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Wayne-Westland to lease new school buses

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Faced with an aging bus fleet and a lack of money to buy new ones, the Wayne-Westland Community Schools will again lease new school buses. The district has been leasing eight school buses: four in 2013 and four in 2014. With one lease set to expire this year, Deputy Superintendent for Business Services Jim Larson-

Shidler asked the school board to increase the number of buses to be leased to 10 this year. "We have 85 buses, many of them were purchased with the proceeds from the 1998 bond issue," Larson-Shidler said. "With the age of the fleet, it raises a concern about student safety." Larson-Shidler told the school board that 48 buses are more than 10 years old and have more than 200,000 miles

on them. Currently, three buses are out of service, two with blown engines and one that was totaled in an accident. He recommended that the board approve renewed leasing of four buses and adding six more because a lower lease cost. The cost of a new bus is about \$100,000. Wayne-Westland will be able to get the 10 buses from Holland Bus Company in Holland, Mich., for \$14,000 each. Holland's price

is \$3,000 less than Hoekstra Transportation in Grand Rapids. It also carries the flat-front buses Wayne-Westland uses because of narrow subdivision streets, Larson-Shidler said. **More for less** "For the purchase cost of one school bus we're able to 8-10 buses on the road," Larson-Shidler said. "That's why we're going with 10 because of the savings. Ideally, purchas-

ing is best, but we can't do that." Wayne-Westland has been cutting expenses for several years after losing more than \$900 per student in state school aid. It has been able to avoid a deficit through employee concessions and keeping spending in check. Trustee Charles Trav Griffin who served on the 1998 bond committee said the dis-

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Westland Youth Librarian Laura Flaherty flips the last page open of the Big Yellow Sunflower, turning it into a flower during a story time at Willow Creek Preschool.

Preschoolers celebrate reading with 847 books

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

They may only be three and four years old, but youngsters at the Willow Creek Preschool proved they were up to the challenge in reading during March. The preschool, located in Kirk of Our Savior Church in Westland, hopped on the March Is Reading Month bandwagon by reading 847 books and earning a very special story time provided by the William P. Faust Public Library and an even

more special ice cream treat. "I think I'm going to be attacked," teacher Darlene Taig said. "It's Superman ice cream." Youth Librarian Laura Flaherty did story times for both the three-year-old and four-year-old classes, reading books such as *Maisy Grows a Garden* and *Big Yellow Sunflower* with pages that form the petals. She gave youngsters paper flowers and invited them to stand up and try to plant one. "Dig a little hole; plant a little seed; pour a little water; pull a little weed;

chase a little bug, and give it a little sunshine," she said, leading the youngsters through the different actions. They also did counting and a bit of physical fitness as flowers tall and small and blowing in the wind. They youngsters also did a craft, creating their own flower garden. This was the first time Taig did something for reading month with her young students, and she was amazed at the response.

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Cale Furney: 'Perfect choice' for Westland Police Officer of Year

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Having joined the Westland Police Department 2 1/2 years ago, Officer Cale Furney is already having an impact — so much impact that he has been honored as 2014 Police Officer of the Year. "He is consistently a leader on his shift and in productivity," Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik said. "Cale is a young guy and young in his career here. He makes himself a better officer every day. He was recommended as the overwhelming choice." A native of Climax in western Michigan, Furney earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Grand Valley State University. He worked for the Hamtramck Police Department for two years prior to joining the Westland Police Department. "Cal, you're a perfect choice as police officer of the year," Westland Mayor William Wild said. "I happened to talk to your former chief (in Hamtramck); he was definitely sad to see you go." Jedrusik highlighted some examples of Furney's work during 2014. "In April, Furney apprehended a subject who had just robbed a Taco Bell on South Merriman. The suspect was armed with a handgun which Furney recovered as well. That suspect and his partner in crime both plead guilty to

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Help needed for Wayne-Westland veterans parade

Volunteers are needed to help with the annual Wayne-Westland parade honoring veterans. Sponsored by the Wayne-Westland Veterans Parade Council, this year the parade will be held Sunday, May 24. The parade alternates its route — one year heading south to Wayne, the next going north to Westland.

"We put flyers (seeking volunteers) up in the library and other establishments," said Dan Stachow, parade council chairman. "We're looking for anyone who wants to participate in the group or any aspects of the parade." There are only six people on the council, which usually meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of the month at

the Harris Kehrler VFW Post 3323, 1055 S. Wayne Road, in Westland. "It's ongoing, we basically meet year around," said Stachow, adding volunteers can be involved the to extent they want. On the day of the parade — always the Sunday before Memorial Day weekend to avoid conflicts with area Me-

morial Days parades — help is needed with activities, such as the staging the participants and handing out programs. The staging begins about 10 a.m. with the parade getting underway at 1 p.m. "You don't need any special skills — just show up and be ready to work," Stachow said.

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Westland Police Officer of the Year Cale Furney (center) is congratulated by Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik (left) and Westland Mayor William Wild.



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Murphy among candidates for Farmington city manager job

By Aileen Wingblad
Staff Writer

A past Oakland County commissioner for Farmington and Farmington Hills who now works out of state is one of six candidates to be interviewed May 9 for Farmington's city manager job.

Mike Rogers, director of public works in Peoria, Ill., is scheduled for the day's first interview, at 9 a.m. in the Farmington City Council chambers. The other candidates, in order of interview randomly selected, are: Bryce Kelley, previous director of Wayne County Development

Engine; Michael Burns, Fenton's assistant city manager; David Murphy, Wayne's city manager; David Mackie, Taylor's director of public services and deputy city manager; and Mark Kibby, previous city administrator for Woodhaven.

The six were selected from a list of 40 applicants to replace City Manager Vince Pastue, who announced last fall he was resigning at the end of May. However, according to Mayor Bill Galvin, Pastue recently said he would stay on the job longer — if he is available — until the new manager is in place.

Over the past few years, Pastue has been a top candidate for several city manager positions in metro Detroit and, most recently, Florida.

Galvin released the candidate names at Monday's City Council meeting. The six were chosen last week, but weren't identified before accepting the interview offer.

Deliberations will start immediately after the May 9 interviews, and the council could make the decision that day. However, if necessary, deliberations will continue on May 11 and, Galvin said, it's also possible candidates will be called back for a follow-

up interview.

Pastue, Farmington's city manager for the last 12 years, "has been a wonderful advocate for Farmington and a valued member of our community ... now we begin to turn the page towards the future and Farmington's next city manager," Galvin said.

The public is invited to attend the candidate interviews, but won't be permitted to ask questions or comment during the process.

The evening before the interviews, May 8 from 6-8 p.m., a public meet-and-greet with the candidates will be held in City Council chambers,

hosted by Dan Irvin, executive director of the Greater Farmington Chamber of Commerce.

"This type of civic engagement is an important part of the process," Galvin said. "It is an opportunity for our commission, our boards and our citizens to meet the candidates face-to-face. Council will be in attendance to observe, and we are very interested in how the candidates interact with our community members."

Plans are in the works to have the meet-and-greet and interviews cablecast, Galvin said, but whether it will happen for sure hasn't yet

been determined.

Council member JoAnne McShane said having 40 applicants for the city manager job speaks well of Farmington, and is confident "we're going to find someone who can fill Vince's shoes. We don't expect him to be like Vince because everyone is different."

"But whoever it is may have a different approach to business, and that's good, too. That's what we're looking for. Change is good, here it comes. Keep watching."

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PARADE

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This year, the parade will stage at the Wayne Ford Civic League and head north on Wayne Road, then west on Ford and north on Central City Parkway to end at the Veterans Memorial Garden of Westland, located behind the William P. Faust Public Library.

Dedicated on Veterans Day 2013, the veterans memorial garden was a project of the Westland Veterans Association spearheaded by the late Ken Mehl.

"It's too bad that Ken isn't here to see the fruition of his work with the parade ending at the memorial garden," Stachow said. "We had committed to go to Wayne (in

2014). I'm sure he's looking down smiling with the buttons popping on his shirt."

The 2015 parade will also mark the 40th anniversary of the U.S. military pulling out of Vietnam.

"We call it a veterans parade. We honor those who died but also the living ones," Stachow said. "We don't limit ourselves to those (veterans) who have passed away."

For more information about volunteering, call Stachow at 734-355-4569 for or parade coordinator Heather Robertson-Mitchell at 313-576-7268, or hrobertson70@gmail.com for applications.

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READING

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"I'm proud of them all," she said. "I've had mystery readers for four years and have extended it throughout the school year because of parents who come in and have something they want to read."

The preschool has adopted Pete the Cat as its mascot. They read his books and even have a Pete the Cat bag filled with books, CDs and a stuffed Pete that they take turns taking home. They also write a story in a journal about Pete's visit.

The school also has adopted his famous quote, "It's all good." "They love Pete. James Dean is a very



Two-year-old Rachel Bennett of Garden City is excited about the flower garden she got help making from Mom Laura and Librarian Laura Flaherty.

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talented man, he hit a chord with the kids with

Pete," Taig said. "We do anything we can to en-

gage them because literacy is the most important thing we can give a child."

Taking the library story time on the road isn't something new. According to Flaherty, "we do schools and go here and there, if requested. We try to make it work."

Flaherty was given the honor of revealing how many books the children read during March, a total that she called "just amazing."

In addition to the story time and ice cream, the students also took home their very own book, *Nutkin on the Run*.

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BUSES

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tract has to "look down the road." Unable to use sinking fund money for bus purchases, he said consideration needs to be given for a new bond issue.

"We had the bond issue in 1998, our bus

fleet was in bad shape. We purchased new buses, we were in great shape," he said. "But now back to where we were in 1998. Long-term, we have to look at doing a bond for bus purchases."

Board President Thomas Buckalew agreed with Larson-Shidler that he, too, would prefer to buy

school buses rather than lease.

"We've been forced into this position because the state is robbing Peter to pay Paul," he said. "It's a significant number of buses that are more than 10 years old and most have over 150,000 miles on them. I agree we need to find and additional revenue source."

Board Secretary Carol Middel, who also supported the measure, offered kudos for the bus drivers and aides "who take personal pride in their buses."

"They take very good care of them," she said.

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the robbery and are currently in prison.

In May, Furney attempted to stop a parole absconder who was driving a stolen car in the Norway area. A high-speed pursuit ensued that continued until the suspect ran out of gas on I-94 and was taken into custody. He, too, is currently back in

prison.

Also in May, Furney was involved in the arrest of a subject who had broken into Leon's Family Diner, as well as numerous businesses along Wayne Road. Jedrusik said his keen observations and instincts led to that arrest. That subject ultimately confessed to numerous break-ins and implicated his partner in those crimes as well. Both of those men have also been sent to prison.

"Officer Furney displays the finest traditions of the Westland Police Department. He is an aggressive officer with good and continually developing instincts and street smarts," Jedrusik said. "He represents the qualities that make the entire Westland Department proud. For these reasons, I am proud to recognize Officer Cale Furney as the 2014 Westland Police Officer of the year."

Furney received tributes from the city council and the Wayne County Commission in addition to certificates and a ribbon from the department.

"I was kind of surprised to be nominated for the award. It is definitely appreciated," Furney said. "I go out each shift with the other officers and work hard. I want to thank

my lieutenant and sergeant for nominating me."

Due the large number of retirements in recent years, Jedrusik said Westland has a young department.

"We have a 50-year tradition of professionalism. With a younger department, we have not lost that," he said. "I credit our middle management — the lieutenants and sergeants — with that."

With so much attention about negative situations involving police, Wild said he was proud that Westland Police annually recognize a police officer of the year.

"We don't spend enough time hearing about the positives," Wild said.

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Livonia church hosts service remembering Armenian Genocide victims

Leaders of Metro Detroit's four Armenian churches and those from other faiths are uniting in Livonia Friday for a special Ecumenical Service to honor and remember the victims of the Armenian Genocide.

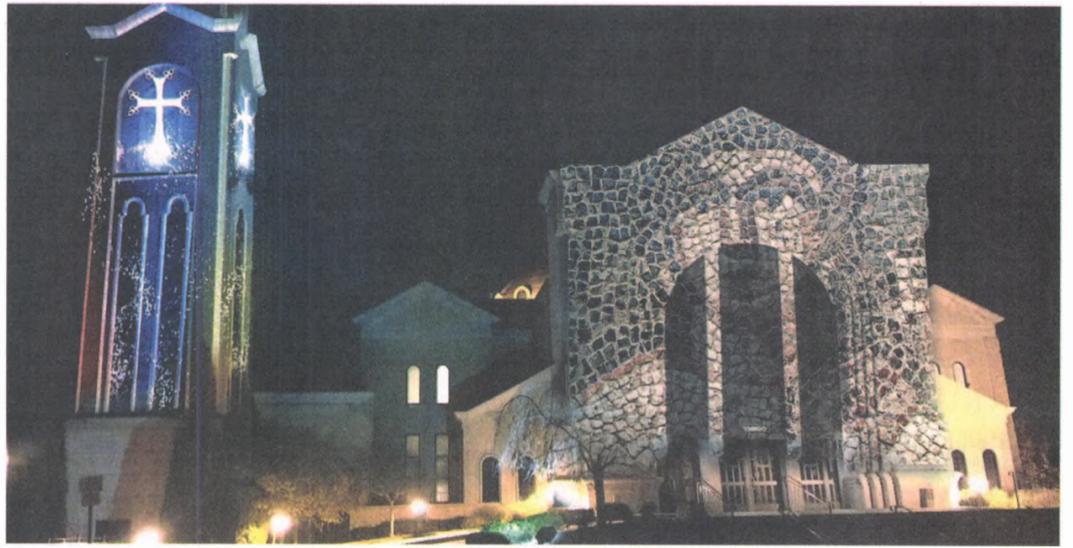
The worship service will be held at 7:30 at St. Mary's Antiochian Orthodox Basilica, itself home to a large contingent of oppressed people with Middle Eastern roots. Friday, April 24, is Martyrs Day, the day annually that honors the one and a half million Armenians killed by the Ottoman government in the first mass ethnic cleansing of the 20th century.

"This is an unprecedented event at a critical time in the Armenian Genocide movement," said Manouk Derovakimian, co-chairman of the Armenian Churches of Greater Detroit Genocide Committee, the group responsible for the

service. "One-point-five million Armenians didn't have the chance to live a normal life in this world, and we cannot forget them."

The committee represents St. John Armenian Apostolic Church in Southfield, St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church in Dearborn, St. Vartan Armenian Catholic Church in Detroit, and Armenian Congregational Church in Southfield. The evening's principal homilist will be the Rev. Allen Vigneron, archbishop of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Detroit.

Attendees will also be mesmerized by an outdoor digital art display on the church's buildings and bell tower. Projections of iconic Armenian churches and religious symbols telling the story of the genocide and the Armenian nation's rich religious influence will be produced by well-



An outdoor digital art display on the church's buildings and bell tower will show iconic Armenian churches and religious symbols telling the story of the genocide.

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known Detroit area photojournalist Michelle Andonian and visual artist Gabriel Hall of

New D Media Arts. St. Mary's is at 18100 Merriman north of Six Mile. A reception with

religious and government leaders will follow. All are welcome to attend. Contact the Rev. Ga-

rabed Kochakian, pastor of St. John Armenian Church in Southfield, at 248-569-3405.

Area College for Creative Studies student to create Grand Prix poster

Mary McLain, a 22-year-old College for Creative Studies student from Livonia, has been selected to create the official 2015 Chevrolet Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix commemorative poster.

McLain competed in a contest hosted by the school in partnership with the Chevrolet Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix. The competing students were all part of the design class under instructor Francis Valjeo.

McLain's winning

design incorporates the elements of nature at Belle Isle Park, blended with the Detroit city skyline and a father and son watching race cars zoom around the iconic Scott Fountain on the island.

"It was a really tough decision for the judges this year as all the designs were unique and strong in their own way," said Bud Denker, Chairman of the Chevrolet Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix, who has served on the judging panel in each of the last three years of

the competition. "The level of talent and design skill is remarkable at CCS and all the students should be proud of the work they produced. At the finish line, Mary's design just seemed to tell a perfect story of the experience at the Grand Prix and it was a unanimous choice as the winning entry."

McLain's design will help Detroit "Start the Summer" at the Chevrolet Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix, May 29-31, as the official event poster will be produced,

showcased and sold throughout the weeks leading up to the Grand Prix. The poster will be highlighted on race weekend and through the rest of the summer and the design may also be included on merchandise items moving forward.

"It's really an honor to win this competition," McLain said. "There were a lot of great entries and now I'm really excited to attend the Grand Prix and enjoy the experience on race weekend."



Mary McLain, a 22-year-old College for Creative Studies student from Livonia, with her winning poster design.

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Break-in

A resident in the 32000 block of Hillsdale Court told police April 17 that she returned home from work around 3:30 a.m. to find the laundry room window open. She said the screen had been removed and there were muddy foot prints on the side of the house under the window.

Inside, she said drawers had been rummaged through and later found \$100 missing from her safe, which was left unlocked sitting on the bed.

Vandalism

An employee of a contracting company working on a foreclosed home in the 34000 block of Bock told police he arrived April 18 to find the water heater and furnace damaged after someone improperly removed them from

their installed positions. The damage was set at \$1,500. The employee said he had last been at the home on April 8.

Larceny from a vehicle

On April 17, a resident of the Landings Apartments, 6688 Lakeview, told police that someone had entered her locked car and stolen an unspecified amount of change out of the ash-tray.

No damage was reported to the vehicle.

Identity theft

A Westland woman told police April 17 that she had been contacted by Harper Woods Police after they found a copy of her driver's license in a vehicle they had stopped. The woman said she had no idea how the information had been obtained.

Larceny from a vehicle

On April 18, a couple living in the 32000 block of Kalamazoo Court told police someone had stolen the wife's wallet from the console of their unlocked vehicle overnight. The couple said both their driver's licenses were inside the missing wallet.

Larceny

A resident of the Colonial Village Apartments, 8181 N. Wayne Road, told police April 20 that she had ordered a pair of Shiekh shoes, valued at \$162, online. UPS reported delivering the shoes to her door step April 10. When she came home a few hours later, she said the package was missing.

Attempted break-in

A resident of an apartment in the 36000 block

of McKinney told police she returned home to find the center of the deadbolt on her door hanging out. She called maintenance and was told no one had tampered with the door. The lock was replaced and it was unclear if had broken or someone damaged it.

Property damage

A resident in the 400 block of Helen reported that someone tampered with his 2002 Dodge Caravan that was parked on the street April 19.

Someone broke in and damaged the ignition. There was no sign of forced entry or any witnesses.

Larceny

A headlight housing assembly was reported stolen from a 2003 Chevrolet Venture parked in the 7700 block of Woodgreen on April 20. The

owner told police the second headlight housing assembly was loosened as if someone had started to remove it.

The resident told police that someone had also stolen the catalytic converter from the same vehicle but she hadn't reported it missing.

Suspicious circumstances

A resident in the 700 block of N. Byfield told police April 7 that he heard noises about 12:20 a.m. He said he looked outside to see about five males walking down the sidewalk away from his home.

Thinking they might have been tampering with vehicles, the resident said he checked his car. He reported approximately \$5 in change missing.

By LeAnne Rogers

Man charged with sex crimes involving Canton teen

A Troy man has been charged with six counts of criminal sexual conduct involving a Canton girl who police say was about 13-15 years old.

Brett Christopher Lloyd, 42, is accused of befriending the girl through an undisclosed social media website and arranging to meet her in Canton during the latter part of last year and early this year, police Lt. Craig Wilsher said.

"It was over a period of time," he said.

Lloyd was arraigned Saturday on five felony counts of third-degree criminal sexual conduct and one misdemeanor count of fourth-degree CSC. If convicted, he could face 15 years in prison.

Lloyd has been jailed with a \$150,000/10-percent bond, meaning he would need to post \$15,000 before he could be released.

He is scheduled for a preliminary examination May 1 in 35th District Court to determine whether he should face trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

With court proceedings pending, Wilsher declined to divulge certain information, such as where Lloyd and the girl met. An investigation began last year after the alleged victim reported the situation to police.

Wilsher said the incidents should serve as a warning for underage girls and boys to "be very cautious" when striking up a conversation with strangers through social media.

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Larceny from vehicle

A resident of the Chestnut Court Apartments, 31530 Van Born, told police that just before 1:30 a.m. April 11 he heard a noise outside. When he looked out the window, he said he saw

two men at his car — one inside the vehicle, the other attempting to open the trunk.

The resident told police he opened the window and asked what the men were doing. Joined by a third man, he said they ran to a newer model

black Ford Escape and fled.

Reported missing from the car was a laptop computer valued at \$950, four blank personal checks and miscellaneous medical equipment relating to his job as a nurse. The front driver's door

was reported to have been damaged due to the lock being punched.

Attempted break-in

On April 18, a resident at Newberry Square, 35240 W. Michigan Ave., told police that someone had damaged her entry

door attempting to break in while she was in the hospital. The wooden door had damage near the handle locking mechanism but was still able to be locked. The damage was set at \$150.

By LeAnne Rogers

GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

Theft

A resident in the 30000 block of Rosslyn reported that several items were stolen from an SUV parked in the driveway April 20.

The woman said her husband told her that he locked the vehicle. She added that she regularly leaves her purse on the

floor of the front passenger side area of the vehicle.

When she returned to her vehicle, she found that the glove box was open and her purse was on the back seat. About \$100 in cash, an iPod Touch and a full 30-count bottle of Vicodin was taken from her purse. No credit cards were

taken.

The police found no signs of forced entry.

Vandalism

Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, reported damage to its hospital annex April 19. A security guard noticed that there was a hole in a northwest entrance door window. No alarms were

triggered.

Fraud

A Garden City man reported fraud in connection with a PayPal credit card April 20. A collections agency said that he owed \$800 on a PayPal account.

He said that he doesn't have a PayPal credit card as the collections agency cited. The online charges were made between Oct. 20 and Dec. 20.

Property damage

A resident in the 400 block of Helen reported that someone tampered with his 2002 Dodge Caravan that was parked on the street April 19.

Someone broke in and damaged the ignition. There was no sign of forced entry or any witnesses.

By Sue Buck



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Churchill High School presents 'The Addams Family' musical

Churchill High School presents *The Addams Family* musical at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 23; Friday, April 24; and Saturday, April 25 at Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

You're invited to step into the darkly delirious world of Gomez, Morticia, Uncle Fester, Grandma, Wednesday, Pugsley and Lurch as they hilariously grapple with the unfamiliar concepts of love and joy, as displayed by 18-year-old Wednesday, who has fallen in love.

Watch two worlds collide in comedic fashion, when Wednesday invites her boyfriend and his family to a "normal" dinner at the Addams Family mansion.

The large cast of this all-school musical includes the following lead roles: Gomez, Ryan Miller; Morticia, Kat O'Donnell; Wednesday, Leah Dixon; Lucas, Jake Jarvis; Uncle Fester, Brandon Bartley; Grandma,



The cast of the Addams Family.

SUBMITTED

Amy Szuba; Pugsley, Christian Schleick; Mal Beineke, Michael Jackman; Alice Beineke, Jess Rushing; Lurch, Ethan Walker; and Cousin Itt, Liam Murphy.

Tickets are \$12 for adults; \$10 for students and senior citizens. Call 734-331-2329 or email churchilltickets@gmail.com to reserve tickets.



SUBMITTED

Morticia, played by Kat O'Donnell, and Gomez, played by Ryan Miller, look on disapprovingly as Wednesday, portrayed by Leah Dixon, enjoys a tender moment with Lucas, portrayed by Jake Jarvis.

Cruise season kicks off at Livonia Best Western

Don Nicholson Enterprises will start off the cruise season with a free cruise at the Livonia Best Western Hotel from 2-6 p.m. Saturday, May 2.

The event will feature raffles and information on upcoming cruises for the season.

There will be commemorative dash plaques to the first 150 vehicles, and multiple event organizers will be on hand to talk about their cruises. Also get free entry into a raffle for prizes and a chance for a free night at the Livonia Best Western.

There also will be food, music and a tour of the remodeled Best Western.

Best Western General Manager Nader Judeh and Nicholson also will be on hand to answer any questions.

Livonia library hosts photojournalist's Chernobyl exhibit

A photo exhibit of Chernobyl landscapes and victims will be on display Friday through Sunday at the Livonia Civic Center Library. The display coincides with the 29th anniversary of the April 26, 1986, nuclear disaster in Ukraine.

Half-Lives, Half-Truths is the work of photojournalist Gabriela Bulisova, who toured the disaster zone in the years following the 1986 explosion and fire at the world-renowned nuclear power complex located 80 miles from Kiev.

An update of the current situation in and around Chernobyl will be an addendum to Bulisova's photojournalistic efforts.

The display is being presented by Alliance To Halt Fermi-3, a group of citizens and organizations opposed to a third Fermi nuclear reactor near Monroe.

"Twenty-nine years ago, Chernobyl showed the world that nuclear power disasters with a global impact can actually happen," said Keith Gunter, Co-Chair of Alliance To Halt Fermi-3. "Beginning in March

2011, Fukushima demonstrated that Western-designed nuclear reactors can have even more catastrophic results than Chernobyl, underscored by Tokyo Electric Power's recent admission that Fukushima Unit 1

has suffered an out-of-control, 100 percent core meltdown on the coast of the Pacific Ocean," Gunter said. "We're truly in uncharted territory there."

Admission is free. The library is at 32777 Five

Mile Road, Livonia. For more information, contact Keith Gunter, Co-Chair, Alliance To Halt Fermi-3, at 734-838-8084 or email him at keith.gunter9@gmail.com; or call the library at 734-466-2491.

EVERYONE HAS AN IDEA OR MAYBE A FEW...

ACCENT TABLE

Nicolette McKeivitz,

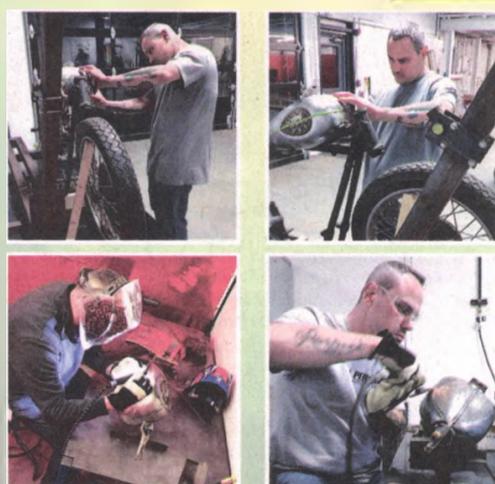
Project: Accent Table with a planter box built in to the table top. Nicolette, a 20-year old Novi resident came to The Village Workshop to pursue her dream of building custom wood furniture. Nicolette enjoys other hobbies such as oil painting, writing poetry and working on retro pickup trucks. You could say Nicolette likes to work with her hands.

Nicolette became interested in art in grade school and continued classes through-out high school. She attended Kendall College of Art and Design where she discovered her love for furniture through 3d art classes. Although she learned about design, Nicolette had the need to design and build furniture with her own hands. Within a week of her first visit to the Village Workshop, Nicolette had completed her Wood Shop Safety Class. Motivated by a design she had been working on, she got right to work on her first furniture project, a wood table with a planter box built in to the tabletop.

Her design will be a combination of modern and eclectic style with a black finish to bring out the texture and grain in the wood. The back legs will feature straight lines while the front legs will be turned spindles. Dream Project: Nicolette's dream is to build custom furniture that is not only functional, but also pieces of art. At the top of her list is a chair design that will combine nature with classic furniture lines featuring natural living edges that bring out the beauty of the grains in the wood. Her vision would be to make it a functional piece of art with a modern twist.



CUSTOM VINTAGE MOTORCYCLE



Mike Brimm works in the automotive industry building global show vehicles.

Project: Custom Vintage Motorcycle. Starting with a 1970 BSA motorcycle, Mike's vision was to bring this vintage machine into the future! He used his metal working skills and artistic background to make the jig to create his masterpiece from the frame to the custom paint he calls "Magic Rootbeer".

Since Mike is a hands on guy he puts hours of labor into his project including the use of an English wheel to fabricate the fuel tank. This labor of love will be custom from the ground up.

A friend urged him to enter his project in a contest called the "Amateur Chop Off". Just the motivation he needed. Although the prize is cash and a feature in a motorcycle magazine, Mike was motivated by the challenge.

Mike's passion for working with metal started in the ninth grade. For over 25 years he has enjoyed restoring old cars. Mike once helped a friend restore an Imperial Speedster to a show car. He recalls living in his friend's guest room for close to a year while working on the nearly three-year project.

Although Mike is a perfectionist he found that his self-taught welding and fabricating skills were also useful in expressing his creativity through creating metal art. He says that the metal art gives him more creative freedom than working on cars.

Mikes passion, enthusiasm and ideas intrigued Brian Donovan, co-owner of The Village Workshop so much, that TWV will be the sponsor for Mike's "One of a Kind" creation.

Dream Project: When asked what his dream project was, Mike laughed and said there was a list of 25! Inspired by other Village Workshop members Mike would like to create an artistic metal gate for the metal shop to enhance the overhead door entrance and let the fresh air in. Another idea, is designing and creating a "Motorized Drift Trike", also known as "A Big Wheel" for adults.

Mike believes that his gift for creative metal work came from not being afraid to "just do it!" He says, "You can create it in your head and then on paper, but the real joy comes from building it with your hands"...

He shares that thought with his new friends at the Village Workshop and adds that being a member gives him the tools and inspiration to bring his dream projects to life!

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'Read All About It' with Jim Ray Daniels at Wayne Library

The Wayne Public Library has announced that Jim Ray Daniels — author of *Eight Mile High* — will pay a special visit to the library at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 26, for an evening of first-rate storytelling, a book signing and question-and-answer time with guests.

Daniels is visiting the Wayne Public Library as part of the Library of Michigan's 2015 "Michigan Notable Authors Tour." This year, 20 authors whose engaging works were chosen as 2015 Michigan Notable Books selections will visit nearly 50 libraries throughout the state.

The Wayne Public Library is located at 3737 S Wayne Road, Wayne. For details about this author event, call 734-721-7832 or visit www.wayne.lib.mi.us.

It's a literary treat to have Daniels in our community, sharing his captivating work with our friends and neighbors in such an open, accessible way. Michigan is home to some of the best stories and storytellers found anywhere in the country. An author of Daniels' caliber here, in our library, will make it an evening to remember.

"This year's Michigan Notable Books delve into wonderfully diverse topics and offer something of interest for just about everyone," State Librarian Randy Riley said. "The tour offers the opportunity for book enthusiasts in many corners of the state to join in the conversation about what constitutes 'great writing' and to hear from some of the Great Lakes region's most beloved authors."

Jim Ray Daniels' poem *Factory Love* is displayed on the roof of a race car. Daniels has garnered such honors as the Brittingham Prize for Poetry, the Blue Lynx Poetry Prize and two fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts. He is the Thomas Stockham Baker Professor of English at Carnegie Mellon University, and currently lives in Pittsburgh, Pa., with his family.

Michigan Notable Books is designed to promote reading and raise awareness of Michigan's literary heritage. The program annually selects 20 of the most outstanding books published in that year — titles that are reflective of Michigan's diverse ethnic, historical, literary and cultural experience.

In addition to the tour, the Library of Michigan Foundation will host a "Night for Notables" on Saturday, April 25, with Michigan entrepreneur and author Linda Hundt as the featured speaker. For more information about the evening program taking place at the Library of Michigan in downtown Lansing, visit www.michigan.gov/notablebooks.

The 2015 Michigan Notable Books program and tour are made possible thanks to the generous support of the Library of Michigan, the Library of Michigan Foundation, Michigan Department of Education, the Michigan Humanities Council, Meijer and the Michigan Center for the Book. Media Sponsors are Mittenlit.com, City Pulse, Dome, Queue Advertising and Tom Gennara Photography.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Family Fun Storytime, 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 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 at the youth reference desk.

Parents-in-Action, 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, "Let's Pretend: The Elements of Pretend Play" — Parent and child workshops presented by Starfish Family Services. To register, contact Starfish at 313-937-2458 or starfishelc@sfish.org.

Information Central is compiled by the staff of the Wayne Public Library, located at 3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne. For more information, call 734-721-7832 or go online to www.wayne.lib.mi.us

YouTube celebrates 10th anniversary

YouTube was founded Feb. 14, 2005, by three former PayPal employees: Chad Hurley, Steve Chen and Jawed Karim. On April 23, 2005, the first video was uploaded to YouTube. Entitled *Me at the Zoo*, the 19-second video featured co-founder Jawed Karim in front of the elephant cage at the San Diego Zoo.

Since that moment, almost everything has been uploaded to YouTube: videos of marriage proposals, crazy things cats and dogs do, business tutorials, music videos and anything else a person could possibly film and upload.

Some facts on YouTube from YouTube's website:

» YouTube has more than 1 billion users.

» 300 hours of video are uploaded to YouTube every minute.

» Half of YouTube views are on mobile devices.

» Over 80 percent of American teenagers use YouTube.

Psy's Gangnam Style is the most viewed YouTube video. As of December 2014, the video had over 2.15 billion views on YouTube, over a billion more than Justin Bieber's *Baby* at 1.12 billion views.

Some books the library has to help you work with YouTube include *YouTube Channels for Dummies* by Stan Muller, *YouTube Marketing Power* by Jason Miles, *How to Do Everything with YouTube* by Chad Fahs, *500 Internet Hints, Tips, and Techniques* by Dan Oliver and *15 Minutes of Fame* by Frederick Levy.

You can also use the library's public computers to view YouTube. Headphone use is greatly appreciated.

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland is open

from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Highlighted Events

Food for Fines, through April 30 — Gleaners Community Food Bank, St. Mary's Outreach and the Westland Library are partnering to alleviate hunger in southeastern Michigan. How can you help? Bring nonperishable, in-date goods to the Circulation Desk at the library and receive \$2 per item off of your fines (up to \$20 total, lost or damaged items not eligible). Find a list of suggested items in the library or call 734-326-6123.

Westland Writes ... Poetry and Fiction Book, through April 28 — Celebrate National Poetry Month with your own written creations. *Westland Writes ...* is the library's seventh annual poetry and short story book collection with works by local poets and authors (previous books can be found in the library's collection). Each writer can submit up to two poems or one short story or chapter (maximum 2,500 words, email only) for the book to andy.schuck@westlandlibrary.org. You don't have to live in Westland to participate. Submission deadline is Tuesday, April 28.

Westland Library Poetry Contest, through April 28 — Create an acrostic poem for our 2015 Poetry Month contest. Anyone can write an acrostic poem; simply write the name WESTLAND (or the city you live in) along the left hand margin of your paper and fill in a line for each corresponding letter. Use as few or as many words as you'd like for each line. Submit up to two poems by email to andy.schuck@westlandlibrary.org or drop off in our Poetry Box at the Reference Desk (same time period).

Friday Night Movie, 7 p.m. April 24 — Join us for the Friday evening institution known as Friday Night Movies. Tonight's movie is *Wild*, "the chronicle of one woman's 1,100-mile solo hike undertaken as a way to recover from a recent catastrophe." (IMDB) Rated R. Snacks and refreshments are provided on a donation basis. Doors open 6:30 p.m. Movie starts at 7 p.m. This movie is not suggested for viewers under 18 years of age. Parents are urged to learn more about the film before taking young children to view it.

Youth Mental Health First Aid Training, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 25 — This all-day workshop is designed for adults who work with young people, ages 12-18. You will learn a five-step action plan to offer initial help to young people showing signs of a mental illness or in a crisis and how to connect them with the appropriate care. The course is free, includes a manual, and lunch is provided. Registration required. Space is limited. Call the library to sign up or visit our website at westlandlibrary.org/events

Fourth Annual Community Shred, noon to 2 p.m. April 25 — Don't keep those old financial documents hanging around your house. Bring up to 100 pounds of paper documents to be shredded at our annual Community Shred. Shred Corp. of Madison Heights will be outside in the parking lot near the Veterans Memorial Garden. Presented as part of Money Smart Week at the library.

Writers Club, 7 p.m. April 27 — Have you written stories or poems that you would like others to hear, but not critique, in a casual atmosphere? Looking to get back into writing but could some support and/or exercises? Join Cheryl Vatcher-Martin as she leads

the Westland Library Writer's Club. Refreshments provided.

Noontime Book Club, noon April 28 — This month's selection is *The Third Bullet* written by Stephen Hunter. Marine sniper Bob Lee Swaggar probes the lingering mystery of John F. Kennedy's assassination and exposes the mastermind behind a third bullet that mysteriously exploded. Limited number of copies will be available at the Reference Desk.

Academic Enrichment, 3:30-5 p.m. April 29, Teens and Kids, age range fifth-grade and up — Bring your assignments for free homework help and study help. No advanced registration needed; however, parents must sign a waiver upon arrival in order for child or teen to participate.

Science Fiction/Fantasy Book Club, 7 p.m. April 29 — Join us for a discussion of Alex Bledsoe's *The Sword-Edged Blonde*. High fantasy meets hardboiled mystery in the first installment of the Eddie LaCrosse series. It should have been a case like any other: a missing princess, a king willing to pay in gold for her return. But before he realizes it, sword jockey Eddie LaCrosse is swept up in a web of mystery and deceit involving a brutally murdered royal heir, a queen accused of an unspeakable crime, and the tragic past he thought he'd left behind.

Computer Classes, including one-on-one classes are offered all year long. Contact the library at 734-326-6123 to find out more.

Information Central was compiled by Sue Hanson. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call 734-326-6123 or go online to westlandlibrary.org.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Rummage sale

Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City, is holding a rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 23-24. There will be a bag sale at 3 p.m. Friday.

Mother's Day Tea

The Maplewood Center Senior Department will hold its annual Mother's Day Tea from noon to 3 p.m. Friday, May 8, at the Maplewood Center, 31735 Maplewood, Garden City.

Tickets are \$12 per person and are on sale at the center's Balmoral Desk or call 734-793-1870. Bring your favorite tea cup, and then try your luck at the Volunteer Committee's Basket Raffle. Tickets for the raffle sold only at the event.

Church revival

Pastor Jimmy Lawson and Community Free Will Baptist Church in Westland will hold a Revival from Sunday-Thursday, April 26-30, at the church, 33031 Cherry Hill.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday. There will be two preachers: Brother Brian Williams, a home missionary to Buffalo, N.Y., and Brother Danny Elliott, a home missionary to Quebec, Canada.

For more information, call 734-721-9040.

Boychoir performance

The Boychoir of Ann Arbor will present a concert at 4 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at the First Congregational Church, 2 Towne Square, Wayne. Admission is free, and there will be a free will offering.

Directed by Dr. Thomas Strode, the Boychoir offers a varied program of sacred, secular, classical and popular selections.

Yard sale

The Lighthouse Home Missions in Westland is accepting donations for a yard sale to be held from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. April 28 through May 9.

Donations of household items, appliances, TVs, furniture and computers can be dropped off at the mission at 34033 Palmer, Westland, during business hours.

The mission is also look for volunteers to help with the sale. For more information, call 734-326-3885.

Wish You Were Here



Craig Pasechnik of Wayne chose the Welcome the Cayman Islands sign to pose for a Wish You Were Here. Pasechnik said he enjoyed cruising to Grand Cayman with his grandchildren Vitaliy and Mirabella Koponen of Farmington. If you go on vacation, be sure to take a picture with your Observer and send it to Sue Mason as a jpg at smason@hometownlife.com. Be sure to include your name and information about your photo.

Democratic Club

The Westland Democratic Club will be meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday April 28, at the Dorsey Center, 32715 Dorsey, east of Venoy, Westland.

There will be guest speakers and updates on current city and county issues. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information contact Judy McKinney at 734-721-0729 or Hank Johnson at 734-334-0042.

Game Night

The Dyer Senior Center in Westland is holding its monthly game night at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 30. The center is at 36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh. For more information, call 734-419-2020.

Mother-Daughter Luncheon

The AMVETS Auxiliary is sponsoring a Mother-Daughter Luncheon Fashion Show from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, May 2, at the Memorial Hall, 1217 S. Merriman, Westland. Fashion will be provided by the Dress Barn of Dearborn Heights.

Tickets are \$7 each. For more information, call 734-968-5235.

Spring Card Party

Ss. Simon and Jude Parish will hold a spring card party from 6:30-10 p.m. Friday, May 15, at the church, 32500 Palmer, east of Venoy, Westland. There will be door and table prizes, 50-50, light meal and snacks. Tickets cost \$8 and are available at the door. Bring a friend and plays cards or games of your choice.

For more information, call 734-722-1343.

AARP Smart Driver

Seniors can refresh their driving skills with the AARP Smart Driver course. Learn defensive driving techniques, proven safety strategies and the new traffic law and rules of the road. There are no tests to pass, and it doesn't affect your driver's license.

The course is available to anyone 50 years and older. It will be offered from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, May 5-6, at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe, Wayne. The cost is \$20, and \$15 with proof of an AARP membership. Upon completion, participants will receive a certificate. Check with your auto insurance companies to see if they offer a discount with the certificate.

Call 734-721-7460 to reserve a spot.

PVM, Homestead form limited liability company

Carl Simcox, owner of Homestead Home Health Care, and Roger Myers, president and CEO of Presbyterian Villages of Michigan, have announced the formation of a new joint venture. The new entity has been structured as a Michigan limited liability company (LLC) on a 50/50 percentage ownership basis. A formal name is in the process of being selected. The purposes of the joint venture are identifying, assessing and implementing selective business opportunities to leverage the individual and shared capabilities of

Homestead and PVM to enhance services and programs for seniors, their families, caregivers, payors, healthcare systems and broader communities across Michigan utilizing a personalized approach aimed at assisting seniors to live in the most independent setting possible. Services that may be provided include, but are not limited to:



Myers

- » Private duty home health and personal care services, including medication assistance and a broad array of supports (market rate and Medicaid Waiver funded).
- » Enhanced living (care and services in a congregate setting).
- » Coordination of ancillary services, including skilled care, end of life care, physician services, pharmacy services, and care transition programs.
- » Meal preparation and nutritional/dietary monitoring.
- » Transportation and concierge services, in-

cluding personal shopping and errands, house-keeping, laundry and chore services, home repairs, maintenance, lawn care and snow removal

- » Relocation services and support (staging, packing, moving, etc.).
- » Outings, wellness and other enrichment/engagement program.
- » Telehealth and other home based technologies.

Homestead will serve as the general manager of the LLC and a PVM representative will serve as the chair of the LLC's governing board. Headquartered in

Southfield, PVM is a faith-based, nonprofit, multi-site system that has served seniors of all faiths since 1945. PVM serves more than 4,300 seniors and currently has 25 senior living communities, including the Village of Westland, and offers continuing care retirement communities (apartments, assisted living, and skilled nursing all on one campus), subsidized senior housing, and market rate senior housing. For more information on Presbyterian Villages of Michigan, visit www.pvm.org.

Homestead Home Health Care is headquartered in Northville and is a for-profit organization engaged in multiple service/programs caring for seniors since 1989. Homestead and its affiliates service more than 2,000 clients throughout Michigan. It provides home care, facility management of independent and assisted living communities, care coordination and client advocacy. For more information on Homestead Home Health Care, visit www.homesteadhomehealthcare.com.

Deciphering Internet jargon – FWIW

The social web is a wasteland of inside jokes, acronyms and obscure references that the majority of users don't understand. Internet power users attach themselves to these jokes and phrases to differentiate themselves from the masses. You no longer have to feel excluded. Below is a helpful list that explains some of the most commonly used acronyms and web phrases, which will help you surf the web without so much bewilderment.

Meme: A meme (pronounced meem) is an online joke that is most commonly shared in the form of a picture with an overlay of words. Memes are common on large message boards like Reddit, where a group of users can adopt an inside joke quickly. One of the more mainstream memes is a series of jokes involving the Dos Equis spokesman. Social media users will take a picture of the "Most Interesting Man in the World" and place it with interesting or absurd phrases.

GIF: Is an image sequence that when spliced together, creates a looping animated image or a short video. GIF is pronounced like the popular brand of peanut butter, although both pronunciations are widely understood.

TL;DR: This acronym is used by writers who are acknowledging their own



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wordiness. It stands for "too long; didn't read" and is usually accompanied by a synopsis of the author's very wordy forum post or blog entry.

IMHO: Stands for "in my humble opinion." Often used on message boards where users are debating sports or other topics.

MRT: If you've used Twitter you know that RT is short for "re-tweet" and that re-tweet means to share something on Twitter. MRT stands for "modified re-tweet," when the person sharing the information has slightly modified the original message. This is done as to attribute something incorrectly to the original author.

SMH: Stands for "shaking my head." Not to be confused with SMS, which stands for Short Messaging Service, another term for text messaging.

GTFO: This R-rated acronym stands for "get the heck out," but substitute the word heck for something a little less friendly.

OT: "Off-topic." Mostly used on message boards where the post is off-topic from the rest of the site's typical subject matter.

FWIW: "For what it's

worth."

FTW: "For the win." But please don't confuse this with WTF, which you may already know as the unclean version of "what the heck."

Easter egg: A hidden surprise built in to a website or program that can only be accessed by pressing a certain code or looking in a specific place. Easter eggs get their name because they are hidden and users must hunt for them. The more well-hidden Easter eggs are considered to be better.

Meta: A joke that refers to itself. For example, a popular meta joke came about last year when a photo of Ryan Gosling was circulated. In the photo, Gosling wore a shirt with Macaulay Culkin's face on it. Days later, Culkin was seen wearing a shirt that showed Gosling wearing a shirt with his own face on it. This meta joke continued for two more rounds – which is way too difficult to explain in text. My suggestion is to Google the image for more clarity.

Google can also be helpful in determining the meaning for other acronyms or phrases that aren't explained here. GTG, TTYL.

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When is a prenuptial agreement appropriate, necessary?

I received a call from one of my clients that his son had just become engaged. He asked me whether his 30-year-old son needed a prenuptial agreement. My client was in favor of the agreement, because his son owns a business. My client's wife, on the other hand, is totally opposed to it. Her view is that since this is a first marriage, a prenuptial agreement is not appropriate. My advice is that their son should execute a prenuptial agreement. Many people mistakenly believe that prenuptial agreements are only for the very wealthy and second marriages. In fact, more people are doing a prenuptial agreement for a first marriage. People do prenuptial agreements not because they're don't love the other person or think the marriage won't last. They do a prenuptial agreement because they recognize the reality and complications of life. We have all seen statistics which show that more than half of marriages end up in divorce. Unfortunately, that number is growing. We all know how messy divorces can be. In fact, it's not unusual to hear about divorces that are in court longer than the



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

marriage lasted. The purpose of a prenuptial agreement is to make sure that doesn't happen. A prenup is nothing more than an agreement between the parties setting forth what happens if the marriage does not work. I recommended the prenuptial agreement in this case because of the son's business. As a business owner, there are a number of different issues one needs to consider in order to run a successful business. First is flexibility. If a business owner gets divorced, that business could be subject to the divorce proceedings and, as a result, the business owner could lose all flexibility. A prenuptial agreement can exclude the business from any of the divorce proceedings, giving the owner the flexibility needed to run the business. Another issue is the time and effort it took to get the business going. Every business owner who has started his/her own business will tell you that it is not easy.

Why would anyone want to put that at risk in a divorce situation? A prenuptial agreement could prevent this. As people get married later in life, they tend to have more assets and complexities. A prenuptial agreement can make sure that if the marriage doesn't work out, there is an orderly mechanism to dissolve it and to let each party move on with their life. Anyone getting married needs to consider what would happen if the marriage does not work. For people who are getting married at a young age and who do not have any substantial assets or unusual complexities, a prenuptial is probably not necessary. However, if someone is getting married later in life or has substantial assets or is a business owner or has professional licenses, then a prenuptial agreement would be appropriate. A prenuptial agreement makes sure if the marriage ends, both parties can go their separate ways without judges, courts and lawyers determining their fate. *Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. If you would like him to respond to your questions, email rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.*

BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

New dental partner

Dental Centers Great Expressions Dental Centers (GEDC), a leading dental service organization, has announced it is supporting a practice at 30260 Cherry Hill Road, Suite B, in Garden City. The office, led by Dr. Basam Shamo, will offer quality general dentistry, cosmetic dentistry, and Invisalign® to the surrounding community. This expands GEDC's commitment to patients in the metro Detroit area with the already more than 60 existing offices. "We're thrilled about our first office in Garden City," said Richard Beckman, CEO of Great Expressions Dental Centers. "This enables us to strengthen our presence across the state. But more importantly we're providing the community with an affordable and convenient option with unmatched patient care for existing and future patients with this location." For those without insurance looking to live a healthy lifestyle while saving, the new office will offer the GEDC

Smile Protection Plan, a discount dental plan solution. To schedule an appointment at the new location, call 734-525-6500 or visit www.greatexpressions.com.

Airport building named

The Wayne County Airport Authority recently passed a resolution to name a new WCAA headquarters building in honor of former Wayne County Road Commission Chairman Michael Berry. The facility, currently under design, will be constructed adjacent to the North Terminal at Detroit Metropolitan Airport and is anticipated to open in 2017. Michael Berry is a respected and distinguished attorney, philanthropist and community member who was elected to the Wayne County Road Commission in 1967 and served as Chairman for 10 years. "Michael Berry saw the importance of expanding Detroit Metropolitan Airport, and with his vision, was instrumental in facilitating development that al-

lowed our airport to grow and prosper," Airport Authority CEO Thomas Naughton said. The former Berry International Terminal, which still bears his name, was decommissioned in 2008, when the airport's North Terminal opened. "Naming our new administration offices in honor of Mr. Berry allows his legacy and vision to continue on," Naughton said. Construction on the Michael Berry Building – Wayne County Airport Authority Headquarters is anticipated to begin toward the end of this year. The new headquarters will incorporate sustainable design elements that complement the architecture of the adjacent North Terminal and will realize dramatic operating efficiencies, from the airport's current office space in the former Smith Terminal. The new facility will be approximately 84,000 square feet as opposed to the nearly 305,000-square-foot Smith Building, which was constructed in 1957.

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The 2015 Lincoln MKX is on sale now at Jack Demmer Lincoln.

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Purchase a 2015 Lincoln MKX and enjoy the Demmer Difference

By Greg Mullin
Staff Writer

The 2015 Lincoln MKX is on sale now at Jack Demmer Lincoln, where customers benefit from the Demmer Difference.

Sales Manager Chris Conley said that this midsize luxury crossover vehicle is ideally balanced, and noted its 305 horsepower and 26 miles per gallon highway on regular unleaded.

"Most of the competition requires premium fuel," he said.

A main feature, Conley said, is the optional Intelligent All-Wheel Drive that helps give the Lincoln MKX en-

hanced traction while providing impressive performance along with tighter handling and control. The system responds actively by redirecting power to the appropriate wheel for best traction. It also helps enhance the vehicle's performance and handling in driving conditions such as rain, sleet, snow, gravel or sand.

The MKX's voice-activated technology helps drivers keep their eyes on the road and stay connected; its features include:

- » Hands-free calling
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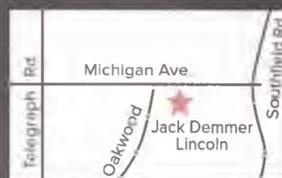
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Purina ONE recognizes Humane Society volunteers for making a difference

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Called the "gold standard" for animal welfare, Michigan Humane Society's Berman Center was at the epicenter of a celebration Saturday recognizing the organization's volunteers and staff as part of National Volunteer Week.

Staged by Purina ONE, the event served as a kick-off to the Purina ONE Difference campaign which shines the light on shelters and volunteers dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of dogs. Volunteers from the MHS facilities in Rochester Hills, Detroit and Westland were treated to food, music and yard games like Corn Hole and giant Jenga.

They also were given a month's supply of Purina ONE dry dog food as part of the Purina ONE 28-Day Challenge to see the difference great nutrition can make for their own dog.

"It's really an honor to be chosen for this," said MHS spokesman Ryan McTigue of Royal Oak. "It's a tough job, it's often a thankless job and to be recognized for the hard work is great."

"We can't thank our volunteers enough every day," said Michael Robbins, vice-president and chief marketing officer. "To have Purina ONE come in, chose our volunteers and the Westland community is extraordinary."

Volunteer network



Humane Society volunteer Michelle Janulis of Waterford plays Jenga as part of the Purina ONE celebration at the Michigan Humane Society's Berman Center Saturday.



Volunteering at the Berman Center in Westland are Dale and Chris Baunoch of Livonia (back row, from left), Angie Mueller of Westland (front row, from left), Donna Dowling of Canton and Robert Keysmith Farmington Hills.

The staff and volunteers at the Michigan Humane Society care for as many as 500 animals every day and adopt out more than 9,000 pets annually. More than 1,000

people also volunteer their time. The Michigan Humane Society is one of the oldest and largest animal welfare organizations in the country and is known for having built a

large network of volunteers who logged more than 50,000 hours last year.

"Purina ONE has an excellent partnership with the Michigan Humane Society," said Pam Hill of Purina who labeled MHS as the gold standard in acknowledging the organization's work. "I want to thank the volunteers. Those thousands and thousands of hours of volunteer help the animals."

Introduce to the familiar beat of *Wild Thing*, Westland Mayor William Wild thanked Purina ONE for recognizing MHS and the Berman Center.

"I'm so proud of you and so proud of the Berman Center," he said. "It's hard to believe it's been 11 years since you opened these doors. Thanks for the great



TOM BEAUDOIN
CJ Bentley, senior director of operations for the Michigan Humane Society, thanks volunteers at the Purina ONE.

work you do."

Among volunteers at the event were dog trainers Angie Mueller of Westland and Donna Dowling of Canton who shared their table with Robert Keysmit of Farmington Hills and Dale and Chris Baunoch of Livonia.

Of the group, Keysmit is the longest serving volunteer, having started walking dogs in the summer of 1993. He's now an adoption assistant.

"I also do maintenance and cleanup, I try to get here early to help," Keysmit said. "I considered that part of being an adoption assistant is litter patrol."

Mueller has been volunteering since 2011 and is a dog trainer, giving her furry friends Paw-itive Start behavior modifications to get them adopted and remain adopted.

"This is my happy place," she said. "If I have a bad day at work, I walk in here and know life is good."

Dowling has been a volunteer for more than a year and admits she "loves dogs."

"I can never own enough," she said. "There's not enough time on earth to have that many dogs. I get so much dog love here."

They agree that the best part of volunteering is seeing the faces of people as they leave with their new family member.

"And seeing a long time resident leave," added Keysmit.

'Love it'

Dawn Stevens of Dearborn Heights works at the Berman Center. She

got involved through friend and has been at the Berman Center for two years.

"I love it; the animals are great, the people are great," she said. "I could bring home a dog a week. I love the volunteers. They're always needed."

Sally Baker of Canton works in the call-in center at the Westland facility. She handles appointments for the three facilities for euthanasia, the surrendering of animals, taking in strays and adoptions. She had been a manager at a call-in center for a company in Novi and was looking for something to do. She had fostered for an animal rescue and had an interest in them.

"I thought it was a perfect fit and it has been," she said. "A lot of time you end up counseling people. You give them the options of programs we have available. You do the counseling most with euthanasia. It's a hard decision."

"Now that I've worked her a year, I'm in awe of what they do. I totally believe in their cause," she added.

As part of the event, guests received a free month's supply of Purina ONE dry dog food so that they can take the Purina ONE 28-Day Challenge to see the difference great nutrition can make for their own dog.

MHS hopes to continue to enhance its life-saving work with the new state-of-the-art Detroit Animal Care Campus. Grown was broken for the new facility in October 2014. Located on four acres in Detroit, it will include a 35,000-square-foot facility that will provide a safer environment for the animals with updated living spaces, rehabilitation rooms and construction materials that provide improved sanitation.

As part of the program, Purina presented MHS with a "Thanks for Making ONE Difference" sign to hang in the center. Beneath the glass was 1,700 dog tags representing MHS employees and volunteers.

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**CITY OF WAYNE
PUBLIC NOTICE
ELECTION NOTICE TO THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED VOTERS
OF THE CITY OF WAYNE, COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN**

Absent voter ballots for the City of Wayne Special Election of May 5, 2015, are available through the Wayne City Clerk's Office, at the Temporary City Hall (former Vandenberg Elementary School), 32101 Stellwagen St., Wayne, Michigan for those persons who are physically unable to attend the polls or are 60 years of age or older. The voter, before the issuance of a ballot, must complete an application for a ballot.

The last day to apply for a ballot by mail is Saturday, May 2, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. Persons qualified to vote absentee may vote in person in the Wayne City Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, May 4, 2015.

Matthew K. Miller
City Clerk

Publish: April 23, 2015

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD
WAYNE COUNTY, STATE OF MICHIGAN
NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION
TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2015**

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held in the Charter Township of Redford, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, on Tuesday, May 5, 2015, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. prevailing Eastern time, at which time.

The following proposal shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the Township of Redford at the special election to be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2015:

STATE 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 purposes 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

Each person voting in the special election must be a citizen of the United States of America over eighteen (18) years of age; and a registered elector of the city or township in which he or she resides.

The place of voting for the special election to be held on May 5, 2015, will be as follows:

Precinct 1	Stuckey School, 26000 Fargo, Redford, MI 48240
Precincts 2, 3 & 4	Beech Elementary School, 19900 Beech Daly Road, Redford, MI 48240
Precincts 5 & 6	John MacGowan School, 18255 Kinloch, Redford, MI 48240
Precincts 7 & 8	Our Lady of Loretto Ctr., 25700 Six Mile Road, Redford, MI 48240
Precincts 9 & 11	Hilbert Middle School, 26440 Puritan, Redford, MI 48240
Precinct 10	New Beginnings, 16175 Delaware, Redford, MI 48240
Precincts 12 & 14	Covenant Community Church, 25800 Student, Redford, MI 48239
Precincts 13 & 15	St. Valentine School, 25875 Hope, Redford, MI 48239
Precinct 16	Addams School, 14025 Berwyn, Redford, MI 48239
Precinct 17	Christ Church, 14350 Wormer, Redford, MI 48239
Precinct 18	Shear School, 26109 Schoolcraft Road, Redford, MI 48239
Precinct 19	Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway, Redford, MI 48239
Precinct 20	St. Robert Bellarmine School, 27101 West Chicago, Redford, MI 48239
Precinct 21	Pierce Middle School, 25605 Orangelawn, Redford, MI 48239
Precinct 22	Fisher School, 10000 Crosley, Redford, MI 48239
Precinct 23	Michigan Technical Academy, 23750 Elmira, Redford, MI 48239
Precinct 24	Jefferson School, 26555 Westfield, Redford, MI 48239
Precinct 25	Vandenberg School, 24901 Cathedral, Redford, MI 48239

Absentee ballot applications are available by contacting the Clerk's Office at (313) 387-2750 or online at <http://www.redfordtwp.com/clerk-election>.

All locations are handicapped accessible and are equipped with handicapped voting machines with the availability of voting instructions in alternative formats (Audio and Braille).

GARTH J. CHRISTIE, MMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Redford

Publish: April 23, 2015

**CITY OF WESTLAND
SPECIAL ELECTION
May 5, 2015**

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF WESTLAND, County of Wayne: Notice is hereby given that a Special Election will be held in the City of Westland on Tuesday, May 5, 2015 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. at which time a state-wide ballot initiative will be presented stating - 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 purposes 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 or NO

The places of voting for the Special Election to be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2015 will be as follows:

Precincts	Locations
1, 13, 18 & 19	Schweitzer School, 2601 Treadwell
2, 11, 23 & 32	Elliott School, 30800 Bennington
3 & 7	Stottlemeyer School, 34801 Marquette
4 & 8	Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road
5, 24 & 29	Edison School, 34505 Hunter
6, 9 & 10	Adams Middle School, 33475 Palmer
12, 25 & 35	Cooper School, 28550 Ann Arbor Trail
14	Marshall Middle School, 35100 Bayview
15	Greenwood Villa, 7600 Nankin Ct
16	Holiday Park Club House, 34850 Fountain Blvd.
17 & 37	P. D. Graham School, 1255 S. John Hix
20	Wildwood School, 500 N. Wildwood
21 & 42	Johnson School, 8400 Hix
22	Westland Meadows Club House, 30600 Van Born
26 & 33	Hamilton School, 1031 Schuman
27 & 36	Western Wayne Skill Center, 8075 Ritz
28	Church of Christ - Annapolis Park, 30355 Annapolis
30 & 31	Hayes School, 30600 Louise St.
34 & 38	Dyer Social Service Center, Senior Wing - 36745 Marquette
39	Landings Apartment Club House, 7000 Lakeview
40 & 41	Hellenic Cultural Center at St. Constantine Church, 36375 Joy

The polls for said election will be open at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 p.m. on said day of election. Every qualified elector present and in line at the hour prescribed for the closing thereof shall be allowed to vote. Voting sites are ADA compliant.

A sample of the ballot may be obtained at the City of Westland City Clerk's Office or on the internet at Michigan.gov/vote

Registrations to vote will be accepted in the following locations:

- City or County Clerk's offices during normal business hours
- Secretary of State Offices located throughout the state during normal business hours

Eileen DeHart, CMC, CMMC
Westland City Clerk

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From left, Dorothy, played by Erin Steele; the Scarecrow, played by Colin Tetrault; Glinda, played by Abby Schnell; the Tin Man, played by Joe Gaskill; the Cowardly Lion, played by Brendan King; and Uncle Henry, played by Mason Steele.

Stevenson High School presents 'The Wizard of Oz'

Follow the yellow brick road with Dorothy and friends, in Stevenson High School's production of *The Wizard of Oz* at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 23; Friday, April 24; and Saturday, April 25 at SHS, 33500 Six Mile, Livonia.

Directed by Michael Corliss, this spring musical production features nearly 100 students on and off the stage and also includes many special effects.

Playing the major roles in the musical are: Erin Steele, as Dorothy; Colin Tetrault, as the Scarecrow; Joe Gaskill, as Tin Man; Brennan King as the Cowardly Lion; Billy Cosmo as the Wizard; Abby Schnell as the Wicked Witch; and Jillian Tosolt as Glinda, the good witch.

Tickets are \$8 at the door.



Tin Man, played by Joe Gaskill and the Cowardly Lion, played by Brendan King, rehearse a scene in the SHS production of 'The Wizard of Oz.'



The trees and Tin Man, from left: Kerry Ronan, Elizabeth Eighmy, Joe Gaskill, as Tin Man, Taressa Schultz and Emma Farquharson.

St. Raphael holds annual auction fundraiser

There's excitement in the air on the campus at St. Raphael Catholic School in Garden City as they prepare for their ninth annual Auction Fundraiser this weekend.

The God Bless America-themed School Auction will take place from 5:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, April 25, in the school on Beechwood at Merriman, north of Ford, in Garden City.

A full buffet meal will be provided along with two drink tickets, cash bar, a dessert bar, coffee bar sponsored by Garden City Tim Horton's, candy bar, silent and live auctions with more than 300 items,

tuition raffle, heads/tails raffle for an iPad mini, lottery tree, a raffle for a big screen TV and the popular classroom projects made by the school children.

The emcee and auctioneer for the evening is Susie McGraw, an alumna who also has a son who graduated from the school.

Guests who attend are encouraged to bring a photo of their loved one, living or deceased, who is or was in the military.

"There will be a special dedication before dinner commemorating their fight for our freedom," parishioner Mike Choi said. "Get your patriotic attire ready for

a wonderful evening of fun."

Childcare will be provided by the Youth Group in the Parish Resurrection Room attached to the church for \$5 per child. Children must be potty trained.

All proceeds go toward the school's operating budget and technology enhancements for the students.

St. Raphael School will celebrate its 80th anniversary next year. It has been a Michigan Non-Public Schools Accrediting Association school since 1994.

Tickets are \$35 and \$40 at the door. Call the school office for tickets at 734-425-9771.

CITY OF WAYNE ELECTION NOTICE TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF WAYNE, COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Election will be held in the City of Wayne, County of Wayne, Michigan, on Tuesday, May 5, 2015, from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., for the purpose of a proposal to change the State Sales Tax from 6% to 7% for the purpose of roads and two City proposals. The Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, May 2, 2015, from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., for the purpose of receiving applications for absentee ballots.

**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 _____

Statement as required by Act 278 of Public Acts of 1964
Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act

I, **RAYMOND J. WOJCIOWICZ**, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of February 25, 2015 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:

WAYNE COUNTY
Wayne County, Michigan
Wayne-Westland School District
City of Wayne

Taxing Authorities	Date of Election	Voted Increases	Years Increase Effective
County of Wayne	November 3, 2009	1 mill	2019
Wayne County Jail	August 7, 2012	1 mill	2021
Wayne County Parks	November 2, 2010	0.25 mills	2015
Wayne County	November 6, 2008	1.25 mills	2020
Comm. College	November 6, 2012	1 mills	2022
Wayne-Westland	May 2010	18 mills	2025 (non-homestead)
Comm. Schools	February 2012	1 mill	2022

Dated: February 25, 2015

Raymond Wojtowicz /s/
Treasurer

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 S. WAYNE RD. WAYNE, MI 48184	CITY OF WAYNE-TEMPORARY CITY HALL CITY CLERK'S OFFICE 32101 STELLWAGEN ST. WAYNE, MI 48184
Telephone number:	734.722.2204

Each person voting in the election must be:

- (a) A citizen of the United States of America over eighteen (18) year of age;
- (b) A registered elector of the city or township in which he or she resides.

The places of voting are as follows:

Precinct 1 and 2	Hoover Elementary School, 5400 Fourth St.
Precinct 3 and 6	Wayne Senior Activity Center, 35000 Sims Ave.
Precinct 4 and 5	Taft-Galloway Elementary School, 4035 Gloria St.

Matthew K. Miller
City Clerk

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Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Livonia, Michigan, as owner, until 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 5, 2015 at the City Clerk's Office at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154, at which time said proposals will be opened and publicly read.

The City of Livonia seeks proposals for the following:

REQUEST FOR BIDS TO TYPESET, PRINT AND DELIVER THE CITY OF LIVONIA NEWSLETTER

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

All proposals shall be sealed in opaque envelopes, plainly marked with the name of the service bid upon, name of bidder, and shall be addressed to the City Clerk, City of Livonia, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154.

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

Jack E. Kirksey
Mayor
City of Livonia

CITY OF LIVONIA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

WHEREAS, the City of Livonia has received a request from Paul F. Bohn, Fausone Bohn, LLP, on behalf of Livonia Lodge, Inc., dated April 2, 2015, proposing the establishment of a Commercial Rehabilitation District at 27403 Schoolcraft and 27451 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Act 210 of the Public Acts of 2005, and Act 82 of the Public Acts of 2011, as amended, the Council has the authority to establish Commercial Rehabilitation Districts within the boundaries of the City of Livonia; and

WHEREAS, there is located within the boundaries of the City of Livonia an area of approximately 2.13 acres lying in the Northeast 1/4 of Section 25 as more particularly described in the attachment to the application which is hereby incorporated by reference and which is hereinafter referred to as "Proposed City of Livonia Commercial Rehabilitation District No. 3";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF LIVONIA, as follows:

1. The City Clerk is directed to give written notice by certified mail of this action to all owners of real property within the boundaries of Proposed City of Livonia Commercial Rehabilitation District No. 3.
2. This City Council sets **Monday, May 11, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, as the date and time for the holding of a public hearing on the question of whether this City Council should establish the Commercial Rehabilitation District described above.
3. This City Council directs the City Clerk to provide notice, as required by law, of the public hearing fixed above, so that all residents or taxpayers of the City of Livonia shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard on the question of establishing the Commercial Rehabilitation District described above.

SUSAN A. HOFF, CITY CLERK

OUR VIEW

Say yes May 5 to Proposal 1

Michigan roads and bridges need fixing — now. Proposal 1, although not perfect, offers a path for that to happen. On Tuesday, May 5, voters can raise taxes to ensure that roads and bridges will be repaired or say no and deal with the deteriorating, often unsafe, road conditions for several years to come.

For too many years, state leaders have settled for short-term fixes for roads instead of long-term solutions. Michigan roads are worse than other Great Lakes states. It's not surprising that Michigan roads and bridges are crumbling.

» Michigan spends 70 percent less per mile or \$2 billion less than the Great Lakes average.

» One in three roads are in poor condition and one in nine bridges is considered "structurally deficient" by the Federal Highway Administration.

No one likes a tax increase, but current road and bridge conditions are dangerous. Proposal 1 guarantees that state taxes collected at the pump will go to

transportation.

Proposal 1, if approved, will raise the state sales and use taxes from 6 percent to 7 percent (a 17-percent increase) and institute a new tax on gasoline and diesel. It will also remove fuel from sales tax collection.

The new fuel tax will pay for roads and replace the revenue — and more — that will be lost by removing fuel from the sales tax base.

Proposal 1 also extends pavement warranties to projects more than \$1 million and most local road projects. If the roads are not built right, the road builders — not taxpayers — will pay for the repairs.

Some opponents of Proposal 1 claim to have a Plan B. Really? Plans C, D and E are also out there, according to some opponents. The problem is none has seen the light of day and none has the legislative or public support needed to solve the road problem. And the state can't wait another two or three years to fix roads and bridges.

Potholes that are more like sinkholes, crumbling bridges and buckling pavement are dangerous. Proposal 1 is the best available solution to a problem that has been ignored for years.

The time is past to argue. Without more money — an increase in taxes — our state roads and bridges will continue to crumble.

Voters should be aware that they are being asked to approve a proposal that raises money beyond what's needed for roads. Money will go to restore education revenue levels and another portion of funds will improve revenue sharing to local communities. It isn't ideal to lump all of these complicated issues into a single vote but, in doing so, legislators gave voters an opportunity to shore up three areas of need at the same time.

Safe roads and a sound transportation infrastructure are important to moving Michigan forward.

Vote **yes** May 5 on Proposal 1.

GUEST COLUMN

Arbor Day: Planting trees, rebuilding communities, restoring hope

As the nation celebrates Arbor Day (April 24), let's reflect on the value of trees and highlight the important ability of trees to restore hope, bring healing and lift spirits following natural disasters. Trees are vital to successful, long-term recovery efforts — from a critical conservation recovery perspective and also when considering the emotional healing and recovery of people and the fabric of a community.

Trees bring hope and healing, raising the spirits of residents who suffered the loss of their cherished trees. Many shared a similar sentiment as that of the good people of Mississippi. When asked why he came for the trees, one resident responded, "So I can bring life back."

Trees serve many purposes. They are very much a part of the fabric of life and of the community. Trees provide both physical and emotional landmarks — marking childhood adventures, romantic walks and lazy Saturday afternoon picnics, among others. Trees evoke memories and help to establish a sense of place, meaning and belonging. Putting trees into people's hands following loss serves to lift spirits, restore hope and help to begin the healing process. This Arbor Day, it is important that we recognize that trees are vital infrastructure just like our roads and our bridges.

Disasters, such as wildfires, tornadoes, windstorms and floods, wreak havoc upon both our physical and emotional landscapes. The comfort and security — the sense of place provided by our trees — is dramatically altered and sometimes even erased. New trees bring hope and are part of the holistic recovery of a community following a natural disaster.

After Superstorm Sandy, residents of New Jersey experienced first-hand the hope and healing brought forth by new trees. One said, "More and more communities are engaged. We are on the road to recovering our precious tree canopy, one tree at a time."

The need for an orchestrated disaster response that includes providing new trees to communities in need is today more important than ever due to increased threats of severe storms and wildfires. When natural disasters strike, our partners on the ground, including state foresters across the nation, are poised to respond and ready to provide new trees through the generous support of our caring members and partners. The 2015 Community Tree Recovery campaigns are visible across the country in Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, Oklahoma, Texas and Washington. Trees are part of the recovery process. Together, we can continue to bring life back through trees.

In Texas, a local official helped plant new trees to replace trees lost in the devastating 2011 wildfires. He said, "As we plant these trees, we're helping people to know that life goes on and things can be restored."

Arbor Day reminds us all to plant, nurture and celebrate trees.

Let's continue to plant trees whose benefits will be enjoyed not only by us, but also by our nation's children and grandchildren.

This Arbor Day, let's appreciate the trees for their important role in helping to establish a sense of place, meaning and belonging; for serving as both physical and emotional landmarks that define important milestones along life's journey; and for being so seamlessly, intricately woven deeply into the rich fabric of our life and our community.

Please join me and thousands of others as we continue to work directly with our state forestry leaders on the ground to put trees into people's hands following the loss caused by natural disasters, so that we may lift spirits, restore hope and help to begin the healing process.

Dan Lambe is the president of the Arbor Day Foundation, a nonprofit conservation and education organization founded in 1972, the centennial of the first Arbor Day observance. For more information, go to www.arborday.org.



By Dan Lambe

GUEST COLUMNIST

LETTERS

Support coffee house

Karma Coffee is an independent, family-run coffee house in the process of reopening their store in Wayne, a city that badly needs grass roots businesses like Karma. People who live in small towns like Wayne know each other, a situation quickly disappearing in a less personal, more anonymous society.

Businesses like Karma are necessary to this city, reminiscent of when Wayne had many family-owned shops and a walkable downtown where people could gather to meet and the owner was on site and knew his customers. Karma is not a quick stop place. People are encouraged to sit and visit.

And they have a following. Through the social network many people have been encouraging them to return. At their previous location, independent musicians and poets would often come to perform for the customers. Without serving alcohol, it was hardly a club atmosphere, but a place where people of all ages could go for entertainment and camaraderie.

The owners of Karma could go elsewhere, but they are taking a chance on Wayne, and we should give them a chance as well by patronizing and supporting them. I am willing to stand by Karma Coffee and what it represents to small towns and the people who want to just slow down and sip the coffee.

Mary Lindsay
Wayne

Garden City's Griffin

Former U.S. Sen. Robert Griffin died last week at the age of 91. A long-time U.S. representative and senator, he was eulogized in the *Detroit Free Press* and *New York Times*. They covered his legislative accomplishments in the House and Senate during his career of about 25 years. The newspapers noted he was born in Detroit and later the family moved to northwest Michigan.

What was omitted that Mr. Griffin and his family lived in Garden City when he was an infant and stayed until 1941 when the future congressman was 17.

When campaigning for his first full term in the Senate in the fall of 1966, I received a phone call from Griffin's press secretary. At the time I was the *Garden City Observer* community

editor. The press secretary called to say that the senator was coming back to his hometown to say hello to his former neighbors and visit his childhood haunts. One stop was Wolf's Pharmacy when Griffin worked as a teenager. The business was on the southeast corner of Ford and Middlebelt. It was later the City Hall and is now known as Orin Jewellers.

Following that stop, the senator visited his former neighbors and recalled his childhood in the late 1920s and the 1930s.

Later that fall, Griffin returned to Garden City, accompanied by Gov. George Romney, who was also campaigning for a new term. The two, followed by a gaggle of reporters and TV camera crews, drove through several local neighborhoods, stopping several times to knock on doors of voters and ask for their support in the upcoming election.

In the early 1970s, Griffin made another stop in Garden City as the keynote speaker at the Chamber of Commerce's annual membership dinner. At the time, I was a chamber board member.

Shortly after arriving at the banquet hall on Cherry Hill near Venoy, a campaign staffer pulled me aside and asked if I could introduce the senator to chamber members as the senator begins "working the crowd." In his talk, Griffin made a big deal that he was opposed to the administration's proposal of building a state of the art air force bomber, the B-1, then a big deal in Washington.

In the lengthy obituaries in the *Free Press* and *Times*, Griffin was praised for his role in persuading then President Nixon, who was fighting congressional impeachment at the height of the Watergate scandal, to resign.

I mostly remember him as a Garden City kid who came back to visit his hometown.

Leonard Poger
Westland

The Wayne way

Well, the taxpayers have former Mayors Warfield and Haidous to thank for the current mess that the City of Wayne is facing! The old mentality of "spend, spend, spend" didn't work out after all!

Both of these people have vacant buildings in our community, which isn't helping to attract

new business to Wayne. During the Haidous administration, council created a new position for a former council member, which the main objective was to entice new business to our city. We all know how that scenario played out, don't we?

And it was totally irresponsible to merge our fire department with Westland to create an "association." Now the fire chief wants a raise. If the City of Wayne would put a stop to all these high salaries, maybe, just maybe, we could still salvage our community.

Just remember this: If Mr. Loren "Skip" Monit decides to run for elective office in Wayne; "Don't keep Monit on it."

Mark Blackwell
Wayne

American way

I work with American citizens and visitors from around Detroit, Brazil, Syria and now China.

Yesterday, a reader, who is from China, looked over my shoulder and pointed out the window. I looked to where the reader was pointing and saw a bunch of people walking by. I did not think much of it. The student was very curious, however, so I offered to walk to the window with her to look.

It turned out to be a demonstration. I said that and turned to go. The reader remained at the window. Mesmerized. I returned to the window. The reader asked me what they were doing. I told her they were having a demonstration. I looked at the signs and saw the number "15" and told the reader they were seeking to raise the minimum wage.

There were some police cars attending and three police officers walking along. To me it was peaceful and uneventful.

The reader asked if the police were going to do anything. I said they would follow along to make sure the demonstrators didn't break anything and that no one tries to hurt or stop them. If anything like that happened then the police would intervene.

The reader told me in China that would not happen. I asked what would happen. The reader said the police would arrest everyone and they would not be seen again.

Do you feel the United States is bad?

Alfred Brock
Wayne

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Although the calendar says spring has arrived, cold weather continues to plague Michigan residents. We know many people may be worried about having enough money to pay their energy bills and want you to know help is available.

First, we encourage people to call 2-1-1, so callers can explain their situation and learn where to find help. Michigan 2-1-1 is a free, confidential service that connects you with local community-based organizations across the state offering thousands of different programs and services for people seeking help. It is the single best phone call you can make to find assistance, whether it is for energy bills, medical assistance, veterans/military affairs, free tax preparation, transportation and other needs.

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ers Energy customers who think they will have problems paying their energy bills to call 800-477-5050 so they can make payment arrangements.

Customers are urged to call before they fall behind on payments. Getting help early is the best way to stay safe and in control of your energy costs.

More information about other programs and services can be found on the Consumers Energy website, www.consumersenergy.com/assistance.

Again, we want to encourage those who need assistance with energy bills or other needs to reach out and contact 2-1-1, Consumers Energy or your local utility. Help is available and we're here to help.

Tom Page is the executive director of Michigan 2-1-1. Whitney Skeans is Consumers Energy's customer assistance manager.

Bookstock begins Sunday at Laurel Park Place mall

Bookstock, the area's biggest used book and media sale, returns to Livonia's Laurel Park Place on Sunday, kicking off at 8:15 a.m. with a pre-sale and a performance by an ensemble from the DSO Youth Orchestra.

There is a \$20 admission charge for the pre-sale only, which runs through 11 a.m. and offers shoppers and col-

lectors first crack at Bookstock's more than 100,000 donated used books, DVDs, CDs, books on tape, magazines and records for sale at rock-bottom prices.

Bookstock, which benefits literacy and education projects in metropolitan Detroit, features five days of special sales and giveaways.

» Monday Madness –

Monday, April 27. The first 1,000 shoppers will receive giveaways and one lucky shopper will receive a \$500 Visa gift card.

» Teacher Appreciation Day – Tuesday, April 28. Bookstock will give 50 percent off to all teachers with a valid ID, from 3–9 p.m. At 5 p.m., the Bookstock B.E.S.T. Awards, (Bookstock Extraordinary Student/

School/Teacher) will be presented to fourth-grade students from Detroit Public Schools who write the best essays titled "My Favorite Book Character ... and Why."

» Bookbuster Sports Nights – Wednesday, April 29, and Thursday, April 30. Buy three books and get the fourth book (the least expensive item) free from 3-9 p.m.

Spend \$25 or more either night and get a free copy of *Century of Champions* by Nick Costanika and the *Detroit Free Press* sports staff, and also be entered in a special drawing for one of three prizes.

Bookstock concludes on Sunday, May 3. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sundays and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Bookstock is brought to the community by the Jewish Community Relations Council, and a consortium of communal nonprofit organizations.

For more information, call the Bookstock hotline, 248-645-7840, Ext. 365, or visit bookstock.info.

Laurel Park Place is on Six Mile east of I-275.

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.

ALICE IN WONDERLAND

Time/date: 6:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 24-25.

Location: Franklin High School, 31000 Joy Road, Livonia.

Details: Presented by the Livonia Family YMCA, featuring 30 children from the community. Tickets available at the door. Adults are \$5, kids under 3 are free.

FREE HEARING, VISION SCREENING

Time/date: 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 25.

Location: Embassy Suites Hotel, 19525 Victor Parkway, Livonia.

Details: The Lions Clubs of District 11A1 of Lions Club International will offer free hearing and vision screening tests to the general public on a first-come, first-served basis. Free hearing screening for all ages will take place in Room 150. Free kids vision screening will take place in Room 151.

Contact: 313-279-1494.

HEALTHY KIDS DAY

Time/date: 1-4 p.m. Saturday, April 25.

Location: Livonia Family YMCA, 14255 Stark Road, Livonia.

Details: Free games, crafts, bounce house, snacks and other fun activities for kids.

Contact: 734-261-2161; ymca-detroit.org/livonia.

BODY & SPIRIT AEROBICS MARATHON

Time/date: 1 p.m. Saturday, April 25.

Location: Civic Center Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia.

Details: Fundraiser for Angel House to help raise awareness of domestic violence. There is no charge to attend, but refreshments will be sold. Bring floor/yoga mat and hand weights (optional). Registration starts at 1 p.m. and the marathon at 2 p.m. For all fitness levels.

Contact: 313-443-7256.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Time/date: 6 p.m. Saturday, April 25.

Location: St. Simon and Jude Catholic, 32500 Palmer, east of Venoy, Westland.

Details: Doors open at 6 p.m. and trivia begins promptly at 7 p.m. Preregister for \$20 per team (maximum of four persons). At the door the cost is \$30, if space available. It includes 10 rounds of questions, popcorn, and one food choice for each team. Food choices are four hot dogs and four chips or one pepperoni or cheese pizza from Marina's. Additional food items and beverages (beer, coolers, pop, water, coffee) available for purchase. There will be a 50/50 raffle (tickets are \$1 each, three for \$2, 10 for \$5 and 25 for \$10) and prizes — mystery prizes, \$100 for first place, \$80 for second place, \$60 for third place and \$20 for last place.

Contact: Kathy Hansen, 734-716-4436.

JAMMIN' TO END FAMINE

Time/date: 6 p.m. Saturday, April 25.

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

Details: The Birchler Family is holding its eighth annual concert to end hunger. Tax-deductible tickets are \$25 for adults, \$10 for students and include free pizza, salad bar and a cash bar. All proceeds will go to Kids Against Hunger (www.kidsagainsthungercoalition.com). Tickets are available at the door or by calling 248-722-1820 or emailing tombirchler1@gmail.com.

SENIOR MEN'S GOLF

Time/date: 8:30 a.m. Saturday, April 25.

Location: Civic Center Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia.

Details: The Livonia Senior Men's Golf Association will hold its annual registration and business meeting. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the annual meeting begins at 9 a.m.

Contact: Roger Pattee, 313-737-1422.



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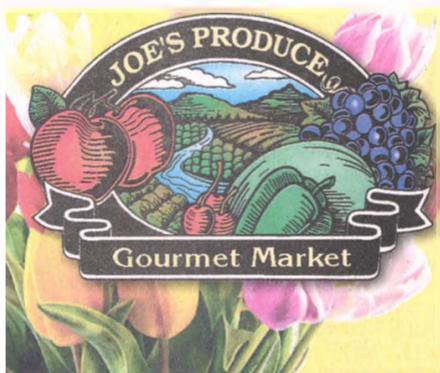
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COLLEGE BASEBALL

Haeger hits 600-win mark

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

It was a banner weekend across the board for the Madonna University baseball team as the Crusaders swept their four-game series against host Lourdes University (Ohio) at Mercy Field in Sylvania. Coach Greg Haeger, now in his 19th season, also notched his 600th and 601st career victories Saturday as Madonna beat the Gray Wolves twice, 7-0 and 2-1, to improve to 33-11 overall and pull within a half-game of first place Davenport

St. Pierre also ties Madonna save mark with nine as MU sweeps four from Lourdes

in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference race with a 23-4 record.

Haeger now ranks second all-time on in the WHAC career wins coaching list with 433.

MU starter Evan Piechota (Livonia Stevenson) went all nine innings in the opener to raise his season record to 6-1. The junior right-hander scattered six hits, struck out 10 and walked only two.



Haeger

Offensively, Taylor Grzelakowski led the way going 2-for-4 with a double and two RBI. Rob Matigian (Livonia Churchill) also went 2-for-2 with an RBI, while John Lauro added two hits.

In game two, left-hander Alex DeYonker (5-2) pitched six strong innings allowing just one run on three hits. The sophomore from Livonia Franklin struck out five and did not allow a walk before giving way to reliever Bobby St. Pierre, who pitched a scoreless seventh striking out two batters.

With his ninth save of the season, St. Pierre now shares the Madonna single-season record with both John Fedorka (2004) and John McCracken (2008).

Lauro had two hits and two

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WWAC golf

Garden City defeated Redford Thurston, 170-201, Monday afternoon at Westland Municipal Golf Course.

The Cougars were led by juniors Connor Johnson and David Rush, both of whom carded nine-hole rounds of 41. Seniors Joe Pummill and Justin Bastion shot identical 44's. Kyle Koch fired a 45 while Austin New tallied a 46.

Alex Williams led the Eagles with a 45, four shots better than teammate Emmanuel Scott. Alec Odayko carded with a 51 and Logan Charlton contributed a 56.

"It was a very tough day for a high school golf match," said GC head coach Ron Pummill, whose team improved to 2-0 in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference and 2-1 overall. "There were wind gusts as high as 23 miles per hour, plus there was rain and sun mixed in, which made for a very challenging round."

On April 15, Westland John Glenn defeated Redford Union, 212-219. Luke Hebner led the Panthers with a 47. Evan Albright and Ben Hawn both shot 55 for RU.

LIVONIA CITY TENNIS TOURNAMENT

A LOT TO 'LOVE'

Host Stevenson nets emphatic championship

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Mother Nature served up a perfect day (sunny and 70 degrees) for Saturday's Livonia City Girls Tennis Tournament, and host Stevenson returned the favor with a near-perfect performance.

Playing in a four-team, round-robin format, the Spartans earned 25 of a possible 27 points to ace the tournament by 15 points over runner-up Walled Lake Western, which was invited to even the field of teams at four.

Churchill and Franklin both netted eight points.

A point was awarded to a team for winning a match - which the Spartans did early and often.

The only non-Stevenson player to go undefeated in her flight was Charger freshman Kaitlyn Rogosch, who lost just four of the 40 games she played.

Stevenson's Jill Weiand captured the No. 2 singles title, however, it was anything but a breeze as Churchill's Haley Rangdone took her to three sets before Weiand won the marathon, 4-6, 6-4, 10-5.

Senior Danielle Marzec looked strong while sweeping her No. 3 singles matches, defeating Franklin's Carla Yanaez and Churchill's Madison White by identical 6-2, 6-2 counts.

The No. 4 singles bracket was owned by Stevenson's Molly Cormier, who rolled to three consecutive straight-set victories.

Stevenson's No. 1 doubles duo of Arryn Dochenetz and Sam DiGiovanni didn't lose a set on the way to its crown. The match of the day in that flight pitted Churchill's Maggie Trinka and Lexi Fata against Franklin's Kelly Swanson and Ashley Mahoney. The Chargers' pair earned the point with a 12-10 triumph in set three.

The Spartans' twosome of Maddie Chimento and Natalie

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Livonia Stevenson's No. 1 singles player Samantha Cyrus returns a shot during Saturday's Livonia City Tennis Tournament.

PHOTOS BY CHRIS GUDECK



Stevenson's Danielle Marzec won the No. 3 singles title at Saturday's tournament.



Livonia Churchill freshman Kaitlyn Rogosch went 3-0 during Saturday's Livonia City Tennis Tournament.

Blazers stop N.D. in lacrosse

Livonia Ladywood used a balanced scoring attack Monday to earn an 8-7 Catholic League girls lacrosse victory over host Pontiac Notre Dame Prep.

The Blazers, who improved to 3-3 overall and 3-0 in the league, got three goals from junior Shannon Mulcahy and two from Jaclyn Mullen.

Nicole Reece, Jillian Jacobs and Colleen Barnes added one apiece.

Ladywood freshman goalie Grace Canty made eight saves.

"We had a good first half, but we were not able to capitalize on our shots or maintain ball possession in the second half," Ladywood coach Kris Sanders said. "We pulled ahead by a goal with about three minutes left."

Madonna hoops camp

The Madonna University Summer Boys Basketball Camp will be held June 22-26, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, which is located at 15100 Hubbard in Livonia.

The fee is \$205 for Livonia residents and \$215 for non-residents. Boys between the ages of 8 and 15 are eligible to participate.

Registration can be completed at the Livonia Community Recreation Center or you can register online at www.ci.livonia-mu.us.

Each camper will receive a T-shirt. There are also daily contests, trophies and prizes for champions.

The camp is highlighted by guest speakers, demonstrations and personal instruction. Individual testing will be completed on each camper's jumping, passing, dribbling and shooting. There will also be 5-on-5, 3-on-3 and 1-on-1 tournaments.

PREP PROFILE

Versatile Mattison shines on diamond

Churchill standout can play (and hit) anywhere

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Thanks to softball, Livonia Churchill senior Rachel Mattison has traveled extensively - both throughout the country and around the diamond.

Since her love-at-first-at-bat attraction to the sport in a recreation T-ball league close to 14 years ago, Mattison's softball experience has been wide-ranging and rewarding. Thanks to a diligent year-

round commitment to improvement, she went from a defense-only flex player her sophomore year on the Chargers' varsity, to the team's No. 3 hitter this season.

And of the nine positions on the field, there's only one she hasn't played.

"I'm pretty versatile, I guess you could say," Mattison said. "I haven't played catcher yet, but I've played the middle infield, the corners, I've pitched and I've played the

outfield.

"When I got called up to play on varsity my sophomore year, they put me at first base, which was a position I had never played before then. I actually did pretty well over there, so that's probably one of the highlights of my high school career so far."

A travel-level player since the age of 10 when she first made the Livonia Storm, Matti-

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Senior Rachel Mattison has been a key player for Livonia Churchill's softball team the past three seasons.

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COLLEGE SIGNING

Radford digs Ernat's volleyball skills

John Glenn senior set for next-level career in Virginia

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Westland John Glenn senior Val Ernat does some of her best work on a volleyball court just inches from the floor, but the Rocket libero's talent is through the roof.

A specialist at breaking opposing hitters' spirit with diving, point-extending digs, the athletic and instinctive Ernat has been sharpening her defensive skills ever since she started playing the sport at the club level in middle school.

A multiple-time all-conference volleyball standout and all-world student (she carries a 4.2 grade-point average), Ernat signed a letter of intent



Westland John Glenn volleyball standout Val Ernat signs the letter of intent to play for Radford University in Virginia as her parents Steve and Mary look on.

last week to play for Radford University beginning later this summer.

"I actually started playing volleyball on the beach up north," revealed Ernat, who was joined at Thursday's sign-

ing ceremony by her parents, Steve and Mary, along with teachers and friends. "I've loved playing it ever since then. Every year, I've played at a higher level and I've enjoyed the challenge."

Preventing kills – not collecting them – has a special appeal to Ernat.

"I like defense because there's always a new and different challenge, no matter who you're playing against," she said. "I like being active out there and trying to keep my team in every point."

Like all soon-to-be collegiate athletes, Ernat was attracted to Radford by its academic and athletic programs, as well as its scenic campus in Radford, Va.

But there was something else that made her realize it was the school for her.

"I liked that they came after me, not the other way around," she said. "I felt they wanted me and liked me right away, which was appealing."

"Once I visited their campus, I loved it, and I always wanted to attend college out of state, somewhere warmer than Michigan. They finished

first in their conference last year. It's the Big South – not a huge conference, but it's Division 1 and it's very competitive."

Knowing that assists are vital in volleyball – both on the court and off – Ernat said her next-level experience wouldn't be possible without her parents.

"Club volleyball takes such a dedicated commitment, both from the players and their families, both with amount of money it costs and with all the travel, the every-night practices, the weekend tournaments," she said. "My parents gave me the chance to play and I'm extremely thankful for that."

Ernat's initial plans are to pursue a degree in criminal justice, although she's undecided about which path she'll take in the field.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

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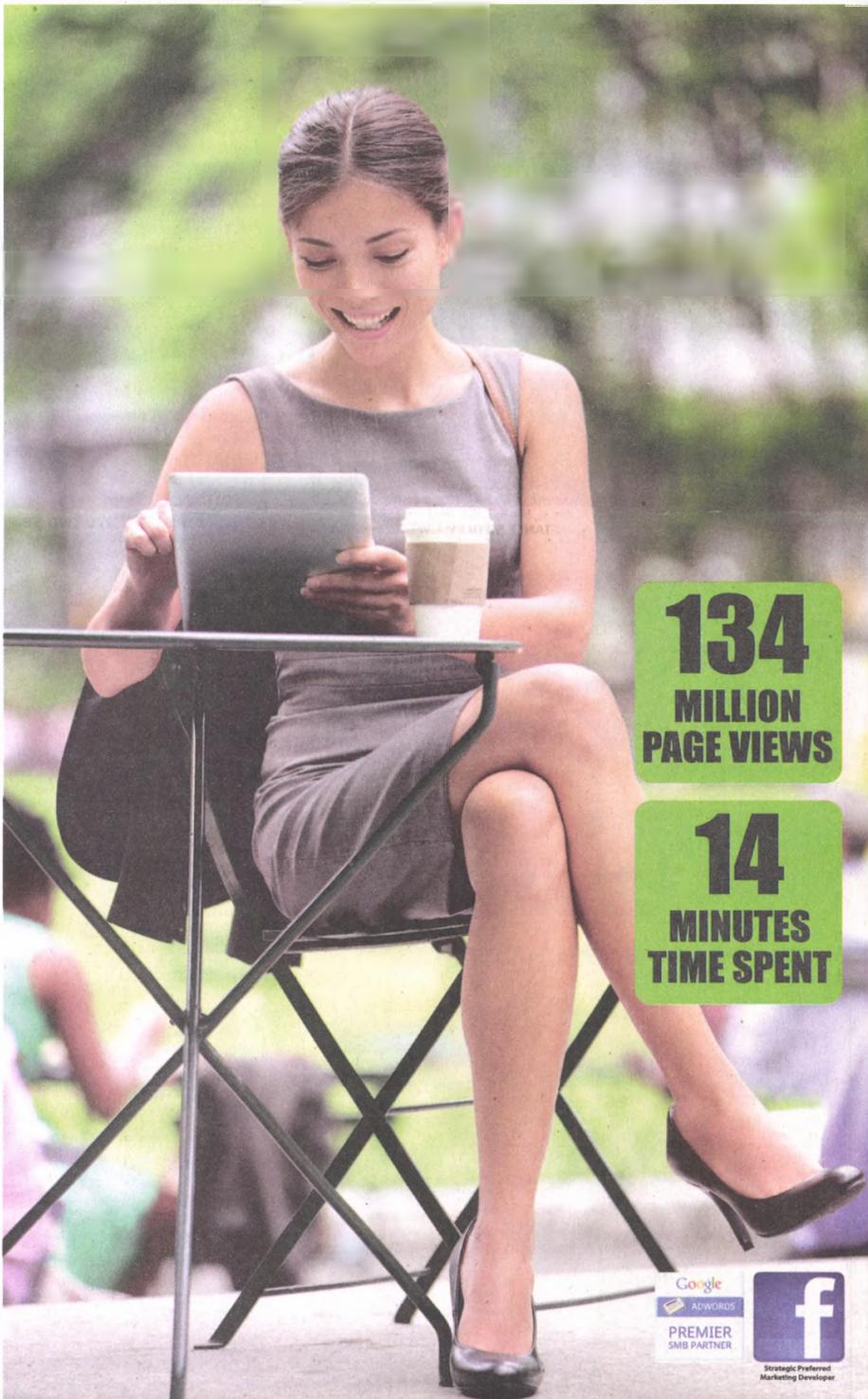
Thursday, April 23
S. Lyon at Stevenson (conclusion of April 15 suspended game), 4 p.m.
HVL at Oakland Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 24
Crestwood at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Clarenceville at Luth. NW, 4:30 p.m.
Churchill at Dearborn, 4 p.m.
Hamtramck at Garden City, 4 p.m.
Calvary at HVL, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 25
Harrison at Stevenson (2), 11 a.m.
Clarenceville at Huskies Classic, 9 a.m.
John Glenn at Lincoln (2), noon

Franklin at Edsel Ford (2), 11 a.m.
Luth. Westland at Thurston (2), 11 a.m.
Churchill at W.L. Western (2), 11 a.m.
PREP SOFTBALL
Thursday, April 23
Luth. Westland at PCA, 4:30 p.m.
Marian at Ladywood (2), 4 p.m.
Luth. NW at HVL (2), 4 p.m.
Friday, April 24
Wayne at Skyline (2), 4 p.m.
Cabrini at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
Churchill at Dearborn, 4 p.m.
Edsel Ford at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Stevenson at Garden City (2), 5 p.m.
Saturday, April 25

Garden City at Airport, 10 a.m.
Churchill at Chelsea Invite, 10 a.m.
GIRLS SOCCER
Thursday, April 23
Ladywood at Gabriel Richard, 6 p.m.
Southfield Christian at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Wayne at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Churchill at Canton, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Friday, April 24
Salem at Stevenson, 6 p.m.
Churchill at Crestwood, 7 p.m.
Harrison at Garden City, 6 p.m.
Thurston at RU, 6 p.m.
Saturday, April 25

Ladywood Invite, 8 a.m.
GIRLS TENNIS
Thursday, April 23
Belleville at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Hariland at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
Friday, April 24
Stevenson at Salem, 4 p.m.
Garden City at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 25
John Glenn at Crestwood, 9 a.m.
Wayne Invite, TBA
Plymouth Invite, 8:30 a.m.
TRACK & FIELD
Thursday, April 23
Livonia Boys City Meet at Stevenson, 3:30 p.m.

Friday, April 24
Livonia Girls City Meet at Franklin, 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 25
Crestwood Invite, 9 a.m.
BOYS GOLF
Thursday, April 23
Wayne at Canton, 3 p.m.
Franklin at John Glenn, 3 p.m.
Carlson at Garden City, 3:15 p.m.
Plymouth at Churchill, 3 p.m.
S. Lyon at Stevenson, 3 p.m.
Friday, April 24
Livonia City Meet at Fox Creek, 3 p.m.
Thurston at Edsel Ford, 3 p.m.
GIRLS LACROSSE
Saturday, April 25
Ladywood at Saline Invite, TBA



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HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

Ladywood, Garden City post solid wins

Franklin, Clarenceville suffer setbacks

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Amy Babon finished with a goal and two assists Saturday as Livonia Ladywood broke loose for four second-half goals to beat host Salem, 4-1, in a non-league girls soccer match at Centennial Educational Park.

The Blazers, who snapped their three-game losing streak, improved to 4-3 overall.

After a scoreless first half, Ladywood's Conner Huggins opened the scoring in the 40th minute off an assist from Babon, a freshman midfielder.

But the Rocks (2-2) tied it just three minutes later on Bridget Nicol's goal.

Ladywood then tallied three unanswered goals with Conner Huggins scoring again in the 46th minute (from Babon); followed by Shannon Wolfe in the 59th minute (from Kennedy Bullard); and Babon in the 62nd minute (from Clare Kelley).

Ladywood goalkeeper Holly Cusick made two saves.

"We finally put together a complete game," said Ladywood coach Ken Shingledeck-



Garden City's Sydney Baker advances the ball during a game earlier this season against Westland John Glenn.

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er, whose team outshot the Rocks 11-8. "Conner (Huggins) got us rolling early in the second half with two great finishes. Bri Rogers has been doing a fantastic job all season in the holding midfield spot for us and it continued today. Overall, a nice team win against a quality team."

Patriots nipped

Less than 24 hours after its 3-1 loss to Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin dropped a hard-fought 2-0 decision to

Walled Lake Western on Friday night.

The Warriors scored their first goal less than two minutes into the contest when Madie McGorisk found the back of the net before tacking on an insurance goal from Christina Gamer during the early stages of the second stanza.

Franklin's Rachel Dudek came within inches of slicing the Patriots' deficit in half with approximately five minutes to play, but her laser-like shot banged off the post.

The loss dropped the Patriots to 1-5.

GC shines in home debut

Following six season-opening road games, Garden City put its best foot forward in Monday's home debut against West Bloomfield, winning 2-0 to improve its record to 2-4-1 heading into Wednesday's Western Wayne Athletic Conference opener against Redford Thurston.

"I thought the key tonight was our preparation and our focus on what we had to do to be successful," said GC head coach Jeff Szypula. "The girls came with a lot of intensity, a lot of pressure."

The Cougars took the lead for good seven minutes in when Lindsay Yankasky punched in the rebound of a Brooke Collins shot.

Alyssa Hurley doubled the Cougars' lead 12 minutes before the intermission when she chipped in a perfectly-placed ball just inside the far post.

Senior Hope Pickens earned the shut-out with five saves – the most vital of which came on a West Bloomfield break-away moments after halftime that allowed the hosts to maintain their momentum.

Szypula, who estimated his team fired 15 shots on goal,

praised the play of his back four defenders: Cassie Lele-niewski, Skyler Clendening, Alex Sherlock and Claire Koonatzki.

Trojans stymied

Following a scoreless first half, Hazel Park broke through the stalemate with three second-half goals Monday for a 3-0 win over host Clarenceville (1-5).

"We played great defense and battled hard to win the ball," Clarenceville coach Amanda Moody said of the first half. "We played just as hard in the second half with a few lapses in communication when the ball was in Hazel Park's favor."

"Kyla Johnson, Ashli Hearn, Samantha Franco and Sarah Curvin played a good defensive game, stopping many opportunities Hazel Park had. Kaitlyn Denny, Dawn Longoria and Nickendra Thomas played well defensively and offensively."

"Jordan See played center mid for more than half the game and controlled the field well for the Trojans."

See ended the game in net, stopping four of five shots. Jillian Bunker was in net before moving to center mid. She made saves on 12 of 14 shots.

PATRIOT RELAYS

Franklin girls, Stevenson boys take gold

Nice conditions produce fast times for early-season competitors

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Saturday's 13th Annual Patriot Relays hosted by Livonia Franklin High School offered everything a track-and-field fan could ask for from a mid-April meet: stellar weather, several photo-finish races and some impressive post-competition hardware, especially for event champions Livonia Franklin (girls) and Livonia Stevenson (boys).

The Patriot girls scored in every event and piled up 102 points to pull away from the 12-team field. Walled Lake Northern placed second with 82 points, followed by Divine Child (61) and Livonia Stevenson (56).

Franklin won five events and picked up valuable second-place points in five other races.

"We had a pretty good day all around," said Franklin head coach Dave Bjorklund. "I was really proud of the throwers, hurdlers, and sprint medley relay team who took first places. The distance team and sprint relay teams also got a lot of key second places for us."

"Most importantly, we scored in every event. You have to do that to do well in a relay meet. We were very balanced today, a total team effort. All of our key contributors really performed well."

Sylvia Modes sparked the Patriots' pair of throwing victories by launching the shot put 33 feet, 5 inches, and the discus 92 feet, 3 inches.

Bryah White joined Victoria Richardson, Michaela Hille and Julie Wonch to cross the line first in the sprint medley. She later teamed up with Rich-



Livonia Franklin's Natalie Douglas (front) and her distance-running teammates played a huge role in the Patriots' first-place effort on Saturday.

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ardson, Matt Wirick and Nyquayvion Calhoun to earn the Patriots 10 points in the 400-meter co-ed relay.

Spartans boys set pace

Senior thrower Nick Hitchcock helped power Stevenson to the boys title as his shot put heave of 48-1 and his discus delivery of 145-2 led the Spartans to first-place finishes in both events.

Overall, the Spartans compiled 89 points to out-distance second-place Franklin (77) and third-place Dearborn Divine Child (67).

"We scored a lot of points in distance events, had a couple hand-off issues in the sprint relays, and held our own in most other events," noted Franklin head coach Pat Koelzer. "Stevenson's depth was too much for us, especially in the field events."

Wayne Memorial won a meet-high four events – the long jump, sprint medley, 800 relay and 1,600 relay – to place fourth with 53 points.

Among the standouts for the Zebras were the members of the winning sprint medley relay team: Ledell O'Bryant, Danny Dellah, Dujon Brown and Montel Hood.

Garden City placed sixth with 41.5 points thanks in large part to the first-place showing by its 400 relay contingent of Denzel Tinsley, Ian Eostanay, Michael Trimbley and Max Frederick.

2015 PATRIOT RELAYS Saturday at Livonia Franklin
GIRLS FINAL STANDINGS: 1. Franklin, 102 points; 2. Walled Lake Northern, 82; 3. Divine Child, 61; 4. Stevenson, 56; 5. Warren Regina, 52; 6. Dearborn, 35; 7. South Lyon East, 26; 8. Garden City, 19.5; 9. (tie) Redford Union and Wayne Memorial, 8; 11. Crestwood, 4; 12. Lincoln Park, 1.
POLE VAULT: 1. Stevenson (Pappas, Burke, Chatterjae), 26 feet, 0 inches; 2. Garden City (Dennison, Frye, McNally), 18-6; 3. (tie) Franklin (Witherspoon,

Hummel, Jacobs) and Walled Lake Northern, 13-6.
HIGH JUMP: 1. Divine Child (Dunn, Gass, Schroeder), 14-6; 2. Franklin (Wonch, Thompson, Jacobs), 13-4; 3. (tie) Dearborn and Regina, 13-2.
LONG JUMP: 1. Dearborn (Chehab, Mann, Malensied), 42-9.5; 2. W.L. Northern (Wissmueller, Bauer, Knight), 42-6.5; 3. Stevenson (Lectka, Sullivan, Sokolowski), 41-5.5.
SHOT PUT: 1. Franklin (Modes, Browning, Schlieff), 91-11; 2. Divine Child (Filiatraut, Wheeler, Lobs), 88-11; 3. Stevenson (Egan, Stahr, Waters), 85-7.5.
DISCUS: 1. Franklin (Modes, Bagazinski, Browning), 258-5; 2. W.L. Northern, 243-5; 3. Stevenson (Waters, Egan, Stahr), 238-4.
6,400-METER RELAY: 1. W.L. Northern (Lauren Tracey, Lauren Kagleshots, Jackie Woods, Bree Mulrooney), 23:25.2; 2. Franklin, 23:49.5; 3. Divine Child, 24:05.6.
SHUTTLE HURDLE RELAY: 1. Franklin, 1:13.9; 2. Garden City, 1:14.6; 3. South Lyon East, 1:15.0.
3,200 RELAY: 1. Divine Child, 10:26.0; 2. Regina, 10:31.3; 3. Stevenson, 10:43.9.
400 RELAY: 1. W.L. Northern (Brandi Kroll, Madison Brennan, Madeline Mohalen, Anna Bauer), 52.05; 2. Franklin, 52.41; 3. Stevenson, 52.6.
SPRINT RELAY: 1. Franklin (Bryah White, Victoria Richardson, Michaela Hille, Julie Wonch), 1:55.2; 2. Regina, 1:56.6; 3. W.L. Northern, 1:58.8.
DISTANCE MEDLEY: 1. W.L. Northern (Ricky Dorzher, Brandi Kroll, Lauren Tracey, Brianna Maulrooney), 2. Franklin, 14:11.7; 3. Regina, 14:20.6.
800 RELAY: 1. Dearborn, 1:50.5; 2. Franklin, 1:50.8; 3. Divine Child, 1:50.9.
CO-ED 400 RELAY: 1. Franklin (Bryah White, Matt Wirick, Victoria Richardson, Nyquayvion Calhoun), 49.5; 2. S.L. East, 50.5; 3. Redford Union, 51.0.
THROWERS 400 RELAY: 1. S.L. East, 1:00.1; 2. Stevenson, 1:02.1; 3. Regina, 1:05.7.
1,600 RELAY: 1. Divine Child, 4:13.6; 2. Regina, 4:17.9; 3. W.L. Northern, 4:21.6.
BOYS FINAL STANDINGS: 1. Stevenson, 89; 2. Franklin, 77; 3. Divine Child, 67; 4. Wayne Memorial, 53; 5. South Lyon East, 44; 6. Garden City, 41.5; 7. Dearborn, 39; 8. Lincoln Park, 24; 9. Redford Union, 11; 10. Crestwood, 4.
POLE VAULT: 1. Lincoln Park (Jacobs, Chapman, Galloway), 29-6; 2. Stevenson, 28-6; 3. Franklin, 28-0.
HIGH JUMP: 1. Divine Child, 17-6; 2. Stevenson (Campbell, Muffler, Lowery), 16-10; 3. Redford Union (Thomas, Council, Jennings), 16-8.
LONG JUMP: 1. Wayne (Ledell, Billingslea, Dellah), 57-6; 2. Dearborn (Hamka, William, Liepe), 56-7; 3. Stevenson (Licata, Sullivan, Lowery), 55-11.
SHOT PUT: 1. Stevenson (Bowersox, Vaughan, Hitchcock), 127-10; 2. Divine Child (Raona, McNeff, Beaudoin), 119-82; 3. Franklin (Jackson, Mady, Dom), 113-9.
DISCUS: 1. Stevenson (Garpon, Vaughan, Hitchcock), 356-4; 2. S.L. East (Willenborg, Mojica, Kinsey), 342-42; 3. Divine Child (Raona, Beaudoin, McNeff), 340-23.
6,400 RELAY: 1. Franklin (Tony Floyd, Gage Wheeler, Nathan McCall, Keenan Jones), 19:36.5; 2. Stevenson, 19:41.0; 3. Divine Child, 19:43.9.
SHUTTLE HURDLE RELAY: 1. Dearborn, 1:04.2; 2. Garden City, 1:08.5; 3. Divine Child, 1:10.1.
3,200 RELAY: 1. Stevenson (Andrew Bambach, Luke Green, Trevor Tilman, Jack Balint), 8:46.0; 2. Dearborn, 8:53.3; 3. Garden City, 8:57.6.
400 RELAY: 1. Garden City (Denzel Tinsley, Ian Eostanay, Michael Trimbley, Max Frederick), 44.69; 2. Stevenson, 44.70; 3. Franklin, 44.76.
SPRINT MEDLEY: 1. Wayne (O'Bryant, Dellah, Brown, Hood), 1:37.1; 2. S.L. East, 1:40.7; 3. Stevenson, 1:41.1.
DISTANCE MEDLEY: 1. Franklin (Ian Hogg, Matt Wirick, Tony Floyd, Keenan Jones), 11:33.8; 2. Divine Child, 11:37.9; 3. Stevenson, 11:40.1.
800 RELAY: 1. Wayne (Brown, Dellah, O'Bryant, Hood), 1:33.3; 2. Franklin, 1:33.5; 3. S.L. East, 1:34.0.
CO-ED 400 RELAY: 1. Franklin (White, Wirick, Richardson, Calhoun), 49.5; 2. S.L. East, 50.5; 3. Redford Union, 51.0.
THROWERS 400 RELAY: 1. S.L. East, 50.5; 2. Divine Child, 51.4; 3. Franklin, 51.5.
1,600 RELAY: 1. Wayne, 3:30.0; 2. Divine Child, 3:33.8; 3. Franklin, 3:36.6.

MATTISON

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son has traveled far and wide, including a couple of memorable summer-time trips to Florida to compete at the ESPN-themed sports facility near Orlando.

"The best thing about playing in Florida is the competition you face," she said. "And I've had a chance to meet a lot of nice people I wouldn't have met if I didn't play."

This summer she'll be traveling for an extended trip to the Cleveland, Ohio area – the site of Cuyahoga County Community College, which offered her an opportunity to play collegiate softball.

"I'll play there two years and then hopefully play at a bigger school," she said.

There's never really a complete off-season for Mattison when it comes to softball.

"I work out indoors – mostly on conditioning; maybe some throwing – in the winter," she said. "I used to play volleyball, but I gave it up because I wanted to dedicate my time to softball and school."

Mattison, who considers herself more of a batting-average hitter than a home-run threat, said there is nothing quite like hitting a pitch with the sweet spot on the bat.

"It's weird because it feels so good, you can't really feel it," she said, smiling. "When it's cold, you can definitely feel it when you don't hit the ball on the right part of the bat, but it doesn't matter what the temperature is when you hit it like you're supposed to – there's no other feeling like it."

The owner of a stellar 3.5 grade-point average, Mattison excels as much in the classroom as on the diamond.

The daughter of Joanne and Dennis Mattison, she plans on pursuing a college degree that will help her attain a job in ultrasound technology.

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HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

Zebras capture 'Spring Fling' crown

Wayne sweeps seven of nine flights

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Wayne Memorial's girls tennis team was crowned champion of its own "Spring Fling" tournament Saturday as seven Zebra singles players or doubles teams won their respective flights.

Wayne No. 1 singles player Janae Strickland was dynamic, dropping just three games total in her victories over opponents from Thurston, Westland John Glenn and Detroit Renaissance.

No. 2 player Kendelle Hood was equally impressive, sweeping her foes from Thur-

ston and Renaissance while taking a three-set thriller from her Rocket opponent.

Wayne's No. 3 and 4 singles players – Ciara Casey and Ryleigh Strong, respectively – also netted unbeaten records while the No. 1 doubles duo of Danialle Lynn and Rachel Cherian needed a down-to-the-wire 3-6, 6-4, 10-3 rally to subdue John Glenn.

Also winning in golden efforts for the Zebras were the No. 3 doubles twosome of Macey Wolf and Sara Hoveley, and the No. 4 pairing of Brittany Nahle and Tirzah Ault.

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Members of the Wayne Memorial tennis team pose with their first-place plaque after capturing the Spring Fling tournament on Saturday.

MADONNA

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RBI in the victory, while Ryan Lambrecht also went 2-for-3 as the Crusaders notched their 10th straight win.

On Friday, MU swept the host Gray Wolves, 5-1 and 4-0.

Levi Larmour went 3-for-5 with three RBI in the opener, while Grzelakowski also knocked in a run.

Winning pitcher Adam Prashad (6-1) went the first 7½ innings allowing four hits and a run. He struck out three before giving way to St. Pierre, who pitched the ninth.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Who's the 'Bos'? Spartans cage Zebras

Churchill, Franklin, RU all post big wins

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The "Bos" was in charge for Livonia Stevenson's baseball team Monday afternoon during its KLAA Kensington Conference cross-over game at Wayne Memorial.

Spartans starting pitcher Dan Bos held the Zebras to just one hit and one walk while striking out five over the first three innings of his team's 15-0 victory that was halted after four frames due to the MHSAA mercy rule.

Mark Pettersson pitched a perfect fourth for the Spartans, who improved to 7-3 overall. The loss dropped the Zebras to 2-6.

The scoreboard looked like a four-digit lottery ticket for Stevenson, which racked up run totals of 2-6-3-4 for each of the innings. Jack Ferguson powered the 15-hit attack with a 3-for-3 day that included four RBI and three runs.

C.J. Weiss (2-for-3, two runs), Danny Morris (3-for-4, RBI, run), C.J. Breen (two-run home run) and Joe Dupuie (2-for-3, RBI, two runs) also chipped in.

Nick Rudy collected Wayne's only hit while Jacob Griffith took the loss on the hill after yielding 11 runs and 11 hits in three frames.

On Saturday, the Spartans won a pair of games at a three-

team round-robin event hosted by Woodhaven.

In its first game, Stevenson upended Garden City, 6-1, behind a strong mound effort from Dan Bullard, who earned the win after limiting the Cougars to two hits and three walks over five frames. Pettersson shut out GC over the final two innings.

Jack Ferguson banded out three of the winners' seven hits in addition to scoring a run and knocking one in. Vinnie Bakerian ripped two of the three hits for GC, which slipped to 4-4.

In the second game, the Spartans overcame a 9-7 sixth-inning deficit to hand Woodhaven its first loss of the season, 12-9. In marked the third time in the previous four games that Stevenson produced a seventh-inning rally.

Morris earned the win with two innings of perfect relief.

Chris Tanderys sparked the offense with three hits (including a home run), three RBI and three runs scored. Frank Carlin and Breen also laced three hits for the winners.

Chargers outslug Lions

Livonia Churchill's baseball team put on a hitting clinic Monday afternoon against South Lyon as it piled up 19 hits in a wild 15-9 triumph.

Joe Hattley was the most proficient of all the Chargers, going 4-for-5 with two RBI and two runs scored. Also swinging scorching bats for the winners were Steve Szymanski (2-for-4, three RBI) and Joe Loudon,

who contributed three hits, three RBI and two runs.

Senior Connor Pawlak earned the win with 3½ innings of relief. Pawlak gave up seven hits, one walk and three runs while striking out three.

Joe Magee was the losing pitcher. Drew Stephenson (3-for-5, three runs, two stolen bases) and Joe Magee (4-for-4, four RBI) paced the Lions.

Patriots prevail

In one of the grittiest efforts head coach Matt Fournier has witnessed while at Livonia Franklin, the Patriots overcame some early-game adversity to post a 6-4 victory over visiting Salem Monday afternoon.

The triumph improved Franklin's record to 10-2 overall and 5-0 in the Kensington Conference.

With two outs in the top of the first and the Rocks already owning a 2-0 lead, Patriot starting pitcher Adrian Reed was forced off the mound when a blister tore open on his pitching hand.

After Reed's blister was taped up, he shifted to short-stop and Fournier called on junior Bobby Mandrink to take the mound - with just over one inning pitched on his varsity resume.

Mandrink responded with 6½ solid innings of work to earn his first career victory.

"We were in a tough spot, so we put Bobby in there so we could see what he could do," Fournier said. "He did a tremendous job. He threw strikes,

got them to hit a lot of ground balls. He walked just one and struck out one, so he pitched to contact, but he was hitting his spots."

The Patriots' lead was in jeopardy in the top of the seventh when Salem put runners on second and third with no outs. However, following a trip to the mound by Fournier, Mandrink sandwiched a pair of ground-outs around his only strike-out of the day.

Fournier praised the gutsy showing of Reed, who made several outstanding defensive plays at short in addition to going 2-for-2 with an RBI at the plate.

"That was probably the grittiest win we've had here since I've been coach," Fournier said.

Franklin, which out-hit Salem 11-9, received two-hit days from Tyler Camp, Joe Chinavare and Mandrink.

On Saturday, the Patriots split a pair of home games against Pinckney and Lincoln Park.

The Pirates broke open a tight contest with six runs in the sixth inning to notch an 8-1 victory. Jake Fry suffered the loss despite yielding just two runs over five innings.

Nick Curtis knocked in the hosts' lone run with an RBI double.

After Lincoln Park defeated Pinckney in the middle game, Franklin derailed the Railsplitters, 14-4, in the afternoon's final encounter.

Kyle Wollam, the first of three Franklin pitchers to

throw two innings or less in the five-inning game, earned the victory. He walked two and struck out one.

Offensively, Mitch Gonyaw (3-for-4, two RBI), Camp (2-for-3, two RBI) and Reed (three RBI) all hit well for the Patriots.

RU steamrolls Henry Ford

Redford Union improved to 5-2 Saturday with a decisive double-header sweep of visiting Detroit Henry Ford.

The Panthers won the first game, 15-0, behind the no-hit pitching of Vinnie Diaz. They followed that up with a 16-0 triumph as Tommie Lewis limited the visitors to one hit.

Trojans topped

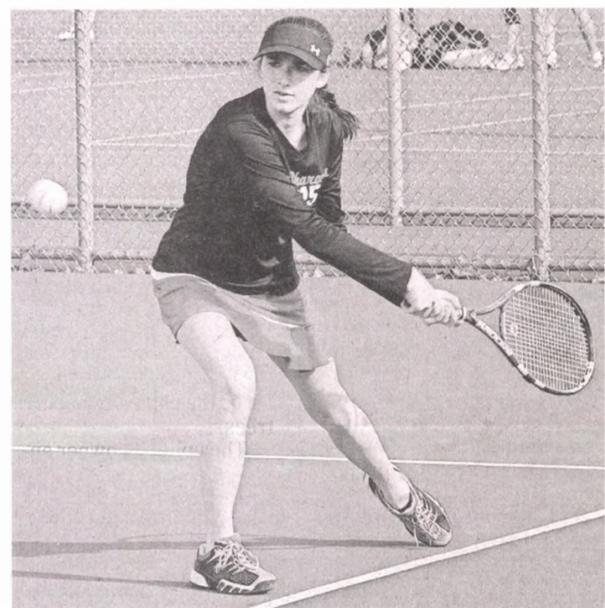
Clarenceville dropped its eighth game in a row Friday to visiting Lutheran Westland, 16-4.

After giving up five runs in the first inning, the Trojans came right back with four of their own in the bottom of the first, but they didn't score again and only had two hits.

"We responded well in the first," coach Craig Cotter said. "Then, our bats went silent despite hitting the ball really hard for three innings in a row."

"Even though we are losing, we are getting better. We have cut down on strikeouts and are making more solid contact. We still need to work on defense, though."

Freshman Nick Bisaro pitched 5½ innings and struck out six. He gave up only four earned runs.



CHRIS GUDDECK

Churchill's Madison White returns a shot during a No. 3 singles match.

CITY TOURNEY

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Way at No. 2 doubles followed the lead of Dochenetz and DiGiovanni by racking up an unblemished ledger, while the winners' No. 3 doubles combination of Lauren Larsen and Sarah Morse had few problems while going 3-0.

Senior experience proved to be a major asset for Stevenson's undefeated four doubles team of Caitlyn McCamant and Clairessa

Smith, who controlled all three of their matches handily.

The No. 5 doubles title went to Spartans Noel Hillert and Alyssa Ayash, whose toughest obstacle proved to be a 6-2, 6-2 triumph over Franklin's Veronica McAuliffe and Emma Fogle.

Rogosch's spectacular day at No. 1 singles included victories over Franklin's Kendall Payne (6-0, 6-1), Stevenson's Samantha Cyrus (6-3, 6-0) and Western's Amanda Svenson (6-3, 6-1).

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HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

GC starts season strong; Churchill rebounds

Cougars 7-2 after walloping Edsel Ford

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Garden City's softball team is far from a finished product, head coach Barry Patterson admits, but you'd have a hard time convincing that to Dearborn Edsel Ford following the visiting Cougars' 10-2 triumph Monday afternoon.

After falling into 2-0 hole in the first inning against the Thunderbirds, the Cougars owned the final six innings to improve their record to 7-2 overall and 1-0 in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference Blue Division.

GC drew even with a two-spot in the second inning and took the lead for good with a solo run in the third. The Cougars eliminated any drama with three runs in the sixth and four more in the seventh.

Freshman April Rudolph struck out eight T-Birds while walking just one and scattering five hits.

"April had good command of the strike zone today," Patterson said. "And we made some plays behind her."

The Cougars' eight-hit attack was paced by Mikey Smoler, who went 2-for-4 (including a double) with an RBI. Other key performers for GC were Kaylen Glenfield (two-run triple) Amber Swisher (1-for-1, three walks, two RBI) and Alyssa Turnbull, who picked up one hit and three ribbies.

On Saturday, the Cougars went 2-1 in the four-team round-robin at Milan High School.

GC's lone loss came in the opener - a 17-6 setback to Tecumseh. Glenfield hit two two-run home runs. Smoler added two doubles and an RBI.

"We swung the bats well, like we have all season, but we gave up too many runs," said Patterson.

The Cougars bounced back big time with a 14-1 victory over Milan in the middle game of the day. Rudolph was brilliant again, yielding just five hits. Offensively, Glenfield (4-for-4, four RBI) and Hannah Vera-Burgos (3-for-3, three RBI) were mainstays for GC.

GC concluded the day with an 11-2 win over Dexter. Turnbull, the winning pitcher, was backed by a 14-hit attack that included three hits and three RBI from Alea Montgomery and two hits and two RBI from Kelsie Powell.

Chargers roll

Livonia Churchill got back on track Monday by crunching South Lyon, 11-0, in a game halted after five frames.

Junior pitcher Melanie Richardson limited the visitors



ED WRIGHT

Livonia Churchill pitcher Melanie Richardson, pictured during last week's game against Plymouth, pitched five shut-out innings against South Lyon.

to just three hits. Richardson didn't issue a walk and she struck out two.

The Chargers scored multiple runs in every inning except the third. Their biggest outburst came in the game-ending fifth when they tallied four.

Erin Carpenter delivered the game's biggest blow - a bases-loaded triple that helped lead to her five-RBI afternoon.

Also swining hot sticks for Churchill were Victoria Luper, who went 3-for-4 with a triple, three runs and two RBI; Regan Peyton and Madison Christensen, both of whom when 2-for-3 with an RBI; and Rosie Garvin, who ripped a two-run double in her only at-bat.

John Glenn wins, ties

Westland John Glenn outlasted Manchester, 7-6, Saturday thanks to a 15-hit outburst that was powered by Mackenzie Huren's 4-for-4 day. Huren's biggest hit was a bases-clearing double in the fifth inning.

Bailey Hamill continued to pace the Rockets' offense with three hits and two RBI. Julia Michalowski (2-for-3) and Megan Buford went 2-for-4 while Cheyenne Grim, Katie Thorne and Heather Gains all added one hit.

Huren was the winning pitcher, striking out 10 and walking two. Kay Bickel took the loss for Manchester.

Also on Saturday, John Glenn battled to a 3-3 draw with Morenci. Hami (2-for-3, RBI double) and Michalowski (2-for-2, RBI) wielded hot bats for the Rockets. Huren struck out 11 batters while giving up just one earned run and three hits.

Franklin falls

Visiting Salem upended Livonia Franklin, 13-1, Monday afternoon in a KLAA Kensington Conference cross-over game that lasted just six innings.

The loss dropped the Patriots to 4-4 overall and 3-2 in the conference.

Losing pitcher Megan Chapman threw the first three innings while Danielle Hoskins threw the final three.

Becky Giacobbi (two hits, run) and Chapman (RBI single) were the Patriots' top hitters.

RU triumphs

Redford Union upended Detroit Henry Ford, 14-4, Saturday afternoon thanks to strong pitching from Arielle Gaines (win) and Cashmiere Jones (save). Kaitlin Bastianelli was a force at the plate for the Panthers, going 2-for-4 with a double and two runs.

Trojans toppled

Livonia Clarenceville remained winless in varsity softball Friday following a five-inning, 12-2 loss to visiting Lutheran Westland.

"Sophomore Claudia Moore accepted her first start as catcher and did a wonderful job with senior pitcher Emily Schwartz, who threw well enough to compete," said Clarenceville coach Bryan Decaire.

Schwartz scattered 12 hits, walked three and struck out five. The defense committed six errors, and the offense provided only two hits.

Junior Nicole Scott provided a run-scoring single in the second inning and scored a run for Clarenceville (0-4). Moore had a single in the sixth inning.

Slam Jam champions



The Livonia Hawks eighth-grade girls basketball team won the championship at the April Slam Jam tournament hosted by the Swish Zone in Whitmore Lake. The 3-0 Hawks upended Ann Arbor DSO, 27-20, and the Saginaw Born-to-Ballers, 31-27, in pool play before taking care of the Lakers, 34-20, in the title tilt. Pictured are (back row from left) Madeleine Ballard, Elisa Lebron, Kimmy Freed, Katie Sopko, (front row from left) Allie Terry, Anne Treharne, Jordan Carney and Elayna Paull. Not pictured is Sophie Doehrer.

Bake Real Estate in prime Plymouth office spot

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Bake Real Estate is now at the corner of Penniman and Harvey, 908 Penniman in downtown Plymouth.

"Carrie Bake is opening her own brokerage. Carrie's been growing her business," said Patrick Wong, Carrie Bake's husband and Realtor colleague at Bake Real Estate. "It's taken off."

Realtor Bob Bake began working in the area in 1967, with his daughter, Carrie Bake, and her husband, Patrick Wong, carrying on the tradition. Carrie Bake is broker/owner of Bake Real Estate, which concentrates on Plymouth and Northville and areas nearby.

"This opened Dec. 1st last year," said Wong, who lives in Northville. Bob Bake lives in Plymouth. They have five Realtors on staff, including the three family members.

"Great," Wong said of the location. "We've just had a lot of positive feedback about the sign," which was made in Petoskey, Mich.

Bake Real Estate is online at bakerealestate.com, and



Bake Real Estate is at the corner of Penniman and Harvey in downtown Plymouth.

Carrie Bake is at 734-788-2398. The Bake Real Estate phone is 734-453-8080.

"We're just seeing a good seasonal uptick," Wong said of

spring real estate sales. He sees no sign of the market slowing down.

Bake Real Estate is on Facebook, and Carrie Bake

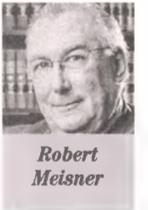
and her husband have a local blog on both real estate and community living.

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Appeals court upholds tree height standard

Q: Our Declaration in our subdivision says that all trees in a residential community may not exceed six feet. Is that a reasonable restriction?

A: Yes. In a similar case out of Wisconsin, where some of the community's lots have sweeping views of the surrounding terrain and community amenities, including its golf course, marina, and lakes. The first owner purchased his lot in 1987. At that time, the view from his lot was largely unobstructed. The adjacent lot owner, located downhill from the first owner, always either trimmed his trees or gave the uphill owner permission to do so to protect the views. In 1999, a new owner purchased the downhill lot. He stopped trimming the existing trees, and also planted new trees, all of which grew to over six feet and blocked the view of the uphill landowner.



Robert Meisner

The community's governing declaration stated no trees in excess of a height of six feet could be planted, and that no tree could be allowed to exceed six feet without written permission of the association's architectural control and maintenance committee. The declaration also stated that no trees or shrubbery could be removed unless approved in writing by the committee.

The downhill lot owner refused to either trim his trees or remove them. The association took no follow-up action, so the uphill lot owner sued the downhill lot owner. The trial court ruled that only human-planted trees must be trimmed back to six feet, because it found the declaration's restriction showed clear intent to preserve the naturally-occurring trees.

The uphill lot owner appealed. The Court of Appeals found the height restriction to be absolute and applicable to all of the trees because the language in the declaration contained no exception for natural growth. The Court of Appeals sent the case back to the trial court to consider appropriate treatment for the naturally occurring trees, however, because of the restriction that they not be removed unless approved in writing by the architectural control and maintenance committee.

Q: If the delay of a homeowner's association in providing corporate records to a member is found to be reasonable and in good faith, can that finding prevent an award of costs and attorney fees?

A: Yes, according to a Wyoming court, and the same result might apply in Michigan. In this case, homeowners sued the association, claiming it had denied repeated requests for inspection and copying of corporate records. The association argued, prior to hearing, that it had already provided the records. The homeowners continued to press for an order from the court, stating they had not received all of the records and further arguing for an award of attorney's fees and costs.

After the hearing, the court ordered production of records but denied the request for attorney's fees and costs, because it found the association had made reasonable efforts to meet the demands of the homeowners, and it further found the association had a reasonable basis for doubting the homeowner's rights to inspect documents which dealt with the privacy interests of individual members. The appellate court agreed with the result reached by the trial court, but Michigan's new changes to the Nonprofit Corporation should be reviewed and explained to you by competent counsel. But seek advice from your attorney regarding recent changes to the Michigan Nonprofit Act.

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RichRealty in 'better location' in city of Plymouth

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

RichRealty is now at 281 N. Main St. in Charlestowne Square and can be reached at 734-459-5100 or www.RichEteam.com. A Customer Appreciation Day was held Monday, April 6.

Richard Eisiminger, broker/owner of RichRealty, was eager to show his new location. "I just moved across the street for better location," explained Canton resident Eisiminger.

They held their fourth annual Customer Appreciation Day April 6. "It's done on Tigers' opening day," Eisiminger said. "It's getting a little bigger every year."

He has 22 agents ("Every agent does their own territo-

ry.) who concentrate on a five- to 10-mile radius of properties. "The brand name," he said of being an independent firm. "It's honesty, it's being truthful." He began in real estate in 1991, and has been in Plymouth six years.

"This was all self-done," Eisiminger said in looking around the RichRealty office. "I started Jan. 15." The landlord handled some duties like HVAC and the ceiling, but Eisiminger really rolled up his sleeves.

He's a carpenter by trade who upon graduation from Westland John Glenn High's program went into the Detroit Carpentry Apprenticeship School.

RichRealty is on Facebook.

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Richard Eisiminger, broker/owner of RichRealty, is proud of his new office and his staff. The office on Main on Plymouth features a modern Main Street scene as well as an historical scene.

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.

Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership. The Red Lobster is next to 7-11, near Trenton Road.

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

Seminar each Tuesday, Thursday

A free seminar on government-insured reverse mortgages is offered by Colonial Mortgage Corp. at 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday and at 2 p.m. each Thursday at various locations.

RSVP with Colonial Mortgage at 800-260-5484.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Dec. 15-19, 2014, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON

40528 Blytheville Ln \$165,000
6473 Carlton Rd \$267,000
650 Cherry Grove Rd \$197,000
6781 Devonshire Dr \$195,000
43986 Fredericksburg St \$180,000
7585 Kingsbridge Rd \$190,000
1266 Knightsbridge Rd \$203,000
44947 Middlebury Ct \$330,000
6254 Porteridge Ln \$195,000
46584 Southwick Dr \$330,000
2963 Stanton St \$300,000
7680 Thornwood St \$79,000
1998 Town Center Rd \$89,000
2085 Town Center Rd \$87,000

GARDEN CITY

6028 Belton St \$77,000
6564 Cardwell St \$95,000
32105 Dover St \$65,000
32371 Lapedeza Ave \$162,000

LIVONIA

19388 Antago St \$94,000
11304 Arcola St \$119,000
28666 Broadmoor St \$127,000
28765 Buckingham St \$138,000
34004 Burton Ln \$188,000
35901 Dover St \$123,000
19675 Hardy St \$155,000
9312 Hartel St \$127,000
16591 Henry Ruff St \$20,000
20160 Laurel Dr \$275,000
17310 Loveland St \$176,000
38640 Mason St \$166,000
17300 Merriman Rd \$210,000
18632 Myron St \$180,000
29846 Oakview St \$156,000
34946 Parkdale St \$125,000
35990 Perth St \$179,000
16692 Pollyanna Ct \$175,000

18592 Renwick St \$325,000
14552 Riverside St \$243,000

NORTHVILLE

18227 Blue Heron Dr E \$283,000
18206 Blue Heron Dr W \$465,000
631 Fairbrook St \$375,000
46961 Merion Cir \$630,000

PLYMOUTH

11945 Amherst Ct \$681,000
324 Ann Arbor Trail Ct \$145,000
49808 Donovan Blvd \$167,000
50465 Elmwood Ct \$367,000
50465 Elmwood Ct \$367,000
297 N Harvey St \$218,000
1463 Sheridan St \$545,000
12465 Woodgate Dr \$169,000

REDFORD

9995 Arnold \$53,000
14137 Brook Dr \$157,000
15407 Dixie \$40,000
24956 Elmira \$85,000
26400 Grand River Ave \$216,000
12832 Royal Grand \$53,000

14421 Royal Grand \$106,000
8829 San Jose \$60,000
14404 San Jose \$64,000
11344 Sioux \$59,000
26829 W Chicago \$89,000
9368 Winston \$74,000

WAYNE

34808 Elm St \$118,000
38165 Laurenwood St \$145,000

WESTLAND

8544 Blackburn Dr \$129,000
39281 Cambridge St \$120,000
33076 Chief Ln \$138,000
37659 Colonial Dr \$68,000
33266 Lynx St \$135,000
6260 N Farmington Rd \$90,000
6055 N Globe St \$31,000
241 N Hanlon St \$121,000
5937 N Parent St \$65,000
34436 Nancy St \$96,000
2271 Wilshire St \$127,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 24-28, 2014, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS

32100 Arlington Dr \$211,000
31320 Churchill Dr \$403,000
32466 Sheridan Dr \$245,000
170 Turnberry Ct \$695,000

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

3654 Pheasant Run \$250,000
2178 Coach Way Trl \$400,000
1468 Timberview Trl \$340,000

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

1917 Bayou Dr \$600,000

287 Millington Ct \$270,000
340 N Williamsbury Rd \$475,000

COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

4143 Bluebird Dr \$400,000
1861 Portlock Ave \$142,000
8908 Shadypoint St \$312,000
759 Sherbrooke St \$1,100,000
5802 Strawberry Cir \$60,000
2891 Windwood Ct \$425,000

FARMINGTON HILLS

28836 Creek Bend Dr \$263,000
23506 E Newell Cir \$128,000
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CROSSWORD PUZZLER

ACROSS

- Polite address
- Airborne ball
- Leafs out
- Vill, to Virgil
- Debt memo
- Sandwich cookie
- Demeanor
- Opposite of "stilt" (2 wds.)
- Faked out the goalie
- All thumbs
- Canvas supports
- Style of beer aged at low temperatures
- Fair grade
- TD passers
- Pupil's place
- Baltimore bard
- It's for the birds
- Archaeological excavation
- de mer
- Full of thorns

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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DOWN

- Pop's companion
- Kind of rain
- To — (exactly)
- "Daydream Believer" group
- Real bargains
- London lav
- Mongkut portrayer
- Cold War capital
- Strongly advise
- Mysterious
- Put in order
- Seine tributary
- Maize unit
- Pierre's school
- Marvin or Majors
- Casseroles cover
- Unis hero
- Brief engagement
- On the — vive
- "Willard" sequel
- Shoat's home
- Felt boot
- Trooper's prey
- Popular hemline
- Army off.
- Fashionable necktie
- Dr.'s visit
- Hudson Bay tribe
- Speckled horse
- Genres
- Safe to drink
- Red-tag event
- JFK watchdog
- Baby sitter's bane
- Directed

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SUDOKU

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

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CLIMATE WORD SEARCH

W	D	R	H	R	E	H	T	A	E	W	N	U	E	C	R	N	T	E	W
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

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Sudoku

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

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Word Search

RELIGION CALENDAR

APRIL CONCERT

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday, April 26
Location: First Congregational Church of Wayne, 2 Towne Square St., Wayne
Details: The Boychoir of Ann Arbor performs a program of sacred, secular, classical and popular music. A free will offering will be accepted
Contact: 734-729-7550
GENEROSITY SEMINAR
Time/Date: 9-10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 25
Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

Details: Ron Chewing of Stewardship Advisors presents Experiencing the Joy of Generosity
Contact: 734-459-3333
REVIVAL
Time/Date: 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, April 26, and 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday, April 27-30
Location: Community Free Will Baptist Church, 33031 Cherry Hill Road, west of Venoy, Westland
Details: Preachers will include Brian Williams, a home missionary to Buffalo, N.Y., and Danny Elliott, a home missionary to Quebec, Canada
Contact: 734-721-9040

RUMMAGE SALE
Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, April 24, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 25
Location: Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia
Details: Furniture, home and kitchen items, clothing, books, toys, antiques, dishes, collectibles, along with a bake sale. Proceeds of sale and donations benefit Vista Maria
Contact: 734-427-1414
RUMMAGE SALE
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 30, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, May 1, 9:30 a.m. to noon, Saturday, May 2
Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Admission for Thursday's preview sale is \$2. Bag sale (\$3) and half-price sale are on Saturday. Bags will be provided
Contact: 734-464-0211
RUMMAGE SALE
Time/Date: 5-7 p.m. Thursday, April 30, 9 a.m. to noon, Friday, May 1, 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, May 2
Location: Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Newburgh and Wayne Road, Livonia
Details: \$2 admission per adult Thursday only; Free admission Friday-Saturday. Saturday half-price sale.
Contact: 734-422-0149

RUMMAGE SALE
Time/Date: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, May 1 and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 2
Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, one block east of Farmington Road, north of 12 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: Includes baked goods, clothing, household goods, furniture, small appliances, linens, bedding, jewelry, toys, books and a boutique. \$3 and \$6 bag sale Saturday
Contact: 248-553-3380
TEA, SALAD EXCHANGE
Time/Date: 2:30-5 p.m. Sunday, May 3
Location: Crossroads Church, at Sacred Heart Conference Center, 29125 Six Mile, Livonia
Details: For women and girls ages 8 and up. Free event. Bring a salad for 10 to share. RSVP by April 26 at cwm@crossroadsnow.org
Contact: crossroadsnow.org; 248-890-5718
WORLD LABYRINTH DAY
Time/Date: Noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 2
Location: Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia
Details: Walk the church's 11-circuit medieval-style labyrinth. Staff will be on hand to facilitate group walks and answer questions. Weather permitting, a canvas, three-circuit labyrinth will be available for younger children
Contact: Lunice Clay at 734-748-3493

Church
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners
Contact: Ethanie Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463
Dunning Park Bible Chapel
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays
Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford
Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.
Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767
PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE
Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday
Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.
Contact: 313-563-0162
PRAYER
St. Edith Church
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday
Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows
Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1223
St. Michael Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday
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 translation as well as the original Hebrew.
Contact: 248-737-1931 or email nancyellen879@att.net.
SUPPORT
Apostolic Christian Church
Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily
Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia
Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act.
Contact: 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com
Connection Church
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday
Location: 3855 Sheldon, Canton

Details: Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery for all hurts, habits and hang-ups. Child care is available for free
Contact: Jonathan@Connectionchurch.info or 248-787-5009
Detroit World Outreach
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday
Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202
Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems
Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244
Farmington Hills Baptist Church
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August
Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills
Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group
Contact: 248-433-1011
Merriman Road Baptist Church
Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday
Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City
Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations
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.aa.org for additional information
Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Time/Date: 6 p.m. dinner (optional); 7 p.m. worship; 8 p.m. small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/desserts)
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 additional information

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PETERSEN, GORDON LIVINGSTON JR.
 Gordon Livingston Petersen Jr., 93, of Higgins Lake died April 19, 2015 with his family by his side. Gordon, called "Pete" by family and friends, was born June 29, 1921 in Chicago, IL. He grew up in Park Ridge, IL and following his service in World War II graduated from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN, where he met his wife, Frances Adele Sumner. They married May 20, 1950 in Memphis, TN. Mr. Petersen, formerly of Northville, Novi and Plymouth, retired from General Motors, downtown Detroit, in 1980. They moved to Higgins Lake from Plymouth in 1994. He served as an elder in the congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses for many years and loved teaching the Bible. Surviving are his wife of nearly 65 years, Frances; four children, Adele (Tim) Woskoboynik of Roscommon, Cathy (Larry) Odett of Howell, Andrew of Higgins Lake, and Ross (Jennifer) of Medina, OH; and five grandchildren, Christina Woskoboynik, Bailey and Brooklin Petersen, Matthew (Danielle) Odett and great-granddaughter Gwendolyn, and Lauren (Steve) Smith and great-grandson Marek. The memorial service will be April 25 at 1 p.m. at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, M-18, Roscommon, with Mr. Greg Lytle officiating. Funeral arrangements were in care of Walsh Funeral Home, Roscommon.



SMITH, GERALD WILLIAM
 April 21, 2015 Age 73 of Canton Beloved husband of Nancy. Loving father of Scott (Cindy), Gerald (Sally) and Jennifer (Rick) Riordan. Dear brother of the late Dallas, the late Dennis, Karen (John) Arthur, Allan Smith and Sue Smith. Cherished grandfather of Mitchell and Lilliana Smith, Samantha, Jack and Callie Riordan. Family will receive visitors Friday, April 24, 10 a.m. at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty Road (south of 5 Mile Road) followed by a Memorial Mass at 10:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Canton Public Library would be appreciated. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at griffinfuneralhome.com.

STEFANSKI, JOYCE J.
 April 20, 2015. Beloved wife of Vern. Loving mother of Jeaneena Stefanski. Dear sister of Donald (Prathy) Jackson, and the late Patricia (Bill) Hallihan. Mrs. Stefanski received her Master's Degree in Counseling from Eastern Michigan University. She was a member of the Mortar Board Society. Joyce retired in 2012 as a Rehabilitation Counselor with the Salvation Army. The family will gather with friends Saturday 11 AM until the 12 noon Memorial Service at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth (Between Sheldon and Beck). Memorials may be made to the Michigan Humane Society. To share a memory, please visit: vermeulenfh.com

QUILTING BEE
Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 25
Location: Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia
Details: Participants will make quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Materials and instruction provided
Contact: Jean Coleman at 734-422-8855

MAY BOUTIQUE, LUNCH

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 6
Location: Congregation Shaarey Zedek, 27375 Bell, Southfield
Details: Ricki Lake, actress, talk show host and documentary film producer, is the guest speaker at the Lois Linden Nelson Woman's World, a fundraiser for the Sisterhood of Congregation Shaarey Zedek. The Boutique will offer a variety of gift items, including Judaica, from favorite and new vendors. Boutique admission is free. Lunch and speaker tickets start at \$72
Contact: 248-357-5544, Ext. 48; llnwomansworld.org
CARD PARTY
Time/Date: 6:30-10 p.m. Friday, May 15
Location: 55 Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer, Westland
Details: Play cards and games of your choice. Includes door and table prizes, along with 50-50 drawing, light meal and snacks. Admission is \$8
Contact: 734-722-1343



Ricki Lake

CONCERT
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, May 15
Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon, Canton
Details: Mitch McVicker Concert will support Kids Against Hunger. Free will offering. A food packaging event will be held 9:30 p.m. May 16 for Kids Against Hunger
Contact: 734-459-3333; connectingwithGod.org
KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP
Time/Date: 1 p.m. Friday, May 8
Location: St. Genevieve Catholic School, 28933 Jamison, Livonia
Details: For registered families or those interested in sending their child to St. Genevieve School for kindergarten
Contact: jslaviero@stgenevieve.org; 734-425-4420
PURSE AUCTION
Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 2
Location: Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia
Details: Purses are filled with items ranging from lotions to candles to gardening items. Participants must be over age 16.

KEELER, LAWRENCE
 Age 76 of Livonia. Passed away April 4, 2015. Beloved husband of the late Alice A. Keeler, his wife of 46 years. Dear father of Kenneth (Lisa) and the late William. He will be deeply missed by his four grandchildren, Andrea, Michael, Jason and Jacqueline. He is also survived by three great-grandchildren. Memorial luncheon to be held Saturday April 25, 11-2 at Burton Manor in Livonia, Suite 8. In honor of Larry's love of wildlife, please consider a memorial donation to The Nature Conservancy.

KRUG, JANIS LYNN
 Loving wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister and aunt passed away Sunday April 12, 2015 after a courageous twenty eight year battle with Multiple Sclerosis. Mrs. Krug was 59 years old. She was preceded in death by father, Douglas Eckles; aunts, Lucile Prieskorn and Mildred Ash; uncles Edward Ash and George Prieskorn. Survivors: Husband, William Krug; son, Douglas Krug and wife Kimberly; daughter, Jennifer Pickard and husband Garret; son, Michael Krug; granddaughter, Madelyn Krug; mother, Ethel Eckles; sisters, Diane Wavrek, Susan Larkins and LuAnn Eckles. She is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, in-laws and cousins. She will be greatly missed by all. Memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday April 25, 2015 at Roseland Park Cemetery, 29001 Woodward Ave, Berkley, MI 48072 In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society or to Immanuel Lutheran Church, North Richland, Texas.



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Helping: Rock out at Birchler family concert for hunger relief

The eighth annual Jammin' To End Famine concert will raise money for hunger relief on a new day, with longer hours, and more music this weekend.

Doors open at 6 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at Plymouth-Ann Arbor Elks Lodge #325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. One of five bands will perform every hour, free pizza and salad will be served and a cash bar will be available. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for students. They're available at the door or in advance by emailing tombirchler1@gmail.com or by calling 248-722-1820.

"Friday wasn't available for some of the bands, so we moved it to Saturday. We thought we'd try it and see what happens," said Tom Birchler, a Livonia resident and one of several Birchler family members who organize and perform at the concert. "We've had good support, almost 200 names on our mailing list. We have a good base of generous people."

The concert will start an hour earlier this year and include five bands, all with Birchler family members. Jim Birchler of Ann Arbor will emcee the show, which will run to 11 p.m.

The bands

New this year is The Fun Guys, consisting of Tom Birchler on bass and his son, Michael, on drums, and two of their friends, playing 1970s rock and funk. John Birchler of Plymouth is a member of the a cappella vocal jazz group, The Grunyons, which will kick off the evening. Tom Birchler, and two of his brothers, Dave of Bloomfield Hills and Keith of Bay City, along with Tommy Anderson and Ron Graham, make up Paisley Fogg, which will play Beatles tunes and other favorites from the 1960s. 2 Dayz Gone, with Tom Birchler's stepson, Mark Warren of Livonia, will kick the show into high gear with danceable tunes from the 1980s and 1990s and Playing Mantis, featuring Michael Birchler on drums, will end the night with contemporary rock.

"As the night goes on the music gets more danceable," Birchler said. "It's how the night goes. People come in, eat pizza and salad and have drinks." By the time Paisley Fogg and 2 Dayz Gone hit the stage, "people are ready to hit the dance floor."

The charity

The family donates all concert proceeds to Kids Against Hunger Coalition, a nonprofit



Tom Birchler, left, of Livonia rocks out with his brother, Dave Birchler of Bloomfield Hills in their band, Paisley Fogg, at their annual fundraiser for Kids Against Hunger Coalition.



The Paisley Fogg is Dave Birchler, left, Tom Birchler, Tommy Anderson, Ron Graham and Keith Birchler.

organization that packages and distributes nutritious rice-soy casserole meals to starving children abroad and in the U.S. The coalition relies on volunteers to package the food at satellite locations worldwide and through packaging events at churches, schools and through other partners.

"When we first started doing this we just gave the money to Kids Against Hunger Coalition and they used it for whatever they needed. The

past two years we've been able to sponsor our own packaging event, because that is the way Kids Against Hunger Coalition works," Birchler said. "You raise money for the food and provide the labor to to package it."

Brother Rice High School students will volunteer for the packaging event in conjunction with its all-school service day on Wednesday, Oct. 28. The Birchler brothers, who grew up in Bloomfield Township, are

Brother Rice alumni.

"It's amazing how much fun you can have and it goes fast. It's quit amazing to witness," said Birchler, who has attended most of the packaging events supported by the concert funds.

Hunger relief

Jammin' To End Famine has raised enough money over seven years to pay for 100,000 meals. One third of the meals goes toward disaster relief and

another third goes to developing countries. Any group that raises money for a packaging event is allowed to designate the final third of its donation. The Birchler family always sends it to the Capuchins, an organization their father, Don, supported. This year marks the 10th anniversary of his death.

The brothers initially planned a concert 10 years ago to entertain family and friends. They rented a hall and prepared to party, but "the day we were supposed to do the concert was the day we buried our father," Birchler said. "Instead of partying, we were laying our dad to rest."

Two years later, they decided to try again, but with the added element of a fundraiser for charity. They chose hunger relief because food is "one of the most basic thing we all need," Birchler said.

"The concert has become sort of a way to honor my dad's memory because he was one of those guys always doing something for someone else."

Visit Jammin' To End Famine on Facebook and Kids Against Hunger Coalition at kidsagainsthungercoalition.com.

GET OUT! CALENDAR

ANIMALS

DETROIT ZOO

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily

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

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

Senior Day: Seniors, 62 and older in the tri-county area and a caregiver get free admission and parking, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 29. Includes music, tram ride, bingo and zookeeper talks

Contact: 248-541-5717

KENSINGTON METROPARK

Time/Date: Noon to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 25-26

Location: Farm Center at the park, 4570 Huron River Parkway, Milford

Details: Spring Festival centers on shearing the farm's flock of sheep. Tour the farm, meet the animals, take a hayride, see Rosco the Clown. Most activities are free with park pass

Contact: 248-684-8632

ARTS AND CRAFTS

GALLERY@VT

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday and during public events, through April 29

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

Details: "Pieces of Life," celebrates glass making with works by members of the Mosaic Artists of Michigan

Contact: 734-394-5300; cantonvillagegallery.org

HABATAT GALLERY

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 25

Location: 4400 Fernlee, Royal Oak

Details: 43rd International Glass Invitational Award Exhibition includes glass works by more than 100 artists, including Dale Chihuly, Albert Paley, and Howard Ben Tre. Exhibit continues 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday through June 26

Contact: 248-554-0590; info@habatat.com

LIBERTY STREET BREWING

Time/Date: Through May 30

Location: Upper Hall Gallery at the Brew Pub, 149 W. Liberty, Plymouth

Details: Works by Lanny Henderson

Contact: 734-207-9600

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: Noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday through April 25

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: Pastel Invitational Exhibition with works by seven pastel artists

Coming up: 16th annual Student Art Show, May 1-16, with opening reception 6-9 p.m. May 1, shows works by middle and high school students in Northville

Contact: 248-344-0497

COLLECTIBLES

WEST SUBURBAN STAMP CLUB SHOW

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, April 25 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 26

Location: Hellenic Cultural Center at 36375 Joy Road, Westland

Details: A 38-dealer bourse will offer stamps, covers, cachet covers, and supplies for both new and experienced collectors. The United States, United Nations and Nordica Postal Services will sell their current stamp and postal stationery issues. Fred Bauman from the American Philatelic Research Library offers a seminar at 3:30 p.m. Saturday on "Writing for Stamp Fun, Profit & Pleasure." "How to" classes for begin-

ning collectors will be available both days. Dealers and collectors will provide guidance on a collection's worth 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. Register for classes online. Admission and parking are free

Contact: plymouthshow.com

FILM

LENORE MARWIL JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

Time/Date: May 10-21

Location: Berman Center for the Performing Arts, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Tickets are \$12 per film or \$360 for two patron passes which includes entrance to every film, along with the patron night reception on May 17. Thirty films will be screened, including a portrait of musician Marvin Hamlisch and *Starfish Throwers*, which looks at three individuals who feed families in need.

Contact: 248-661-1900; theberman.org for additional information

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, April 24, 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 25-26

Location: 760 Penniman, Plymouth

Details: *The Spongebob Movie Sponge out of Water*; admission \$3

Coming up: *The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*, 7 p.m. Thursday April 30 and May 1; 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, May 3

Contact: 734-453-0870; www.penn-theatre.com

HISTORY

HISTORIC GREENMEAD

Time/Date: 10 a.m., 11 a.m., noon, and 1 p.m. Saturday, May 2

Location: 20501 Newburgh at Eight Mile, in Livonia

Details: Storyteller Nancy Klein will tell

the story of Peter Rabbit and lead children on an adventure through the Village, following the footpath of Peter Rabbit. The event, aimed at ages 3-7, will include a sack lunch, beverage and Peter Rabbit gift. All tickets sold in advance. Cost is \$7 per child

Contact: 248-477-7375

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

Contact: 734-764-9304 for additional information

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: "Creative Hands: Busy Hands" runs through June 14. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for ages 6-17

Contact: 734-455-8940 for additional information

MUSIC

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF DETROIT

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday, May 1

Location: Music Box at Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward, Detroit

Details: Classical Jam performs traditional tangos and 'nuevo tango' of Argentinian composer Astor Piazzolla. Tickets are \$30 for adults; \$15 for students

Contact: 248-855-6070; ChamberMusicDetroit.org

FARMINGTON COMMUNITY CHORUS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 8-9

Location: Meads Mill Middle School, 16700 Franklin Road, Northville

Details: The 70-member Chorus, directed by Steve Segraves, sings tunes from Broadway shows, such as *Les Miserables*, *Sweeney Todd*, *Oklahoma* and *Phantom of the Opera*. Tickets in advance for \$12 or at the door for \$15. Online ticket sales end May 5

Contact: farmingtonchorus.com

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: Johnny Trudell Quartet performs April 28. \$10 donation at the door includes hors d'oeuvres

Contact: 734-453-1780 or email plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com

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: Shari Kane and Dave Steele, April 24; Dave Hardin, April 25; The Choir and Mike Roe, April 30; Bill Bynum and Company, May 1; Michigan Fingerstyle Guitar Society presents Calum Graham, May 2; Empty Chair Night featuring Annie and Rod Capps, Joel Palmer and Tom Picard, May 3; Open Stage, May 5 and 19. Most tickets \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks accepted

Contact: 734-464-6302 for additional information



Johnny Trudell

DRINK UP

Natural, refreshing beverages



RED HOT BLOOD CLEANSER

Servings: 2 (1-cup servings)

- 2 cups watermelon chunks
- 1 small to medium beet, washed
- 1 apple, seeded and cut into cubes
- 1 tablespoon apple juice concentrate
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper (depending on taste)
- 1/4 teaspoon turmeric

Place all ingredients in blender with watermelon on bottom. Turn blender on slow speed until watermelon has liquefied, then increase speed and blend 1 minute or until liquefied.

VEGGIE DE-BLOAT COCKTAIL

Servings: 2 (or 2 1/2 cups total)

- 1/2 medium cucumber, peeled
- 3 medium carrots, washed
- 2 celery stalks
- 1/2 red pepper, washed and seeded
- 1/4 cup fresh parsley
- 2 tablespoons fresh cilantro
- 2 cups watermelon
- Dash of horseradish

In juicer, extract juice from all ingredients. Serve plain or over ice.

WATERMELON ZAPPER

Servings: 2 (2 1/4 cups total in blender, or 1 1/4 cups total in juicer)

- 2 cups watermelon cubes
- 1/2 large lemon, peeled
- 1 1/2 tablespoons peeled fresh ginger
- 2 medium carrots

Juice all ingredients in conventional juicer. In blender, place watermelon first then remaining ingredients. Turn blender on low until watermelon is liquefied then gradually increase speed. Blend 2 minutes.

Whether you're trying to achieve wellness goals or just looking for simple ways to add more nutrient-rich food sources into your family's diet, now is the time to dust off that blender or juicer. Naturally sweet and nutritious, watermelon is a great addition to drinks that nourish and replenish the body.

For years, health professionals have touted the many benefits found in nature, especially in fruits such as watermelon. Whether you need to flush out toxins or reduce bloating, healthy and hydrating watermelon is the all-natural solution conveniently found at your local grocer's produce section.

Packed with arginine and citrulline, watermelon may help improve blood flow. The watermelon's high water and potassium level may also help the body flush out unwanted fluids. Plus, watermelon is said to have a diuretic effect, which helps the body beat bloating. The following cocktail recipes feature this star ingredient, which along with other healthful ingredients, offer natural solutions for common conditions.

When incorporating these drinks into your family's diet, use a strong blender when you can. This will help retain essential phytonutrients and antioxidants within the blended mixture. Many conventional juicers require you to throw away the pulp, which means throwing out these bonus health benefits.

For more refreshing ways to add nutrients to your diet, visit www.watermelon.org.

Courtesy of Family Features



SUPER GREEN DETOX SMOOTHIE

Servings: Makes 3 cups

- 3 cups watermelon cubes
- 1/2 cup parsley
- 2 cups packed kale
- 2 teaspoons green tea powder
- 2 teaspoons gochujang paste
- 3 tablespoons pineapple juice concentrate
- 6 limes (juice from the fresh squeezed limes)
- 1/2 peeled and pitted avocado

Place all ingredients in a blender, such as a Vitamix, with watermelon on the bottom. Start blending slowly until watermelon is liquified, then increase speed. Blend for 1 to 2 minutes. **Tip:** Gochujang is a Korean hot chili paste made from red chili powder, glutinous rice powder, powdered fermented soybeans and salt.



WATERMELON GINGER CELERY SHOOTERS

Servings: Makes 4 drinks

- 1 cup diced celery
- 1 teaspoon fresh grated ginger
- 1 teaspoon apple cider vinegar
- 1 cup diced seedless watermelon

Place the celery, ginger and vinegar in a blender and puree. Add the watermelon and blend until smooth. Serve immediately.