought to be the living substance latent in all things." (This was the alchemist's quest) And then *A Gentle Madness: Bibliophiles, Bibliomanes, and the Eternal Passion for Books*. Not a bad find for those who love books.

Coming soon — BookMyne Mobile App: Wayne Public Library patrons will soon have access to our library via a new mobile app from SirsiDynix. The BookMyne app will give users all the capabilities of their local library account but on-the-go.

In addition to providing mobile access to in-demand library information, holdings and services, BookMyne will offer a plethora of patron-pleasing features, including searching our catalog, placing holds, viewing your account, viewing digital bookshelves and downloading electronic resources. There are apps for both Apple and Android devices, and they are available for free from the Google Play store or Apple App store. Beginning March 31, we will cease to use our current Library Anywhere app.

Upcoming Events

Family Fun Storytime, 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 14, 21, 28 and May 5 — Multi-age story time for the whole family. Join us for stories, rhymes, movement and crafts intended to engage children and caregivers of all ages. An adult caregiver must remain with the child during the entire program. Approximately 30 minutes long. Sign up begins two weeks prior to event at the youth reference desk.

Parents-in-Action, 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 22 — Parent and child workshops presented by Starfish Family Services. To register contact Starfish at 313-937-2458 or starfishelc@sfish.org

Wayne Metropolitan Free Tax Assistance, March 31 during regular library hours — Could you use an extra $2,000 in your tax return this year? Could you use a little help making sense of all those tax forms? Then sign up for Wayne Metropolitan's free tax service assistance at the Wayne Public Library. Wayne Metropolitan is a community action agency whose mission is to empower lower-income people and strengthen communities. This year they will be offering free tax service to households with annual income below $50,000. These sessions will be held for all who qualify at the Wayne Public Library, 3737 S Wayne Road. Call 734-284-6999 or 313-388-9799 for an appointment. Walk-ins are accepted, but appointments are served first.

Leader Dogs for the Blind, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 8 — Join Jan Crawford as she shares her experiences as a puppy raiser for this organization dedicated to the empowerment and independence of blind, visually impaired and deaf-blind people. Learn about the rigorous training required for puppies to become qualified service dogs and meet a canine candidate aspiring to be someone's dedicated helper. Sign-up at the adult reference desk.

Health Insurance Enrollment Open House, noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 11 — Join certified health-insurance experts from Oakwood Healthcare for a free public presentation on health insurance coverage. Learn about the current health insurance enrollment marketplace as well as the Healthy Michigan Plan, the newly expanded Medicaid program. The "Health Insurance 101" presentation will be from noon to 1 p.m. After the presentation, certified health insurance assisters will be on hand to assist with enrollment. Please bring Social Security number (s) and household income information, if you intend to enroll.

Walgreens, 1 p.m. Thursday, April 16 — Walgreens partners with the Wayne Public Library to improve public health and awareness. See the community board for further details.

Civitan Tea Event, Tuesday, April 21 — Afternoon tea hosted at the Wayne Public Library. Tickets will soon be available for purchase. Details TBD, contact the Wayne Civitan Club for more information.

In observance of the Easter holiday, Wayne Public Library will be closed Friday, April 3, and Saturday, April 4.

Information Central was compiled by Carola Fisher. The Wayne Public Library is at 3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne. For more information, call 734-721-7832 or go online to www.wayne.lib.mi.us.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Trivia Night

Garden City High School Project Graduation is holding Trivia Night on Friday, March 27, at Dearborn Heights Moose Lodge 1795, 27225 W. Warren Road, Dearborn Heights.

The event will raise money for the Class of 2015 all-night party. Check-in begins at 6 p.m., and the trivia game begins at 7 p.m. Categories will include 1980s, sports, movies, history, geography, Garden City and entertainment.

The cost is $20 for teams of 1-8 people, adults only. Pay at the door. Cash prizes will be awarded, and there also will be raffles, food, drink and open bar.

For more information, email pg2015Trivia@gmail.com or call Alan and Laura Bennett at 734-266-0232.

Bowling Blast

The Westland Veterans Association is holding a bowling fundraiser Friday, March 27, to benefit the Veterans Memorial Garden of Westland.

Check-in will be at 7 p.m., and bowling will start at 8 p.m. at Westland Bowl, 5940 Wayne Road. The cost of $20 per person includes two games of bowling, shoes and pizza. There also will be 50/50 raffles and a mystery game.

For more information, contact Mike Williams at 734-634-5867.

Fine Arts meeting

The Garden City Fine Arts Association will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, at the Michigan Art Center, 32129 Block St., Garden City. The group will be joining the precious-metals clay class taught by Colleen Wilson to see how beautiful jewelry items are created. The public is welcome.

Pancake Breakfast

Merriman Road Baptist Church will hold a pancake breakfast from 8:30-11 a.m. Saturday, March 28, at the church, 2055 Merriman, south of Ford, Garden City, as a fundraiser the F.A.I.T.H. Riders Motorcycle Ministry.

The breakfast is open to the public, and a minimum $5 donation is requested.

Comedy Night

The Garden City Kiwanis Club will sponsor its fourth annual Comedy Night on Sunday, March 29, at Albert's on the Alley, 5651 Middlebelt, Garden City. Doors open at 4 p.m., and the show starts at 5 p.m.

The headliner will be Dave Dyer who has been performing stand-up at clubs and corporate events for more than 20 years. He will be joined by Andy Beningo and Garden City's own Kevin Kramis.

The doors open at 4 p.m. Food and beverages are available for purchase before and during the show. Tickets are $20 and can be purchased from any Kiwanis Club Member, at Maplewood Community Center, Albert's on the Alley and at the door.

For more information, email John Fleming at john@flemingfinancialsvcs.com or call 734-604-0227.

Lighted Field benefit

Join coaches, parents, friends and families in ringing in spring and celebrating the 2015 Garden City High School softball season at the Lighted Field Renovation Project Dinner Dance on Saturday, March 28, at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, east of Middlebelt, Westland.

Doors open at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Tickets are $30 per person and include dinner, dancing and an open bar. There will be a DJ, prize drawings and 50/50 raffles.

For tickets or more information, call Diana Molar at 734-564-2327, Barry Patterson at 734-635-2388, Denise Swisher at 734-425-5890 or Kim Spellman at 734-637-2505.

'EGG' Stravaganza

The First United Methodist Church of Wayne will hold an "EGG" Stravaganza from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, March 28, at the church at 3 Towne Square, Wayne.

There will be snacks, crafts, Bible stories, songs and egg dying. Bring a dozen hard-boiled eggs. The event is for children ages kindergarten through fifth-grade.

For more information, call the church at 734-722-4672 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday-Thursdays.

Red Wings tickets

Would you like to win a suite for 20 people at Joe Louis Arena to see the Red Wings play the Hurricanes at 7:35 p.m. Tuesday, April 7?

The Westland Rotary Club is offering you a chance to do just that and help your community at the same time. The suite also includes a $500 food credit and parking passes.

Tickets are $10 each and available from Juenemann Insurance Agency, online at www.westlandrotary.com or from any Westland Rotarian. The drawing will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, April 2.

Proceeds will go to the Wayne/Westland Salvation Army, Westland Rotary Scholarships and Charities and the Westland Rotary Club. For more information, call Kristi at 313-300-7832 or Dick at 248-417-1858.

At the Music Hall

TOM BEAUDOIN

Westland Mayor William Wild joined United Irish Society members Nora Cassidy, Bridget McCarville and Sheila Cassidy in hearing the Paul W. Smith Radio show held at the Music Hall on St. Patrick's Day.

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Council approves plans for new Village Place restaurant

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Plans for a restaurant to replace the former Village Place Coney Island, destroyed by fire, have been approved but not without some debate among Westland council members.

The 1,248-square-foot restaurant will cover the same basic footprint of the earlier restaurant, known for the blue metal covering its steep A-frame roof.

A small patio will be added to the front along with drive-through service.

The new restaurant will be called the Village Place Burger and Fries. It will not be an A-frame structure.

A couple who lives on North Harvey directly behind the restaurant site, on the west side of Wayne Road north of Cherry Hill, had complaints regarding lights, noise and the cleanliness of the property.

Resident Matt Wrobleski and his wife Michelle had both raised their issues at the Planning Commission meeting.

Restaurant owner Viktor Barisaj had already agreed to install a six-foot masonry wall with posts to buffer the home from the restaurant.

"The lights (from the restaurant parking lot) light up my backyard like Comerica Park," Michelle Wrobleski said.

"I have had issues with the dumpster being left open, rats in our yard and the grease container left open. It's a health hazard."

Object to drive-through

Due to the loud noise and obscene language from the restaurant workers, she said the family is unable to enjoy their backyard pool.

"I strongly object to a 24-hour drive-through," Michelle Wrobleski said. "The employees work on their cars. There is drinking and other things going on back there."

A solid masonry wall can't be erected behind the business due to utilities, said Westland Planning/Building Director Bruce Thompson, so an alternate type of wall, like the one behind the MJR Theater, would be used.

Regarding the lighting, Thompson said there would be buffering to keep the lighting focused on the restaurant property.

"There is nothing new to the property — there has been a restaurant there since the 1950s," Barisaj said. "Due to the fire, we will add a drive-through. We resolved the lighting and parking issue. We have been 24 hours for the last 12 years."

When questioned about the complaints about the conduct of his employees, Barisaj said the complaints may actually be about some of his customers.

"I'm not going to chase customers out. I've been there 12 years and not had an issue," he said. "I don't think it is my employees. I will work on it to try and control it the best I can."

That answer didn't satisfy Councilwoman Christine Bryant, who said there was nothing wrong with asking customers to quiet down.

"I'm afraid you will not be willing to work with us," she said.

Michelle Wrobleski told council that there had been ongoing issues with the restaurant that she had not reported to the city previously.

Councilman Michael Kehrer asked if the speaker for the drive-through service could be relocated so it did not point toward the residences to the west.

"We're not designers or architects to come up with a new design for the drive-through menu board and speakers," Council President James Godbout said.

The council discussion got off target, Godbout said, since the drive-through wasn't even an issue at the Planning Commission meeting.

"We seem to want to redesign this at the table," he added.

Bryant responded, asking that Godbout be respectful of other opinions.

"I don't feel that respect now. We're here to take these concerns into consideration whether or not someone else agrees," she said.

The site plan and special use approval needed for the drive-through were approved 4-3 with opposition by Bryant, Kehrer and Councilman Kevin Coleman.

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Use a home equity loan for improvements, repairs

Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

Spring has finally arrived in southeast Michigan and that means people are assessing winter's damage and deciding if any repairs need to be done on their home.

Before doing any home improvements or repairs, decide how to pay for them.

In the past, one of the most popular ways to pay for improvements and repairs was a home equity loan. If you go back 10 years ago, banks and financial institutions were giving home equity loans to anyone. Those days are long gone. However, with the rise in real estate prices and lower interest rates, home equity loans are once again growing in popularity.

Although it is not as easy to get a home loan as it was in the past, banks and financial institutions are once again starting to promote and encourage home equity loans.

On the whole, there's nothing wrong with home equity loans. They can provide an inexpensive way to finance things such as home improvements, a child's college education or even to pay off high-interest rate charge cards. After all, one of the advantages of a home equity loan is that interest rates are low and the interest is tax-deductible. That being said, people need to be cautious about how they use a home equity loan.

Many people seem to forget that a home equity loan is a second mortgage on your home. Therefore, if you don't make your payments, your house could be in jeopardy. That is why I caution people about using home equity loans. Another risk with home equity loans deals with interest rates.

Over the last few years we've experienced historically low interest rates. Those days are at an end. Somewhere in the not-so-distant future, probably later this year, interest rates will begin to rise.

Most home equity loans are adjustable rate loans, which means when interest rates rise, the interest charged on home equity loans will also rise. Therefore, the rate that you are currently quoted on your home loan may not be the rate a year from now. Therefore, you must factor higher interest rates into the equation.

In the past, people used home equity loans to finance vacations or to make investments in such things as annuities. My advice is use a home equity loan in limited situations, such as paying off high-interest rate charge cards and to make needed home improvements.

Good luck.

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Surfing the challenging world of online travel sites

Jon Gunnells
TECH SAVVY

The number of travel sites promising the best deals on airfare, hotel stays or car rentals seems to be growing exponentially. Years ago, the situation was tolerable as a few key players like Priceline.com and spokesman William Shatner hawked "name-your-price" hotel stays. Now there are dozens of well-known travel sites, with advertisements in heavy rotation, making their presence known.

When it comes to low-price guarantees, should you trust Shatner, the disheveled trivago guy, Captain Obvious or maybe the Roaming Gnome from Travelocity? The answer largely depends on your special travel plans and specific needs.

Priceline.com is still a tremendous site for low hotel prices if you don't mind letting the company pick your accommodations. You choose your star rating, location and price and the site will select a hotel that meets your criteria. Great for frugal travelers but bad for picky ones.

For those who want full control of hotel stays, Hotels.com usually ranks among the lowest prices, but not always. Expedia stands out as a better value than buying direct from the Marriotts of this world — even more so when packaged with rental cars or flights. Sometimes, Travelocity and Orbitz beat Expedia, sometimes all three have the same exact prices and sometimes the prices fluctuate daily.

Comparing prices can be so time-consuming, it's almost not worth the money you save in finding the low price. KAYAK.com aims to alleviate that pressure by comparing hotels or vacation packages for multiple sites at once. Trivago does the same, but for hotels only. And while I've never found the best price on anything direct from KAYAK.com, its tool is useful and so are some of its sister sites.

Booking.com, for instance (which is part of the KAYAK/Priceline family), saved me a great deal on a condo in Myrtle Beach in 2014 and also has some of the lowest prices on hotel rooms domestically and in Europe. Booking.com often has better room inventories as it offers condos and time shares properties, sometimes at a lower price than more basic hotel rooms.

Airbnb and VRBO.com (vacation rental by owner) provide just that — vacation rentals in the form of homes, condos and rooms that are rented by owners. The best properties are professionally managed and cleaned and still maintain the safety and security of dealing with a private travel organization. They also provide better deals for those seeking accommodations for large groups.

Last year, my friends and I saved more than $1,000 by renting an eight-person condo from VRBO rather than getting four separate one-bedroom hotel rooms.

When flights are involved, sometimes it pays to go direct. Delta.com, for instance, will offer room discounts and frequent flier miles for booking with Hotels.com. Plus, its flights can easily be checked against the costs for sites like Expedia.

Whether you are booking with Expedia, Delta or another site, it is important not to get hung up on the so-called low price guarantees. Most sites will only match lower prices for exact itineraries if you find them within 24 hours of booking.

I suppose you could book a package at a site for a higher price with the plan to price match, but that's a lot of work to get a $50 voucher or whatever junk travel sites are offering for price matching these days.

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People respond better to positive encouragement

Clarity Patton Newhouse
A SUNNY NOTE

Here's an obvious but relevant Sunny Note with a little challenge at the end: People respond better to encouragement than criticism.

You've probably run into people who seem to think, consciously or unconsciously, that complimenting a person deters them from doing better. However, quite the opposite is true: positive feedback encourages a person to earn more positive feedback.

I've been fortunate to work with encouraging people who know that finding fault is easy, but providing encouragement, although more challenging, is more rewarding.

Inevitably, all of us encounter the need to elicit more desirable results from people around us — our employees, co-workers, bosses or family members. Instead of going straight for corrective criticism, a more effective approach is to say something nice first. It's respectful, and there's always something to compliment — if we don't see it then we're simply not looking closely enough.

Today's note invites you to join me in a little sunny challenge to compliment someone, anyone, this coming week who you wouldn't otherwise have complimented. Let's lead by example and hope it's contagious.

Who knows — yours may be the only kind words they'll hear all day.

Clarity

P.S. "Correction does much, but encouragement does more."

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

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The Observer team: community editor Karen Smith, publisher Sue Rosiek, Bill Walker, Jamie Frayer and Angie Walker.

SUBMITTED

The Musings team: Stacey Dogonski, Dave Dogonski, Bill Joyner, Dave Morrow and Zachary Behr.

KATELYNN GASKILL OF MIND'S EYEDEAS

The Schoolcraft College team: Trustee Terry Gilligan; Barb Gilligan, Terry's wife; Trustee Gretchen Alaniz; and Chair Brian Broderick.

Seedlings breaks records with 28th annual bowling event

By Karen Smith
Staff Writer

Seedlings Braille Books for Children broke three records with its 28th annual Bowling for Braille Books event at Plaza Lanes of Plymouth on Saturday.

The Livonia-based nonprofit raised about $35,000, had 160 bowlers and 31 lane sponsors, all more than ever before.

"We are thrilled with the success of the event and so appreciative of all the people, companies and groups who donated their time, energy and dollars to make this possible," said Seedlings director Debra Bonde said. "The children who benefit will be thrilled as well to have more braille books to read!"

Every $10 raised allows Seedlings to produce another Braille book.

Bonde credited the event's success to Seedlings' new community outreach manager, Pat Loder, the momentum that builds from year to year and the friendly rivalries between teams like *The Livonia Observer* and *Friday Musings*.

The Observer team beat Musings for the second year in a row by winning two out of three games.

"We're the champs," Observer publisher Sue Rosiek announced to Musings publisher Bill Joyner after the third game.

"Musings beat the Observer in total pins," countered Joyner.

"You always try to find an angle," joked Rosiek.

But in his emailed publication Monday, Joyner wrote: "So who won? Musings or the Observer? There is only one answer. Seedlings won. By a big margin."

Member of local Lions Clubs raised more than $5,000 for Seedlings.

"For us it's a record," said Matt Collins, immediate past president of the Livonia Lions Club. "We try to keep it growing each year."

Schoolcraft College Trustee Gretchen Alaniz formed a Schoolcraft team including herself, Trustee Terry Gilligan, Terry's wife Barb Gilligan, and Chair Brian Broderick. "Our team did pretty well considering I was on the team (lowest scorer)," she said. "We had good bowlers with Brian, Terry and Barb. We determined that I did better when our stuffed ocelot mascot was in my path! We were just thrilled to form a Schoolcraft trustee team for such a great cause."

The bowlers played 9 Pin-No Tap, but two people had 300 games – Chuck Shimko from AlphaUSA and Rich Doelker from Jimmy John's.

In addition to lane sponsors, there were headlining sponsors – Valassis, Livonia Builders, Plymouth Lions Club, and Cole, Newton & Duran CPA's; program sponsors – Livonia MetroPlex, Smith & Associates and UPS; and t-shirt sponsors – Bright House Networks, Livonia Lions Club, Pipefitters Local Union 636 and Westland Lions Club.

Bonde said on Monday the Seedlings staff was so excited to see the amount of support. "We're just all glowing today."

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KATELYNN GASKILL OF MIND'S EYEDEAS

Avery Devereux of Royal Oak is one of the many visually impaired children who will benefit from Seedling's Bowling for Braille Books fundraiser.

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Attendees look over the many silent auction items.

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Try forensic science experiments, view 3-D printing at free Madonna University event

Take part in hands-on forensic science experiments, discover how 3-D printing is changing the world of manufacturing, learn about business and entrepreneurship efforts in the metro Detroit area and more at Madonna University's annual Symposium for Scholarship, Research and Creativity.

The free event, scheduled for 1-6 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, in the University's Kresge Hall and the Franciscan Center, features opportunities to learn about and participate in a wide variety of activities presented by Madonna University students and faculty. It is open to the public.

The university-wide symposium showcases the research, scholastic activities and creative endeavors of undergraduate and graduate students as well as faculty members from Madonna University. In addition to presentations of scholarly work, breakout sessions and panel discussions on topics ranging from exploring social-technological solutions for connecting seniors, careers and healthcare providers to supporting entrepreneurship in Detroit are featured.

"The symposium is a unique event — it provides our students and faculty an opportunity to share their interests and work with both their colleagues and the public in a collaborative environment. We look forward to sharing our work with the community," said Dr. Phillip Olla, director of the Center for Research and professor of business at Madonna University.

SUBMITTED

Alexander Hulscher of Canton, an Applied Forensic Science Research student working towards a master's certificate, works on identifying fingerprints in Madonna University's Forensic science research lab.

Interactive presentations from the forensic science program, the only program in the state of Michigan offering an accredited bachelor's degree in forensic science, will allow participants to lift impressions and visualize them with an alternative light source and perform hands-on chemistry techniques for drug identification.

The 3-D printing demonstration allows the public a first-hand glimpse at the process of making three-dimensional solid objects from a digital file.

"3-D printing is reinventing fabrication — from rapid manufacturing to rapid prototyping," Olla said. "The symposium offers an excellent opportunity for the public to experience this technology up close and personal."

For more information, contact the Center for Research at 734-432-5666.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar runs in the *Observer* as space permits. Nonprofit groups and community organizations are welcome to submit news of upcoming events. Include a daytime telephone number and contact person. Email address is: ksmith@hometownlife.com.

SPRING CAREER FAIR

Time/date: 3-5 p.m. Thursday, March 26.

Location: Madonna University, Livonia.

Details: College students and Madonna alumni are encouraged to dress for success and bring copies of their resume to a career fair in the Activities Center at Madonna. Hosted by Career Services, this event features more than 40 employers who are seeking interns and part-time and full-time employees.

Contact: 734-432-5623; www.madonna.edu/careerservices.

A NIGHT OF HOPE

Time/date: 6-11 p.m. Friday, March 27.

Location: Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia.

Details: Benefit for Cure HHT, an organization dedicated to finding a cure for HHT disease, a genetic blood vessel disorder. Tickets, $150 each, include open bar, dinner and dancing.

Contact: http://curehht.org/get-involved/fundraising/hht-fundraising/.

ANNUAL TREE SALE

Time/date: Order deadline is March 27.

Pickup location: The "Barn" at the end of the drive into 5454 Venoy Road, Wayne, or make special pickup arrangements.

Details: The Wayne County Conservation District is hosting its annual Tree Sale, serving residents for over 45 years with low-cost trees in an effort to preserve and improve the soil, air and water. Trees available include varieties of maples, oaks, black cherry, hybrid poplar, conifers, native trees to attract birds and wildlife, and fruit trees (honeycrisp and other apples, plums, peaches, pears, and cherries).

Contact: waynecd.org; 313-418-0700.

COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT

Time/date: 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 28.

Location: St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile Road, Livonia.

Details: Come for crafts, stories and cookies followed by a big Easter egg hunt. There is no charge for this event, and all are welcome. Come rain or shine.

Contact: 734-422-6038.

ST. GENEVIEVE OPEN HOUSE

Time/date: noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, March 29.

Location: St. Genevieve Catholic School, 28933 Jamison St., Livonia.

Details: St. Genevieve offers preschool for 3- and 4-year-olds and elementary school for grades K-8. Meet the teachers, tour the school, see the students work and learn about the countries they are studying. The theme is Travel Around the World.

Contact: 734-425-4420; www.stgenevieve.org/school.

SPRING COIN SHOW

Time/date: 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 29.

Location: Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15128 Farmington Road, Livonia.

Details: The Northwest Detroit Coin Club is hosting its 53rd annual Spring Coin Show. Coins, currency, medals, tokens and other numismatic items will be for sale, barter or trade. Admission is free. There are raffle drawings for gold and silver coins, free appraisals, free parking and more. The NWDCC meets 7:30-9 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center. New members are always welcome.

Contact: nwdccboursechairperson@gmail.com; 512-522-3743.

TRI COUNTY CELIAC

Time/date: 7 p.m. Monday, March 30.

Location: The First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington.

Details: Tri County Celiac Support Group will have Kelly Dorfman — an expert on using nutrition therapeutically to improve brain function, energy and mood — as guest speaker at its general meeting. The title of her presentation is "Beyond Celiac: When Removing Gluten Is Not Enough." The doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7 p.m.

SPRING COMEDY KICK START

Time/date: 6 p.m. cocktails and dinner; 7:30 p.m. showtime Saturday, April 4.

Location: American Legion Post 32, 9318 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

Details: Sponsored by the American Legion Post 32 Riders, this comedy event features special guest host Mike Neubecker, a primo pasta dinner, salad and dessert buffet; door prizes and 50-50 raffle. Ticket sales after expenses support Post 32 American Legion Riders. Tickets are $30 per person. Tickets are available from the post bar until April 2 or when sold out.

Contact: Trish Pellerito, 734-858-7956.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Time/date: 2-5 p.m. Saturday, April 4.

Location: New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware, Redford.

Details: The community is invited to an Easter egg hunt and egg decorating. There will be door prizes, a raffle and a chance to find the golden egg.

Contact: 313-255-6330.

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF WESTLAND WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN FOR THE MAY 5, 2015 SPECIAL ELECTION

Please take Notice that the Special Election in the City of Westland will be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2015.
The last day on which persons may register in order to be eligible to vote at the City of Westland Special Election to be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2015, is Monday, April 6, 2015. Persons registering after 4:00 in the evening on Monday, April 6, 2015 are not eligible to vote at this Special Election.

On the ballot for the City of Westland's Special Election to be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2015 will be a state wide ballot question which would increase the state sales tax from 6% to 7% - Yes or No.

You may register at the Westland City Clerk's office or at any Secretary of State Office.

EILEEN DeHART, CMC
Westland City Clerk

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CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 6 3/16/15

Presiding: President Godbout
Present: Bryant, Coleman, Hammons, Johnson, Kehrer, Reeves
36: Appr. minutes of regular meeting held 3/2/15.
- Marine Corp. League paper roses sales @ Wayne & Warren Rds.5/15-17 @ intersection of Wayne & Warren Rds.
- VFW #6896 poppies sales 5/1-3 at intersection of Wayne & Warren Rds.
- Appr. Bid for Inkster Annapolis Sanitary Pumping Station to DuBois-cooper; amt. $170,000.
- Intro Budget Amendment 2015-07; Library Fund $30,000.
- Adopted JBVCV Resolution to accept Sec. 108 Guaranteed Loan.
- Adopted Resolution for NSP Disposition of 34033 Caseville.
- Adopted Resolution for NSP Disposition of 35531 Booth.
- Adopted Land Div. Resolution, PID #042-03-0865-303, -304, -305, & -306, NE corner of Marquette & Hanlon.
- Appr. Ltr. of Agreement to maintain staffing levels in the FD for 2 yrs. contingent upon the SAFER grant is awarded;
37: Set 4/20/15 as PH date for CDBG XLI, 7/1/15-6/30/16.
38: Set 4/5/15 as PH date for prop. 2015-16 Budget.
39: Appr. SLU for Prop. Restaurant w/drive-thru, 449 N. Wayne Rd. w/contingencies.
40: Appr. Site Plan for Prop. Restaurant w/drive-thru, 449 N. Wayne Rd. w/contingencies.
41: Appr. checklist: $ 1,122,609.61.
Mtg. adj. at 8:24 p.m.
Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

James Godbout
Council President

Eileen DeHart-Schoof, CMC
City Clerk

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Sealed proposals that include four (4) copies (one original and 3 additional copies) for SEARS DRIVE RECONSTRUCTION AND INDUSTRIAL ROAD RECONSTRUCTION, will be received at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154 until 2:00 PM, Local Time, on Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held in the West Conference Room at the Department of Public Works Building, 12973 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan (734) 466-2655 at **2:00pm on Wednesday, April 1, 2015. Bids will not be accepted from those bidders who do not attend.**

The City of Livonia seeks proposals for the following:

The reconstruction of Sears Drive and Industrial Road. Work includes removal of existing concrete pavement, subgrade corrections, placing new aggregate base and underdrain, construction of 9-inch non-reinforced concrete pavement, minor drainage improvements, storm sewer installation and drainage structures, driveway restoration, sidewalk repairs, sidewalk ramp improvements, traffic signal modernization at the intersection of Middlebelt and Industrial Road, surface restoration, sprinkler repairs and traffic maintenance.

The approximate quantities for some of the major items of work for this project are as follows:

Pavt, Rem	20,700	Syd
Station Grading	48	Sta
Aggregate Base, 10 inch	18,500	Syd
Underdrain, Subgrade, 6 inch, Modified	9,400	Ft
Conc Pavt with Integral Curb, Nonreinf, 9 inch	18,300	Syd
Driveway, Nonreinf Cone, 8 inch	2,000	Syd
Traffic Signal Modernization	Various Items	

Instructions to bidders and specifications may be obtained by registering with the Michigan Inter-Govenmlental Trade Network (MITN) at www.govbids.com/scripts/mitn/Public/home1.asp

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check in the amount of five percent (5%) of the proposal, payable to the City of Livonia, as security for the acceptance of the contract. A bid bond on the Michigan Standard Form, issued by an approved Surety Company, may be furnished in lieu of a certified check.

All bids shall be opened publicly at the date and time specified. Each bid shall be recorded together with the name of the bidder. Bids shall be in accordance with the requirements of this notice in order to be deemed "responsive."

Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope, plainly marked **"BID - SEARS DRIVE RECONSTRUCTION AND INDUSTRIAL ROAD RECONSTRUCTION"** and received by the City Clerk on or before the time and date given above.

The Prime Contractor shall demonstrate that they have successfully completed projects in the last five (5) years of equal scope (i.e. industrial concrete street paving) in the State of Michigan and each totaled more than $1,500,000 minimum per year minimum during the past 5 years (2010 thru 2014) in construction work. Failure to provide documentation supporting this requirement constitutes an invalid bid submittal.

No bidder may withdraw his proposal within one hundred twenty (120) calendar days after the date set for opening thereof. The right to accept any bid, to reject any or all proposals and to waive irregularities in bidding is reserved by the City of Livonia. Portions of this Contract may be deleted due to unforeseen circumstances without compensation. Acceptance of any bid does not constitute a binding agreement until a written Contract is signed by both parties.

Todd J. Zilincik, PE
City Engineer

Jack E. Kirksey
Mayor

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Doing the Lord's work

Missionaries give up everything to work with people of northern Ghana

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

JASMUND OUTREACH
Gary and Siham Jasmund have worked as missionaries in the Upper East Region of Ghana for six years.

JASMUND OUTREACH
Gary Jasmund plays with children in a village in northern Ghana where a well was drilled.

For Gary and Siham Jasmund, life is about serving. For six years, they have worked as missionaries in the Upper East Region of Ghana, helping spread the word of God and make lives better for the people they come in contact with.

Their life now is in stark contrast to what they left in Michigan to answer God's call. They put their faith into action, selling their home in South Lyon and all of their possessions and trained to become missionaries. People thought they were "crazy."

"Before we went out on our own, an organization invited us to go to Ghana," Siham said. "We weren't in a position to do it on our own, but when we came home, we opened our own 501(c)(3)."

They formed their own foundation, Jasmund Outreach, in 2009 and now rely on donations to do the work of the Lord.

Siham's journey started well before they made their first mission trip to Gambia in 1998. They raised their own support and helped construct buildings. Looking back, she doesn't know why she went on that trip, but whatever the reason, by 2005 the Jasmunds had collectively made 30 short mission trips to 11 countries, including Honduras, Croatia, Papua New Guinea, Romania and Hungary.

Meeting with God

The couple lived in Garden City for 20 years and raised their four children there. Members of St. Raphael Catholic Church, Siham began to want more of her relationship with God, so she researched and read the Bible. She became "hungry" and ended up taking Bible classes at North Ridge Church in Plymouth. That was where she discovered there could more than meeting with God once a week.

"I would meet him on Sunday; I didn't realize that I could invite him into my life any day of the week," she said. "I didn't realize how much I wanted to have a relationship with him. I look back on the history of my relationship with him and I have learned to respond to him sooner."

By 2000, Siham "knew God was calling us to do this full-time," but it wasn't until 2005 that Gary, after their third trip to South Africa, came home from work one day and said that "I think God is calling us to go to the field sooner than later." As with many of the decisions they make, they took time and prayed.

"We initially thought we'll go out as missionaries, when God provides enough money to do it, but God made it clear that we were to follow Him now and leave the details, including the finances, up to Him," the Jasmunds said. "And He really has done it. Where God guides, He provides. It's not about going to a different place, it's about following Jesus and obeying Him where we are, and as He leads us."

They sold their home in South Lyon in 2007 and went to live with their brother in Westland. In 2008, they spent nine months, living in a trailer in Mississippi, helping with Hurricane Katrina relief and church renovations. In two years' time they went from living in a 3,000-square-foot house to a 400-square-foot trailer.

When they finally left for Ghana, they had seven bags, but not all were filled with clothes. Some had pots and pans, Siham said.

"Our only earthly possession was a motorcycle; it was an anniversary gift that we didn't want to give away," she said.

The Jasmunds spent three years outside of Accra, the capital of Ghana; working with orphans, widows and the poor. They helped build several schools and children's homes, churches and community projects. But they felt God asking them to go to Bolgatanga in the remote north, near the border with Burkina Faso.

They work with a number of communities and churches, many of which they have helped their local friends establish. One of their "dear friends and partners" in Ghana is Emmanuel, who is a teacher and pastor. He works with them in a number of community outreach programs, including being Siham's assistant director of The Give a Goat initiative. Their daughter and son-in-law run Jasmund Outreach as volunteers. All the donations received go toward their mission work.

"One of my husband's greatest gifts is generosity," Siham said. "He would give you the shirt off his back, but we pray about things before we do anything."

What people need

For the Jasmunds, their work is both spiritual and humanitarian. When they go to a village, their first questions are about what the people need.

"The villages open up to us because we have gone in and asked what they need, what their problems are," Gary said. "Education and water are their biggest needs. When you ask what the biggest problem is, it will almost always connect to the children. How do I educate them? How do I help? How do I propel them into a better life?"

"We go to villages to help, and the people will ask us why we do this. We tell them we do this because Jesus loves you, we do this because Jesus brought us here to walk with you," he added.

One effort Siham is proud of is The Give a Goat ministry. She started working with widows who have the greatest need. The Sihams buy healthy female breeding goats and give them to the widows who have a partner. They give their goat's first born female to the partner. Siham started with 10 women and now has 250 widows in six communities involved in the project.

"I'm teaching them business sense and with their partners, reconciliation and unity," she said. "It's been amazing what a little idea has done. A goat costs $50 and that's a fortune for them, but they're responsible to their partner so that goat is well taken care of."

Gary has gone back to school to study and would like to get a theological degree. Because of his studies, he spent half of last year in Nevada and half in Ghana. He was back in the states for a few weeks in January and returned to Ghana with two 75-pound bags filled with literature to equip students and pastors to serve God and others effectively.

For the Jasmunds, the hardest part has been leaving their family, but they have been here for the births of their eight grandchildren, which Siham describes as a "total blessing."

"Is it worth it? As a woman of faith, it is," she said. "I'm not sure how long we will live there and will we do this until the day we die? Yes, if God wants us to."

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JASMUND OUTREACH

The work of Gary and Siham Jasmund is supported through their foundation, Jasmund Outreach. The donations help support their humanitarian and spiritual work, including the purchase of the female breeding goats and building wells in villages in need of a source of clean water. Each goat costs $50 and each well $6,000.
Jasmund Outreach is a nonprofit, 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization with the IRS. Donations made to Jasmund Outreach are tax deductible and can be made by sending a check to Jasmund Outreach, 2764 N Green Valley Pkwy, Suite #214, Henderson, NV 89014-2120.
For more information about Jasmund Outreach, visit its website at jasmundoutreach.com.

CITY OF WAYNE
PUBLIC NOTICE

03-15-0050 Motion by Damitio, seconded by Rhaesa and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve a resolution regarding the 2014 Special Assessment Roll and call a Public Hearing for Tuesday, April 21, 2015, at 8:00 p.m. to discuss this matter.

NOTICE OF HEARING ON ROLL

WHEREAS, the Assessing Department has prepared and submitted a special assessment roll covering all lots and parcels of land within the 2014 Delinquent Hazard & Nuisance, Snow/Sidewalks, Vacant Property Inspections and Property Transfer Affidavit special assessment district heretofore designated by resolution of Council; and

WHEREAS, said special assessment roll assesses to each lot or parcel of land such sums as may have been directed by resolution of the Council in connection with the 2014 Delinquent Hazard & Nuisance, Dangerous Buildings, Snow/Sidewalks, Vacant Property Inspections and Property Transfer Affidavit; and

WHEREAS, such special assessment roll has been certified by said Assessing Department, and that said special assessment roll, as near as may be, according to the best judgment of said Assessing Department, conforms in all respects to the directions contained in resolutions of Council, the City Charter, and Chapter 218.04 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Wayne; and

WHEREAS, said Assessing Department has filed said special assessment roll with the City Clerk, who has presented the special assessment roll to Council;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that said special assessment roll shall be filed in the office of the City Clerk for purpose of public examination.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Wayne will meet on the twenty-first day of April, 2015 at the Wayne Activity Banquet Center, 35000 Sims Avenue, Wayne, Michigan 48184 at 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing such special assessment roll.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon adoption each assessment for Delinquent Hazard & Nuisance will be placed on the 2015 tax roll plus thirty percent (30%) penalty and Snow/Sidewalks will be placed on the 2015 tax roll with (10%) penalty and Vacant Property Inspections and Property Transfer Affidavit will be placed on the 2015 tax roll with no penalty.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk shall give notice to the owner of each lot or parcel of land effected by said special assessment roll at his or her address or the address shown on the last tax roll of the City of Wayne, which notice shall be given by first class mail and which notice shall set forth and specify the time and place of said meeting and the purpose of having such a meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk shall give further notice by publication at least once in the newspaper of general circulation in the City, that paper being The Wayne-Westland Observer.

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OPINION

Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

OUR VIEWS

Legislators should offer alternative roads plan

The spring thaw is no friend to Michigan's roads. With the snow melt and frozen groundwater thawing, potholes are popping up here, there and, sometimes it seems, everywhere.

Road conditions have been at the forefront of drivers' minds for quite a while. For much of 2014, residents have said fixing roads should be the state's biggest priority. So what did Michigan's legislators do? They waited until the last minute, then threw together a slew of bills in the lame-duck session with bipartisan support.

The result is a May 5 ballot question asking voters if they support a one-cent increase in the state sales tax.

If passed, ironically, none of that extra sales tax money would go toward roads. Instead, it would trigger implementation of several other laws. Among them are measures that would raise the fuel tax and vehicle registration fees while exempting gas from the state sales tax. That money would be dedicated to roads and mass transit and – ultimately, proponents claim – will raise the extra $1 billion a year needed for road repairs.

Passage of the sales tax increase would also provide more money to schools, local government and restore the Earned Income Tax Credit.

It's convoluted and messy, for sure. Legislators apparently think that's good enough. The sales tax increase is a tough sell. Residents, businesses and government officials alike seem lukewarm to the proposal, at best. And a top state official, Attorney General Bill Schuette, has come out in opposition.

So what happens if the ballot proposal fails? Who knows? The roads certainly aren't going to fix themselves. And various legislators have indicated they have bills ready in case the sales tax request fails. But those are simply rehashed ideas that never saw the light of day last time around. Gov. Rick Snyder has said repeatedly there is no Plan B.

What Lansing's legislators need to do – and quickly – is devise an alternative plan to fix the state's infrastructure. It needs to be passed before the May 5 election. And if Proposal 1 fails, that Plan B should be triggered to take effect, similar to how its passage would activate those other measures.

Why? Because voters need to know what they're getting themselves into if they reject the increased sales tax. We've heard plenty of reasons why residents plan to vote no in May, including the confusing nature of the request and the expectation that the elected legislators are hired to make these types of decisions.

But since the state House of Representatives was afraid of being connected to anything resembling a tax increase, members kicked the can as far away from themselves as they could.

That's not leadership. It's pandering to their partisan districts, trying to set themselves up for their next election run.

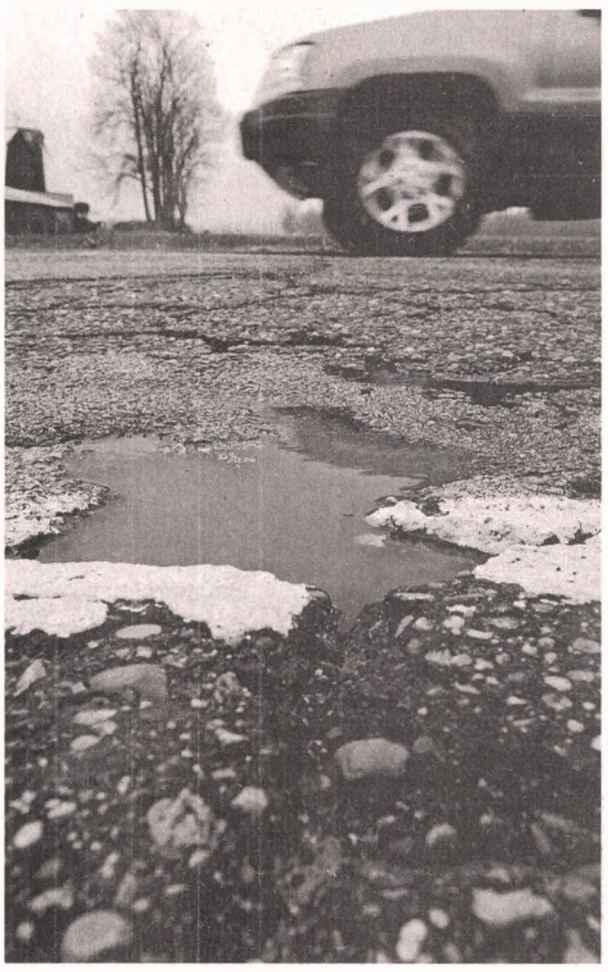
Failure at the polls on this costly ballot proposal can't be taken by Lansing officials as a sign residents oppose any tax increase. Likely, it's an indictment on those who put the plan together.

This is one issue that deserves much, if not all, attention from our elected officials. More so than such social issues they're talking about now, like a state Religious Freedom Restoration Act, which would attempt to elevate religious beliefs above anti-discrimination laws.

Michigan residents must have an alternative plan if Proposal 1 fails May 5. Whether it's something akin to the state Senate's road funding proposal last year or something else, Michigan needs to have something in place to address road conditions.

Just like there are bills that will take effect with Proposal 1's passage, new laws should be triggered to address road funding if the measure fails.

If they don't act, legislators will be saying that roads aren't a problem – and that their personal agendas are more important than listening to residents.



FILE PHOTO

While campaigning for Proposal 1, Gov. Rick Snyder said there is no Plan B if the measure fails on the May ballot.

Use #YourPower; flip the switch for Earth Hour 2015

For one hour Saturday, March 28, people living in more than 7,000 cities, towns and municipalities in 162 countries and territories around the world will turn off their lights for one hour between 8:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. in observance of Earth Hour.

Started in Sydney, Australia, in 2007 as symbolic lights-off event, Earth Hour has grown to become the world's largest grassroots environmental movement designed to inspire people and organizations to take action to combat climate change.

Scientists have been trumpeting the warning about global warming for many years and what they have been saying can be seen in the data. *The Economics of Global Climate Change* by Jonathan M. Harris, Brian Roach and Anne-Marie Codur, found that nine of the 10 warmest years in the modern meteorological record have occurred since the year 2000. Each of the last three decades (1980s, 1990s, 2000s) has been successively warmer at the Earth's surface than any preceding decade since 1850.

In the Northern Hemisphere, 1983-2012 was likely the warmest 30-year period of the last 1,400 years. The year 2014 was recorded as the hottest year since record-keeping began in 1880, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Ocean and land temperatures rose more than 1°F above the 20th century average.

The average U.S. household produces 48 metric equivalent tons of CO2. An interactive map at coolclimate.berkeley.edu/maps shows the average annual household carbon footprint by ZIP Code and, in places like Westland and Garden City, the footprint is more than 55 metric equivalent tons per household per year.

The World Wildlife Federation, which started Earth Hour, describes it as an "initiative to encourage individuals, businesses and governments around the world to take accountability for their ecological footprint and engage in dialogue and resource exchange that provides real solutions to our environmental challenges. Participation in Earth Hour symbolizes a commitment to change beyond the hour."

Can turning off the lights for one hour make a difference?

Consider this: Boston University determined that if everyone on campus turned off one light for one hour a day for one year, there would be a savings of 733,475 kilowatt hours per year, the equivalent of removing 97 cars (or 1,161,000 pounds of CO2) from the road for an entire year.

Imagine what would happen if every American did that.

The WWF notes that "climate change might seem too huge or too abstract a challenge, but real impact can be achieved – all it takes is the first step."

It can start Saturday. Be a part of the solution. Flip the switch Saturday and use #YourPower to change climate change.

LETTERS

Pool will be missed

What a tragedy happened in Wayne on Feb. 22 at 6 p.m. One of the beautiful jewels was closed and set to be drained. Yes, in spite of a roomful of protestors, it was decided by a vote of 4 to 3 to close and abandon the use of the pool to save money!

Yes, Wayne is in financial straits, I get that! Councilwoman Rowe announced on Channel 4 News that $70,000 would be saved stopping (pool drain). I question that figure, since many people will cancel their membership and ask for a refund. There will be less pool birthday parties, swim lessons and various other money making events. Our property values will go down, thereby lowering the tax due on our homes.

Many constructive ideas had been offered by the audience at the meeting, such as better promotion, turning the closed ice rink into a sports arena, offering soccer, basketball sports teams. Wouldn't that raise a lot of cash? Grants could be written. Westland could share in the cost of running the center. They get the same discounts as residents do.

The Ford Foundation makes its home in Wayne. They can afford and need to help the family.

It's a sad day when kids and grandkids can no longer enjoy the water, the slides and good clean fun. As a senior member, I enjoyed water yoga (fabulous teacher Lynda), water aerobics and deep water exercise. Land exercise is no longer an option for this older body. The arthritis class will be needed and missed, and most of all, the friendship made.

It is not a rec center, it is a health center. By the way, will the 1 mill we voted on for the pool be rescinded? Just asking.

Broken-earted and teary eyed,

Genie Jeziorowski
Wayne

Colbeck telling fairy ales

Shame on you Sen. Pat Colbeck for telling scary fairy tales to gullible seniors who look to you for honesty and integrity.

To letter-writer Loretta Stringer, let me tell you some truths — our first lady has worked extremely hard to educate parents and children on the benefits of eating healthy and exercising. This generation of American kids is the fattest, least-healthy kids on the planet. Mrs. Obama has worked tirelessly to change that and has not and cannot dictate what is sold at bake sales or the school lunch counter no matter what Colbeck says. And to any mother that has told you the lie that their kids' "brought-from-home-lunches" were raided and junk food removed, seriously, you really believe that? I'm willing to bet whoever told you that is just another GOP hardcore Obama hater. I believe the USDA allows three junk food sales per year on school property; Colbeck and the GOP want to increase that to three times per week (SB 139, HB 4202).

At its core, this isn't really about bake sales. Junk-food corporations give lots of money to the GOP so they can have unlimited access to our schools. . It comes as no surprise that Republicans have worked overtime to ridicule and lie about Mrs. Obama for trying to educate families to the value of proper nutrition and up nutritional standards for school kids.

We've all seen video of the ever-articulate GOP tea party intellectual Sarah Palin shouting from the mountaintop to just how wonderful a daily diet of Twinkies, potato chips and Slurpees is for our children while throngs of obese, dentally challenged sycophants cheer wildly.

I really didn't expect too much from Colbeck; scaring seniors, then pretending to be their friend is still big time in the GOP playbook. So Ms. Stringer, Colbeck does not have your best interest at heart. He always talks about repealing 100 percent of the Affordable Care Act, even though this would greatly hurt seniors.

For instance, under the ACA, seniors get free annual wellness checks, flu shots and no-cost screenings for cancer, diabetes and many other chronic diseases.

Prescription drug costs keep dropping as the doughnut hole keeps closing. Medicare part B premiums haven't risen in more than two years, and private Medicare Advantage plan premiums have increased their coverage and reduced their price by an average of 10 percent while enrollment has increased by 33 percent. A lot of these savings come from new rules that limit how much premium money insurance companies can waste on corporate bonuses and administrative costs like lobbying money that finds its way into Colbeck's pocket. No wonder he hates Obamacare.

One particular fairy tale Colbeck loves to tell is that there's now 159 new government bureaucracies between us and our doctors; yet he won't name them. Next time you listen to Colbeck speak, ask why he wants to take all this away from you and what does he plan replace it with. I guarantee you won't get a straight answer.

Mitch Dubanik
Livonia

A no vote

No doubt about it — Michigan roads are bad. At first glance an additional 1 percent to our sales tax seems like a fair way to include all who will benefit in various degrees.

However, a majority of our legislators passed the buck and passed the choice on to you and me. To help their deal smell a little better, the ballot proposal includes the elimination of the sales tax from gasoline sales, gives additional funds to local governments and promises $200 more per student in the K-12 school aid fund. Why all the smoke and mirrors?

What will not be showing on our ballots? How long will the new additional tax last? Who selects the construction companies that will do the work? Who will evaluate the quality and progress of construction?

In my opinion, to evaluate the process and progress there should be a four-year life for the 1-percent increase. After three years the state House and Senate should be required to vote to renew the tax for another time period and be prepared to give their reasons why. If they fail to act by a mandated deadline the fourth year would end the tax.

The ballot proposal should maintain the present sales tax on gasoline since out-of-state drivers also make gasoline purchases. To increase revenue, the Legislature should step up and pass legislation for a state sales tax on Internet transactions with all proceeds earmarked for road repair.

The only thing of value in the May 5 ballot proposal is the admission that K-12 schools are under-funded and it is now OK to raise taxes to increase that budget item.

In his State of the Sate address, our governor promises an additional $75 per student in the next state budget. The K-12 schools in Michigan have been so badly treated during the past few years that any increase "sounds" good.

However, if you are teachers in one of our public schools, this is how this additional funding could be spent per student in your classroom: If students are only in one classroom each day, each student 42 cents. If a student has five different classes each day, each of those classroom teachers could spend 9 cents per student and would be over budget. Hardly an increase that any teacher could say wow about.

Jim Brenner
Redford

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PREP FOOTBALL

Waller named John Glenn's new coach

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Westland John Glenn athletic director John Young announced Friday that Steve Waller will take over the head-coaching reins of the school's football program.

Waller, a former player and longtime assistant coach at John Glenn, succeeds Tim Hardin, who resigned following last season's 6-4 season.

Waller knows the Rocket way well after coaching in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools system for 18 years, the past 15 at John Glenn.

Waller is the seventh varsity football coach in the history of the program, joining such notable mentors as Lloyd Carr and Chuck Gordon.

Waller

After playing and coaching for Gordon, Waller has served as both an offensive and defensive coordinator for the Rockets.

"I am extremely excited and proud to have the opportunity to be the seventh head coach at John Glenn," Waller said in a press release provided by the school district. "Having played football for John Glenn, this has been a dream job of mine for the past 18 years. We have a great core of student-athletes at Glenn, and I can't wait to help them turn into outstanding young men with outstanding character, pride and discipline. That has been the bedrock of this program for over 40 years and will continue to be under my leadership."

Waller served as John Glenn's junior-varsity head coach in 2003 and 2004 before accepting a varsity offensive coordinator position at Wayne Memorial. During his three seasons at Wayne, the Zebras' per-game point production doubled from 13 to 27.

Waller returned to Glenn as its varsity offensive coordinator from 2008 to 2013. During that span, the program produced two Division 1 running backs: Jeremy Langford (Michigan State University) and Devon Spalding (Central Michigan University).

Waller was the Rockets' defensive coordinator last season.

"Steve Waller is a quality guy, an excellent football coach and a great role model in our building," Young noted in the release. "He is a teacher both in the classroom and on the football field. Steve exhibits all of the great characteristics we want to see in our own sons. He will help our student-athletes become better football players and better citizens."

GIRLS SOCCER PREVIEW

GC won't rest on its impressive laurels

Cougars still talented after losing 11 seniors

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

On the heels of its most decorated season in school history, what will Garden City's girls soccer team do for an encore?

Based on the Cougars' returning nucleus, the sky's the limit.

Under the direction of head coach Jeff Szypula, the Cougars caged a Division 1 district title for the first time ever in 2014 – in addition to pocketing a Western Wayne Athletic Conference championship.

While the team lost a number of solid performers to graduation, its cupboard is far from bare.

"We're a young team this year, but a lot of our returners played a lot of minutes as freshmen last year, so we're young and experienced, I guess you could say," said Szypula, whose team finished 13-7 while playing a schedule with few cupcakes. "We haven't been able to train outside much [prior to Tuesday's season-opener against Livonia Ladywood], so we're not exactly sure what we have yet, but I like this team and the way it works."

The Cougars' most dynamic player is senior outside mid-fielder Lindsay Yankasky, who recently signed a letter of intent to play collegiate soccer for Indiana Purdue Fort Wayne. Fast as lightning with dazzling ball-control skills, Yankasky is a defender's worst nightmare.

"Obviously, we expect teams to target her with their best defender," said Szypula. "Lindsay will still score goals because she's that good, but I expect her assists will go up this season due to the amount of attention she'll get; there will be open teammates and she's good at finding them."

Yankasky will team with fellow senior Gabby Castillo to form one of the WWAC's best one-two combinations. A third-year varsity player, Castillo netted 11 goals and seven assists in 2014.

"Gabby and Lindsay work the give-and-go really

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ED WRIGHT
Garden City's Samantha Sultana follows through on a strike during last spring's Division 1 district championship victory over Southgate Anderson.

HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

ED WRIGHT
Livonia Stevenson's Megan Verant pushes the ball upfield as Livonia Franklin's Morgan Justice defends.

RUNNING START

Livonia Stevenson looks sharp in home opener, upends Livonia Franklin, 6-1

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Of all the highlights the Livonia Stevenson girls soccer team stacked up during Tuesday night's home-opening 6-1 victory over Livonia Franklin, it was a gesture that unfolded during a stoppage of play that topped Spartans coach Chris Grodzicki's list of favorite things.

With Stevenson holding a precarious 2-1 lead with 9:06 left in the first half, Spartan freshman Kennedy Thurlow was fouled in the 18-yard box, generating a penalty-kick opportunity for the hosts.

"One of our senior captains, Aliya El-Sabeh, picked up the ball and handed it to one of our freshman, Audrey Kopitz, and said, 'This is yours'," Grodzicki recalled. "I thought that was a great leadership moment from a senior to a freshman."

It also turned out to be a great decision as Kopitz ripped a frozen rope through the frigid air into the upper-left corner of the net to expand Stevenson's lead to 3-1, which is the advantage it carried into the half.

The winners tacked on three more goals in the second half to even their record at 1-1 following Saturday's 2-0 setback at Detroit Country Day.

The game was the first of the season for the Patriots.

"The fact that we had already played a game was definitely helpful," Grodzicki admitted. "We had a game to work some of the bugs out."

ED WRIGHT
Livonia Stevenson's Sari Rakowicz (right) and Livonia Franklin's Riley Hawley converge on a ball Tuesday night.

The Patriots drew first blood when junior forward Rachel Dudek rocked a low shot into the back of the net with 35:02 showing on the first-half clock.

"It sure seemed to be," Grodzicki said, when asked if Dudek's goal was a wake-up call for his team.

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HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

Clarenceville's Fyffe earns all-state honor

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Livonia Clarenceville High School senior Cameron Fyffe earned all-state recognition with a seventh-place finish in the Division 3 state wrestling tournament March 5-7 at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

Fyffe (45-10) won two of his first three matches to guarantee himself a place among the top eight in the 189-pound weight class and three of five matches overall.

After dropping a major decision to Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central senior Josh Quinn in the opening round, Fyffe rebounded with consecutive victories.

Fyffe

He stayed alive in the tournament with a 7-2 decision over Howard City Tri-County junior Jarred Tague, and he moved into the medal round when he pinned Allendale senior Jon Nielsen.

Following a loss by pin to Caro senior Tyler Deming, Fyffe locked up seventh place with a pin in his final bout with Allegan junior Austin Ferrell.

Millington sophomore Jared Roehl won the 189-pound title and completed an undefeated season (49-0). He defeated Allegan sophomore Chase Beard in the championship match, 5-2.

Fyffe, who also starred in soccer for the Trojans was a member of the 2014 all-Observer first team, was the runner-up in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference.

He qualified for the state tournament with four-place finishes in the regional at Mount Morris and the district at Richmond.

Cullen Barber is a cut above

Livonia Stevenson junior Cullen Barber was named the Michigan High School Hockey Coaches Association's starting "Dream Team" goalie in the wake of his outstanding season when he helped lead the Spartans to the Division 2 state championship game against Birmingham Brother Rice.

Barber was magnificent throughout the season, yielding just 1.71 goals per game while registering a sterling save percentage of .925.

Salloum paces Madonna softball team

Sophomore shortstop Nicole Salloum came through at the plate in both ends of the double-header Saturday as the Madonna University women's softball team swept host Findlay University (Ohio) at Anderson Field.

Salloum

The Livonia Churchill grad went 2-for-4, including an RBI double while teaming up with Brianna Keethler for back-to-back homers as MU captured the opener, 5-4.

Karleigh Creighton (North Farmington) also knocked in a run, while winning pitcher Bree Crampton (6-4) worked all seven innings scattering nine hits and fanning six against the NCAA Division II foe.

Morgan Arnold went 3-for-3, including a homer and three RBI for Findlay.

In the nightcap, MU rallied for two runs in the top of the seventh to edge the Oilers, 3-2, as Salloum's infield single scored Mikey Kish with the game-winning run. That came after Kish tied the game with a single to score Creighton.

Emma Cook went 2-for-4 with an RBI, while winning pitcher Erin Combs (6-3) allowed six hits without a walk to go along with three strikeouts as MU improved to 12-7-1 overall.

The two losses drops Findlay to 10-9 overall.

The Crusaders return to non-conference action 3:30 p.m. Tuesday at home against Albion College.

Coaches vs. Cancer

Livonia's Eddie Edgar Arena will host the inaugural Coaches vs. Cancer fundraising hockey game Saturday, April 11, at 6 p.m.

Forty current and former Livonia Hockey Association coaches (20 on each team) will square off in a game orchestrated to help raise money for St. Jude's Children's Cancer Research.

There will be no admission fee, however, spectators will be encouraged to make a donation that will go directly to St. Jude's.

There will also be a silent auction and a 50/50 raffle.

The teams will wear pink and purple jerseys – the colors most associated with cancer awareness.

Reporting results

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

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PREP BASEBALL PREVIEW

Strong returning cast raises Patriots' hopes

Franklin aims to improve on last season's .500 record

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

With the bulk of its pitching staff returning from last year's 15-15-1 campaign, Livonia Franklin's baseball team is armed and dangerous heading into the 2015 season.

"We were very young last year and we only graduated one arm, so pitching depth should be a strength for us this season," said Patriots head coach Matt Fournier. "We were kind of a mirror image of [Livonia] Stevenson last year as we were young across the board, so the young guys should only be better with a year of varsity experience under their belt."

Leading the Patriots' strong nine-senior nucleus will be pitcher/outfielder Mitchell Gonyaw, who excelled as a lineman and captain for Franklin's football team last fall.

"Mitchell is a bulldog on the mound," Fournier observed. "He has nice command of his pitches and he eats up a lot of innings."

When he's not pitching, Gonyaw will be joined in the outfield by speedy centerfielder Joe Chinavare and Tyler Camp.

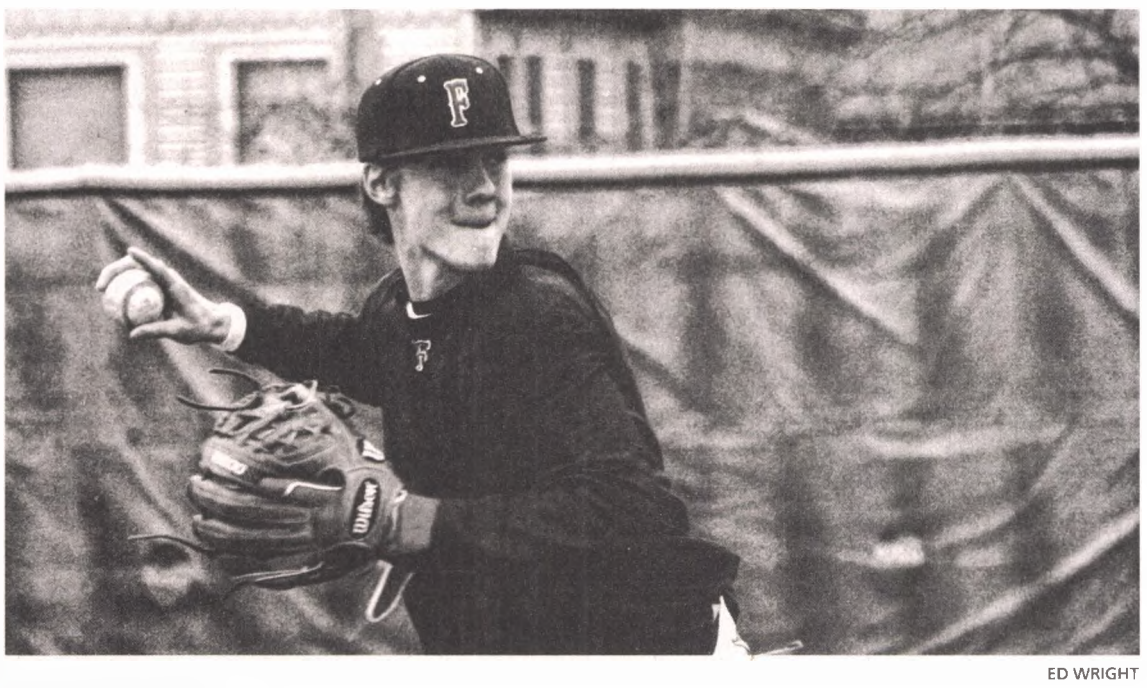
"Tyler will probably hit No. 3 for us; he has one of the fastest bats on our team," noted Fournier. "Joe batted lead-off for us as a sophomore last year and he did a nice job. He's a great table-setter."

Senior third baseman/pitcher Jake Fry returns healthy after missing a portion of his junior season with mononucleosis. Other key senior returners include Hunter Sellers (second base/pitcher), Nick Curtis (catcher), David Milican (utility role), Jordan Stasser (pitcher/infielder), Andrew Koslakiewicz (infield/pitcher) and speedy Nathan Rodgers, who brings state meet-qualifying sprinting speed to the outfield and base paths.

Anchoring the Patriots' productive batting order – the Patriots hit over .300 as a team last year – will be 6-foot-3 junior first baseman Ryan Prohaska, who earned all-KLAA honors as a sophomore.

Junior shortstop Adrian Reed covers a lot of ground on defense, Fournier said, and will also serve as one of the team's top pitchers.

Other key contributors include juniors Jay Hopson and Bobby Mandrink, Brandon Rager, Brendan Sanders, Jack Engel and Robert Comini; and sophomores Kyle Wollam and Colby Dewhirst.



ED WRIGHT
Livonia Franklin's Adrian Reed prepares to gun the ball to the catcher Monday afternoon.

Franklin pummils Annapolis

Junior first baseman Ryan Prohaska launched a three-run home run to spark Livonia Franklin's 15-0 victory Tuesday afternoon over visiting Dearborn Heights Annapolis.

Also swinging hot bats for the winners were Mitch Gonyaw (3-for-3, two RBI) and Kolby Dewhirst, who went 2-for-2 with three RBI and two runs.

Adrian Reed was sharp on the mound for the Pats, yielding just one hit over 3.1 innings. He struck out seven. Hunter Sellers retired both batters he faced to end the mercy rule-shortened game in the fourth.

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PREP SOFTBALL PREVIEW

Spartans stocked with talent, intangibles

By Ed Wright
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Livonia Stevenson's softball team has all the intangibles – energy, enthusiasm and positivity – it takes to put together a successful season.

The Spartans are also equipped with quite a few *tangible* strengths as well, including a talented trio of senior captains and several young up-and-comers who should make the spring of 2015 enjoyable on the diamond that sits just a long home run north of Six Mile Road.

"I like the fact that we're young, because a lot of players have the drive and motivation because they want to prove themselves," said senior captain Laura Coleman, whose positions include right field and first base. "I think it's cool that we only have a couple seniors this season because we can get to know the younger girls and show them the way."

Coleman said she feels the Spartans could be in for a productive season if they maintain a season-long focus.

"If we work hard and don't slack off, I think we could win districts, I really do," she said.

Senior captain Kassidy Lipinski has been playing softball since the second grade and will continue to play beyond this season at Indiana Tech University in Fort Wayne, Ind.

While she'd prefer the temperatures to elevate above the freezing mark that they hovered around Tuesday afternoon, she wouldn't trade this time of year for anything.

"I love the season," she said. "I really look forward to coming out here in the spring and playing with this group of girls. I love this team."

Away from the field, the Spartans don't create much drama amongst themselves, which is a good thing, according to senior captain/pitcher Natalie Moore.

"This team is enthusiastic, energetic – it's just a happy atmosphere when you get to practice," she said. "We don't get down on each other and everybody tries hard. I think it's going to be a fun season."

The Spartans' energy is contagious during games as the players provide an almost non-stop stream of encouraging noise from the dugout.

"No one is allowed to sit on the bench during the game; everybody has to be up on the fence cheering or making noise," said Coleman. "Some teams are quiet. Not us."

Stevenson was scheduled to open its season on Wednesday against West Bloomfield.

ED WRIGHT
Pictured are Livonia Stevenson softball captains (from left) Laura Coleman, Natalie Moore and Kassidy Lipinski.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

MU goes to 8-0 in WHAC with double-header sweep

Junior Evan Piechota's 1-hitter highlighted Madonna University's double-header sweep Tuesday of visiting Concordia University as the Crusaders improved to 8-0 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

The right-hander from Livonia Stevenson improved to 4-1 on the year as he struck out eight and did not allow a walk in nine innings as MU took the opener, 5-0.

The Cardinals' Wes Vaughn collected the lone hit.

John Lauro went 2-for-3 with an RBI, while Cole Rize and Wolverine-Hoosier Player of the Week Taylor Grzelakowski added one RBI each.

In the nightcap, MU survived four errors and upped its record to 18-7 overall with a 4-3 win as sophomore lefty Alex DeYonker (Livonia Franklin) earned the victory to improve his record to 3-2.

DeYonker went the first 5⅓ innings allowing two earned runs on four hits and a pair of walks. He struck out five before Bobby St. Pierre came on to record his third save retiring all five Cardinal hitters he faced, including three strikeouts.

Zack Byron led MU's offense going 2-for-2 with two RBI. Shane Dokey also had two hits, while Levi Lamour, Matt Deneau and Ryan Freemantle also knocked in runs.

Vaughn had two RBI for Concordia (6-20, 1-7).

WHAC honoree

Grzelakowski, a red shirt sophomore outfielder from Fraser, was tabbed as the conference's Player of the Week for the second time in his career after leading the Crusaders to a 6-0 week to open the WHAC slate with a .545 average to along with 10 RBI.

In MU's four-game sweep of Marygrove, Grzelakowski hit .615 with eight RBI, while going a perfect 4-for-4 with five RBI during the second game of the series.

This season Grzelakowski leads Madonna with a .430 average and 25 runs. He is also tied for the lead in outfield assists with three and has stolen six bases.

MADONNA 8-12, MARYGROVE 5-1: On Saturday, the bullpen and offense carried the Crusaders (16-7, 6-0) to its second straight sweep in as many days against visiting Marygrove College (2-15, 1-5) in twinbill at Ilitch Ballpark.

Freshman Patrick Wierimaa (Redford Union) and Dylan Cooper combined to hold the Mustangs to only two runs over the final eight innings after starter Todd Jones was roughed up for three runs in the first en route to an 8-5 win in the opener.

Wierimaa (2-1), who picked up the victory, allowed just one run on four hits and pair of walks in his four innings of work. Cooper, meanwhile, gave up one earned run on three hits while striking out five over the final four innings.

Ryan Lambrecht belted a 2-run homer, while John Lauro (3-for-5, RBI) and Taylor Grzelakowski (2-for-5, RBI) also chipped in offensively for the victorious Crusaders. Cole Rize and Mitch Hudvagner also contributed an RBI each in MU's 11-hit attack.

In Game Two, Levi Lamour (2-for-2, RBI) and Livonia Churchill's Ben Matigian (2-for-4, RBI) led MU's 10-hit attack in a 12-1 triumph.

Matt Deneau also collected two RBI, while Chase Dobbie, Zack Byron, Ryan Freemantle and Grzelakowski chipped in with one RBI apiece.

Winning pitcher Taylor Turner (Northville), the MU starter, worked four scoreless innings and allowed just two hits to earn his first collegiate win.

Jack Zimmerman, who gave up one run over two innings, and Bobby St. Pierre, who pitched a scoreless seventh, helped close out the victory.

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

MU drops 3-of-4 in Grand Rapids

Lone victory comes against Alma, 10-6

It was a tough weekend for the Madonna University women's softball team, which dropped three-of-four games in Grand Rapids after returning from their spring trip to Florida.

On Saturday, No. 4-ranked Lindsey Wilson improved to 16-3 overall by sweeping both ends of a double-header against the Crusaders at Davenport University's Farmers Insurance Athletic Complex.

The Blue Raiders took advantage of four MU errors to post an 8-1 victory in the opener as winning pitcher Casey Bryan (5-1) went all seven innings. She allowed just five hits and no walks while striking out eight.

Meanwhile, losing pitcher Bree Crampton (5-4) allowed three earned runs on nine hits and two walks over six innings. The senior right-hander struck out four.

Jenna Firestein went 3-for-4 with an RBI, while Andrea Whelan went 2-for-4, including her fifth homer of the season to go along with two RBI.

Kasey Trierweiler contributed the lone RBI for MU.

In the second game, Lindsey Wilson racked up 15 hits en route to a 14-5 win as Chelsea Showers went 2-for-4, including her eighth homer of the season, to go with a double and three RBI.

Sydney Fourman also went 2-for-3 with her third homer of the year and four RBI, while Amanda Trampe was 2-for-5 with three RBI.

Mikey Kish collected three hits, while Bri Giordano added two hits and an RBI for Madonna, which returns to action for a scheduled 1 p.m. Saturday double-header at NCAA Division II foe Findlay University.

ALMA 3-6, MADONNA 2-10: In a non-conference double-header Friday in Grand Rapids, Madonna University (10-5-1) and Alma College (5-7) divided a twinbill at the Farmers Insurance Athletic Complex.

Marie Zill went 3-for-3 and scored two runs, while Sarah Collier was 2-for-4 with an RBI as Alma captured the opener in eight innings, 3-2.

Winning pitcher Morgan Stratton (3-2) allowed just five hits, walked two and struck out nine in going the distance for the Scots.

Losing pitcher Bree Crampton (5-3) also went all eight innings allowing eight hits, a pair of walks while fanning six.

Karleigh Creighton (North Farmington) hit a solo homer, her third of the year for MU. Mikey Kish added two hits, while Nicole Salloum (Livonia Churchill) knocked in the other run for the Crusaders.

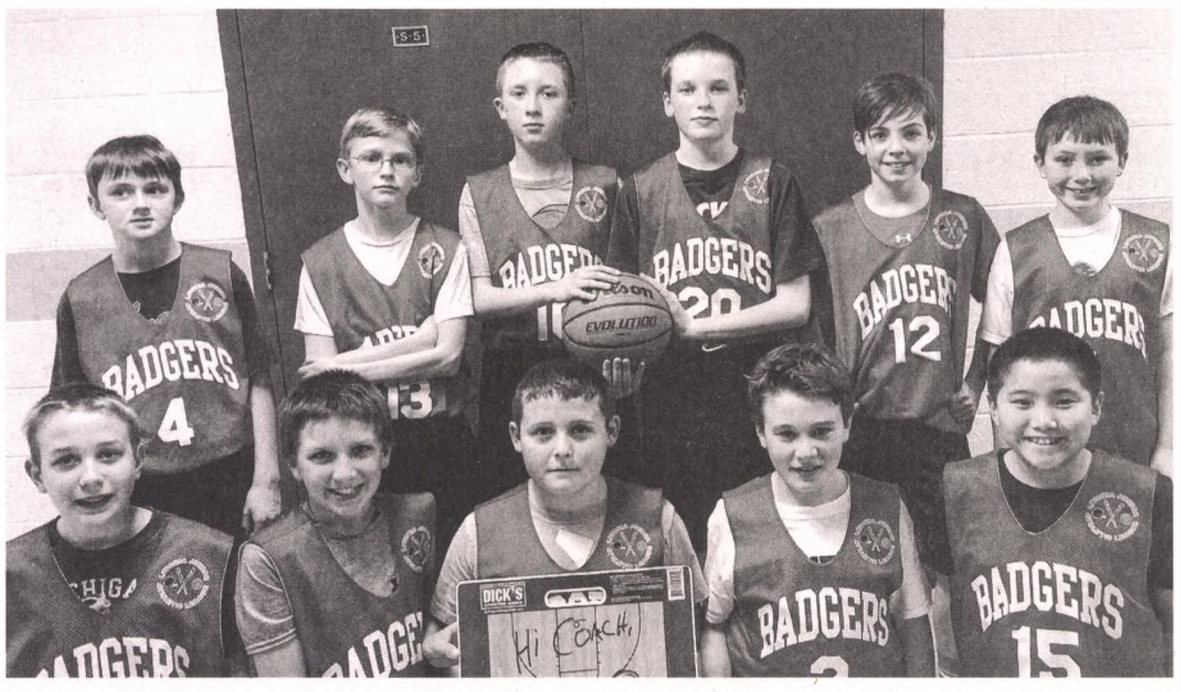
Kasey Trierweiler went 2-for-3 with an RBI and Bri Giordano belted a 2-run homer, her first of the season as MU bounced back to win the nightcap, 10-6.

Winning pitcher Erin Combs (5-2) went the first 6⅔ innings allowing 12 hits and a walk while fanning three.

The Scots committed a total of seven errors.

Move over, Kentucky – Badgers are perfect too!

The Badgers were crowned champions of the 2015 Livonia Junior Athletic League's JV Gold Division after racking up a 10-0 record. Pictured are (back row from left) Dan Foltz, Dillon Hall, Ben Reed, Ethan Young, Bennett Ackman, Will Reed, (front row from left) George Krawczak, Nick Adamczyk, Landen Macek, Paolo Munn and Jack Lustig. Not pictured are Adrian Rakipi and coaches Casey Reed and Eric Young.



PREP SOFTBALL PREVIEW

Chargers primed for electrifying season

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

All the components are in place for Livonia Churchill's softball team to manufacture a season to remember.

One year removed from a exceptional 24-13 record and third-place showing in the always-tough KLAA South Division, the Chargers have few weaknesses heading into their demanding 2015 schedule, said head coach Steve Gentilia.

"This has the potential to be a special team," the veteran coached shared. "It's a very athletic team and most of the girls can play multiple positions, and play them well. We have a good mix of upperclassmen and young players, which is nice, and we only lost one pitcher to graduation."

ED WRIGHT

Livonia Churchill's Melanie Richardson (left) and Victoria Lupher form one of the most potent pitcher-catch duos in the area. Both players also possess exemplary hitting skills.

Churchill will be bolstered by the return of junior hurler Melanie Richardson, who piled up 130 strike-outs in 152 innings as a sophomore. Her 2.72 earned-run average gave the Chargers a chance to win every time she stepped in the circle.

"Melanie has above-average velocity for a high school pitcher," said Gentilia. "She's very competitive too. Last year in a tournament we won, she had already pitched two games, so I was going to let somebody else throw the final because she was a little tired. But she told me, 'I want the ball,' and she went out and led us to the championship."

A left-side of the infield standout when she's not pitching, Richardson is also one of the Chargers' best hitters.

Richardson and senior catcher Victoria Lupher will form one of the most dynamic pitching-catching combinations in the area. Lupher raked at the plate last year, registering a .516 batting average with four home runs and 37 RBI.

"Victoria is a good leader behind the plate and she has really good speed, especially for a catcher," said Gentilia. "She's as close to a five-tool player as you're going to see – and she is an outstanding student in the classroom."

Lupher will be backed up behind the dish by freshman Brook Hanson, a talented switch-hitter. Hanson's twin sister, Paige, will patrol the outfield for the Chargers.

Three-year varsity performer Regan Peyton will hold down the fort at first base after hitting .292 as a sophomore.

"Regan is a strong, powerful hitter, so with another year of maturity, I can see her having a big year," said Gentilia.

Senior Rosey Garvin will back up Peyton at first.

Second base will be shared by sophomore Colleen Mcgowan and senior Lauren St. Pierre, who can play a number of positions, including shortstop.

The shortstop slot will also feature a variety of players, including Richardson, St. Pierre and senior Rachel Mattison, who will handle the bulk of the third-base duties.

Mattison is a high-level hitter and the owner of a .362 batting average with 33 RBI as a junior.

"Rachel is an excellent defensive player and she has good gap power," said Gentilia.

The outfield will rotate depending on who pitches and the opponent. Mainstays figure to be center-fielder Else Baumgardner, Erin Carpenter, Paige Hanson, Ronnie Severin, Alyssa Mazur and Angela Lewan.

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PREP PROFILES

ED WRIGHT

Livonia Franklin senior Nathan Rodgers' speed is a bonus for his school's track and baseball teams.

ED WRIGHT

Livonia Franklin senior Julie Wonch competes for the Patriots' track-and-field and soccer teams in the spring.

LET'S PLAY TWO!

Livonia Franklin athletes excel in multiple spring sports

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Time management isn't just a skill for Livonia Franklin senior athletes Julie Wonch and Nathan Rodgers – it's a lifestyle, especially in the spring when the pair of Patriots compete on two teams at once.

In addition to being the returning MVP for the Patriots' track-and-field team, Wonch is a four-year member – and big-time contributor – for the Franklin girls soccer program.

Rodgers' juggling act is equally impressive as he offers his high-end speed to both the track-and-field and baseball teams.

A star football player for the Patriots in the fall, Rodgers puts his blazing wheels to good use not only on the track and the diamond, but also on the path that connects the two venues.

"On the days when there is a track meet and a baseball game going on at the same time, once my events are over for track, I'll pull my baseball uniform on and run over there and join the team," said Rodgers. "It was a little hard to do both the first year, but I got a feel for it after a while. Both coaches are very supportive and we have the schedules figured out.

"I've missed occasional baseball games – mostly make-up games – and maybe one or two track meets, so it works out well for the most part."

Rodgers said the two-sport challenge fits his always-on-the-go personality.

"I like being busy; I don't like sitting around the house, so this is perfect for me," he said. "Hopefully, managing my time like I do now helps me at college when I have to balance studying and possibly playing a sport."

A sprinter for the Patriots' track team, Rodgers is the school record-holder in the 200-meter dash. He also competes in the 100 and 400 events.

Baseball-wise, he covers a lot of ground as an outfielder and is an accomplished base-stealer, having been thrown out just once in his high school career.

"You can be as fast as you want, but if you don't watch the pitcher's feet and react quickly to his moves, you're not going to get to second base," Rodgers said, when asked about his base-stealing prowess.

Twice as nice

Wonch has forged the two sports together successfully since her freshman season at Franklin. A defender in soccer, she set the school record in the 400-meter dash as a junior.

"Tuesdays are the only days when the meets and games overlap, so it can be difficult on those days," she said. "If I have a soccer game after a track meet, my soccer coach will give me some time to warm back up and stretch out. My mom does a good job of getting me from one event to another."

Soccer has been a cornerstone of Wonch's athletic life since she was 4, so playing that sport at Franklin was never in doubt.

"When I was in seventh grade, my mom said, 'Why don't you try track?' since I wasn't doing any sports in the spring," she recounted. "I had always been pretty fast and it just clicked right away for me. I've been doing both ever since."

Wonch said her teammates are extremely supportive of her dual participation.

"One of my teammates even came up to me and told me I was her track inspiration," Wonch said. "That made me feel good."

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GIRLS TRACK & FIELD PREVIEW

Record-holders to lead Patriots this spring

With speed-burners like Bryah White leading the way, Livonia Franklin's girls track-and-field team will be operating in the fast lane this spring.

White, a senior, isn't *one of* the fastest girls to ever don a Patriots uniform – she's *the* fastest after posting a school-record time of 12.2 seconds in the 100-meter dash last year. The old record was held by Maureen McNabb.

"Bryah has always been extremely fast, but she's worked very hard the past year and a half to get even better," said Franklin head coach Dave Bjorklund.

A state-qualifier as a junior, White will help the Patriots pile up points in the 100, 200 and the sprint relays.

"I love the competitive part of track," said White, who was also a captain for the Patriots' cheer team in the fall. "It tests my ability to see how strong I am."

White started to get a feeling she had decent speed at a young age.

"In elementary school, I'd run with the boys and beat some of them," she said, smiling.

White has her sights set on returning to the Division 1 state meet.

"I didn't do my best at last year's state meet," she said, "but I just felt blessed to get a chance to be there."

Fast company

Franklin senior record-holder Julie Wonch does her best work in the middle-distance events, particularly the 400, in which she clocked an all-time Franklin best time of 58.1 seconds last season.

"Julie is definitely one of the cornerstones of this year's team," Bjorklund said. "Her best event is the 400, but she can run everything from the 100 to the 800 and she's a very good high-jumper, which is why she was voted our MVP last season."

The Patriots' contingent of distance standouts includes junior Natalie Douglas and senior Mandy Pokrysky, both of whom excelled in cross country in the fall.

Douglas qualified for the state meet in the 800 as a sophomore and Pokrysky's confidence has never been higher thanks to a state-meet-qualifying performance in cross country.

Senior thrower Sophia Modes was on the door step of qualifying for the state meet in the shot put and discus last year.

Senior Jasmine Crowley is a strong threat to pick up points in the sprints and the long jump, while sophomore Aubrey Mavin returns as a top-notch hurdler and sprinter.

Franklin captain Isabella Yardley looked strong in her first game since the 2013 season. She missed all of 2014 while recovering from a torn anterior cruciate ligament.

Blazers rout GC

Sam Riga and Taylor Bullard each notched a hat trick Tuesday as Livonia Ladywood routed Garden City, 10-2, in a non-league girls soccer match played indoors at Total Soccer in Wixom.

Riga, bound for Grand Valley State, also had two assists as the Blazers jumped out to a 6-1 halftime lead.

Other offensive contributions for the Blazers, who held a 33-9 shot advantage, came from Conner Huggins (one goal, three assists); Amy Babon (two goals, one assist); Bri Rogers (one goal, two assists); and Kennedi Bullard (two assists).

Goalie Holly Cusick made three saves for the 2-0 Blazers.

Lindsay Yankasky scored in the 26th minute for Garden City (0-1) on a header off a corner kicks, while Hope Pickens added goal on a free kick in the 64th minute.

"Tough situation for Garden City with it being their first game of the season," Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker said. "We have five scrimmage games and a real game under our belt already. We did a nice job of generating chances and finishing them. We just need to clean up our defending off of restarts. We're looking for a good battle on Thursday at Churchill."

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"We responded with the tying goal quickly and then after we scored our third goal the girls started having some fun."

The Spartans' first-half scoring barrage could have been even more productive, but two hard shots – one off the right foot of Megan Verant – dented the cross bar.

Verant scored the Spartans' first goal of the season – and knotted the game at 1-1 – when she banged home a pass from Sari Rikowicz, who drew two defenders after a nice run down the end line at the 32:14 mark.

Stevenson seized the lead for good with 10:10 left in the first half after Jessie Wagner's corner kick was settled in front of the net by Verant, who directed the ball past Franklin keeper Kathryn MacRae.

Kopitz scored on a cross form Alia Basierbe to make it 4-1 10 minutes into the second half. Rakowicz (from Kayla Gacioch) and Wagner (from Basierbe) closed out the scoring.

Junior keeper Hannah Reamer earned the victory after yielding one goal over the first 50 minutes. Jess Schoenfeldt was untested during her 30-minute stint between the pipes.

Reamer's best play came late in the first half when she elevated from the middle of a traffic jam five yards in front of the net to put a stranglehold on a dangerous Franklin corner kick.

COUGARS

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well together," noted Szypula. "They can both score and distribute."

Thanks to the return of senior Hope Pickens, the Cougars are stocked at the goal-keeper position. Following a stellar regular season, Pickens missed last May's district tournament with a broken hand, but Tatum Spears – a freshman last year – stepped in and did a remarkable job, said Szypula, who plans on giving the two equal opportunities to shine between the pipes at least early this season.

Sophomore Brooke Collins, who filled in for an injured Spears at goalie in GC's regional game against Saline, can also guard the net well, but she is more valuable on the field, playing anywhere she's needed from end-line to end-line.

Senior Savanah Childress will serve as a captain along with Yankasky, Castillo and Pickens.

"Savanah didn't play a lot of minutes last year, but her role will definitely increase," said Szypula.

Another senior who the Cougars will be turning to on a more-regular basis is Hayley Griffith, a sure-footed outside midfielder who can score when given the chance.

The Cougars' strong junior class is headed by forward Chelsea Booker.

"Chelsea is a very intelligent player who always seems to be in the right position," Szypula said.

Juniors Alyssa Hurley, a center-mid, and Cassie Leleniewski, a defender, will also see their responsibilities increased ten-fold, their coach assured.

GC's defense will also be solidified by the arrival of junior Hayley Jacobi, who was one of the program's top junior-varsity performers last spring.

The Cougars' class of super sophomores includes Collins, center-mid Samantha Sultana, outside defender Skyler Clendening center-mid Angie Dimopulos and outside defender Sydney Baker. All but Baker played extensive minutes on the varsity squad as freshmen.

"Samantha is great at jumping up into our offense when the opportunity presents itself," said Szypula. Her dribbling skills are huge for us. Skyler is an outstanding defender and she has one of the best throw-ins I've ever seen. Angie has good dribbling skills, she's smart and she has a good first touch."

Alex Sherlock and Claire Konopatzki are two freshmen who will contribute to the Cougars' fortunes right off the bat.

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PREP SOFTBALL PREVIEW

New coach to lead Thurston

By Ed Wright
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While new Redford Thurston softball coach Scott Gray knows the wins-starved team likely isn't going to turn things around overnight, he wants to do whatever he can to make sure games against the Eagles aren't like a "walk" in the park for opponents.

Gray, who has coached Thurston's volleyball team for several years, was hired earlier this month to guide the beleaguered softball program, which has won just a handful of games the past few seasons.

"The thing that bothered me the most when I went to a few games last year was how many walks our pitchers were giving up," said Gray. "So throwing strikes is going to be our No. 1 priority. There's nothing worse than seeing your opponent walking around the bases. We need to at least make them earn it."

With its first game still close to three weeks away, Thurston has the luxury of time to iron out some of the wrinkles that have been created by practicing almost exclusively indoors the past two weeks due to the wintery weather.

"I've had a couple nice surprises," Gray said. "From what I've seen in our batting cage, we have some girls who have some pop in their bat. We just don't have a lot of experience and we're working on increasing the girls' understanding of certain game situations that they struggled with some last year."

The Eagles' roster was fortified by the return of seniors Jayla Johnson and Amanda Roach, both of whom played earlier in their careers at Thurston, but not last year. Both players are slotted to play outfield, with Johnson pegged as a potential top-of-the-order table-setter by Gray.

Juniors Chelsea Williams and Rachel Pegouske will contribute mightily during the Eagles' rebuilding season, Gray emphasized. Williams has shown good range as a shortstop and could bat anywhere in the line-up from third to fifth, while Pegouske has the makings of a decent second baseman, he said.

Thurston's roster is sophomore-heavy with nine 10th-graders populating the line-up.

"Most of our sophomores are returning players, who they have a good idea what high school softball is about," Gray said.

Leading the sophomore contingent are Laura Rousseau, Gillian Drake, Angel Williams, Allison Peck and Sydney Taylor.

"Laura knows how to attack the ball, and it looks like she'll play some second base and possibly pitch. She's a smart kid with a good head on her shoulders.

"Gillian will probably spend a lot of time catching for us, but it wouldn't surprise me if she's like our version of Don Kelly – a player who can play just about every position, and play it well.

"Angel has good pop in her bat, good speed and a decent glove. I think Allison will see time at first, third and probably pitch, while Sydney will play a lot of first base."

The Eagles' most promising player may be freshman Ivory Mamo.

"She is just crushing the ball in the cage," raved Gray. "She's very, very powerful and could be our clean-up hitter."

Providing a solid dose of depth for the Eagles will be sophomores Ronay Peguies, Ryann Davis, Katie Rozmys, Andrew Cruz, Teyeh Washington and Dorothy Rittenger.

The Eagles are slated to open their season April 20 against RU.

PREP BASEBALL PREVIEW

RU's mind-set: build tradition

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Members of the Redford Union baseball team are undeniably proud of last season's accomplishments, but at the same time they're far from satisfied.

Under the guidance of head coach Bob Miller, the Panthers won their first title in 15 years by going 9-1 in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference's Red Division.

Miller likes how his current team has steered its focus on building on last year's success, not basking in it.

"This team is on a mission to prove that this program isn't a one-year wonder," said Miller. "They're adamant about building a winning tradition at Redford Union."

The Panthers' 2015 schedule is tougher than a Tom Izzo-designed slate. Among RU's non-conference opponents will be highly-acclaimed Dearborn Divine Child, Novi Detroit Catholic Central and Allen Park.

The showcase game of the season should be RU's May 16 7 p.m. contest under the lights at Capitol Park against the Shamrocks, who haven't played a single game in Redford since the school relocated to Novi 15 years ago.

The Panthers return a stellar nucleus of players, led by captains Vince Diaz, a senior pitcher/first baseman; Jacob Gagnon, a sophomore pitcher/infielder; sophomore catcher Brendan McGurk; and junior shortstop Tommie Lewis.

Diaz, a lefty, and Gagnon will serve as co-aces for the Panthers' pitching staff, Miller noted.

"By the end of the season, I think Vince has the chance to be one of the best pitchers in the area," said Miller. "He has a great work ethic and he's worked hard to get in better shape. His leadership is outstanding.

"Jacob is not only a very good pitcher, but he's one of our best hitters. He has excellent gap power, but if you make a mistake with him, he can take it out."

At 6-foot-2, 220 pounds, McGurk has the classic build for a catcher.

"Without a doubt, Brendan is the toughest kid I've ever coached," raved Miller. "He is one tough hombre and probably our most vocal leader."

Lewis, who will open the season as the No. 2 hitter, will move to the infield after excelling as a left-fielder in 2014. He will also pitch.

"Tommie has big shoes to fill, taking over for Corey Davis, but he has great upside," said Miller.

Junior 6-2, 220-pounder David Nordstrom will see time on the mound, often throwing to co-No. 1 catcher Jackson Allison, a sophomore. Allison can also play third base when McGurk is behind the dish.

Freshman Tyler Collard has earned the starting nod at second base after an eye-opening pre-season.

"Tyler is a good hitter, a good all-around player – we're happy to have him," said Miller.

Sophomore centerfielder Brandon Pratt is the fastest Panther and will put his wheels to good use as the lead-off batter.

Providing valuable depth will be junior Nick Laidler, sophomore Steven Davis and seniors Andrew Mersman and Jason Atkins.

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CITY OF WAYNE
NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION
FOR SPECIAL ELECTION
TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2015

To the Qualified Electors of the CITY OF WAYNE - WAYNE COUNTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Monday, April 6, 2015 is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the above stated election.

The following will be voted upon in the State of Michigan, County of Wayne:

PROPOSAL:
STATE OF MICHIGAN

PROPOSAL 15-1

A proposal to amend the State Constitution to increase the sales/use tax from 6% to 7% to replace and supplement reduced revenue to the School Aid Fund and local units of government caused by the elimination of the sales/use tax on gasoline and diesel fuel for vehicles operating on public roads, and to give effect to laws that provide additional money for roads and other transportation purposed by increasing the gas tax and vehicle registration fees.

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Eliminate sales/use taxes on gasoline/diesel fuel for vehicles on public roads.
- Increase portion of use tax dedicated to School Aid Fund (SAF).
- Expand use of SAF to community colleges and career/technical education, and prohibit use for 4-year colleges/universities.
- Give effect to laws, including those that:
  -Increase sales/use tax to 7%, as authorized by constitutional amendment.
  -Increase gasoline/diesel fuel tax and adjust annually for inflation, increase vehicle registration fees, and dedicate revenue for roads and other transportation purposes.
  -Expand competitive bidding and warranties for road projects.
  -Increase earned income tax credit.

Should this proposal be adopted?

Yes _____

No _____

The following Charter Amendments shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the City of Wayne, at the election to be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2015:

PROPOSAL NO. 1

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTIONS 19.1 AND 19.3 OF CHAPTER 19 OF THE WAYNE CITY CHARTER

Shall Chapter 19 of the Charter of the City of Wayne be amended so that police officers and firefighters are excluded from the retirement system established by the City Charter, effective with the 2015-2016 fiscal year, and instead become members of a separate retirement system under 1937 PA 345, as amended, and that accumulated contributions to the current employee's retirement system made by or on behalf of such officers be transferred to the Act 345 retirement system? This charter amendment shall not be effective unless the electors approve the establishment of a separate retirement system under said Act 345.

Yes _____

No _____

PROPOSAL NO. 2

PROPOSAL TO ADOPT AN ACT 345 RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR POLICE OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS

Shall the City of Wayne, Wayne County, Michigan, be authorized to establish a separate retirement system pursuant to Act 345 of 1937, as amended, for the benefit of police officers and firefighters employed by the City, create a board of trustees to manage and operate the system, and be authorized to levy a new tax annually in an amount sufficient to fund the system in an actuarially sound manner, but not to exceed 3.00 mills in any year on each dollar ($3.00 per $1,000) of the taxable value of all property in the City, for a 5 year period to fund the system, all contingent upon the approval by the electors of a City Charter amendment authorizing the transfer of police officer and firefighter members from the current employee's retirement system to the new system created under Act 345?
It is expected that approximately 3 mills will be levied in 2015 and will raise the sum of approximately $1,068,000.00.

Yes _____

No _____

A sample of the ballot may be obtained at the City of Wayne City Clerk's Office or on the City website at http://www.ci.wayne.mi.us/.

If you are not currently registered to vote or have changed your address in the above stated jurisdiction in which you live, you may do so at the following locations and times listed in this notice.

Qualified electors may also register to vote or change their address in the following manners:

In Person:

At the City Clerk's office or at the office of any County Clerk during normal business hours.
At any of the Secretary of State Branch offices located throughout the state during normal business hours.
At the specified agency for clients receiving services through the Family Independence Agency, the Department of Community Health, Michigan Jobs Commission and some offices of the Commission for the Blind.
At the military recruitment offices for persons enlisting in the armed forces.

My Mail:

By obtaining and completing a Mail Voter Registration Application and forwarding to the election official as directed on the application by the close of registration deadline. Mail voter registration applications may be obtained by contacting:

CITY OF WAYNE
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
3355 SOUTH WAYNE ROAD
WAYNE, MI 48184
Telephone number: 734.722.2204

TEMPORARY CITY HALL
32101 STELLWAGEN ST.
WAYNE, MI 48184

Qualifications for Registration

1. Applicant is at least 18 years of age.
2. Resident of City of Wayne for at least 30 days.
3. Citizens of the United States.

Note: A Person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person or are at least 60 years of age or are handicapped.

Applications for Absentee Voter Ballots are available at the Clerk's Office. The deadline for filing an application to receive an Absentee Ballot for the May 5, 2105 Election is Saturday, May 2, 2015 until 2:00 p.m. at the Clerk's office.

Matthew K. Miller
City Clerk

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ABSTRACT
WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2015-06
March 17, 2015

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at 8:00 p.m. at the Wayne Activity & Banquet Center, 35000 Sims Ave. MEMBERS PRESENT: Hawley, Monit, Damitio, Rhaesa, James, Miller. MEMBERS ABSENT: Rowe. A moment of silence was held for Arthur Woodard. A presentation was done by Oakwood Healthy Communities APPROVED: minutes of reg. mtg. of March 3; pilot community with Oakwood Healthy Communities; Site Plans 2015-01 & 02; notice of public hearing for special assessments; lock box with Comerica; SAFER grant; Consumers Energy Franchise second reading; reject the LOCC recommendation; Second St. contracts with MDOT & Stantec; JAG grant revision; streetscape maint. renewal and city prop. mowing with Frank's Landscaping; resignation of Cynthia Gordon from COA; approved depository signers. Adjourned at 11:27 p.m.

Matthew K. Miller
City Clerk

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03-15-0053 Motion by Rhaesa, seconded by Damitio and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve a resolution for the second reading and adoption of Ordinance 2015-07 the Consumers Energy Gas Franchise good through March 27, 2045.

CITY OF WAYNE
PUBLIC NOTICE
ORDINANCE NO. 2015-07

CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY GAS FRANCHISE ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE, granting to CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY, its successors and assigns, the right, power and authority to lay, maintain and operate gas mains, pipes and services on, along, across and under the highways, streets, alleys, bridges, waterways, and other public places, and to do a local gas business in the CITY OF WAYNE, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, for a period of thirty years.

THE CITY OF WAYNE ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. GRANT, TERM. The CITY OF WAYNE, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, hereby grants to the Consumers Energy Company, a Michigan corporation, its successors and assigns, hereinafter called the "Grantee," the right, power and authority to lay, maintain and operate gas mains, pipes and services on, along, across and under the highways, streets, alleys, bridges, waterways, and other public places, and to do a local gas business in the CITY OF WAYNE, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, for a period of thirty years.

SECTION 2. CONSIDERATION. In consideration of the rights, power and authority hereby granted, said Grantee shall faithfully perform all things required by the terms hereof.

SECTION 3. CONDITIONS. No highway, street, alley, bridge, waterway or other public place used by said Grantee shall be obstructed longer than necessary during the work of construction or repair, and shall be restored to the same order and condition as when said work was commenced. All of Grantee's pipes and mains shall be so placed in the highways and other public places as not to unnecessarily interfere with the use thereof for highway purposes.

SECTION 4. HOLD HARMLESS. Said Grantee shall at all times keep and save the City free and harmless from all loss, costs and expense to which it may be subject by reason of the negligent construction and maintenance of the structures and equipment hereby authorized. In case any action is commenced against the City on account of the permission herein given, said Grantee shall, upon notice, defend the City and save it free and harmless from all loss, cost and damage arising out of such negligent construction and maintenance.

SECTION 5. EXTENSIONS. Said Grantee shall construct and extend its gas distribution system within said City and shall furnish gas to applicants residing therein in accordance with applicable laws, rules and regulations.

SECTION 6. FRANCHISE NOT EXCLUSIVE. The rights, power and authority herein granted, are not exclusive. Either manufactured or natural gas may be furnished hereunder.

SECTION 7. RATES. Said Grantee shall be entitled to charge the inhabitants of said City for gas furnished therein, the rates as approved by the Michigan Public Service Commission, to which Commission or its successors authority and jurisdiction to fix and regulate gas rates and rules regulating such service in said City, are hereby granted for the term of this franchise. Such rates and rules shall be subject to review and change at any time upon petition therefor being made by either said City, acting by its City Council, or by said Grantee.

SECTION 8. REVOCATION. The franchise granted by this ordinance is subject to revocation upon sixty (60) days written notice by the party desiring such revocation.

SECTION 9. MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, JURISDICTION. Said Grantee shall, as to all other conditions and elements of service not herein fixed, be and remain subject to the reasonable rules and regulations of the Michigan Public Service Commission or its successors, applicable to gas service in said City.

SECTION 10. REPEALER. This ordinance, when accepted and published as herein provided, shall repeal and supersede the provisions of a gas ordinance adopted by the City Council on July 16, 1985 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE, granting to CONSUMERS POWER COMPANY, its successors and assigns, the right, power and authority to lay, maintain and operate gas mains, pipes and services on, along, across and under the highways, streets, alleys, bridges and other public places, and to do a local gas business in the CITY OF WAYNE, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN. and amendments, if any, to such ordinance whereby a gas franchise was granted to Consumers Energy Company.

SECTION 11. FRANCHISE VALUE. The value of this franchise or any extension or renewal thereof shall be excluded in determining the purchase price to be paid by the City to the Grantee in acquiring the Grantee's gas distribution property in the City by purchase, condemnation or otherwise.

SECTION 12. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect upon the later of 10 days following enactment or publication thereof; provided, however, it shall cease and be of no effect after thirty days from its adoption unless within said period the Grantee shall accept the same in writing filed with the City Clerk. Upon acceptance and publication hereof, this ordinance shall constitute a contract between said City and said Grantee.

We certify that the foregoing Franchise Ordinance was duly enacted by the City Council of the CITY OF WAYNE, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, on the 17th day of March, 2015.

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James Hawley, City Mayor

Attest: _____

Matthew Miller, City Clerk

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NO PLACE LIKE HOME

1913-built Plymouth home has modern amenities

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

A home at 1217 W. Ann Arbor Trail near downtown Plymouth was built in 1913 and extensively remodeled in 2000.

"It's a great property," Coldwell Banker Preferred Realtor Jimmy Stevens said of the home, for which a sale is pending due to current owners relocating for work. "It's got a pretty cool back story."

The home has been listed by Coldwell Banker Preferred of Plymouth at $539,000. It has five bedrooms and three and a half baths, and is in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district.

The owners who are selling bought it in 2000, Stevens said. "They added on about 1,300 square feet if not a little more. They did a lot of updating. They still kept a lot of the original. It has that mix of old and new."

There's a new kitchen, and a new basement was dug to supplement the older basement. The two basements couldn't be connected, Stevens explained, and the home has some 60-70 percent of its footage on the old basement.

New floors were added to the two-story colonial, along with new windows and updates for electrical and mechanical.

"This house got a lot of traffic," said Stevens. "Downtown Plymouth is a hot market." Stevens had another city of Plymouth property, on Penniman at the corner of Sunset close to Sheldon, about nine months ago.

"That went right away," he said. "It's just a hot market. There's a lot of money coming through downtown Plymouth." That includes not only buyers, he said, but also investors interested in residential properties.

Canton resident Stevens grew up in Plymouth and in the real estate business. His dad's the broker at Coldwell Banker Preferred, his mom the relocation director there.

"I grew up in this office, basically," said Jimmy Stevens, licensed for three years in his field.

He noted the I-275 Plymouth-Canton housing corridor is hot. Properties go at least at listing price.

"There's a lot of good things happening now in real estate," Stevens said. "It wasn't fun five-six years ago, It's been busy, definitely a good problem to have."

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The city of Plymouth home has five bedrooms. "It's a great property," said Realtor Jimmy Stevens of Coldwell Banker Preferred Realtors of Plymouth. View a photo gallery of this home at www.hometownlife.com.

Conversation is a natural around this kitchen island at the city of Plymouth home.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF COLDWELL BANKER PREFERRED

The Plymouth home on Ann Arbor Trail's exterior is eye-catching.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 27-31, 2014, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities. addresses. and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS
31965 Carlelder St $237,000
16224 Elizabeth St $169,000
30077 Fox Run Dr $370,000
32200 Verona Cir $240,000
BINGHAM FARMS
23620 Overlook Cir $350,000
BIRMINGHAM
1173 Davis Ave $535,000
1744 Maryland Blvd $289,000
1467 Norfolk St $380,000
1508 Penistone St $260,000
411 S Old Woodward Ave Unit 608 $383,000
1869 Shipman Blvd $760,000
1117 Stanley Blvd $321,000
1229 Stanley Blvd $390,000
366 W Brown St Unit 2 $815,000
2299 W Lincoln St $355,000
499 Westchester Way $500,000
1344 Willow Ln $930,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS
4376 Barchester Dr $615,000
667 Kingsley Trl $255,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP
1731 Blair House Ct $575,000
3405 Bloomcrest Dr $1,075,000
4728 Brafferton Dr $392,000
254 Eileen Dr $185,000
1773 Golf Ridge Dr S $455,000
6605 Indianwood Trl $345,000
4547 Quarton Rd $285,000
1184 Rolling Acres Dr $187,000
1966 Sherwood Gln $757,000
5455 Wayfind Ln $495,000
1198 Winchcombe Dr $200,000
5380 Woodlands Estates Dr S $780,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP
2925 Barbwood Ct $517,000
8679 Buffalo Dr $188,000
8691 Edgewood Park Dr $519,000
3134 Greenlawn Ave $120,000
8573 Immensee St $430,000
5440 Inverrary Ln $575,000
4983 Juniper Dr $265,000
5493 Leafwood Dr $398,000
2795 Red Arrow Dr $190,000
3267 Rio Vista St $150,000
5276 S River Dr $210,000
5262 Sandlewood Dr $420,000
5401 Starwood Dr $211,000
6140 Warwick Dr $270,000
FARMINGTON
23037 Floral St $97,000
36999 Heatherton Dr $250,000
FARMINGTON HILLS
22295 Abington Dr $268,000
31115 Berryhill St $265,000
22200 Colgate St $123,000
31194 Country Way $145,000
29717 Deer Run $235,000
26750 Halsted Rd $204,000
28198 Hawberry Rd $185,000
30594 Knighton Dr $360,000
29830 Old Bedford St $213,000
25554 Ridgewood Dr $265,000
30111 Southampton Ln $275,000
23244 Tuck Rd $118,000
33254 W 11 Mile Rd $386,000
28426 W 8 Mile Rd # 3B1 $30,000
32421 W Wayburn St $199,000
21737 Wheeler St $150,000
29945 White Hall Dr $290,000
FRANKLIN
27261 Apple Tree Ln $629,000
30609 N Greenbriar Rd $635,000
30375 Woodside Dr $389,000
31235 Woodside Dr $1,590,000
HIGHLAND
4975 Cathy Ln $117,000
196 Countryside Ln $40,000
2853 Davista Dr $175,000
2225 Oakland $36,000
2227 Pine Bluffs Ct $313,000
3292 Woodruff Meadows Ct $240,000
LATHRUP VILLAGE
26571 Meadowood Ct N $190,000
MILFORD
31123 Artesian Dr $220,000
648 Mill Pointe Dr $270,000
1280 N Hickory Ridge Trl $209,000
894 N Main St $60,000
1245 Robblee $213,000
192 Turnberry Ct $297,000
871 Union St $20,000
NORTHVILLE
20860 E Glen Haven Cir $155,000
46903 Elmsmere Dr $354,000
43568 Galway Dr $235,000
508 Langfield St $255,000
21441 Lujon Dr $395,000
769 Novi St $165,000
21463 Silchester Ct $370,000
NOVI
43000 12 Oaks Crescent Dr Apt 6066 $174,000
27935 Hopkins Dr $165,000
31153 Livingston Dr $150,000
302 Maudlin St $163,000
22414 Meadowbrook Rd $235,000
1105 South Lake Dr $328,000
39982 Whispering Ln $238,000
45797 Willingham Dr $455,000
SOUTH LYON
61130 Greenwood Dr $85,000
61280 Greenwood Dr $80,000
62475 Jonathon Dr $247,000
721 Kestrel Ct $200,000
57164 Meadowcreek Cir S $443,000
22914 Sandra St $154,000
833 Stoney Dr $224,000
58519 Winnowing Cir S $87,000
SOUTHFIELD
15640 Arbor Pl $124,000
26731 Bloomfield Dr S $152,000
29182 E Chanticleer Dr $150,000
26372 Franklin Pointe Dr $55,000
21126 Greenview Rd $75,000
24648 Lafayette Cir $132,000
20175 Ledgestone St $85,000
29601 Pierce St $90,000
28043 Red Leaf Ln $75,000
19830 W 12 Mile Rd Apt 26 $45,000
20998 Westhaven Ave $45,000
30600 Woodgate Dr $220,000
WHITE LAKE
464 Burgess Dr $325,000
10200 Elizabeth Lake Rd $382,000
1102 Hillcrest St $50,000
9459 Marina Dr $88,000
110 Teggerdine Rd $288,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

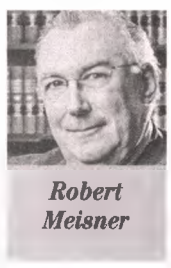
These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 17-21, 2014, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON
7362 Andover Dr $455,000
6564 Bostonhill Ln $180,000
506 Cherry Hill Pointe Dr $201,000
43516 Cherrywood Ln $260,000
1593 Commodore Cir $158,000
2663 Daleview Ct $342,000
8246 Forrest Dr $150,000
7021 Fox Path $233,000
7044 Foxthorn Dr $60,000
44121 Franciscan Dr $160,000
49756 Great Falls Rd $385,000
49986 Hancock St $328,000
1426 Heritage Dr $154,000
44426 James Ct $215,000
2323 Knollwood Dr $145,000
47751 Pavillon Rd $417,000
1849 Pinecroft Dr $150,000
726 Prospect Hill St $50,000
41658 Ravenwood St $215,000
45037 Rolling Ridge Ct $295,000
GARDEN CITY
31503 Brown St $70,000
230 Gilman St $94,000
6623 Golfview St $90,000
447 Helen St $105,000
31711 Leona St $85,000
LIVONIA
9905 Arden St $199,000
30119 Hoy St $180,000
38058 Jamison St $175,000
16340 Levan Rd $250,000
19384 Milburn St $215,000
33220 Myrna Ct $238,000
31460 Myrna St $300,000
17245 Oporto Ave $15,000
20317 Purlingbrook St $143,000
16803 Shrewsbury St $230,000
16922 Surrey St $189,000
14324 Susanna St $204,000
14498 Yale St $185,000
NORTHVILLE
44414 Aspen Ridge Dr $380,000
48304 Binghampton Dr $537,000
42809 Itham Ct $100,000
49855 Parkside Dr $495,000
383 S Wing St $485,000
16910 White Haven Dr $285,000
PLYMOUTH
39573 Birchwood Dr $193,000
159 Hamilton Ave $215,000
452 Maple St $191,000
49451 Plymouth Way $161,000
12416 Woodgate Dr $160,000
REDFORD
12138 Nathaline $85,000
17438 Norborne $28,000
24867 Puritan $27,000
17236 Sumner $75,000
WAYNE
34563 Glover St $18,000
34587 Phyllis St $25,000
32567 Woodbrook Dr $105,000
WESTLAND
34012 Cambria Ct $33,000
7775 Donna St $135,000
7210 E Frumin Ct $98,000
30427 Lonnie Blvd $93,000
6751 Moccasin St $85,000
1214 S Henry Ruff Rd $64,000
8520 Shari Dr $110,000
2639 Wilshire St $60,000
551 Worchester St $135,000

Start spreading proposal news to condo association

Q: I want to make a proposal at the next meeting of my condominium association. How do I get my proposal publicized?

A: Subject to its own internal procedures, your association is required to include in any meeting notice any proposal a member intends to put forward at a meeting, provided it is a proper subject for member action, and provided the member notified the association of the intent to present the proposal at the meeting within a reasonable time, but refer to your attorney for specific requirements embodied in the changes to the Nonprofit Act, which became effective on Jan. 15, 2015.



Robert Meisner

Q: Because many of our association members are vacationing during certain months, I would like to know whether members may vote on proposals by ballot without a meeting?

A: If your bylaws or Articles of Incorporation contain a provision permitting the taking of actions of the members without a meeting, then, yes, your association may use ballots in lieu of a meeting. Specific language is required in the ballot. Members must have at least 20, and up to 90 days to vote after the association provides the ballot to them to cast their vote.

Additionally, if 10 percent or more of the members submit a proposal for action by the members without a meeting, the ballot must also include that proposed action based on recent changes to the Michigan Nonprofit Corporation Act.

Robert M. Meisner *is a lawyer and the author of "Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling and Operating a Condominium." He is also the author of "Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track," second edition. Visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.*

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Short sales

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

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

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

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.

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From time to time our agreements with cable channels and television stations come up for renewal. While we do not anticipate any loss or disruption of service, regulations require us to notify you of the possibility of losing programming. Therefore, please be advised that our agreement with Yootoo remains in effect on a month-to-month basis, but we may have to cease carriage in all formats if our authority to continue is withheld. Also, our agreement with Reelz expires on April 30, 2015 and we may have to cease carriage in all formats if our authority to continue is withheld.

We are working diligently at this time to come to acceptable and fair terms with all these channels.

On or after May 1, 2015, Vivid TV On Demand will be added to Premium Subscription On Demand channel 847.

Bright House Networks utilizes a new digital video delivery technology known as Switched Digital Video (SDV). SDV is a robust bandwidth management system that makes it possible to offer more digital video programming services than before including new HD channels. To be able to offer more new video services, Bright House Networks will be moving some existing programming services to the new SDV system as well as adding new services on the SDV system.

On or after May 1, 2015, the following service will be added to the SDV system:
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These services will not be available on uni-directional retail devices as of the date(s) noted above. If you want to subscribe to these services, you will need a digital set-top box or tuning adaptor from Bright House Networks. Customers may continue to use their uni-directional retail device and CableCARD to receive video programming other than the programming delivered on the SDV system. Customers who also utilize a digital set-top box or tuning adaptor will be able to receive video programming delivered on the SDV system. Customers will be notified in advance of any other programming changes.

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CHEVY EQUINOX 2013
FWD LS, 20K miles, ABS, traction control, security system. $16,595
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FORD EXPLORER 2012
FWD, 4 door, XLT rear parking sensor $21,995
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GMC ACADIA 2011
AWD, 4 dr., SLT1, leather, rear view camera, loaded! $18,995
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GMC ACADIA 2012
AWD, 4 dr. Denali, Rear view camera & monitor $27,995
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GMC TERRAIN 2011
FWD, 4 dr., SLE-1, 42K one owner, extra clean! $17,995
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GMC YUKON 2011
AWD, 4 dr., 1500 Denali, rear view camera, pking sensors, heated seats. $35,995.
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Sports & Imported

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SCION tC 2009
2 door hatchback Power sunroof, 1 owner. $10,595
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Acura

ACURA '98 - 3.0 CL Reliable Transportation, Loaded, Remote Start, Dark Blue, Very Good Condition, Family Owned, $1750. Hurry! Westland.Sold

Buick

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LACROSSE 2012
FWD, Premium 3, leather, heated seats, power sunroof $21,595
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REGAL 2014
4 dr, Sedan, Turbo, FWD, 19 miles, heated seats. $22,995
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VERANO 2014
1,778 miles, rear camara, crumple zones, s/wheel cont. $16,995
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VERANO 2014
Driver info system, Bluetooth, rear view monitor in dash Lots more! $17,995
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Cadillac

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CTS 2009
3.6L V6, AWD. Options galore! $14,995
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Chevrolet

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COBALT 2008
2 Door Coupe Sport, ABS, Air, Sunroof. $8,995
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BOB JEANNOTTE BUICK, GMC

MALIBU 2014
1LT, 1400 miles, 1 owner, loaded. Just like new except the price! $18,995
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734-453-2500

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MALIBU LS 2013
24K miles, Bluetooth 1 owner, ABS $15,995
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Chevy 2013 Sonic Hatch - back LT, turbo, auto, 22k mi, white ext, blk int, Immaculate $12,300. **734-320-9500**

GMC

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GMC TERRAIN 2011
FWD, 4 Door, SLE-1, ABS Privacy Glass $12,995
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Hyundai

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CIVIC 2013
EX-L Auto Sedan w/nav. Leather, moonroof. $17,995
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Kia

BOB JEANNOTTE BUICK, GMC

RIO 2013
4 dr sedan, auto Ex, ABS, MP3 plyer, lots of extras! $12,995
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Jeep

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LIBERTY 2012
4x4, 4WD, 4dr Sport, 1 owner, 31K miles $18,995
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Lexus

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ES 350 2008
4 door, Sedan, Leather Heated Seats, Loaded! $14,595
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Pontiac

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GS 2007
2 dr. convertible, RWD, leather heated seats. $13,995
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April 3rd , 2015 @ 10am
ROSS TOWING
21360 TELEGRAPH RD.
SOUTHFIELD, MI 48033
248-356-6011
2008 Dodge 1b3lc46k28n598516
2001 Ford 1fmru16w31la02835
2007 Ford 1fahp24167g1144303
2003 Mercury 1mefm55s53g605826
2008 Chevrolet 1g1al58f187155864
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2000 Ford 1fafp56s9yg101137
2003 Chevrolet 2g1wh55k339353135
2001 Chevrolet 2g1wf55e019107706
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2005 Ford 1fmfu18585la34709
2004 Chrysler 1c3el46x74n303086
1997 Land Rover salpv1448va353163
2006 Cadillac 1g6kd57936u111564
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Toyota

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Thursday PUZZLE CORNER

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

ACROSS

1 Brownish fruit
4 Dele canceler
8 Weather info
12 King beater
13 Muchacha's coin
14 Sneaking suspicion
15 The future
17 Vincent van —
18 Follows upon
19 Villain's laugh
21 — kwon do
22 Praises highly
26 Mount jewels
29 "Diamond Lil"
30 — tai
31 Diary-entry starter
32 Give alms
33 Stadium walkway
34 Formic acid producer
35 Put in a secret place
36 Peace —
37 Held in common
39 Haul along
40 Casual farewell
41 Spotted feline
45 Huge hairstyle
48 Hockey buffs (2 wds.)
50 "The — Colada Song"
51 Two-color cookie
52 Quick swim
53 Doctor's advice
54 First-century emperor
55 Superman's emblem

DOWN

1 Kismet
2 Desktop picture
3 Rare minerals
4 Diffuse
5 Succinct
6 Paul Anka's "— Beso"
7 Blonde
8 Close-fitting
9 Tokyo, once
10 PC memory unit
11 Oompah- —
16 Exterior
20 Guitar, slangily
23 Sharif of the movies
24 Desk accessory
25 Uses a straw
26 Wax-coated cheese
27 Waiter's offering
28 Quilt stuffing
29 Central
32 Wing flap
33 Walkie-talkie OK
35 Feed for horses
36 Type of clock
38 Convoy chaser (hyph.)
39 Hermit
42 Put cargo aboard
43 Elevator pioneer
44 Bakers' meas.
45 Spring mo.
46 "— upon this quiet life!"
47 Med. personnel
49 Choler

Answer to Previous Puzzle

L	O	S	■	W	H	E	N	■	B	O	D	E
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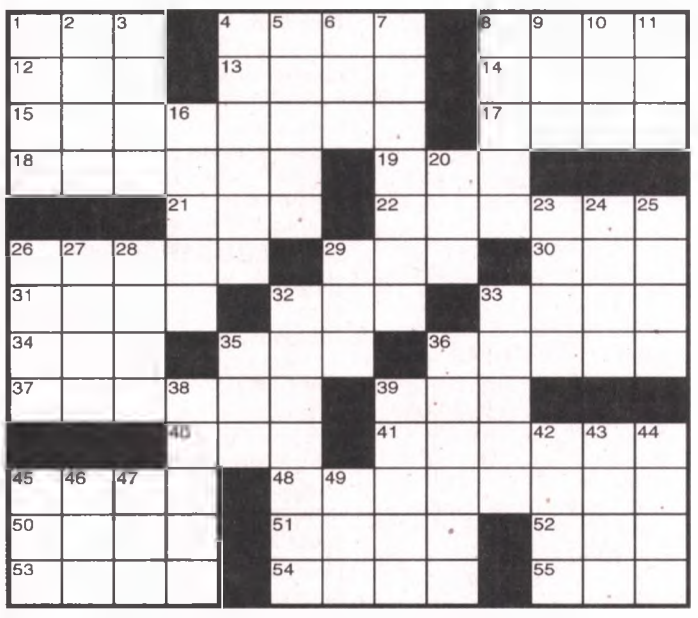

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SUDOKU

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

Level: Intermediate

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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

EMPLOYEE WORD SEARCH

R	E	K	R	O	W	R	J	R	V	I	H	U	Y	O	F	T	J	T	H
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

WORDS

AGENCY
AGREEMENT
BENEFITS
BOARD
BUSINESS
CAREER
CODE
CONDUCT
CONTRACT
DEDUCTIONS
DISCRIMINATION
DISMISSAL
DUTIES
EMPLOYMENT
ENTITLEMENT
HOLIDAY
HOURS
JOBSHARING
LABOR
LEAVE
NOTICE
OPERATION
OVERTIME
PAYCHECK
PENSION
PERMIT
PRACTICES
PROBATION
REDUNDANCY
RESIGNATION
RETIREMENT
SUPERVISOR
TERM
TRANSFER
WAGES
WORKER

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

Sudoku

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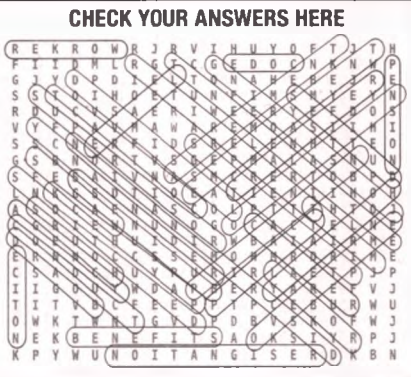
Word Search



RELIGION CALENDAR

MARCH

MOVIE NIGHT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, March 27

Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills

Details: *Apostle Peter and the Last Supper* will screen. RSVP by phone

Contact: 248-553-3380

VESPERS

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sunday, March 29

Location: Descent of the Holy Ghost Romanian Orthodox Church, 31500 Ryan, Warren.

Details: The final Vespers services sponsored by The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit. Services conducted by members of the Clergy Brotherhood of St. John Chrysostom of Metropolitan Detroit. The Orthodox Choir of Metropolitan Detroit will sing responses during the service.

Contact: Richard Shebib, at 248-345-9346 or paschabooks@sbcglobal.net

APRIL

EASTER FAIR

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 3

Location: Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia

Details: Easter story, mac and cheese lunch, prizes, games, crafts and an egg hunt. The event also includes an egg hunt with a mission. Each egg in the mission hunt will represent an item for a hygiene kit for a new warming shelter in Detroit. Each kit contains lightweight bath towels, wash cloths, sample size shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, brushes and bars of soap. The church is making 50 kits to send to the center

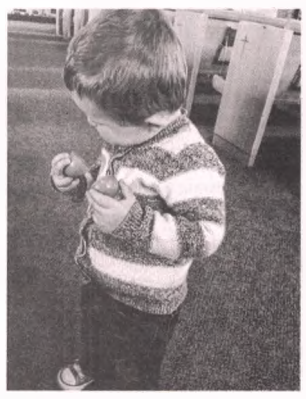
Contact: 734-422-0149

EASTER SERVICES

Location: St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Holy Thursday Mass, 7 p.m. April 2; Good Friday Liturgy, 12:45 p.m. April 3; Easter Vigil Mass, 8 p.m. April 4; Easter Sunday Masses, 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Contact: 734-464-4433; stcolettenet



A youngster checks out a plastic egg during Newburg United Methodist Church's Easter fair last year. The Livonia church plans the event this year, complete with a mission-focused egg hunt, Friday, April 3.

EASTER SERVICES

Location: Warren Road Light and Life, 33445 Warren Road, Westland

Details: Passover seder, 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 3; pancake breakfast, 9 a.m. and worship, 10:30 a.m., Sunday, April 5

Contact: 734-458-7301

EASTER SERVICES

Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City

Details: Maundy Thursday service, 7 p.m. April 2; Good Friday service, 7 p.m. April 3; Easter Vigil service, 8 p.m. April 4; pancake breakfast, 9 a.m. April 5; Easter egg hunt, 10 a.m. April 5; Easter service, 10:30 a.m., April 5

Contact: 734-427-3660

EASTER SERVICES

Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford

Details: Maundy Thursday service, 7 p.m. April 2; Good Friday services, 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. April 3; Easter Sunday service, 9:30 a.m., with free breakfast from 8-9:15 a.m. All visitors will receive a free DVD "Come Follow Me."

Contact: 313-532-8655 or 734-968-3523

EGG HUNT

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 4

Location: Crossroads Church, at Sacred Heart Conference Center, 29125 Six Mile, Livonia

Details: For ages 12 and under. Hunt for eggs, win prizes, eat sweet treats, and more. To pre-register, email your child's name and age to info@crossroadsnow.org

Contact: www.crossroadsnow.org or call 248-890-5718

GENEROSITY SEMINAR

Time/Date: 9-10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 25

Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

Details: Ron Chewning of Stewardship Advisors presents Experiencing the Joy of Generosity

Contact: 734-459-3333

PASSOVER SEDER

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Saturday, April 4

Location: Congregation Bet Chaverim, 321 Ridge Road South, Canton

Details: Seder potluck; RSVP by March 28. A contribution of $5 per person is requested

Contact: Michelle Driscoll, 734-718-7029

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, April 17

Location: Salvation Army, 9451 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: Rent a table or space and sell your own stuff; tables are $20. Proceeds to Older, Wiser and Loving Senior Group

Contact: 734-453-5464, Ext. 22

SERVICE OF SHADOWS

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Thursday, April 2

Location: Crossroads Church, in the Sacred Heart Conference Center, 29125 Six Mile, Livonia

Details: A Night to Remember includes a Passover meal and a special "Service of Shadows."

Contact: www.crossroadsnow.org or 248-890-5718

TEACHER TRAINING

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 11

Location: Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Details: The class is aimed at anyone interested in teaching Sunday school, including current teachers, and will cover a variety of topics designed to strengthen, equip and encourage teachers. Current teachers should bring their teaching materials to the class. A light lunch will be provided. Register by April 3

Contact: Melissa at 734-466-8694

ONGOING

CLASSES/STUDY

Men's Bible study

Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.

Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township

Contact: John Shulenberger at 734-464-9491

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

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

CLOTHING BANK

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. last Saturday of the month

Location: Canton Christian Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton

Details: No documentation needed

Contact: info@cantoncf.org

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@tbosm.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: Ethanie Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays

Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.

Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday

Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.

Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday

Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows

Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1223

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St. Michael Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday

Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.

Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

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

First Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 7-7:15 p.m., social time; 7:30 p.m., announcements; 7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9 p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays.

Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville

Details: Single Place Ministry; cost is $5

Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

Steve's Family Restaurant

Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday

Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 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

Contact: www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Ruthann with 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 a.m. to noon Saturday

Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available

Contact: 734-421-8451

» St. Thomas a' Becket Church

Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton

Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly

Contact: Margaret at 734-838-0322

» Unity of Livonia

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia

Details: Overeaters Anonymous

Contact: 248-559-7722; www.oa.org for additional information

» Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 6 p.m. dinner (optional); 7 p.m. worship; 8 p.m. small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/desserts)

Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township

Details: Celebrate Recovery helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hangups (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is free.

Contact: Child care, 248-374-7400; www.celebraterecovery-.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate

THRIFT STORE

St. James Presbyterian

Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford

Contact: 313-534-7730 for additional information

Way of Life Christian Church

Time/Date: 2-3:30 p.m. third Saturday from October through May

Location: 9401 General Drive, Lilley Executive Plaza, Suite 100, Plymouth

Details: Women's fellowship is designed for women with a question to know God more in their lives.

Contact: 734-637-7618 for more information

TOUR

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. to noon first Sunday of the month

Location: The Solanus Casey Center, a Capuchin.ministry, at 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit

Details: Led by Capuchin friar Larry Webber, the director of the Solanus Casey Center, the tour focuses on the spirituality and holiness of Father Solanus, a humble Capuchin friar credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. No reservations are needed, although the center requests an advance phone call for groups of five or more. No cost for the tour, although donations are accepted.

Contact: 313-579-2100, Ext. 149; www.solanuscenter.org, for more information

WORSHIP

» Adat Shalom Synagogue

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday; 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Sunday; and 6 p.m. weekdays

Location: 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

Contact: 248-851-5100

» Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday service

Location: 35300 W. Eight Mile, Farmington Hills

Contact: pastor Terry Miller at tshelton@mi.rr.com; 248-478-6520

» Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services; 9:45 a.m. Sunday school and youth and adult Bible classes

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia

Contact: 734-522-6830

» Congregation Bet Chaverim

Time/Date: Services are held 7 p.m. the third Friday of the month

Location: At the shared facilities of Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge, Canton

Details: Reformed Jewish Congregation with Rabbi Peter Gluck and Cantorial soloist Robin Liberatore

Contact: www.Facebook.com/betchaverim or email to betchaverim@yahoo.com

» Due Season Christian Church

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday, with 7:15 p.m. Tuesday Bible study

Location: Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, in Livonia

Details: Nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church services.

Contact: 248-960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org

» Faith Community Wesleyan Church

Time/Date: Prayer service, 9 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., Sunday school, 12:30 p.m., contemporary service, 1:30 p.m., Bible study, 6 p.m., Sundays

Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Contact: pastor Roger Wright at 313-682-7491 for more information

» Garden City Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: Adult Bible study at 8:15 a.m.; traditional worship service, youth Sunday school and child care at 10 a.m. Large print order of service is available. Refreshments in the church fellowship hall immediately after service. Elevator and handicap parking

Location: Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Road

Contact: 734-421-7620 for more information

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KOTELES, SANDOR JOZSEF "ALEX"

Age 75, of Westland, passed away on March 21, 2015. Beloved husband of Delores, who preceded him in death. Dear father of Kathleen Toma, Jennifer MacEwen, Maria Smith, and Sandor, Jr. (Fiona) Koteles. Proud grandfather of Aaron Toma, Rianna Koteles, Marli Koteles, Caleb Smith; caring brother of Barbara. Sandor was preceded in death by his siblings Yolan, Maria, Frank, and Steve. He loved his Hungarian heritage as well as spending time with his family. He will be remembered for being a great cook, especially for his chicken paprikas, stuffed cabbage, as well as his homemade chicken vegetable soup. He enjoyed being outside in the sun keeping busy. Sandor retired from GM as a tool and die maker. The visitation and service will be Saturday, March 28th from 1pm until the time of service, which begins, at 3pm at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd. (btwn. Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. Contributions suggested to American Diabetes Association or American Kidney Foundation. Visit:
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Part of our history: Local classical guitarist performs in the pit at 'Frida'

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

If you think opera and classical guitar are an unlikely pairing, you're not alone. So does Steve Dearing.

He's the classical guitarist strumming Flamenco patterns in the orchestra pit for Michigan Opera Theatre's current production of the opera, *Frida*.

"This *Frida* opportunity has been unique. You don't usually see guitar in opera ... as an integral part of the opera," said Dearing, a Farmington Hills resident. "I've never even done a (orchestra) pit job before. I've played under a baton as a concerto player, but I've never been part of a pit orchestra.

"Not only do you follow the conductor, but the conductor follows the stage. Every night is different." Dearing not only watches his fingers along the neck of the guitar, but has an eye on his music and the conductor. "You have to be on your toes. If someone comes on stage too soon or someone takes longer getting off stage, you might have to end a note sooner or hold a note. And we in the pit can't hear everything happening on stage."

SUBMITTED

Steve and Abha Dearing of Farmington Hills direct music at Birmingham Unitarian Church and perform together as a duo. Steve also is playing classical guitar in the pit orchestra in Michigan Opera Theatre's production of "Frida."

ABHA DEARING

Steven Dearing of Farmington Hills plays classical guitar in the pit orchestra for Michigan Opera Theatre's production of "Frida."

Opera, art

Frida opened earlier this month at the Macomb Center for Performing Arts and moved to the Berman Center for the Performing Arts last weekend in West Bloomfield. Concerts at the Detroit Film Theatre at the Detroit Institute of Arts this weekend are sold out. Tickets for the *Frida* dress rehearsal, 3 p.m. Thursday, March 26, are $35. Visit michiganopera.org and click on 2014-15 season, then "opera" and *Frida*.

The opera by Robert Xavier Rodriguez celebrates the life of artist Frida Kahlo, who was married to muralist Diego Rivera, creator of the *Detroit Industry* fresco at the Detroit Institute of Arts. The opera performances are among several special events planned in conjunction with "Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo in Detroit," an exhibition of the artists' works through July 12 at the DIA

"It's cool to be part of the whole buzz about *Frida*. It's been an honor to be part of it," Dearing said. "It has been a great time. The camaraderie in the pit has been amazing. It was a ton of work, but rewarding as well. The score is very challenging. The composer was in town the first week and we were able to discuss things. I think it shows what my instrument can do. I think basically it elevates the role of the instrument as well. It's not just used for textural purposes, but as a legitimate orchestra instrument."

Musical career

Dearing, who grew up in Windsor, Ontario, began playing guitar at age 16 after receiving an instrument for his birthday. He played by ear for a few years and then decided to take formal lessons at the University of Windsor. While there, he happened to hear a graduate student rehearsing for a recital and he "was floored," by the sound. He decided music, specifically classical guitar, would become his career.

"A lot of people don't know what classical guitar is. They get it mixed up with fingerstyle playing. It's not even close."

Dearing is an adjunct professor at the University of Windsor and co-directs music at Birmingham Unitarian Church with his wife, Abha, a singer and flutist, who teaches vocal arts at Roeper School. He and Abha also form the Dearing Concert Duo and have performed across the U.S., in Canada, England and Scotland. In addition to directing music at Birmingham Unitarian, Dearing also performs in Sound Messengers, the church's "house band" that plays the third Sunday of the month. He coordinates SoundBites, an October-April concert series at the church, 38651 Woodward Ave., south of Lone Pine in Bloomfield Hills. Its final concert of the season is 7:30 p.m. April 10 with Goran Ivanovic Trio, a group that fuses Balkan and Latino music. Tickets are $20 and include a "small bites" reception after the concert. Students under 12 pay $10. Reserve seats at bucmi.org by clicking on SoundBites under the "Worship & Music" tab.

SUBMITTED

Ricardo Herrera and Catalina Cuervo rehearse a scene from "Frida."

"One thing we do differently is that we can't be pinned. It's not a jazz series. It's not just chamber music. We've presented music from West Africa, the Middle East, India. We had Japanese drummers last time," Dearing said, adding that music choices reflect Unitarianism's diversity. "We have an amazing afterglow with white wine and handmade desserts."

Visit stevendearing.com; dearingconcertduo.com; and bucmi.org.

GET OUT! CALENDAR

ANIMALS

DETROIT ZOO

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily

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

Details: Admission is $14 for adults 15-61, $10 for senior citizens 62 and older, and for children ages 2-14; children under 2 are free. Parking for cars and vans is $5.

Contact: 248-541-5717

ARTS AND CRAFTS

GALLERY@VT

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday and during public events, through March 31

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

Details: "Narrative Quilts: Works by Pauline Parker," is a solo show of wall hangings and watercolors

Contact: 734-394-5300; cantonvillagetheater.org

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: Noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday through March 28

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: "the mystery lesson," paintings by Kate Paul

Coming up: Pastel Invitational Exhibition with works by seven pastel artists, beginning with an artist reception, 6-9 p.m. Friday, April 3, through April 25

Contact: 248-344-0497

CALL FOR ENTRIES

REEL MICHIGAN FILM FESTIVAL

Time/Date: Entry deadline is April 17; film festival screening is June 20

Location: Screening at the Marquis Theatre in downtown Northville

Details: The Festival is accepting Michigan-made or Michigan-themed short films, less than 20 minutes. Entry form is available at northvillearthouse.org/special-events/reel-michigan/.

Contact: reelmichigan@gmail.com

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Time/Date: Drop off pieces March 30-31; exhibit runs through April 30

Location: 774 Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: Sixth annual Open Juried Exhibit is for artists, 18 and older. They may submit 2-D works and hangable 3-D art along the theme of duplicity, such as two of a kind, two media, two artists on the same canvas, two points of view, an object reflected, a dynamic duo, seeing double, a duet. Entry fee for up to two pieces is $25 per artist. Entries may be dropped off at the council or emailed.

Contact: lisa@plymoutharts.com; 734-416-4278

SUBMITTED

"Braveheart," by Kathy Fish, is among the pastel works on exhibit April 3-25 at Northville Art House.

COMEDY

GENITTI'S OF NORTHVILLE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 1

Location: 108 E. Main, Northville

Details: A night of standup comedy with Bob Phillips, Mike Bobbit and Steve Lind; tickets $15

Contact: 248-349-0533

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 26; 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-28

Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Tanyalee Davis; tickets are $12 for show only or $25 for show and a dinner on Thursday; $16 for show or $29 for show and dinner, Friday-Sunday

Open mic: Each comedian gets five minutes of stage time. Open mic begins at 8 p.m. every Tuesday. Call the box office Tuesday through Thursday, to get on the performer list

Contact: 734-261-0555; catchthefunny.com

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 26 and and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-28

Location: Fourth and Troy streets in downtown Royal Oak

Details: Bobby Collins; tickets $20 Thursday, $25 Friday-Saturday

Contact: 248-542-9900; info@ComedyCastle.com

FILM

MJR CINEMA

Time/Date: Saturday-Sunday, March 28-29

Location: Westland Grand Digital Cinema 16, 6800 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: *Book of Life,* March 28-29 . Tickets are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Free for children 12 and under; parents pay $1. Call theater for show times

Contact: 734-298-2657

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9:25 p.m. Friday, March 27; 4:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, March 28-29; 7 p.m. Thursday, April 2

Location: 760 Penniman, Plymouth

Details: *Selma;* admission $3

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

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. March 28

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

Details: *Pandora's Box*, with live accompaniment by John Lauter; $7

Coming up: Singin' In the Rain, 8 p.m. April 3 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. April 4; tickets $5

Contact: 313-898-1481

HISTORY

KELSEY MUSEUM

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, and 1-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, through May 3

Location: 434 State St., Ann Arbor

Details: "Death Dogs: The Jackal Gods of Ancient Egypt," features approximately 40 artifacts, some never before displayed, along with archival photographs and explanatory graphics

Family day: 1-3p.m. Saturday, April 11 includes special tours in the galleries, and mummy-themed arts and crafts

Drop-in tour: Anna Volante, Near Eastern Civilizations & Anthropology major, leads a tour 2 p.m. Sunday, April 12, starting at the Museum's Maynard Street entrance

Contact: 734-764-9304

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: "Creative Hands: Busy Hands" is the new exhibit, which runs through June 14. Admission is $5 for adults, $2 for ages 6-17

Contact: 734-455-8940

MUSIC

BASELINE FOLK SOCIETY

Time/Date: Sign up for open mic from 6:15-6:45 p.m.; show runs 7-9:30 p.m., third Saturday of the month through May

Location: Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: $5 at the door.

Contact: BFSpresident@aol.com

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY

Time/Date: 8 p.m. April 11

Location: Seligman Center for Performing Arts Center, 22305 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills

Details: Violinist Daniel Hope, violist Paul Newbauer, cellist David Finckel and pianist Wu Han come together for an evening of piano quartets. Tickets are $30-$60 for adults and $15-$30 for students

Contact: 248-855-6070; chambermusicdetroit.org

JAZZ@THE ELKS

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

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

Details: The Dave Bennett Quartet performs March 31. $10 donation at the door includes hors d'oeuvres

Contact: 734-453-1780 or email plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com

Michigan Philharmonic

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. April 11

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

Details: "Springtime Swan Song" showcases music from Carter Pann Ernest Bloch and Tchaikovsky. Cellist Norman Fischer joins the Orchestra for a performance of *Schelomo – Hebraic Rhapsody for Cello and Orchestra* by Bloch. Tickets are $30 general admission, $25 for seniors, age 62 and over, and $10 for students with ID

Contact: michiganphil.org; 734-451-2112

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Time/Date: Noon Wednesday, April 8

Location: VisTaTech Center, on the main campus, located on Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia

Details: Pianist Christopher Harding performs a free one-hour concert

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

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

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

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Four Block Empire, March 27; Kevin Meisel, March 28, Open Stage, March 31 and April 7; Pierce Pettis with Ralston Bowles, April 11; Empty Chair Night featuring Annie and Rod Capps, Joel Palmer and Taller Than They Appear, April 12. Most tickets $15, and $12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks accepted.

Contact: 734-464-6302 for additional information

THEATER

ARAB AMERICAN NATIONAL MUSEUM

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26

Location: 13624 Michigan Ave, Dearborn

Details: One-woman show, *Burq Off*, performed by Nadia P. Manzoor. Manzoor plays 21 characters. $10 per person

Contact: 313-593-5390; student_engagement@umich.edu

BETTER THAN EVER PRODUCTIONS

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Thursday, March 26; 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-28; 2 p.m. Sunday, March 29

Location: Inspire Theatre, 5767 Executive Drive, Westland

Details: *The Geezer Game*, a comedy by Herb McCollum Jr. Tickets are $15 at inspiretheatre.com or call 734-751-7057

Contact: Jeanne Pruett at 734-306-7883

FOOD NETWORK CHEF MAKES RENAL DIET RECIPES IN LIVONIA

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Chef Aaron McCargo Jr. likes a culinary challenge.

When a wheelchair-bound renal patient asked him for an Italian-style meatball and sauce recipe, McCargo "started messing around" with ingredients until he found a kidney-friendly combination.

Smothered pork chops with sweet potatoes? McCargo, star of the Food Network's *Big Daddy's House*, told dialysis patients their request was a "no no no," but then found a way to deliver the flavor they wanted in a low-sodium, low-potassium version of their classic Southern dish.

And when it came to chocolate, which is prohibited on a renal diet, he figured out a way to mimic the flavor without adding the ingredient to dessert.

"It's good to know you all challenge me to come out of the box," he told patients and staff of Fresenius Medical Care in Livonia last week. "At the end of the day it isn't about me. Every time I think about recipes, every time I attempt to hear what a patient tells me, it's worth it to know I can go back and work with dietitians who say, let's meet in the middle.

"My mission is to do the best I can do with recipes, to continue to comply with the renal diet, and work closely with the dietitians to break the rules, but also to make sure to keep it safe."

McCargo takes recipe suggestions from renal patients across the country and partners with Fresenius, a nationwide network of dialysis facilities, to develop dialysis-safe recipes. He visited several of its clinics, including in Livonia, this month in recognition of National Kidney Month.

"We want to make the renal diet as healing as possible and it's about getting creative," said Kristi Wells, Livonia clinic manager.

Sandy McDonald Hangach, R.D.N., a registered dietitian at the Livonia site, said dialysis patients limit sodium, phosphorus, potassium and fluid intake. She pointed out that McCargo's recipes are safe for dialysis patients, but not limited to those on restricted diets.

"You're limiting sodium and it's a healthier way to eat," she said. "It's not bad to cut down on sodium or processed food."

PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Chef Aaron McCargo Jr. mixes buffalo chicken dip during a visit to Fresenius Medical Care in Livonia.

Christine Purchiaroni smells fresh cilantro.

Personal connection

McCargo, whose sister-in-law and a friend are both on dialysis, began working with Fresenius nearly three years ago to create tasty and safe recipes for renal patients. His creations are posted on the Fresenius website and available to patients on recipe cards.

"The dietitians see so much more than I do. They have health first in mind. I have flavor and health," McCargo said. "Salt definitely is cut out."

His first few recipes for Fresenius delivered the "big bold flavor" that he is known for in his cooking, but missed the mark for renal health. With a little guidance from Fresenius dietitians, he changed his approach.

"I had to tone it down a bit, not the bold flavor, but the ingredients and the amounts. That was the key to helping me make successful recipes."

He prepared two easy-to-make recipes for his audience at Fresenius in Livonia, Smoky Salmon Dip and Buffalo Chicken Salad Stuffed Cucumber Cups. Along the way, he joked with the crowd and offered cooking tips.

» Smoked paprika — "It's a little pricey, but invest in it."

» Chopping garlic — "Put it in a food processor and pulse." Place the garlic in a plastic container and store in the refrigerator. "Chop all of your garlic at once and you don't have to go through peeling and smashing each time. It's there and it's fresh."

» Buying fresh herbs — "Don't take the whole bunch if it's just for you." Take a portion of the bunch and put the rest back. Same goes for ginger. "Don't buy the whole root. Take off the piece you need."

» Storing fresh ginger — Dice and store in a container in the refrigerator or place in a freezer bag in the freezer.

For more on McCargo and his dialysis-friendly recipes, visit ultracare-dialysis.com.

Salmon dip is easy to make.

BUFFALO CHICKEN STUFFED CUCUMBER CUPS

Serves 8; 1 serving is 2-3 ounces

Spice blend:
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1 teaspoon smoked paprika
½ teaspoon Italian seasoning
1 teaspoon cayenne pepper
2 tablespoons hot sauce
½ cup Kraft mayonnaise
¼ cup blue cheese crumbs
2 tablespoons lemon juice
1 tablespoon chopped fresh garlic
2 tablespoons fresh chopped chives
3 cups diced or shredded chicken breast
2 large seedless cucumbers sliced into 1-inch pieces, with half of their centers scooped out (15-20 slices) (Tip: Cucumbers can run a little small or big, so be sure to get one at least 15 inches long, or 2 smaller ones)
¼ cup chopped fresh parsley for garnish

Combine all ingredients except the chicken and cucumbers in a medium-size bowl. Stir in chicken and mix until well coated. Set aside in refrigerator for about 30 minutes. Remove from refrigerator and spoon equal amounts (about 1-2 teaspoons) into each cucumber slice. Garnish with chopped parsley.

Nutrition per serving: 243 calories, 23g protein, 6g carbohydrate, 14g total fat, 3g saturated fat, 0g trans fat, 65 mg cholesterol, 374 mg potassium, 203 mg phosphorus, 270 mg sodium

CHOCOLATE PANCAKES WITH MOON PIE STUFFING

Yield: 1 dozen 4-inch sandwiches; 1 serving is 1 sandwich

1 cup flour
3 tablespoons sugar
3 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder
½ teaspoon baking soda
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1 egg
1 cup milk
2 tablespoons canola oil
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
Moon pie stuffing mix:
1 tablespoon unsweetened cocoa powder
¼ cup heavy cream
½ cup cream cheese, softened
½ cup marshmallow cream
2/3 cup Body Fortress vanilla whey protein powder

For the moon pie stuffing, beat cocoa and heavy cream together until stiff peaks are formed. Whip in cream cheese, marshmallow cream, and whey protein powder for about a minute or until well blended, but don't overbeat. Cover and set aside in fridge.

For pancakes, mix all the dry ingredients together in a large bowl and set aside. Mix all the wet ingredients in medium-size bowl. Slowly fold the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients until well mixed, but don't over mix. Cook the pancakes on a lightly oiled griddle on medium heat, or 375 F. Use about 1/8 cup of batter to form 4-inch pancakes, flipping when they start to bubble. Top the first 12 pancakes with equal portions of the cream cheese mix; top those with the other 12 pancakes and serve dusted with powdered sugar.

Nutrition per serving: 185 calories, 8g protein, 17g carbohydrate, 10g total fat, 4g saturated fat, 0g tran fat, 40mg cholesterol, 107g potassium, 72mg phosphorus, 120mg sodium

SMOKY SALMON DIP

Serves 12; 1 serving is ¼ cup

1 pound fresh skinless, boneless salmon cut in four pieces
2 teaspoons smoked paprika
1 cup cream cheese
¼ cup capers
¼ cup lemon juice and zest of half a lemon (about 1 teaspoon)
2 tablespoons finely diced red onions
1 teaspoon black pepper
1 tablespoon chopped parsley

Poach the salmon in 2 cups water and 1 teaspoon smoked paprika for 4-6 minutes on medium-high heat, covered (do not boil). Remove and chill for at least 30 minutes. Mix all other ingredients together until smooth. Break salmon into bite size pieces and fold into cream cheese mixture. Chill for 20-30 minutes then serve with celery sticks, corn chips, and carrots or rolled in a leaf of iceberg lettuce.

Nutrition per serving: 124 calories, 9g protein, 2g carbohydrate, 9g total fat, 4g saturated fat, 0g trans fat, 42 mg cholesterol, 232 mg potassium, 99 mg phosphorus, 164 mg sodium