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# Council looks at hiring new manager

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

As Wayne City Manager David Murphy moves on to Farmington, the Wayne Council is looking ahead to finding a replacement.

"We've had a lot of discussion, and there are a variety of opinions on what we should do or not do," Wayne Mayor James Hawley said.

The council is expected to accept Murphy's resignation at its meeting Tuesday night.

Murphy

"We're getting a number of people who want to apply — some are qualified. There are a variety of qualifications and people," Hawley said. "There could be a couple of strong candidates. We need to start quickly."

Once Murphy's resignation is accepted, Hawley said the council will announce the search for a new city manager. He said he expects the council will schedule a meeting to interview city manager candidates within a short time, possibly later that week.

"Most of them (possible candidates) are in the area. We're not going out for a national search," Hawley said. "We did that twice (previously). We have some strong candidates with city management experience."

### Not a surprise

That Murphy would be moving on from financially strapped Wayne wasn't a surprise after he opted for a six-month contract that coincided with the start of the fiscal year July 1. Murphy followed a series of interim managers who had filled in since Robert English retired.

"I'm disappointed that he is leaving. I had hoped we would create some stability in city management so we could look longer term," Hawley said. "I thought we had that kind of

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# TOP STUDENTS HONORED

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**In the 30th anniversary of the Observer & Eccentric's Academic All-Stars program, the 2015 All-Star students were honored Friday at a breakfast at Madonna University in Livonia. Members include Sean Carey, Kristen Gallett, Bejamin George, Andrew Gobis, Maxwell Hermelin, Iris Huang, Vineet Jammalamadaka, Anselm Jia, Aniruddha Kappagantu, Grace Milton, Shantam Tavan, Safia Sayed, Arthur Shi, Christopher Szymczak, Natalie Utley, Kathryn Wallace, Victoria Whydell, and Kevin Xu. Students were lauded for academic achievement and community involvement.**

## Two men plead guilty for moving body

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Two Westland men have entered guilty pleas to charges of being accessories after the fact in the death of a Westland woman

Michael Bashlor, 34, and Joshua Hurston-Herron, 23, were each charged with helping dispose of the body of Diedra Akins, 46.

Dead from blunt force trauma, Akins's body was discovered laying in the street on Powers near John Daly in Dearborn Heights early Jan. 18.

Bashlor has been sentenced to 2-5 years in prison. Hurston-Herron has been sentenced to one year in the Wayne County Jail with 103 days credit for time served and two years probation.

Bashlor

Huston-Herron

Two other Westland men, Terrence Johnson, 44, and Randy Batts, 30, are charged with first-degree murder in the death of Akins. Batts is also charged with second-degree murder. Both are being held without bond and scheduled for trial on June 22 in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Johnson was Akins' live-in boyfriend. Testimony was that a dispute over drugs escalated at the couple's home on Grand Traverse, where Akins was fatally beaten.

Later the same day Akins' body was found, police said Bashlor, accompanied by a cousin who is a Detroit Police officer, came to the Westland Police Department to provide information in the case. That led officers to obtain and execute a search warrant at the home on Grand Traverse where Akins and Johnson were living.

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## Identity theft charge dismissed in HalloWayne case

By LeAnne Rogers
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A charge of identity theft — the last of six criminal charges originally filed against the operator of a Wayne nonprofit — has been dismissed in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Christopher Sanders, 46, had been charged over the handling of funds donated to the nonprofit he operates, Destination Wayne — specifically the HalloWayne event it sponsored.

There had been a mistrial declared in February after the jury deadlocked on the identity theft charge against Sanders. Five other charges, including larceny by conversion, embezzlement as an agent or trustee and embezzlement from a nonprofit charitable organization, had been dismissed at the preliminary examination.

"This was another political witch hunt in an attempt to inflict irreparable damage to my reputation," Sanders said. "People who know me stood by me during this entire ordeal, and I will never forget the importance of their support, their belief in me and their

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## Westland resident turns 100

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**Westland resident Elizabeth Becker recently celebrated her 100th birthday.**

Westland resident Elizabeth Mary Becker recently celebrated her 100th birthday — all 100 years living in Michigan.

A resident of the Village of Westland, Becker was born April 15, 1915, to Francis and Florence Becker. She has a sister, Florence Becker Koschmeder.

A 1933 Anthony High School graduate, Becker was employed at Uniroyal Tire Company as a Data Processing Supervisor until she retired on May 1, 1977, after 40 years of service.

Nicknamed Betty, Becker loves working in her rose garden. She has lived in Westland for the past eight years. Previously she lived in St. Clair Shores.

She loved to travel around the United States and is a devoted Detroit Tigers fan.

## Safety vests available in Westland

**Showing the safety vests, available for free at Westland City Hall and the Westland Police Department, are city staffers Aubrey Berman, administrative secretary, and Devin Adams, controller.**

In the aftermath of several pedestrian deaths in Westland within the last year, safety vests are now being offered to pedestrians and bicyclists through the city of Westland. Vests are free for the asking.

Private citizens donated funds for the 500 safety vests, which are available at the Westland Police Department and Westland City Hall. When the donation came in, Westland Controller Devin Adams did research on the safety vests, finding a good price.

Workers on traffic projects and others often wear the brightly colored vests to make themselves more visible and safer.

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trust in me. It meant more than I can say in the face of this ordeal."

After financing the campaign last year to get a ward voting system established in Wayne, Sanders is the only candidate who filed to run for city council in Ward 1. Resident Alfred Brock is running in Ward 1 as a write-in candidate.

"The moral of the outcome is simple: truth prevails and I live to fight another day," Sanders said. "Now, let us all work together to move our wounded community forward in a new direction."

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# Wayne police chief discusses crime, staffing, service with residents

**By LeAnne Rogers**
Staff Writer

About a dozen people turned out to hear from the Wayne Police Department about crime trends in the city.

Held at the Wayne Activities and Banquet Center, it's the first of monthly meetings established by Chief Alan Maciag. The meetings will be at 7 p.m. on the last Thursday of each month.

"We have a strong relationship with the community, but we can build it stronger," said Maciag, a 17-year member of the police department. "These meetings will provide citizens with knowledge about our operations, our staffing levels and what kind of service they can expect with our staffing levels."

That staffing level is currently 24 officers working 12-hour shifts. At one time, the department had 45 officers. That number declined over recent years due to budget cuts, which Maciag said forced the department to stop having School Resource Officers, plainclothes surveillance units and other details.

"My job as chief is to provide the best service I can with the resources we have," Maciag said. "What worked with 45 people 20 years ago is not going to work today."

Like other departments, Wayne has hired civilian Police Service Aides to answer non-emergency calls and other duties to free up officers. "It gives them (PSAs) a chance to grow into a law enforcement career," Maciag said.

Some statistics shared by Maciag and Sgt. Matthew Spunar, who heads the Detective Bureau:

» In 2014, Wayne police officers responded to 16,671 calls for service. As of April 29, 2015, officers handled 5,186 calls for service.

"It's a small town but busy. It's a lot of calls," Maciag said.

» Wayne officers responded to 423 vehicle crashes in 2014. That number is 156 through April 29 this year.

» The city had 78 residential break-ins in 2014, that's more than one a week, Spunar noted. So far this year, 12 residential break-ins have been reported.

There were 52 non-residential break-ins reported in 2014, exactly one per week, Spunar said, with 10 reported so far this year. "That number might actually be down for the full year," he said.

» Last year, 193 reports were taken on larceny from vehicles. That number is 49 so far this year.

"They happen all over the city," said Spunar, responding to a question.

» During 2014, 54 vehicles were reported stolen.

"We have 22 stolen vehicle reports this year so far, so that's a little higher," Spunar said.

» There were 28 robberies, armed and unarmed, reported in 2014. That number is 10 for the current year so far.

To clarify terminology, Spunar said, "If you break into a house and take property, it is not a robbery."

» In 2014, 126 vandalism reports were taken by police. That number is 24 so far this year.

"This is a very common crime and costs people money," said Spunar.

» There were five arsons reported in 2014, including a residential structure. So far this year, only one arson, involving a vehicle, has been reported.

Wayne residents can keep track of crimes in the community through the crimedar.com website.

"Call us if you have questions or concerns in your neighborhood. We want to get the right information out there," Maciag said.

The department used to have a Neighborhood Watch program with an officer assigned to the program. Although that is no longer available, Maciag said some areas of the city have continued to maintain their local Neighborhood Watch and he encouraged other residents to organize.

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# Fake bills, IRS scams lead crimes

**By LeAnne Rogers**
Staff Writer

Counterfeit $20 bills, calls from phony IRS representatives and money flipping are among crimes trending recently in Wayne.

» "People always want to know crime trends. Counterfeit currency — $20 bills — we had a couple in the last few months. The money has a different feel, the paper is the hardest part to counterfeit," Wayne Police Sgt. Matthew Spunar said.

» Vehicles thefts are up, Spunar said the incidents commonly happen when people leave their vehicles unlocked and running to warm up outside their homes or while they run inside a gas station.

A simple hindrance to vehicle thefts and items being stolen from vehicles, he said, is to lock the car or truck doors.

"Park in your driveway and a well-lit area," he added.

» "The IRS scam is common now. They call and say you owe the IRS $2,000. You have to pay now or they are sending the police to arrest you," Spunar said. "I have never had the IRS call and ask us to go out to arrest someone. If it doesn't sound right, it probably isn't."

» Then there is what is called flipping money. "They call and tell you if you send $250 today, I send you $500," Spunar said. "A woman sent $250. They called wanting more. They have you send the money through Western Union. It's hard to track. But it's good that we haven't seen a rash of violent crimes."

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individual coming in. I was a little concerned when he wanted a six-month contract. On the other hand, I had hopes he'd want to stay."

Being hired by Farmington is a unique opportunity for Murphy personally, Hawley said, adding he is excited about possible new city managers who hopefully sign on long-term with Wayne.

"It's a big disappointment; we thought we had made a decision that would last," Councilman Skip Monit said. "This throws us back to where we were last year. It's really difficult to put my arms around the whole situation. I understand he has to look out for himself and his family, but this comes at a difficult time. He's leaving the city in a bad way."

The council has two candidates that it can interview to replace Murphy, Monit said, but that can't happen until Murphy has tendered his resignation.

"It's unfortunate for us, but for David Murphy it's a good fit for him and his family," Councilman John Rhaesa said. "We have to find the right person to get Wayne through the challenges it is facing. The number of quality candidates is diminishing as more things don't turn around."

"I think he'll do fine in Farmington, but the challenges we have in Wayne are huge," Monit added.

### City's challenge

The biggest challenge facing the city is financial. Working with auditors Plante Moran, Murphy prepared and recommended a budget that is balanced for the upcoming fiscal year. The council reached a consensus to adopt that budget, which relies on the last of reserve funds and closing the Wayne Community Center, to balance it.

Council members also agreed that if the proposed budget is adopted, work would continue to get city spending within actual revenues and avoid a projected deficit going forward. The city is working to have the community center operated privately.

"We need to find someone with financial experience, someone with economic knowledge of development," Rhaesa said. "We need someone who can come up with a strategy to bring in new development. We're not bringing in enough money to cover the services we offer. We have to make choices and figure out how to keep things going the best we can."

Finance, budgeting and economic development experience in a new manager are also a priority for Hawley.

"In the administration of the organization, we're fairly small. We're set with police and fire leadership," he said.

*Staff Writer Sue Mason contributed to this story.*

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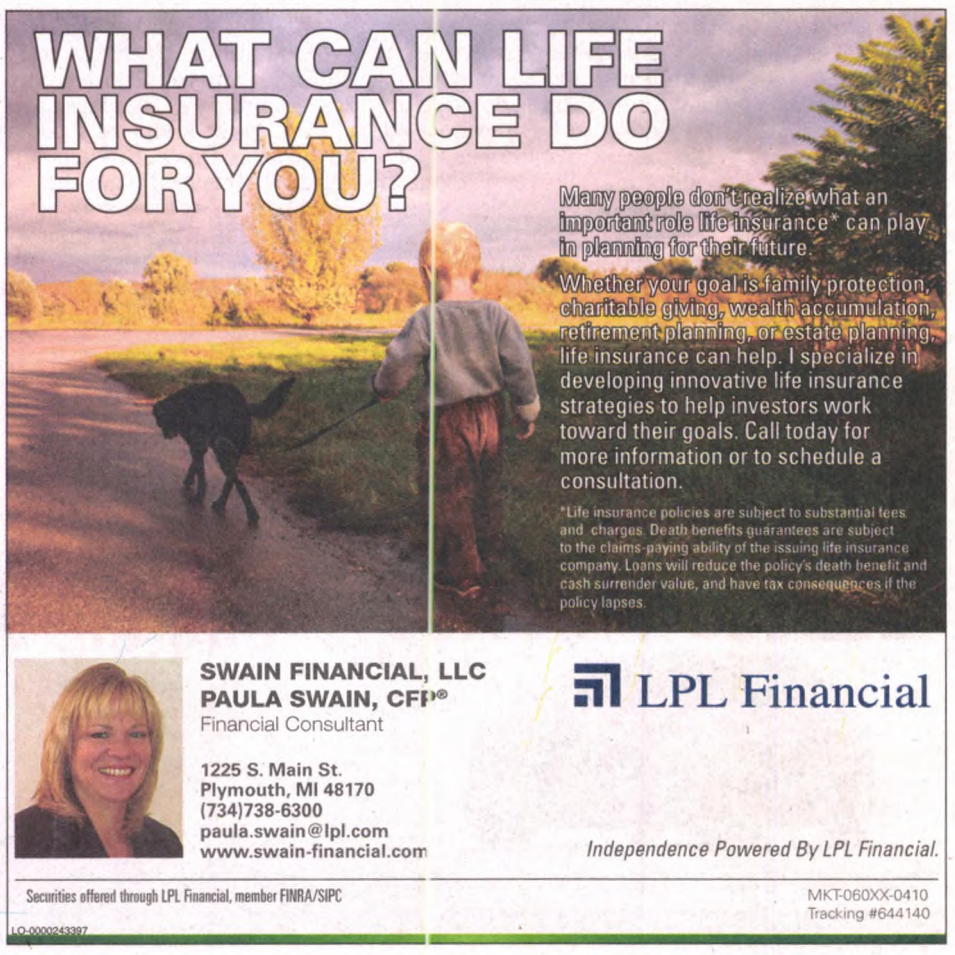

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# Parents, staff argue for keeping special-education preschool open

**By Karen Smith**
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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Superintendent Dr. Randy Liepa faces a large crowd of parents and staff.

Years ago somebody thought it was a great idea to combine all of Livonia Public Schools' special-education programs for preschoolers under one roof at Perrinville Center.

"It still is. It works," said Deborah Squirewell, program administrator for the Great Start Readiness Program housed there.

Squirewell was among about 130 parents, staff members and other stakeholders who attended a meeting Tuesday night to explain to Livonia school board members why the building should not be closed and razed. Administrators have recommended tearing down the building to save $150,000 a year and moving all the programs to six other schools, where there is space due to the district's declining enrollment.

Superintendent Randy Liepa told the crowd that the district expects to have just under $1 million in fund equity at the end of this school year. With a $140 million general fund budget last year, that figure should be closer to $11 million, he said. Community members at budget meetings in January told the school board they would prefer to preserve programs over property, Liepa said.

"Every year we have to balance the budget when the state is not giving us very much money," he said.

Perrinville is also slated to have $800,000 in improvements made under the construction bond approved by voters in 2013 that could be used at other buildings, if Perrinville is closed, school officials said.

The board is expected to make a decision before June 30 when it adopts its budget for the 2015-16 school year.

## 'A school dynamic'

Perrinville PTA President Kristin Noel said parents are more opposed to separating the programs than closing the building. Having all the programs under one roof makes the difference between the preschoolers remaining in special ed for the rest of their school careers; and eventually blossoming, integrating into the general education program and earning their diplomas, she said.

She said her son, Logan, who has Autism was non-verbal when he started at Perrinville. "Now he's a social butterfly."

"It's a school dynamic," said parent Jennifer Andrzejczak. "It's a new way of teaching children with special needs and if you separate them, you're going to lose it and it's lost forever."

Parent Yolanda Keaton said her son Evan is a Perrinville alum who attended the Autism Spectrum Disorder program and wouldn't be where he is today without the school. "My developmental pediatrician says if you want to have your kid in the best school, sell your house and move to Livonia."

Parents said with all the programs in one building, children can try out a more advanced program for five to 15 minutes at a time. That wouldn't be possible if they had to travel from one building to another, they said.

Parapro Kelly Bouer said it's difficult finding substitute teachers and substitute parapros for special education preschoolers because no one wants to be bitten, spit on or have to help kids with the toilet. But with all the programs under one roof, staff can more easily cover for each other when someone has to take time off.

School board secretary Tammy Bonifield said that could be a potential cost savings for the district that previously hadn't been considered.

Parents said they are concerned general-education students won't understand their children's behavior and their children will be prone to bullying. How will a general education student react to a special-education preschooler getting naked in the hallway and urinating on the floor, Bouer asked.

Perrinville has special adaptive playground equipment that can more easily be shared by students if they all stay in the same buildings, the parents and staff members said.

Parent Jessica Connolly said she has two children who have been at Perrinville and her third, a non-verbal 3-year-old, is supposed to start this fall. With the way administrators have proposed breaking up the programs, her youngest will have attended three schools before starting kindergarten. "That's unacceptable," she said. "That's not Livonia." If Perrinville remains open, he will stay at Perrinville until he graduates to a general-education kindergarten classroom, she said.

Bonifield said contrary to rumor, closing Perrinville is not a done deal. While the administration may have recommended closing it, it's the board's decision, she said.

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# Westland student wins National Merit Scholarship

Westland resident Kevin Xu has been named a National Merit Scholarship winner for 2015.

A student at Livonia Churchill High School, Xu was among 2,500 Merit Scholar designees who were chosen from a talent pool of more than 15,000 outstanding finalists in the 2015 National Merit Scholarship Program. He will receive a $2,500 scholarship supported by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

Xu

The son of Xiaoping Xu and Fend Yu, Xu plans to study business in college.

This year's National Merit Scholar designees were chosen from a pool of more than 15,000 outstanding finalists in the 2015 program. Winners are the finalists in each state judged to have the strongest combination of accomplishments, skills and potential for success in rigorous college studies.

These scholars were selected by a committee of college admissions officers and high school counselors, who appraised a substantial amount of information submitted by both the finalists and their high schools, the academic record, including difficulty level of subjects studied and grades earned; scores from two standardized tests; contributions and leadership in school and community activities, an essay written by the finalist and a recommendation written by a high school official.

This is the second announcement of winners in the 2015 National Merit Scholarship Program. In April 22, some 1,000 recipients of corporate-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards were named, and on May 27 and July 13, some 4,100 college-sponsored Merit Scholarship winners will be announced.

By the conclusion of this year's competition, about 7,600 academic champions will have won National Merit Scholarships worth approximately $34 million.

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# Olympia boss Tom Wilson to detail arena project at luncheon

Local business leaders are planning to gather Wednesday in Livonia to hear from one of the key people overseeing construction of a new arena for the Detroit Red Wings and other developments coming to Detroit.

Wilson

Tom Wilson, the president and CEO of Olympia Entertainment, will speak at an 11:30 a.m. luncheon at Laurel Manor for members of the Livonia, Westland, Plymouth and Canton chambers of commerce.

Wilson represents the Ilitch family organization, which is leading this significant redevelopment that will produce a new arena, scheduled to open in 2017, and surround it with a new entertainment and housing district. The overall effort will connect existing and new developments in downtown and midtown Detroit along Woodward Avenue with five walkable, mixed-use neighborhoods.

In all, according to Ilitch organization reports, the entire project is expected to generate at least $1.8 billion in total economic impact, 8,300 construction and other spin-off jobs and 1,100 permanent jobs. The overall goal is to build a one-of-a-kind venue for hockey, music, entertainment and community events, surrounded by modern housing geared for those who want to live in an urban environment.

Wilson plans to provide pictures and descriptions of all components of the entire development district, and he will directly answer questions from the audience.

Seats are still available for this luncheon at Laurel Manor, located on Schoolcraft Avenue just west of Newburgh Road. Admission is $30 for members of either chamber or $40 for the general public. For more information or to reserve seats, contact your local chamber: The Livonia Chamber at 734-427-2122, the Westland Chamber at 734-326-7222, the Plymouth Community Chamber at 734-453-1540, or the Canton Chamber at 734.453.4040.

# Seat belt enforcement runs through end of month

**By Philip Allmen**
Staff Writer

Police agencies across the state are using federal grant money for increased seat belt enforcement zones this month.

The Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning states that research shows that when seat belts are used properly, the risk of being killed in a crash is reduced by nearly 45 percent. But seat belt usage has been on the decline in recent years. Michael L. Prince, OHSP director, said most motorists in Michigan obey the seat belt law. In 2009, compliance was at 98 percent. By 2014, it dropped to 93 percent. He said every percentage point increase in belt use means 10 fewer traffic deaths and 130 fewer injuries each year.

"Wearing a seat belt is the easiest, most effective way to save your life in the event of a traffic crash," Prince stated in a release.

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**Neela Lawes, 6, gives Click It the Cricket a high-five during the Michigan State Police's 98th birthday celebration April 23. Click It the Cricket is used to promote seat belt and car seat safety.**

Wearing a seat belt is a no-brainer for Shirley Aubochon, who was out shopping at the New Hudson Walmart earlier this week. While state law requires she wear a seat belt when cruising around town, that's not the driving force behind buckling up.

"There's some dangerous people out there driving," the 62-year-old Lyon resident said, adding that several of her friends have been in bad accidents caused by another driver. "I've never been in an accident and I hope I never am. But, you know, better safe than sorry."

Last year, the Michigan State Police reported that 188 people who died in traffic accidents were not using a seat belt. State, county and some local police departments will participate in the seat belt program.

During last year's Click It or Ticket enforcement, 7,767 seat belt and child seat citations were issued. Twenty people were killed in traffic crashes during the 2014 Memorial Day holiday. Of those, seven were motorcyclists and nine were vehicle occupants, one of whom was not wearing a seat belt.

Michigan law requires drivers, front seat passengers and passengers 15 and younger in any seating position to be buckled up.

"Michigan law enforcement will be out strictly enforcing the state's seat belt law over the next couple of weeks," Prince said.

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# Military retiree heads up county's Veteran's Services

Wayne County Executive Warren C. Evans appointed a retired military veteran, as Veteran's Services Administrator. John Gardner will begin his duties immediately.

"Mr. Gardner brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to Veteran's Services, which will be invaluable as we continue providing services to veterans in Wayne County," Evans said.

In his new role, Gardner will oversee Wayne County Veteran's programs such as the Soldiers and Sailors Relief Fund and the Michigan Veteran Trust Fund. The programs help veterans who are experiencing financial hardships pay their mortgage, rent or utility bills. Both funds also help veterans with transportation needs.

Gardner will also oversee the county's Veteran Burial Benefit program, which provides qualified veterans or their next of kin with up to $1,000 to go toward burial fees.

He will serve as the county's representative for the Veteran's Community Action Team (V-CAT), which is made up of a consortium of more than 230 groups in southeast Michigan that provide a wide array of resources to veterans. These resources include, but are not limited to access to employment, housing and education opportunities and health care.

Gardner retired from the U.S. Air Force after 24 years of service in logistics management, computer operations and recruitment. He was most recently the Military Veteran Recruiter and Program Manager at Quicken Loans, where his responsibilities included leading the veteran hiring strategic direction for projects, partnerships and placements to establish new community partnerships.

"Being a retired military serviceman, I bring a personal understanding of veteran's needs and look forward to serving veterans on behalf of Wayne County," Gardner said.

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Paul Pittman of Livonia shows some of the gear that was used during World War II.

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Sam Bernhardt, Garrett Anthony and Romen Deron, members of Garden City Boy Scout Troop 744, take part in the flag raising ceremony.

TOM BEAUDOIN

Chris Pratt of Dearborn makes a knife sheave for his costume from the French-Indian War era.

# Reenactors bring Armed Forces Day to life

History came to life last Saturday as the Westland Historical Commission hosted its annual Armed Forces Day celebration at the Westland Historic Village Park.

Reenactors representing such historical events as the French and Indian War, Revolution, Civil War, World War II and Korean War were stationed around the park to talk about their conflicts with people who stopped by for the celebration.

Also there were members of the Fenian Brotherhood of Detroit. The original brotherhood was founded by John O'Mahony in New York City. Along with the Irish Republican Brotherhood in Ireland, their goal was the creation of an independent democratically liberal republican Ireland free of the British Crown.

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Westland resident Ron Harris talks with Civil War reenactor Bill Ziemba.

Even Abraham Lincoln, portrayed by Ron Carley, was there without his stovepipe hat and frock coat. He tried his hand at firing a World War II machine gun while there.

Guests also had the opportunity to tour the park's buildings.

Up next is the rededication of the Chubb Cemetery on Warren Road between Lotz and Hix at 11 a.m. June 14. The guest speaker will be State Rep. Robert Kosowski.

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Fenian Brotherhood members JJ O'Wozniak and John Logan get the camp fire ready.


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# Suspects plead in Livonia gas station burglary case

**By David Veselenak**
Staff Writer

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**Mahmoud Saad, left, and Damon Thompson. Both have pleaded in their breaking-and-entering case out of Livonia earlier this spring. Sentencing is scheduled for later this month.**

The two suspects who police say were involved in the burglary of a Livonia gas station have pleaded in the case, avoiding a jury trial.

Mahmoud Saad, 32, of Dearborn, and Damon Thompson, 32, of Highland Park, both were charged with breaking-and-entering after a March 28 incident where Livonia police pulled the two over during a traffic stop and determined they were suspects in the burglary of a Livonia gas station.

Saad pleaded no contest to the charges, while Thompson pleaded guilty. Both pleas were entered during the first week of May.

Saad is set for sentencing Thursday before Circuit judge James Chylinski, while Thompson will be sentenced May 26 in the case before Circuit Judge Shannon Walker in Detroit's Frank Murphy Hall of Justice.

The pair were pulled over near Plymouth and Merriman that night after police determined they might be suspects in the burglary of the BP gas station at 17151 Middlebelt in Livonia.

After checking security camera footage, police determined the two were the primary suspects in the burglary, which resulted in several items being taken, including several cartons of cigarettes.

The two were bound over to circuit court last month after waiving their preliminary examinations in Livonia's 16th District Court.

Both are being held in the Wayne County Jail until sentencing on retainers from the Michigan Department of Corrections, as the two men were on parole at the time of the incident.

Saad was released from prison in April 2014 after being paroled on several breaking-and-entering charges he was sentenced for in Wayne County.

Thompson was released on parole in August 2014 after serving time on several breaking-and-entering charges, among others in Wayne and Oakland counties.

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# Local Madonna students win awards at international math contests

Nine Madonna University students were recognized for their participation in two international math contests, pitting their real-world problem-solving skills against students from all over the globe.

One team — made up of students Stephanie Mackley (Canton), Jonathan Morgan (Northville) and Catherine Sulich (Southfield) — received a "meritorious winner" award in the Interdisciplinary Contest in Modeling.

Two teams participated in the Mathematical Contest in Modeling: Catherine Crombez (Livonia), Stephen Lisius (Redford) and Yang Zhang (Plymouth/Urumqi, China) received "honorable mention;" Lauren Finger (Plymouth), Rachel Head (Plymouth) and Caleb Schumake (Belleville) earned "successful participant" status.

Susan Toma, Ph.D., assistant professor of mathematics at Madonna University, acted as faculty adviser and prepared the students through a series of problem-solving workshops.

**Caleb Schumake (from left), a double major in mathematics and computer science, works in the background as Rachel Head, a computer science major and mathematics minor, and Lauren Finger, a mathematics major and chemistry minor, work on a problem for the Mathematical Contest in Modeling.**

"The mathematical contest in modeling was a valuable experience for our Madonna students as they applied their analytical, computing and research skills to a real-world problem in a teamwork setting," she said. "I am truly proud of their motivation, hard work and incredible achievements."

Morgan, a math major, said the contest was "quite the learning experience."

"It gave me the opportunity to see how we can use math to solve real-world problems," he said. "It was also an eye-opening experience in how difficult solving these problems can be. The challenge my team chose was an actual international problem that the world has yet to solve.

"The ICM taught me and my team how to think critically," he added. "We probably tried 100 different approaches and learned 100 different ways how not to go about solving problems, but in the end, our mistakes are what made it such a powerful learning experience for us."

Crombez agreed with the value of the contest: "Participating in the MCM competition gave me a chance to apply the knowledge I have gained at Madonna to a situation outside of the classroom," she said. "I think this is an important opportunity for any student, as it provides a different outlook on education, teamwork and research skills that cannot always be addressed directly in a classroom setting but are still important for career preparation."

The international contests for college undergraduates are given annually by the Consortium for Mathematics and Its Applications, an "award-winning nonprofit organization whose mission is to improve mathematics education for students of all ages" (www.comap.com).

The Interdisciplinary Contest in Modeling is designed to develop and advance interdisciplinary problem-solving skills as well as competence in written communication, while the Mathematical Contest in Modeling stimulates and improves problem-solving and writing skills in mathematics.

There were 2,137 teams that participated in the ICM worldwide, 45 of which were from the U.S., and 15 percent were Meritorious Winners, including the team from Madonna. Of the 7,636 teams that participated in the MCM, 418 were U.S teams, 31 percent received Honorable Mentions and 57 percent were Successful Participants.

The contests took place in February with Madonna students working in classrooms and computer labs on campus. This was the first year Madonna students participated. Winners were announced last month.

# Pen pals of 70 years have a new tool – Skype

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

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Maxine Ellis (left) and Helen Burns.

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Maxine Ellis and Helen Burns hold hands as they talk about a pen pal relationship separated by the Atlantic Ocean.

Seventy years have passed since Maxine Ellis and Helen Burns, then mere schoolgirls, became pen pals separated by the Atlantic Ocean.

They still have the yellowed letters they wrote, the personal diaries they kept, the thoughtful gifts they sent, the shared memories that best friends cherish.

And now they're using Skype, an online tool that allows Ellis, 85, and Burns, 84, to hear one another's voice and see each other's face, even though Ellis lives in Canton and Burns in England.

The second Friday of each month, the two women have a lengthy conversation during their virtual visit, before blowing each other a kiss and counting down from three before they simultaneously log off.

They reflected on their friendship and how they have embraced technology such as Skype. This time, however, they sat side-by-side and held hands after Burns arrived in Michigan for a two-week visit.

"I'm a hugger," Ellis said, "so when I see Helen on Skype, I feel like I could put my arms around her."

"It's just lovely to see Maxine's face and her expressions on the screen," Burns said.

They haven't stopped writing letters, though Ellis has started typing hers after it became more difficult for her to put pen to paper.

"Helen has got a beautiful handwriting," Ellis said.

Ellis was 15 when she penned her first letter to Burns, who was 14. They began a pen-pal friendship that started between their schools – and they never stopped. Their special bond has survived the deaths of husbands, the birth of children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and, for Ellis, a great-great-grandchild.

Ellis recalls the time she mailed chewing gum and nylons to Burns because she couldn't get either in England.

"I think the Lord brought us together," Ellis said. "We both have very strong beliefs."

The women say they are as close as sisters.

"We both like people," Burns said. "We care for people – and we are very cared for by people."

As evidence, Burns' daughter Penelope McMillan and Ellis' daughter Claudia Vanderpool joined the pen pals as they retraced the years while sitting inside Waltonwood at Carriage Park, a senior independent living center in Canton where Ellis lives.

McMillan, inspired by the friendship, decided to check with the *Guinness Book of World Records* to determine if Ellis and Burns might be the longest-lasting pen pals on record. They were not, but McMillan said it makes them no less fascinating.

"I think it's incredible," she said.

Vanderpool agreed, saying 70 years of close friendship is unique.

"You don't see many marriages go that long anymore," she said.

Ellis visited Burns in England just one time, in 1977.

"I got to see the queen," she said. Though it was from a distance, Burns stood on a bench and snapped a picture.

Burns has made it to America several times, first in 1969 when the women met for the first time. She has said "it was like I had known Maxine all my life."

As decades passed, their letters documented happy years and sad times, such as the deaths of their husbands. Ellis was there as Burns made a career teaching school, while Burns kept up with Ellis' life as she raised seven children and worked at jobs such as a drugstore clerk and giving pedicures to senior citizens.

As modern communication has evolved, Ellis and Burns still occasionally send written letters and they correspond by email, but now Skype has become part of their lives. They embrace any tool that helps them stay in touch.

"Love is one thing you cannot buy," Burns said. "You can be a millionaire, but without love, you're not rich. Maxine is very much a part of my life."

It's mutual.

"I don't know what I'd do without her," Ellis said. "I can't picture life without her."

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# Portion of Ford Road named for Brian Woehlke

Gov. Rick Snyder made it official Wednesday, naming a portion of Ford Road after a fallen Wayne-Westland firefighter.

Snyder did a ceremonial signing for House Bill 4985, as its sponsor, state Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland, watched. The bill, now Public Act 439 of 2014, passed both the House and Senate and Snyder signed it into law.

PA 439 names a portion of M-153 between Newburgh and Wayne roads as the Firefighter Brian Woehlke Memorial Highway. Woehlke, 29, was killed May 8, 2013, fighting the fire that destroyed Marvaso's Italian Grille/the Electric Stick. Married with a daughter, he had worked out of the old Fire Station No. 1 on Ford at Carlson. The fire has been ruled an arson and Woehlke's death a homicide.

"I'm proud to be able to honor Brian Woehlke and his sacrifice. The least we can do for someone who gave his life for his community is to honor his memory," Kosowski said. "I'd also like to thank Westland Mayor Bill Wild, Fire Chief Michael Reddy, IAFF Local 1279 and the Westland City Council for their help on this legislation."

Kosowski was joined by Wayne-Westland Firefighter David Polite and his son Tyler and fellow state Rep. Julie Plawecki, D-Dearborn Heights, whose district includes a portion of Westland, at the ceremonial signing.

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State Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland, holds a copy of House Bill 4985 with Gov. Rick Snyder at a ceremonial bill signing May 12. Also pictured are Wayne-Westland Firefighter David Polite, his son Tyler and state Rep. Julie Plawecki, D-Dearborn Heights.

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# MDOT: Ford Road improvements could help ease traffic crashes

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

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Officials say Ford Road traffic should be eased after construction work is done.

Canton has three of the top 10 most crash-prone intersections in Wayne County, a new report shows, with Ford and Haggerty once again topping the list.

But road construction crews are arriving in Canton this week for $3.7 million in Ford Road improvements that officials say should ease traffic congestion until a much larger project — converting Ford into a boulevard — receives funding.

"This is something that is going to help alleviate the problem short term," said Mike Bellini, Michigan Department of Transportation engineer, though officials say it's far from a panacea.

Canton, despite being just one of 43 communities in Wayne County, has three of the worst 10 intersections for crashes. Using Michigan State Police statistics, Michigan Auto Law compiled a list for a blog post to urge extra caution.

The Ford-Haggerty intersection topped the list with 89 crashes in 2014, down from 95 the previous year. Rounding out the top 10:

» Wayne and Warren in Westland, 71 crashes.

» Ford and Wayne in Westland, 70.

» Middlebelt and Plymouth in Livonia, 69.

» Ford and Lilley in Canton, 66.

» Ford and Beech Daly in Dearborn Heights, 65.

» Ann Arbor Road and Sheldon in Plymouth, 57.

» Farmington and Plymouth in Livonia, 56.

» Ford and Canton Center in Canton, 52.

» Ford and Middlebelt in Garden City, 52.

Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said Canton's traffic-crash problem along Ford Road begs for a major fix, but MDOT has pointed to a lack of money. In the meantime, LaJoy said Canton is trying a seventh time for a new round of federal aid.

"We are going after it with everything we've got," he said, despite six rejections from TIGER, or Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery, a federal program aimed at improving roads and creating jobs.

As construction crews roll into Canton for the initial phase of improvements along Ford, officials say motorists can temporarily expect even worse traffic congestion. MDOT project manager Bill Erben said the first part of the project involves closing a lane on eastbound Ford, west of Haggerty, where work crews plan to extend the right turn lane "by a few hundred feet."

Erben said a huge part of the traffic problem along Ford Road is that Haggerty is too close to I-275 — a problem that has resulted in a high-crash area.

Todd Berg, a Michigan Auto Law attorney, said the firm's blog focuses on Ford-Haggerty and other intersections to urge drivers to be safe, especially when approaching areas known to be dangerous.

"If you're being vigilant about being safe, put your phone down, hands on the wheel, observe the speed limit, take your time and no distracted driving," Berg said.

Erben, meanwhile, said the work starting in Canton will complement the larger fix — the Ford Road boulevard plan — whenever it occurs.

LaJoy said a separate project involving the $5 million paving of Lotz Road between Ford and Cherry Hill — another project this construction season — also should alleviate some Ford Road traffic.

MDOT officials have warned motorists to expect detours and sporadic, staggered closings of the I-275/Ford ramps, likely on weekends.

Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said the work, once completed, also should make the Ford Road corridor safer for pedestrians.

During the Ford Road project, slated for completion later this summer, workers plan to complete the following:

» Build a continuous, third westbound lane from Lotz to Lilley.

» Resurface the stretch of Ford between Lotz Road and Marlowe Street, which is west of Morton Taylor near the Rusty Nail Lounge.

» Convert right-turn-only lanes for eastbound and westbound Ford at the Haggerty intersection into a shared turn/through lane by modifying pavement markings, signs and traffic signals.

» Extend the right-turn lane for eastbound Ford at Haggerty.

» Extend the left-turn lane from westbound Ford onto southbound Haggerty.

» Add pavement markings to improve turn lanes from the northbound and southbound I-275 exit ramps onto Ford.

» While having three through lanes on westbound Ford, also maintain a dedicated lane for westbound Ford motorists to enter the loop ramp onto southbound I-275.

» Add sidewalks along eastbound and westbound Ford Road to connect those already there, improving access to places such as the I-275 Metro Trail that runs alongside the interstate.

» Provide an optional second exit lane at the southbound I-275 exit ramp to Ford Road, allowing motorists to more easily exit the interstate.

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**CITY OF GARDEN CITY**
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**
**June 1, 2014**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on Monday, June 1, 2015 at 7:00 pm. regarding the proposed ordinance amendment below.

**CITY OF GARDEN CITY**
COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN

**ORDINANCE 15-XXX**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WATER AND SEWER RATES SECTIONS 53.02 THROUGH 53.05 OF CHAPTER 53**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WATER AND SEWER RATES AND CHARGES, SECTIONS 53.02 THROUGH 53.05 OF CHAPTER 53 OF TITLE V OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY; PROVIDING FOR RATES AND CHARGES FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICE; PROVIDING FOR OFFSETTING THE EXPENSE INCURRED BY THE CITY IN PROVIDING WATER AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL; PROVIDING FOR METERING OF CONSUMPTION OF WATER; PROVIDING FOR BILLING FOR WATER AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY ORDAINS:**

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO THE CODE.**

Sections 53.02 through 53.05, of the City Code are hereby amended to read as follows:

**53.02. BASIS OF CHARGES AND RATES; WATER AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SERVICE.**

(A) Water service and sewer disposal service rates shall be based on water consumption as measured by a meter installed on the premises of the water supply customer by the Department. Sewage disposal service rates shall be based on water consumption as determined by the meter installed on the premises of the sewage disposal customer. No free water service or sewage disposal service shall be furnished to any person or property.

(B) Rates and charges for the use of the sewage disposal system of the city shall be based upon the methodology in the User Charges System approved by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Revisions to the rates and charges for water service and sewage disposal service shall be established by Resolution of the City Council which shall be enacted apart from the published ordinances as necessary to ensure sufficiency of revenue in meeting operation, to meet operational, maintenance and replacement costs, as well as debt service.

C) User charges hereby established for operational, maintenance and replacement costs shall be subject to annual review. User charges shall be the same for all customers of the system regardless of geographical boundaries subject to Section 53.03(c).

**53.03. WATER SUPPLY RATES.**

(A) *Consumption base rate* ~~$28.96~~ **$27.41** per 1,000 cubic feet of water.

(B) *Annual fixed user charges, in addition to those in division (A) above:* ~~$48.09~~ **$50.64**

(C) *Service outside City. Water service rates charged for water service outside the City shall be 150% of the rates and charges set forth in division (A) and (B) above, or as may hereafter be established for City water service by City Council Resolution.*

**53.04. SEWAGE DISPOSAL RATES.**

(A) Consumption base rate, including excess sewage: ~~$52.35~~ $49.55 per 1,000 cubic feet.

(B) Annual fixed user charges:

~~$48.09~~ **$50.64**

(C) *Sewage disposal rates outside the City.* Charges for sewage disposal service to premises outside the city shall be 150% of the rates and charges set forth in division (A) and (B) above or as may hereafter be established for sewage disposal service by City Council Resolution.

(D) *Industrial waste control (IWC) ¬charge.* All non-residential users shall pay an IWC charge based on meter size. This is a flat rate without regard to consumption. Rates shall be based on meter size as prescribed by the wholesale supplier.

(E) *Industrial waste surcharge.* Commercial and industrial users who discharge wastes into the public wastewater system in excess of the strength of normal sewage shall be charged a surcharge which reflects their equitable share of the costs of wastewater treatment. The surcharge shall be determined as follows.

(1) *Purpose and objective.* This section has as its purpose the protection of public health and safety, and because of the widely varying quality characteristics of the sewage discharged by different users of the public sewer and the publicly-owned treatment works, it is the objective of this section to impose sewage charges which reflect the cost of treating sewage strength factors as well as sewage volume. These charges to commercial and industrial users will be in the form of a payment called a surcharge and will reflect industries equitable costs of wastewater treatment in excess of the strength of the domestic sewage. Sewage charge will be based on a volume rate and surcharge based on volume of discharge and the strength of BOD, suspended solid, phosphorous, fats, oil and grease or other pollutants present in the wastewater. In the event other pollutants are required to be surcharged under this subchapter, authorized variances, or by special arrangements with the owner of the publicly-owned treatment works, the rules and regulations adopted herein will apply, the rules and regulations being on file with the City Clerk.

(2) *Authority.* This section is adopted pursuant to and in accordance with the requirements of Federal Law Clean Water Act, 33 USC 1231 et seq. and applicable Federal Regulations, the requirements of the Settlement Agreement in U.S. v City of Detroit, et al, Civil Action #7-71111.

(3) *Industrial waste pollutant strength surcharges.* It is ordained that the Schedule of Industrial Waste Pollutant Strength Surcharges is hereby adopted and made effective for users of the wastewater system of the city. The surcharges are to be computed as follows.

***Computation of Industrial Waste Pollutant Strength Surcharge***

The industrial waste pollutant strength surcharge shall be computed in accordance with the following formula.
SC = 0.0624 V a(BOD-275) + b(TSS-350)+c(P-12)+d(FOG-100)

In which the following apply.

SC = Pollutant strength surcharge fee in dollars for the billing period in Mcf (1000 cubic feet).

V = Volume of waste discharged in the billing period in Mcf (1000 cubic feet).

BOD = Five-day biochemical oxygen demand of the waste expressed in milligrams per liter (ppm).

TSS = Total suspended solids in the waste expressed in milligrams per liter (ppm).

P = Phosphorus in the waste expressed in milligrams per liter (ppm).

FOG = Fats, oils, and grease expressed in milligrams per liter (ppm).

a, b, c, d = Surcharge rates, $/pound for treating BOD, TSS, P, and FOG respectively.

0.0624 = Factor which converts Mcf to MM lbs.

a = $.254.285/pound.

b = $324.341/pound.

c = $3.7293.862/pound.

d = $.221/2.55/pound.

(4) *Compliance required.* In accordance with the basic service agreement between the city, the county, and the Wayne County Board of Public Works or other properly designated agent of the county named pursuant to M.C.L.A. §§ 46.171 through 46.185, and M.C.L.A. §§ 123.71 et seq., this section provides that any person, firm, or corporation discharging wastewater into the publicly-owned sewer system shall comply with the standards, rules and regulations controlling the quality or quantity of discharge or wastewater into the system. The standards, rules, and regulations shall be established from time to time by the county or its designated agent.

**53.05. BILLING.**

(A) All meters shall be read and all water service and sewage disposal service shall be billed and collected no less than quarterly (every three months) or more often. All bills shall be immediately due and payable, and may be paid without penalty by the due date shown thereon.

(B) The charges set forth in §§ 53.03 and 53.04 shall be effective as to bills paid on or before the due date, which date shall be clearly marked upon the face of the bill. The bill shall be mailed to the customer at least 14 calendar days prior to the due date. If a bill is not paid on or before the due date, a penalty of 10% shall be added to the amount thereof.

**SECTION 2. VIOLATION AND PENALTY.**

Any person or entity that violates any provision of this Ordinance may, upon conviction, be fined not more than Five Hundred ($500.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than Ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the court.

**SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.**

If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgment shall not affect, impair or invalid the remainder of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance is severable, and that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provision not have been included in this Ordinance.

**SECTION 4. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES.**

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

**SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

All rights and duties which have matured, penalties which have been incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this Ordinance are not affected or abated by this Ordinance.

**SECTION 6. PUBLICATION.**

The Clerk for the City of Garden City shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

**SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

**Randy Walker, Mayor**

**Allyson M. Bettis, Clerk/Treasurer**

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ADOPTED:
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# How to handle required minimum distributions

*Rick Bloom*
MONEY MATTERS

**Q: Dear Rick: This year, I will turn 70½. I know I have to take the required minimum distribution from my account this year. I know I can delay my distribution to April 1 but I don't want to. What is included in my required minimum distribution? I have three 401(k) plans – two from my previous employer and the third from my current employer. I also have four separate traditional IRAs. I understanding is that I have to take out from my traditional IRAs, but since I am working, I don't have to take money from my 401(k)s. Since I don't need the money from my retirement account, can I take the distribution and put it into a Roth IRA? Can I continue to contribute to my traditional IRA?**

**A:** You are correct that when it comes to computing your required minimum distributions, as long as you're not an owner of the company, you do not have to take from that 401(k) plan.

However, that rule only applies to your current employer. It does not apply to your past 401(k) plans. Therefore, the two 401(k) plans from previous employers must be taken into consideration when you compute required minimum distributions.

The ongoing 401(k) contributions are not a problem. As long as you're working for that company, you can continue to make 401(k) contributions. However, since you now are 70½, you can no longer contribute into a traditional IRA.

If you meet the income requirements you can contribute to a Roth IRA. It is also important to recognize that with a Roth IRA, there are no required minimum distributions. You can let Roth IRAs continue to grow tax free for as long as you choose.

It would be nice if people who did not need the required minimum distribution could roll that amount into a Roth IRA, Unfortunately, it does not work that way. Your required minimum distribution must come out of the IRA and that money is subject to tax at your ordinary income bracket.

However, that does not mean that you cannot convert the remaining balance of your traditional IRA into a Roth IRA. You cannot convert your required minimum distribution amount but you can convert anything above and beyond that.

My rules to determine whether to convert from a traditional IRA into a Roth IRA are the following:

1.) You must have the money to pay the tax generated by the conversion without touching any of the money that is being converted.

2.) Converting money won't throw you into a higher tax bracket.

3) You can leave money in the IRA for at least five years.

If you meet those three criteria then a conversion makes sense.

Don't forget you don't have to convert your entire traditional IRA at once. You can do it piecemeal. Also, if you do a Roth IRA conversion, you may have to make an estimated tax payment to the IRS and potentially, the state of Michigan.

One further note, if you are working after 70½, you can contribute to a Roth IRA. In addition, if you meet the income requirement, you can also contribute to your spouse's Roth IRA.

Good luck.

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

# Walk for Justice benefits legal aid clinic

Registration is now open for The Salvation Army William Booth Legal Aid Clinic's third annual Walk for Justice at 8 a.m. Saturday, May 30, at the Detroit Zoo.

Admission is $35 in advance and $40 the day of the event. Law students can register for $20 and children up to 16 years old, are admitted for free. The registration fee includes zoo admission, parking, a Walk for Justice T-shirt, refreshments and entry into a door prize drawing.

There will be face painting, a photo booth, clowns and games for children, as well as a silent auction featuring items donated by local businesses.

All proceeds benefit The Salvation Army's William Booth Legal Aid Clinic, which has helped resolve nearly 35,000 legal issues affecting low income families, individuals and U.S. military veterans. The clinic provides quality guidance and advocacy in a wide variety of areas, including family matters, as well as housing, credit and disability issues.

Since 1994, The William Booth Legal Aid Clinic has been providing legal counsel to participants of The Salvation Army Detroit Harbor Light Center, as well as individuals within the community at or below the poverty level.

For more information about the Walk for Justice and to register, visit www.walkforjustice.org or call 313-361-6340.

Founded by William and Catherine Booth in London, England in 1865, The Salvation Army is a faith-based, nonprofit organization dedicated to serving people in need without discrimination. This past year, The Salvation Army of Metro Detroit was involved in providing 3,377,846 meals and 807,418 nights of shelter for the homeless.

For more information about The Salvation Army, call 877-SAL-MICH, or visit www.salmich.org.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**
**CITY OF GARDEN CITY**
**WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

To all residents and interested parties:
Legal notices are available for review at our website.

**The minutes (including approved ordinances) from regular and special Council meetings are available at:**
**www.gardencitymi.org/minutes**

**Current requests for bids and proposals are available at:**
**www.gardencitymi.org/bids**

You may also access this information at Garden City City Hall or the Garden City Library during regular business hours or in the Garden City Police station lobby 24 hours a day.

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# CITY OF GARDEN CITY
## Garden City Library
## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on **Monday, June 1, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.** regarding the budget for fiscal year 2014-15.

**CITY OF GARDEN CITY**
**COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN**

**ORDINANCE NO. A15-xxx**

**AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON JULY 1, 2015, AND ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2016.**

**THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY ORDAINS:**

SECTION 1: MILLAGE LEVIES AUTHORIZED.

In order to defray expenditures and meet the liabilities for the City of Garden City for Fiscal Year 2015/2016, the following millage levies are hereby adopted: 13.8403 mills for general operating purposes; 0.8200 mills for garbage and rubbish collection and disposal; 3.3614 mills for judgment debt; 1.0000 mills for Library; and 3.5000 mills for Police and Fire. The total millage levy shall be 22.5217 mills per $1,000 of taxable valuation within the city.

SECTION 2: BUDGETARY APPROPRIATIONS ADOPTED.

The following appropriations, representing the various budgetary centers of the Fiscal Year 2014/2015 Budget as defined by Public Act 621 of 1978, as amended, are hereby adopted for the City of Garden City, Wayne County, Michigan, for the Fiscal Year 2014/2015 as shown below in the estimated revenue and expenditures summaries of the Fiscal Year 2014/2015 budget document:

| GENERAL FUND SUMMARY | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **REVENUES** | | **EXPENDITURES** | |
| General Property Taxes | 7,458,726 | Mayor & Council | 45,083 |
| Business Licenses/Permits | 26,000 | 21st District Court | 979,427 |
| Non-Business Licenses/Permits | 12,000 | City Admin/Personnel | 302,922 |
| State Shared Revenues | 3,774,923 | Clerk-Treasurer | 968,535 |
| Grants – Local Units | 1,167,485 | General Services | 1,360,867 |
| Charges for Services | 744,000 | Transfers to Other Funds | 7,914,821 |
| Fines and Forfeits | 894,500 | Dept. of Public Services | 1,898,653 |
| Miscellaneous Revenue | 888,600 | Parks and Recreation | 976,437 |
| Contributions/Public Enterprises | 325,000 | Community Resources | 1,182,529 |
| Contributions/Other Funds | 924,885 | Boards & Commissions | 13,596 |
| | | Debt Service | 573,249 |
| **TOTAL REVENUES:** | **16,216,119** | **TOTAL EXPENDITURES:** | **16,216,119** |

| MAJOR STREETS FUND SUMMARY | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **REVENUES** | | **EXPENDITURES** | |
| Gas & Weight Tax | 1,127,200 | Expenditures | 1,189,000 |
| Interest on Investments | 1,000 | | |
| Federal Grants | 60,800 | | |
| State Grants | | | |
| Use of Fund Balance | | | |
| **TOTAL REVENUES:** | **1,189,000** | **TOTAL EXPENDITURES:** | **1,189,000** |

| LOCAL STREETS FUND SUMMARY | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **REVENUES** | | **EXPENDITURES** | |
| Gas & Weight Tax | 469,700 | Expenditures | 1,595,200 |
| Transfer in from Major Streets | 668,000 | | |
| METRO Act Revenue | 75,000 | | |
| Interest on Investments | 300 | | |
| Grant Revenue | 36,981 | | |
| Use of Fund Balance | 345,219 | | |
| **TOTAL REVENUES:** | **1,595,200** | **TOTAL EXPENDITURES:** | **1,595,200** |

| PUBLIC SAFETY FUND SUMMARY | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **REVENUES** | | **EXPENDITURES** | |
| Tfr from Gen'l Fund | 6,706,544 | | |
| Trf from 911 Fund | 140,100 | Police | 5,809,597 |
| PS Millage – Real | 1,592,510 | Fire | 3,330,940 |
| PS Millage – Personal | 94,343 | | |
| Charges, Interest, Penalties | 5,000 | | |
| Police Revenues | 27,140 | | |
| Fire Revenues | 420,400 | | |
| Grants | 154,500 | | |
| **TOTAL REVENUES:** | **9,140,537** | **TOTAL EXPENDITURES:** | **9,140,537** |

| STREET LIGHTING FUND SUMMARY | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **REVENUES** | | **EXPENDITURES** | |
| Revenues | 405,000 | Expenditures | 505,000 |
| Gen'l Fund Contribution | 100,000 | | |
| Use of Fund Balance | | | |
| **TOTAL REVENUES:** | **505,000** | **TOTAL EXPENDITURES:** | **505,000** |

| 911 FUND SUMMARY | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **REVENUES** | | **EXPENDITURES** | |
| Revenues | 140,000 | Expenditures | |
| Interest on Investments | 100 | Increase Fund Balance | |
| Use of Fund Balance | | Transfer to Pub. Saf. Fund | 140,100 |
| **TOTAL REVENUES:** | **140,100** | **TOTAL EXPENDITURES:** | **140,100** |

| CABLE FRANCHISE P.E.G. FEE FUND SUMMARY | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **REVENUES** | | **EXPENDITURES** | |
| CATV PEG Fees | 80,000 | Personnel | 109,254 |
| Grants | 10,000 | Expenditures | 28,000 |
| Transfer from Gen'l Fund | 47,234 | | |
| Interest | 20 | | |
| **TOTAL REVENUES:** | **137,254** | **TOTAL EXPENDITURES:** | **137,254** |

| COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUND SUMMARY | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **REVENUES** | | **EXPENDITURES** | |
| CDBG Grant | 158,729 | Expenditures | 22,309 |
| | | Housing Rehabilitation | 99,238 |
| | | ADA Compliance | |
| | | Public Service Activities | 22,309 |
| | | Administration | 12,000 |
| | | Planning | 2,873 |
| **TOTAL REVENUES:** | **158,729** | **TOTAL EXPENDITURES:** | **158,729** |

| BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND SUMMARY | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **REVENUES** | | **EXPENDITURES** | |
| Building | 482,363 | Building | 482,862 |
| Planning | 94,635 | Planning | 94,136 |
| Trf from Other Funds | | | |
| **TOTAL REVENUES:** | **576,998** | **TOTAL EXPENDITURES:** | **576,998** |

| POLICE DRUG FORFEITURE FUND SUMMARY | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **REVENUES** | | **EXPENDITURES** | |
| Confiscations | 25,000 | Expenditures | 25,050 |
| Interest on Investments | 50 | | |
| Use of Fund Balance | | | |
| **TOTAL REVENUES:** | **25,050** | **TOTAL EXPENDITURES:** | **25,050** |

| HOUSING REHABILITATION REVOLVING FUND SUMMARY | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **REVENUES** | | **EXPENDITURES** | |
| Repayments of Loans | 10,000 | Housing Rehabilitation | 10,000 |
| **TOTAL REVENUES:** | **10,000** | **TOTAL EXPENDITURES:** | **10,000** |

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# Livonia youth coalition gets new leadership team

For three years, Karen Bonanno watched and learned as Katie Olex steered the Livonia Save Our Youth Coalition as the group's executive director.

Now Bonanno, formerly the coalition's program director, has replaced Olex as executive director and is applying the lessons she learned and praising Olex for the success of her stint leading the coalition.

"Katie took on the job when we received (funding) from SEMCA," Bonanno said. "She legitimized the coalition and understood what the mission meant within the community."

One of Bonanno's first orders of business: replacing herself. She's done that, hiring Martha Kaczala as the coalition's new program director.

Kaczala came to the coalition as community outreach specialist for the Southeast Michigan Community Alliance, where she was "well aware of the reputation" of the Livonia Save Our Youth Coalition.

When Kaczala, a Plymouth Township resident, got the chance to work for the LSOY, she took it.

Executive director Karen Bonanno (left) and program director Martha Kaczala form the new leadership team of the Livonia Save Our Youth Coalition.

"I believe strongly in what the (LSOY) coalition does," Kaczala said. "If I can support their mission in any way, I'm happy to do so."

The coalition's mission is to educate and empower the community regarding the health and safety of young people, with a focus on substance use disorder prevention.

As program director, Kaczala will coordinate events such as the coalition's biggest fundraiser, the Livonia Run to Save Our Youth, which is coming up in June. She will also provide technical assistance and perform a variety of "behind the scenes" tasks essential to running the coalition.

Bonanno believes Kaczala fits right in.

"Martha brings a commitment to the community, with a foundation of knowledge that fills a gap within the coalition," Bonanno said of Kaczala, who is a certified prevention specialist. "(Kaczala's certification) gives weight and meaning to our mission. It gives us credibility."

Bonanno recognized the coalition has a core of strong partners – The Livonia Police Department, Livonia schools and a variety of civic organizations – and hopes to expand the group's reach outside Livonia's boundaries.

"We've been expanding that partnership to the greater area," she said. "We share the same mission with those communities. Substance abuse issues are everywhere. By partnering with these communities, we can strengthen the message. I'm excited."

The Livonia Save Our Youth Coalition is led by its 2015 Board of Directors, including Jerry Kwas, Robert Douville, Mark Menestrina, John Tait, Jason Schwartz, Susan Nicholas, Diane Montes, Mary Olex and Caryn Epps.

Livonia Save Our Youth's general meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month and are open to the community. Check the website www.livoniasaveouryouth.org, for meeting dates and times.

**Arthritis Today**

**Joseph J. Weiss, M.D.**
**Rheumatology**
**18829 Farmington Road**
**Livonia, Michigan 48152**
**248-478-7860**

**EXERCISE AND FIBROMYALGIA**

The treatment of Fibromyalgia continues to vex physicians. Drugs crowd pharmacy shelves including Cymbalta, Lyrica, Savella, Flexeril, Elavil, Paxel, Prozac, Valium, Xanax, etc.

To date, these medications alone and in combination have failed to give sustained relief from the pain and fatigue of Fibromyalgia. The only therapy known to work over time is exercise.

The exercise must have certain features. First, it must be constant, that is involve movement. The movement needs to be walking, biking, or swimming. Stretching and Yoga like exercises are good, they promote coordination and good gait. But these exercises are not a corrective to Fibromyalgia because only persistent movement as in walking promotes the body to generate its own painkillers called endorphins.

Second, the individual needs to undertake the activity seven days a week. The rationale is that if a person is on a medication for Fibromyalgia, such as Lyrica, then he or she would expect to take the medicine daily; most medicines are taken that way. In Fibromyalgia, the medicine is exercise and it needs to be taken every day.

Third, more exercise is better than less exercise is a useful rule up to a point. In Fibromyalgia, the exercise goal is 30 minutes. Walking longer may help build up muscles or be to the liking of your dog, but studies have shown that maximum benefit for relieving the pain and fatigue of Fibromyalgia comes with a half hour of continuous exercise. Keep in mind one does not have to go far or fast, but just keeping moving. Also, a person should start by exercising to comfort and build up from there.

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# Cox appointed to national budget committee

State Rep. Laura Cox, R-Livonia, has been appointed to serve on the Budgets and Revenue Committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures for the 2015-16 term.

Cox, who is chair of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government and vice chair of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Judiciary, has served on the House Appropriations Committee since she began her tenure with the Legislature in January.

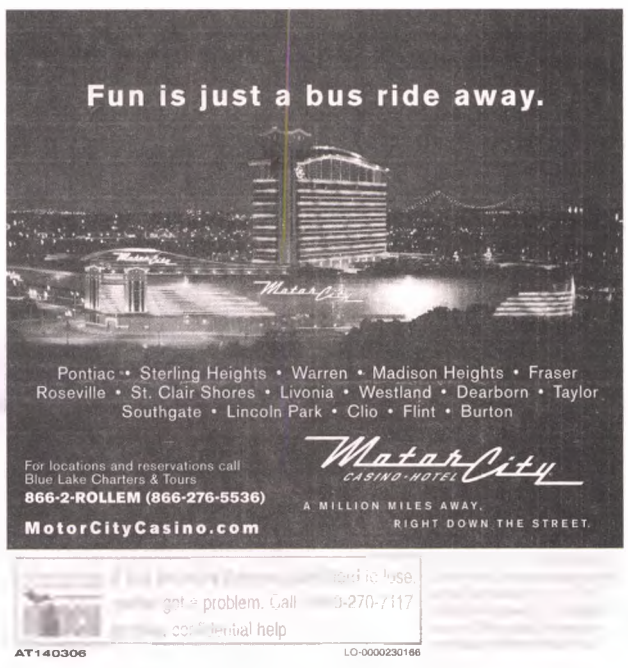
Cox

"I'm confident that Rep. Cox will represent Michigan extremely well amongst other legislators in the NCSL," said House Speaker Kevin Cotter, R-Mt. Pleasant. "Rep. Cox has a proven track record when it comes to responsible budgeting and listening to concerns from all of her fellow Michiganders."

Cox expressed her excitement to begin work with the NCSL.

"It's extremely humbling to be given the opportunity to serve with legislators from across the country who support state sovereignty and the fight against unwarranted federal preemption," Cox said. "I look forward to meeting all of my new colleagues and working with them to ensure that the federal budget does not impede Michigan's best interest."

The Budgets and Revenue Committee is one of nine standing committees in the NCSL. It is responsible for protecting state interests in regards to federal decisions involving fiscal matters.

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| CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FUND SUMMARY | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **REVENUES** | | **EXPENDITURES** | |
| Trf in from General Fund | 622,000 | Parking Lot Paving | 422,000 |
| Grant Revenue | | Patrol Cars | 75,000 |
| Use of Fund Balance | | Financial IT | 65,000 |
| Interest on Investments | | Other Expenditures | 60,000 |
| **TOTAL REVENUES:** | **622,000** | **TOTAL EXPENDITURES:** | **622,000** |

| WATER/SEWER FUND SUMMARY | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **REVENUES** | | **EXPENDITURES** | |
| Water/Sewer Revenue | 7,768,051 | Water Distribution | 2,988,495 |
| Other Revenue | 1,233,279 | Sewage Disposal | 5,251,959 |
| Decrease Retained Earnings | 2,586,198 | Personnel/Administration | 3,347,074 |
| **TOTAL REVENUES:** | **11,587,528** | **TOTAL EXPENDITURES:** | **11,587,528** |

| RUBBISH COLLECTION FUND SUMMARY | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **REVENUES** | | **EXPENDITURES** | |
| Revenues | 1,300,000 | Expenditures | 1,617,000 |
| General Fund Transfer | 247,200 | | |
| Use of Fund Balance | 69,000 | | |
| Interest on Investments | 800 | | |
| **TOTAL REVENUES:** | **1,617,000** | **TOTAL EXPENDITURES:** | **1,617,000** |

| DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FUND SUMMARY | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **REVENUES** | | **EXPENDITURES** | |
| Tax Revenue | 454,271 | Projects | 228,000 |
| Use of Fund Balance | 121,984 | Administration | 153,217 |
| Interest on Investments | | Debt Service | 237,038 |
| Misc Revenue | 42,000 | | |
| **TOTAL REVENUES:** | **618,255** | **TOTAL EXPENDITURES:** | **618,255** |

| LIBRARY FUND SUMMARY | | | |
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| **REVENUES** | | **EXPENDITURES** | |
| Millage | 483,315 | Personnel | 264,372 |
| Other Revenues | 39,300 | Operating/Services | 19,500 |
| Use of Fund Balance | | Professional/Tech Services | 187,743 |
| | | Capital Outlay | 51,000 |
| **TOTAL REVENUES:** | **522,615** | **TOTAL EXPENDITURES:** | **522,615** |

**ALL FUNDS SUMMARY**

**REVENUES – ALL FUNDS: $44,661,385** **EXPENDITURES – ALL FUNDS: $44,661,385**

*Note: Total of all funds includes transfers between funds.*

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# 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.

## FARMERS MARKET

**Time/date:** 3-7 p.m. Thursdays, now through Oct. 8 (no market July 2 or Aug. 13).

**Location:** 1901 N. Carlson, south of Ford in Central City Park, Westland

**Details:** A variety of food, craft vendors, special events and music is featured at the Westland Farmers and Artisans Market. EBT accepted.

**Contact:** 734-326-7222; westlandchamber@gmail.com.

## SPRING FESTIVAL

**Time/date:** Sunday, May 17.

**Location:** St. Robert Bellarmine Church, 27101 Chicago W., Redford.

**Details:** The Parish community of St Robert Bellarmine Church is hosting their 2015 Spring Festival featuring carnival rides, game tent, food, beer tent, bingo, live entertainment and grand prize raffle drawing.

**Contact:** 313-937-1520, ext. 142.

## REDFORD SYMPHONY CONCERT

**Time/date:** 3 p.m. Sunday, May 17.

**Location:** Grace Lutheran Church 25630 Grand River Ave., Redford.

**Details:** The Redford Civic Symphony Orchestra will present a free concert, "Heroic Concert," for patrons of all ages to enjoy.

**Contact:** http://www.redfordsymphony.org.

## LIVONIA KIDS AND FAMILIES GOLF CLASSIC

**Time/date:** 7:30 a.m. Sunday, May 17.

**Location:** St. John's Golf Course, Plymouth.

**Details:** Enjoy fun golf challenges, food and friends. Prizes and trophies going to the best and worst golfers. All proceeds benefit the Emerson Food Pantry and Livonia Kids and Families, which assists Livonia residents in need of assistance.

**Contact:** 734-788-4373.

## LIVONIA KIDS AND FAMILIES GOLF CLASSIC 2015

**Time/date:** 7:30 a.m. Sunday, May 17.

**Location:** The Inn at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile Road, Plymouth.

**Details:** All proceeds from the Livonia Kids and Families Golf Classic 2015 benefit Livonia Kids and Families and the Emerson Food Pantry. Registration fee of $65 includes 18 holes, cart and lunch. The deadline to register is May 7. The game is comprised of an 18 hole, stroke-play, net-score tournament (per Mulligan Tour rules).Amateurs (guests) compete for low amateur honors. There will be longest drive and closest to pin contests. Players will also have an opportunity to enter the toilet shoot and the marshmallow shoot for a chance to win an HDTV.

**Contact:** 734-788-4373.

## BLOOD DRIVE

**Time/date:** 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, May 18.

**Location:** St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

**Details:** In partnership with the American Red Cross, St. Mary Mercy Hospital will hold a blood drive in the North Auditorium of the hospital. The public is invited to join hospital employees and volunteers in donating blood at the event. Walk-ins are accepted, but appointments are preferred. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or visit redcrossblood.org.

## SPRING SALAD LUNCHEON

**Time/date:** 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 19.

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

**Details:** All-you-can-eat cold and hot salads, plus rolls and beverage. Cost is $7, $5 for teachers and educators who can go to the front of the line if on their lunch hour. Boutique and bake sale, too.

**Contact:** 313-255-6330.

## WIDOWED FRIENDS

**Time/date:** 5:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, May 20.

**Location:** G. Subu's, 20300 Farmington Road, Livonia.

**Details:** Widowed Friends is a peer support group. Family style meal is $20; includes tax and tip. Must RSVP by May 14.

**Contact:** 313-562-3080; 313-565-5749.

## LIVONIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL BANQUET

**Time/date:** 6 p.m. Thursday, May 21.

**Location:** Alexander Blue House, Greenmead Historical Park, Livonia.

**Details:** Joe Grimm, author of *Coney Detroit*, will speak on why Michigan is the coney capital of the world. Enjoy coney dogs, broasted chicken, cole slaw, roasted potatoes, fruit cups and cheese cake. Tickets are $16.

**Contact:** Greenmead office, 248-477-7375; or Barbara Mansfield, 734-464-0450.

## GOD'S DIAMONDS

**Time/date:** 2-5 p.m. Saturday, May 23.

**Location:** Angel House, 28441 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

**Details:** Angel House is holding a free luncheon for women who have survived domestic violence or who are presently going through domestic violence. Free gifts, free lunch, free workshop. To RSVP, call 734-524-0380.

**Contact:** karenlewis@angelhouse.org.

## SENIOR ALL-NIGHT PARTY

**Time/date:** 9:30 p.m. Friday, May 28.

**Location:** Stevenson High School, 33500 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia.

**Details:** Discounted tickets are $60 until March 7 for the Class of 2015 All-Night Party. For more information and to obtain a ticket order form, visit http://stevenson.livoniapublicschools.org then click on the PARENTS tab and select "Senior All Night Party."

## FOREVER FAMILIES 5K WALK/RUN

**Time/date:** Saturday, May 30.

**Location:** Hines Park, North Merriman Road, Westland.

**Details:** Forever Families is a nonprofit licensed foster care and adoption agency in Livonia. Funds raised will go toward meeting the needs of foster children in Michigan including clothing, hygiene items, Christmas and birthday gifts for the children, school supplies, backpacks, cribs, strollers, etc. Various sponsorship levels are available. The goal is to raise $15,000.

**Contact:** Amber Ogden, 734-762-0909, ext. 103; aogden@forever-families.org.

## LEAH'S HAPPY HEARTS FAMILY FUN WALK 2015

**Time/date:** 10 a.m. Saturday, May 30.

**Location:** Maybury State Park, Northville.

**Details:** Leah's Happy Hearts is a nonprofit organization created to preserve the memory of Leah Elisabeth James whose life was cut short due to an operable brain tumor. All of the proceeds will help fund much-needed research for pediatric brain tumor treatments and will help provide wish baskets to children facing life threatening illnesses in the community. Event registration includes lunch, entertainment, raffles, butterfly release and more. Cost of $20 includes food and a T-shirt.

**Contact:** Kristen Collins, 313-720-2192.

## SERVSAFE TRAINING

**Time/date:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, June 5.

**Location:** Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile Road, Livonia.

**Details:** Michigan State University Extension Macomb County is offering the "ServSafe® Training" program developed by the National Restaurant Association. The fee of $70 includes review and test. The book is not included. The review will cover the updated changes to the 2009 FDA Food Code; plus: purchasing and receiving from approved services; storage; preventing food borne illnesses; employee personal hygiene; and HACCP. To register for the class, visit www.msue.anr.msu.edu/events and search by date for the event you wish to attend.

**Contact:** 810-667-0341.

# St. Michael Quiz Bowl teams compete in Middle School Championship

St. Michael Catholic School in Livonia joined 126 of the top middle school quiz bowl teams in Dallas last weekend for the 2015 Middle School National Championship Tournament.

St. Michael had two teams competing: St. Michael A, which finished the preliminary rounds with a 4-4 record; and St. Michael B, which finished the preliminary rounds with a 3-5 record.

There were some tense moments. The B team defeated University School from Hunting Valley, Ohio, by the narrow margin of 180-170 during round 11.

St. Michael A was on the brink of elimination when they defeated Stratford-San Jose from California in round 9 to stay alive. They lost to Midtown Classical from Tallahassee, Fla., ending their shot at the playoffs.

St. Michael B's shot at the playoffs ended when they lost to Alphonsus Arts B from Chicago in round 6.

The tournament champion was the A team from Kealing Middle School of Austin, Texas.

Quiz bowl is a competitive, academic, interscholastic activity for teams of four students. Quiz bowl teams use buzzers to answer questions about science, math, history, literature, mythology, geography, social science, current events, sports and popular culture.

The matches feature a blend of individual competition and team collaboration, because no individual player is likely to be an expert in all subject areas.

Participation in quiz bowl both reinforces lessons from the classroom and encourages players to develop new intellectual interests.

St. Michael's A team was captained by Charles Hilu, who was joined by Kevin Burke, Luke Duncan, Jenna McCann and Ben Rojewski. The B team was captained by Annie Treharne, who was joined by Charlotte Bridges, Josh Cole, Max Orosz, Julia Skubik and Chad Wnuk. The teams were coached by Edward Faunt and Louise Hopping.

St. Michael was one of six Michigan teams competing at the national championship.

The 2015 MSNCT field featured 128 teams from 24 states.

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St. Michael School in Livonia was one of six Michigan teams competing at the national Quiz bowl championship. From left are, front row, Josh Cole, Julia Skubik, Annie Treharne; middle row, Max Orosz, Luke Duncan, Charlotte Bridges; and back row, Coach Louise Hopping, Kevin Burke, Chad Wnuk, Ben Rojewski, Charles Hilu, Jenna McCann, Coach Ed Faunt.

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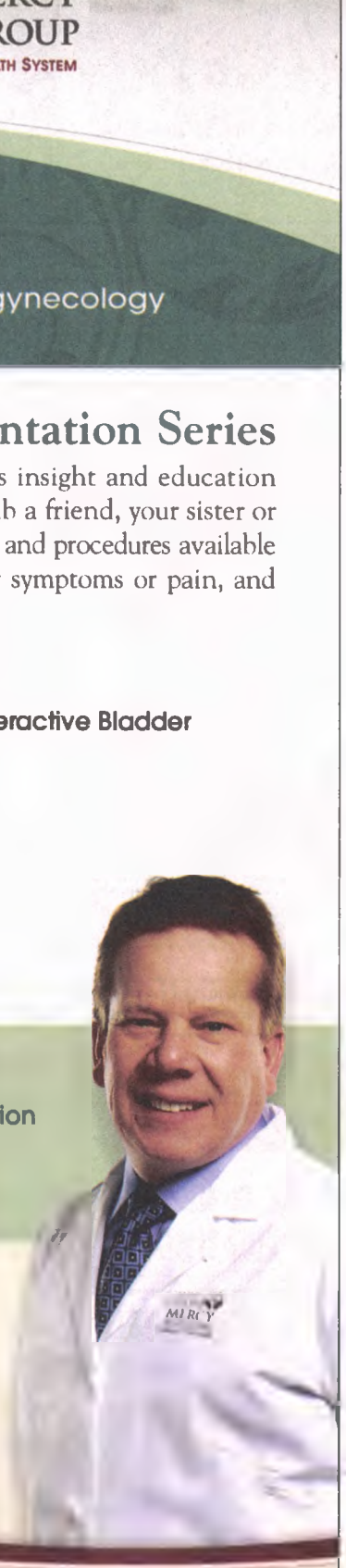

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## Churchill's Hage earns prestigious MHSAA award

### Bush award presented to high-achieving contributors to high school athletics

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Just a few years into what promised to be a successful career in advertising, Marc Hage experienced a change of heart regarding his future employment.

And scores of student-athletes at Livonia Churchill have reaped the benefits of the longtime Charger athletic director's decision.

Hage

Earlier this week Hage — an educator in the Livonia Public Schools since 1990 and his alma mater's AD since 1996 — was notified that he was a recipient of the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Allen W. Bush Award, which is awarded to a handful of honorees annually.

According to the MHSAA website, the award — which was established in 1992 — is presented to administrators, coaches, officials, trainers, doctors or members of the media with at least 15 years of experience who have "made frequent and significant contributions to the MHSAA."

Hage will officially accept the award from MHSAA Executive Director Jack Roberts at the June 8 Livonia Board of Education meeting.

"I am humbled and honored to receive this award," Hage said Friday afternoon. "It is the culmination of a lot of hard work by a lot of people. I have been fortunate to have been able to work with a group of people who realize the benefits of athletics and people who are extremely supportive."

Hage said he is especially thankful for the support of his family: wife Anne, sons Joe and Jake, and daughter Meredith.

"The day I accepted this job, my second son was born," Hage revealed. "With a one-and-a-half-year-old son already and knowing the unique hours an athletic director's job demanded, I initially told my wife that I'd pass on it and remain a teacher. But she insisted that I take the job and that we'd make it work. I wouldn't have been able to do it without her support."

Hage said his decision to change careers from the business world to one that centered around education was an easy one.

"It's not that I didn't like my advertising jobs; I did," he said. "But I had coached and worked with young athletes a lot, and I really enjoyed it, and I ultimately decided I wanted to be an educator."

When it comes to his job, Hage takes the most pride in the relationships he develops with coaches, athletes and athletes' parents.

"I really try to get to as many games and practices as I can because I enjoy the interaction with the athletes, the coaches," he said. "Obviously, there is a

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AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION FUND-RAISER

## Chargers victorious in rivalry showdown

### Game played in memory of Domenic Gentilia

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

An emotional Friday for Livonia Churchill head softball coach Steve Gentilia was capped by the Chargers' 7-2 victory over cross-town rival Livonia Stevenson in a game that doubled as a fundraiser for the American Heart Association.

The contest was a fitting tribute to Gentilia's father Domenic, who passed away unexpectedly in February at the age of 72 after suffering a heart attack. Domenic Gentilia was a well-known fixture in softball and baseball circles in Garden City, where he owned and operated the Put Me In Coach Batting Cages at Garden City Park.

"I thought about my dad pretty much all day today," said Steve Gentilia, moments after Friday's game.

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JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO
Churchill's Cassie Campbell slides safely into third base before Stevenson third baseman Cori Wilson can apply a tag.

ALS FUNDRAISER SOFTBALL GAME

ED WRIGHT
Garden City junior shortstop Kaylen Glenfield is greeted at home plate after bashing the first of her two home runs Thursday night against Livonia Churchill.

## WELCOME HOME, KAYLEN!

### GC junior slugger puts on fireworks show with bat

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Moments after Thursday night's under-the-lights softball game against Livonia Churchill, Garden City shortstop Kaylen Glenfield diligently smoothed out the "Lighted Field" infield with a rake.

It was an appropriate job for Glenfield given that her cleat marks were all over the dirt as a result of her pair of over-the-fence home runs that powered the Cougars to a 7-3 victory.

Glenfield's first opposite-field blast over the right-center field fence came with one out in the bottom of the first and knotted the game at 1-1 after Churchill struck first when lead-off batter Victoria Lupher singled and scored following Erin Carpenter's sacrifice bunt and Madison Christianson's RBI single.

Garden City grabbed the lead for good in the bottom of the third when Natalie Billings led off with a single, moved to second on Aleea Montgomery's sacrifice bunt and scored on lead-off batter Mikey Smolar's single.

Glenfield then launched Melanie Richardson's second pitch on a clothes-line over the same section of chain link that she sent her first one to up the hosts' lead to 4-1.

Glenfield, who was walked intentionally her final two at-bats, now has a team-high seven home runs.

"I knew the first one was gone when I hit it because I couldn't even feel the ball hit the bat," she said. "When you can't feel it, you know you hit it good. I wasn't sure about the second one until it went over.

"I wasn't surprised they pitched to me my second time up. I've hit home runs before

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COLLEGE SOFTBALL

## Walk-off HR ends MU's year

### Dickinson State steals game in seventh

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

It felt like a kick in the teeth and a punch in the gut – all in one swoop – for the Madonna University women's softball team Wednesday afternoon in the NAIA tournament's opening round held in Irvine, Calif.

Just three outs away from advancing to the NAIA National Championship, the fourth-seeded Crusaders carried a 3-0 lead into the bottom of seventh inning only be stunned by third-seed Dickinson State (N.D.), 7-3, on a no-out, walk-off grand slam by senior Janell LaRont.

MU finishes its season at 37-14-1 overall, while the Blue Hawks will take a 43-11 overall record to the Sioux City, Ia. for the NAIA National tourney, which starts May 22.

The Crusaders scored all three of their runs in the top of the fifth inning thanks to a 3-run homer by Emma Cook. The rally started when Karleigh Creighton (North Farmington) drew her first walk of the season and Morgan Kaiser (2-for-3) singled.

Madonna senior right-hander Bree Crampton, who earlier in the day blanked Dickinson State, 8-0, averted trouble for the most part by blanking the Blue Hawks through the first six innings in the winner-take-all game of the double-elimination tournament.

But in the bottom of the seventh, Brianna Grayson led off the inning reaching first base via an error by the MU shortstop Nicole Salloum (Livonia Churchill). Monique Yslas followed with an infield single and pinch-hitter Tiffany Morgan worked her way on via a walk to load the bases.

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COLLEGE BASEBALL

# Madonna baseball season ends in NAIA tourney loss

**By Brad Emons**
Staff Writer

It was two-and-done for the Madonna University in the NAIA National Baseball Championship opening round held in Bellevue, Neb.

The Crusaders, who dropped their tourney opener Tuesday to Mayville State (N.D.), 6-2, couldn't stand prosperity on Wednesday as they failed to hold a 6-2 advantage through the top of the seventh as William Woods (Mo.) rallied for five runs in the bottom of the seventh and one in the eighth for an 8-6 triumph.

Konrad Kemper, who went 3-for-3, crushed a 3-run homer over the left field fence off Madonna reliever Dylan Cooper to key the 5-run uprising and give the Owls (39-13) the lead for keeps, 7-6.

Nick Spagnola, who went 3-for-5, added a solo homer over the center field fence in the eighth off MU reliever Patrick Wierimaa to provide William Woods a two-run cushion.

William Woods' Dylan Hastings, who worked the final four innings in relief allowing one run on two hits and a walk, earned the victory. Hastings, who struck out four, got out of a ninth inning jam as the Crusaders left runners stranded at first and third base.

Madonna, which ends its season at 37-17 overall, out-hit the Owls 12-11 as Levi Larmour led the way going 3-for-5 with an RBI.

Taylor Grzelakowski also went 2-for-5 with an RBI, while Logan Brennan contributed two hits. Shane Dokey and Ryan Lambrecht each knocked in a run.

MU starter Evan Piechota (Livonia Stevenson) went the first six innings and did get the decision. The right-hander allowed four runs (three earned) on eight hits and three walks while striking out three.

Cooper, who took the loss, was charged with three earned runs on two hits in two-thirds of an inning.

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5TH ANNUAL BAT AWAY CANCER AWARENESS EVENT

# Rockets capture own tournament

**By Ed Wright**
Staff Writer

Westland John Glenn's softball team proved to be the host with the most during the fifth annual Bat Away Breast Cancer Awareness tournament on the Rockets' diamond.

Thanks to timely hitting, strong pitching and air-tight defense, the Rockets went 3-0 to win the tournament championship.

In the opening game, John Glenn blanked cross-town rival Wayne Memorial, 4-0, as Mackenzie Huren tossed a shut-out in addition to belting two home runs and knocking in all four runs at the plate. Other key hitters for the Rockets were Chelsea Gilbert (2-for-3, double, two RBI), Heather Gains (1-3, three steals) and Cheyenne Grim, who went 2-for-4.

In the second game, John Glenn whitewashed Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 7-0, as Huren threw a perfect game while striking out 12.

"Our seniors provided great offense," noted head coach Dan Huren, speaking specifically of Bailey Hamill (2-for-4, double, two RBI), Gilbert (2-for-4) and Gains (2-for-4).

Members of Westland John Glenn's softball team pose with their first-place trophy after winning the school's annual Breast Cancer Awareness tournament.

Junior Julia Michlowski also sparkled at the dish, going 2-for-4 with a double and two RBI.

In the championship game, John Glenn walloped Berkley, 8-2, as Huren yielded just three hits and zero earned runs over seven frames. Offensively, John Glenn was paced by Huren (2-for-4, home run, two RBI), Michlowski (3-for-4), Hamill (2-for-4, double) and Gains (2-for-4). Gains also made a spectacular catch to subdue a Berkley threat.

### Trojans' bats come to life

After winning a 22-14 slugfest Wednesday over Thurston, Clarenceville's softball record slipped to 3-9 overall Thursday following a 15-10 loss to host Redford Union.

The Lady Trojans rallied in the top of the fifth inning to get within two runs, 11-9, but the Panthers scored four in the bottom of the sixth to clinch the win Thursday.

Senior Emily Schwartz (3-8) went the distance in the circle, allowing seven earned runs on 13 hits, striking out eight and walking one. The defense made six errors.

Schwartz was on base four times and scored two runs. She walked twice and was hit by a pitch twice. Senior Mia Sampson had two hits and also scored two runs.

Junior Kylee Hammond reached five times with two singles, a walk and two hit-by-pitches; she scored one run. Clarenceville stranded 10 base runners.

The Lady Trojans broke a four-game losing streak Wednesday in the win over Thurston. Schwartz allowed nine hits, walked four and struck out eight. She managed to overcome eight errors by the defense.

Sampson was 4-for-5 with a triple and scored four runs. Claudia Moore reached base four times with a single and three walks and scored five runs. Thurston pitchers walked 14 batters and hit two.

"It seemed as though we would gain some momentum, but then we could not make a play, letting Thurston back in the game," Clarenceville coach Joe DeCaire said. "We have to clean up the defense."

Angel Williams, Ivory Mamo, Sydney Taylor and Amanda Roach all roped three hits a piece for the Eagles. Mamo had four RBI and Roach knocked in two as the Eagles slipped to 3-7 overall and 1-7 in the WWAC Red.

### Annapolis defeats Thurston

On Thursday, Redford Thurston dropped a 16-3 decision to first-place Dearborn Heights Annapolis.

Mamo had two hits for Thurston while Gillian Drake added one hit.

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GOLF NEWS

# Panthers take down Tractors; GC rolls

**By Ed Wright**
Staff Writer

Redford Union's boys golf team upended Dearborn Fordson, 197-210, in a Western Wayne Athletic Conference match played earlier this week.

Senior Luke Hebner led the Panthers with a solid nine-hole round of 47. Also contributing to the victory were senior Brandon Sandelin (48), junior Ryan Randall and sophomores Ben Hawn and Evan Albright, all of whom fired 51s.

### Cougars roll

Garden City improved to 10-2 overall and 8-1 in the WWAC with a couple of impressive victories earlier this week.

On Wednesday, the Cougars thrashed Romlus thanks to strong rounds from Joe Pummill (36), Jarid Latham (37), Juston Bastion (38) and Connor Johnson (39).

CHRIS GUDDECK
Churchill's John Doyle carded a 44 during the Chargers' match against South Lyon.

For an encore, GC took care of RU on Thursdasy, 151-196 at Westland Municipal. Pummill was on fire, carding a one-under 33 while Johnson chipped in with a 37. Latham shot a stellar 38 while while Bastion contributed a 43.

Evan Breen (43) and Austin New (44) played well, but didn't count toward the scoring. RU was led by Ryan Ruffner (46), Hebner (49), Randall (49) and Albright, who turned in a 52.

On Thursday, the Cougars defeated Redford Union High School 151 to 196 at Westland Municipal. Leading the Cougars were Joe Pummill with a 1 under par score of 33. Connor Johnson shot 37, Jarid Latham carded a 38 and Juston Bastion shot 43. Rounding out the scoring was Evan Breen with a 43 and Austin New with a 44. The Panthers were led by Ryan Ruffler with 46, Luke Hebner with 49, Ryan Randall 49, Evan Albright with 52.

### Chargers' streak snapped

Led appropriately enough by a golfer with the last name of Cupp, South Lyon snapped Livonia Churchill's four-match winning streak Thursday with a 163-181 triumph at Coyote Golf Course.

South Lyon's Nate Cupp earned medalist honors with a 38. Sam Spayd was low man for Churchill with a 40. Also scoring for the Chargers were John Doyle (44) and Griffin Ahmet (48). Logan Welch and Peyton Elkins both carded 49s. Chase Fallu shot a 54 for Churchill, which is now 4-4.

### Hole-in-one

Livonia resident Joseph Measel, 68, aced the 123-yard seventh hole at Whispering Willows on Thursday, May 7, using a pitching wedge.

It was the third career hole-in-one for Measel, who fired a round of 83.

# RIVALRY

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"Really, the past few months have been an emotional whirlwind. He loved the games of softball and baseball, and he passed his passion for the sports on to me.

"He was at a lot of our games, and he was at all of our golf outings and fundraisers. He was someone I could call after a game — win or lose — and he'd say the right things."

Churchill senior Rosie Garvin, who knew Domenic Gentilia, emphasized to her teammates prior to Friday's game how significant it was.

"I tried to tell all the girls that it was a big game because, No. 1 it's Stevenson, which is our biggest rival, and No. 2 we needed to go out with a lot of fight and win it for Steve and his dad, and we did that," she said. "Steve didn't really talk about it before the game, but we all went to the funeral and we knew this game was for the American Heart Association, so we knew we had to win it for him."

Sophomore starting pitcher Madison Christianson played a huge role in the Chargers' triumphant performance as she limited the Spartans to just one earned run over seven innings. She also singled her first two times up and the pinch-runner in her spot scored both times.

"I thought Maddy pitched really well today," Gentilia said. "She was hitting her spots and making them miss here and there. When her change-up is on like it was today, she's tough to hit. She probably had three or four strikeouts off her change.

"We hit the ball well today, too, and everybody got to play, which is always nice."

The defensive play of the day was turned in by Churchill shortstop Erin Carpenter who ranged deep into the hole to back-hand a well-struck shot off the bat of Natalie Moore before squaring her shoulders and throwing out the speedy Moore at first base.

Churchill never trailed after scoring two runs with two outs in the first on three consecutive singles by Christianson, Regan Peyton and Melanie Richrardson.

The Chargers upped their lead to 3-0 in the second when Victoria Lupher's two-out single plated Lauren St. Pierre, who had reached on a fielder's choice.

Stevenson drew within 3-1 in the third when starting pitcher Sarah Mesack's sacrifice fly brought home Megan Gronau, who reached on an error.

Churchill broke it open in the bottom of the third with a three spot that was generated by an RBI single by Richardson and a run-scoring ground-out by Rachel Mattison.

The Chargers tacked on their final run in the fourth when Carpenter's single scored Lupher, who led off the frame with a double.

Stevenson scored its second run in the sixth when Clare Bunton singled with one out, advanced to second on a passed ball and scored on Cori Wilson's single to right.

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GIRLS SOFTBALL

# State-ranked Blazers aim for Catholic League title

## Ladywood eyes another run to state finals

**By Brad Emons**
Staff Writer

It's getting near the critical stretch run for the 2015 girls softball season and one area team that can't be overlooked once again is Livonia Ladywood.

Currently ranked No. 2 in the latest Division 2 statewide rankings, the Blazers improved to 22-5 overall on Wednesday with a 16-3 six-inning Catholic League playoff victory at Allen Park Cabrini.

The win puts the Blazers in Monday's A-B Division championship game against Warren Regina, which upset Central Division champion Farmington Hills Mercy, 3-2, to reach the final.

The two team will play for the coveted title beginning at 6 p.m. Monday at the University of Detroit Mercy.

Ladywood finished second in the Central Division with an 8-4 record, while Mercy took the title with a 10-2 mark. Four of the Blazers' five losses this season have come against their rival Marlins.

Against Cabrini, Ladywood built an 11-3 advantage through five innings before ending the game with five runs in the sixth as Rachel Hendrickson and Maddie Haas each clubbed 3-run homers.

Winning pitcher Rozlyn Price, a junior, struck out 12 and allowed just two hits.

"We're really swinging the bats well," Ladywood coach Scott Combs said. "Everybody is hitting well and 'Roz' is throwing very, very well. She's only walking one, maybe two a game, so she's really in control."

On Tuesday, Ladywood rolled to a 9-0 A-B Division quarterfinal victory at home over Riverview Gabriel Richard as Price threw a 1-hitter.

Michaela Warner collected three hits, while Erika Selakowski added a 3-run double in the victory.

But the win was marred by an injury to starting outfielder Morgan Larkin, the Blazers' No. 2 hitter who went out with an injury after being hit by a pitch.

"She was just trying a simple bunt for a hit and the pitch rode up inside and hit her on the finger, split it and displaced it,' Combs said. "We might be looking at getting a pin placed in it, so she may be done for the year. That's the only downside of the last week or two."

Larkin, who helped the Blazers reach last year's MHSAA Division 2 finals, was scheduled to see a hand specialist on Wednesday.

"We're hoping they can do some miracle and get her at least to contribute somehow because she was playing very well," Combs said.

Prior to the Catholic League playoffs, Ladywood competed in the Canton Classic before falling to the host Chiefs, 3-2, who earned the victory in the final round of pool play with a 2-run homer in the sixth.

The Blazers started the Canton Classic with wins over Tecumseh (9-2) and Livonia Stevenson (16-1), but three starters and one reserve player missed the third-round game against Canton to attend the Dearborn Divine Child High School prom.

"Even though we didn't have everybody, it was still good ballgame and it's always good to get that kind of competition prior to the state playoffs," said Combs, who has guided Ladywood to five state semifinal appearances in the past six years, including a Division 2 crown in 2012 along with runner-up finishes in 2014 and 2011.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

# Wildcats roll to division title against Patriots

**By Ed Wright**
Staff Writer

ED WRIGHT

**Franklin shortstop Kolby Dewhirst tags out Plymouth's Andrew Hejka (No. 8) during Wednesday's twinbill opener.**

Many championship baseball games are decided by balls that sail *over* fences.

Wednesday's pivotal KLAA South Division match-up featuring host Livonia Franklin and Plymouth was impacted by a ball that rolled *under* a fence.

With the Patriots trailing the Wildcats 2-0 in the bottom of the fourth inning in the first game of a double-header that Plymouth needed to at least split to capture a division crown, Wildcat starting pitcher Kevin Anthony sailed an attempted pick-off throw over the third baseman's head with the bases loaded with Patriots.

All three Franklin baserunners came around to score on the play, however, the runners who were on first and second – Tyler Camp and Mitch Gonyaw – were sent back to second and third because the ball became embedded under the chain-link fence that runs parallel to the third-base line.

Anthony, who was sharp all day, then extinguished the Patriots' rally by retiring the next three hitters on a strikeout, pop-out and ground-out and preserved his team's 2-1 lead.

Plymouth went on to tally three runs in the top of the fifth and two more in the sixth to put the clamps on a 7-1 victory and South Division title.

Franklin needed to sweep the twinbill to earn its first division title since 2009.

Anthony was the unofficial MVP as he yielded just four hits two walks while striking out five in six innings of work. The only run he yielded in the fourth was unearned.

Wildcat reliever Kyle Wolter hit the first batter he face in the bottom of the seventh, but was spotless from then on, getting two straight ground-outs, the final one resulting in a game-ending 6-4-3 double-play.

Plymouth broke a scoreless battle in the fourth when Patrick Downing led off with a single and Cameron Stella walked.

Seth Hubbard then smoked a hard-hit grounder up the middle that deflected off the leg of Franklin pitcher Adrian Reed, who recovered in time to throw Hubbard out at first.

With Wildcats at second and third, Wolter scored Downing with a sacrifice fly to center-field. Stella scored on the play when the throw from the outfield eluded the Patriots' third baseman.

Plymouth's three-run fifth feature an RBI ground-out by Stella and a run-scoring single by Hubbard.

Both the Wildcats' runs in the sixth scored without a hit as Plymouth took advantage of two Franklin errors and a pair of walks.

### Churchill, John Glenn split

Pitching and defense were the names of the games Wednesday as Livonia Churchill and Westland John Glenn split a double-header in which both games ended with a 2-1 score.

The Chargers made good use of their four hits against Brendan Wetmore in the first game – a 2-1 triumph. James Rintala was lights-out good on the mound for the winners, giving up just two hits and one walk while striking out seven in a complete-game gem.

Wetmore struck out eight and did not walk a batter.

Joe Hattley led the Chargers' offense with two hits and an RBI. Noah Cross delivered the game-winning single with two outs in the seventh.

Wetmore went 1-for-3 with a run for the Rockets.

John Glenn won the nightcap, 2-1, as freshman pitcher Brian Martin scattered four hits and two walks while fanning 13 Chargers. Losing pitcher Jon Hovermale was solid, too, giving up just five hits and three walks while striking out five over six innings.

Reed Zielinski led the winners with two hits, a walk and two stolen bases. Hovermale was 2-for-3 for Churchill.

### Stevenson blanks Churchill

Livonia Stevenson was dialing long distance against host Livonia Churchill Friday afternoon.

When the Chargers came to bat, all's they got was a busy signal against Stevenson starting pitcher Jack Ferguson.

Powered by home runs from C.J. Breen, Dan Morris and Frank Carlin, the Spartans prevailed 8-0 in a KLAA Kensington Conference crossover game that improved the winners' record to 19-9 overall and 10-6 in the conference. Churchill slipped to 15-14 and 9-7, respectively.

In addition to the long-ball hitters, Stevenson was bolstered by strong swings from Jack Ferguson (two hits, two RBI), Gordon Ferguson (two doubles, RBI) and Dan Bos, who lashed a pair of hits.

Steve Szymanski, Jon Hovermale and Joe Hattley notched the Chargers' only hits.

Rob Copciac took the loss for Churchill after yielding five runs and seven hits over 3.1 innings.

### Warriors win

Lutheran Westland improved to 15-4 on Thursday with a 10-0 five-inning victory over Macomb Christian. Macomb dropped to 10-8.

"I felt we did the things necessary to win tonight," said LW head coach Kevin Wade. "We had timely hitting, solid defense and solid pitching. Our next six games will be incredibly tough so we will see what we are made of."

Nate Abbott threw a no-hitter for the Warriors, striking out six while walking just one.

Jordan Williams was the offensive star, going 2-for-3 with a home run and two RBI.

Drake Snyder, Abbott and Travis Fry also stroked two hits for the winners.

### Northville sweeps Spartans

Livonia Stevenson dropped both ends of a well-played double-header Wednesday at state-ranked Northville, falling 2-1 and 5-3.

The Spartans slipped to 18-9 overall and 9-6 in the KLAA Kensington Conference while the Mustangs improved to 22-2 and 16-0, respectively.

Northville starting pitcher Evan Flohr was stingy in the opener, limiting the Spartans to seven hits and a walk while fanning seven. Stevenson hurler Gordon Ferguson was stellar as well, giving up just three hits and four walks while striking out three Mustangs in six innings.

Northville scored both its runs in the third. Stevenson's lone run came in the fourth on Ferguson's RBI single that scored Frank Carlin. Ferguson and Dan Bos both had two hits for the Spartans.

The Mustangs jumped out to a 5-0 lead after two innings before repelling a late Stevenson push. Ian Borthwick earned the complete-game win after giving up nine hits. Dan Bullard took the loss.

C.J. Weiss and Danny Morris both ripped a pair of hits for Stevenson. Jack Ferguson contributed a two-run single and a run.

### RU drops heart-breaker

On Monday, Dearborn Heights Annapolis erased a 3-0 fourth-inning deficit and outlasted Redford Union, 7-6, in a Western Wayne Athletic Conference Red Division encounter. The loss dropped RU pitcher Vince Diaz's record to 5-3.

Brandon Pratt was the Panthers' No. 1 catalyst, drawing three walks and ripping a double in addition to scoring three runs. Diaz added a single and two RBI.

On Thursday, the Panthers rebounded with an 11-1 victory (in five innings) over Dearborn Fordson. Starting pitcher Jacob Gagnon improved to 2-1 with a strong outing while the Panthers were led offensively by Brendan McGurk (3-for-4, four RBI), Brendan Kerkhof (two RBI) and Gagnon (two hits).

RU took a 15-5 overall record and 7-1 mark in the division into Saturday's pair of games at Livonia's Ford Field against Allen Park (3 p.m.) and Catholic Central (7:30 p.m.).

### Annapolis edges Eagles

Redford Thurston received a stellar pitching effort by Austin Benoit (six innings, two earned runs, five hits, four strike-outs) Thursday afternoon, but lost to Dearborn Heights Annapolis, 3-2.

Thurston seized an early 1-0 lead in the third when Bobby Snell walked and ultimately scored when the catcher overthrew the third baseman while Snell stole third. The Eagles added another run in the fourth when Zack June singled, Nygel Beaman and Travis Wesenberg walked and Snell drew an RBI walk.

### Trojans down Eagles

Clarenceville scored three runs in the top of the eighth inning and held on to beat host Redford Thurston in a Western Wayne Red Division game Thursday, 6-3.

Freshman Nick Bisaro pitched three scoreless innings of relief to get the win. Ryan Menifee went five innings and gave up three runs – none of which was earned – and three hits.

"Ryan struggled finding the plate, especially in the fifth inning, and he never really got into a rhythm," coach Craig Cotter said.

He added the Trojans had great discipline at the plate. Clarenceville batters worked six walks and were hit by pitches three times.

"Even when we made outs, we were having seven-pitch at-bats," Cotter said.

Bobby Snell pitched the first six innings for Thurston, allowing three runs on five hits while striking out five Trojans. Chalfontae Phillips delivered a two-run single for the Eagles in the fifth.

Menifee and Matt Drain led the offense with two hits apiece. Jayson Harris reached base four times; Bisaro and Adam Sade also had hits.

Menifee had a two-out, two-run single to give the Trojans two insurance runs in the eighth inning and pushed the lead to three runs.

Second baseman Mitch Kubiak played great defensively, according to Cotter.

"He made a great diving stop in the eighth and was able to field cleanly three other balls hit right in front of runners," he said.

The Trojans were in second place with a 5-2 division record going into a Friday game with Dearborn Heights Robichaud.

KLAA 'A' TENNIS TOURNAMENT

# Northville wins event, Stevenson takes fifth

**By Ed Wright**
Staff Writer

All three of Livonia's Division 1 high schools were represented at the KLAA Girls "A" Tennis Championship hosted by Brighton.

Northville stroked its way to the title by piling up 33 points after placing first in seven of the nine flights.

Novi placed second with 22 points, followed by Grand Blanc (20), Plymouth (13) and Livonia Stevenson (nine).

Churchill tied for sixth in the 12-team tournament with six points while Livonia Franklin tied for 10th with three points.

The Spartans' No. 3 and No. 4 singles players – Danielle Marzec and Molly Cormier, respectively – each won two matches. Stevenson's No. 1 doubles tandem of Arryn Dochenetz and Sam DiGiovanni and No. 5 duo of Alyssa Ayyash and Allison Malkowski also picked up two points a piece for the Spartans.

Stevenson's ninth point was generated by its No. 3 doubles team of Lauren Larson and Sarah Morse.

The Chargers' top point producer was freshman No. 1 singles standout Kaitlyn Rogosch, who won two matches. Churchill received one win each from No. 2 singles player Triveni Arvikar, No. 3 singles player Madison White, its No. 2 doubles pairing of Maggie Trinka and Kayla Gruich; and its No. 3 tandem of Julia Marsh and Franceska Spaillari.

Franklin earned one point each from No. 1 singles player Kendall Payne, No. 4 singles player Yasmeen Freeman and its No. 4 doubles team of Haley Griffin and Emma Fogle.

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## HAGE

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lot of office work involved, but my favorite time is getting out and talking to the athletes and watching them compete."

Prior to securing a position with the Livonia Public Schools, Hage worked as a physical education teacher in Holt and Berkley.

Hage served as the Western Lakes Activities Association president from 2000-04 and the Kensington Lakes Activities Association president from 2006-09. He was named an MIAAA Regional Athletic Director of the Year in 2002 and 2011 and the recipient of the MIAAA George Lovich Award.

Hage said that declining enrollments in public schools is among the tallest hurdles athletic departments face compared to when he started his current role in 1996.

"More kids are going to charter schools and private schools than they were 20 years ago," he said. "But it is a credit to our coaches and administrators at Churchill that even though our enrollment is down, our participation rates are stable and we remain competitive."

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HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

# Garden City bulldozes Clarenceville

## Sherlock nets hat trick for Cougars

**By Ed Wright**
Staff Writer

Garden City's girls soccer team overwhelmed Livonia Clarenceville, 12-0, in a Western Wayne Athletic Conference match played Wednesday.

The Cougars improved to 8-7-1 overall and 5-2 in the league.

Hope Pickens and Tatum Spears split time in the net for the winners, who compiled all 12 goals in the first half. Pickens also netted her first goal of the season.

The Cougars' offense was spearheaded by freshman Alex Sherlock, who scored three goals. Senior standout Lindsay Yankasky is adjusting well to her new role as a forward as she registered a goal and two assists.

"We've been struggling to finish plays, so I moved Lindsay from outside mid to forward and she's doing a great job," said GC head coach Jeff Szypula.

Yankasky's net-finder pushed her over the 50-goal mark for her career. She is also one of the program's all-time leaders in points, Szypula noted.

Other key players for GC were Chelsea Booker (two goals), Gabby Castillo (goal, assist) Samantha Sultana (goal, two assists) and Savanna Childress, who added her first goal along with an assist.

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## KAYLEN

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and the other team has always pitched to me. After I hit the second one, I had a feeling I wouldn't get to swing any more."

The game marked the second straight season the two teams have honored the memory of former Garden City associate softball coach Bob Bako, who passed away in December of 2013 after a valiant struggle with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), which is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that causes muscle weakness, paralysis and, ultimately, respiratory failure.

Bako was a coaching fixture in the Garden City youth softball leagues. He also coached several years with Cougars head coach Barry Patterson.

Glenfield never met Bako, but her mom played for him.

"It's exciting for us as players to play in this game because we know coach Bob Bako was a big part of Barry's life and we care about Barry, so we want to give him a good game," said Glenfield.

"This is a special night for us because Bob was such a big part of Garden City softball, not only at the high school, but in the GCYBSA," Patterson added.

"We not only want to honor Bob with this night, but also promote awareness of ALS.

"Bob brought so many great memories to this program. It's the one night a year I ask the girls to let it all hang out and have fun, because that's the kind of guy Bob was. Bob was a full-throttle guy. He lived life to the fullest."

Churchill is an appropriate opponent in the tribute game because Chargers head coach Steve Gentilia grew up in Garden City and he grew up with Bako's daughters.

"It's always a good night when we do this because both teams are competitive, the girls like playing under the lights and 'Lighted Field' is such a great location," Gentilia said. "It's nice, too, because some of the parents can't make it to all of the 4 p.m. games, so playing a night game gives everybody a chance to come out and watch."

GC maintained its three-run lead until the top of the fifth when Churchill sliced its deficit to 4-2. Lupher led off with a single, stole second and scored on Christianson's single. After Regan Peyton laced a solid hit to put the tying run on first with two outs, GC center-fielder Amber Swisher ended the threat by tracking down Richardson's well-struck liner in deep right-center field.

The Cougars padded their lead to 7-2 in the bottom of the sixth with a two-out, bases-empty rally. Billings singled and scored on Smolar's second triple of the night. After Glenfield and Kelsie Powell walked, Alicia Ascencio delivered a two-run single to make it 7-2.

Churchill made it interesting in the top of the seventh with a two-out rally of its own. After Carpenter walked, Christianson and Peyton reached on back-to-back GC errors, the second of which plated Carpenter.

The game ended in dramatic fashion when right-fielder Billings made a shoe-string catch on a sinking liner off the bat of Richardson. The second-base umpire initially ruled the play a hit, which would have made it 7-4 with the tying run at the plate, but he was overrufled by the home-plate ump, who said Billings secured the ball before it hit the grass.

GC freshman pitcher April Rudolph went the distance, scattering seven hits and two walks. She didn't strike out a Charger, but kept the home team in the game by delivering a steady stream of strikes.

The Cougars improved to 19-7 with the win while Churchill slipped to 15-14.

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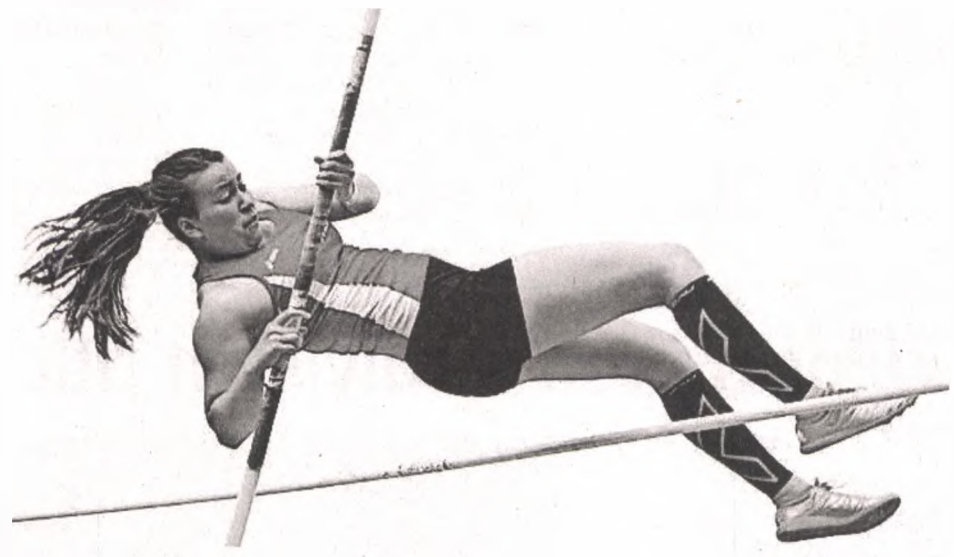

TOM BEAUDOIN

Churchill's Elisabeth placed fourth in the Division 1 regional pole vault competition.

# John Glenn boys, Churchill girls win championships

**By Tim Smith**
Staff Writer

A little inadvertent nudge around the outside edge of the track at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Friday night changed everything as far as Plymouth's varsity girls track and field team was concerned.

Moments after Wildcats head coach Ricky Styes and his jubilant athletes were celebrating what appeared to be a regional championship, they were heartsick after finding out officials disqualified their 1,600-meter relay team.

With the ruling, Livonia Churchill captured the Division 1 team trophy with 119 points, seven ahead of Plymouth. In third with 111 points was Salem.

Plenty of Plymouth athletes still qualified for the May 30 individual state finals; making the cut were the top two finishers in each event, along with any athletes meeting the qualifying standards.

The boys regional also had a thrilling finish, as Westland John Glenn rallied in the late stages to overtake Livonia Churchill, 104-103. With two events to go, the Chargers were up, 95-81.

"I wasn't too much focused on that (team score)," Rockets head coach Jason Dixon said. "I stayed focused on my team, focused on what we came here to do and that's put up great performances."

Dixon said one of the key reasons for the late turnaround was the showing of alternate David Graham in the final event.

Even though the Rockets edged Churchill, it was still a good day for the Chargers, head coach Rick Austin said.

"We had Shakur Lockett, an exceptional athlete, he won the long jump today," Austin said. "Not his best jump of the season, he broke our school record (earlier this year) at 21 feet, 10 inches. But he jumped well enough for first. Also qualifying for the Chargers was Jamal Allen in the 800 run and the 800 relay.

**MHSAA REGIONAL 4-1 REGIONAL**
**Friday at Canton**

**BOYS STANDINGS:** 1. Westland John Glenn, 104 points; 2. Livonia Churchill, 103; 3. Salem, 81; 4. Canton, 75; 5. Plymouth, 64.5; 6. Wyandotte Roosevelt, 52; 7. Wayne Memorial, 45; 8. Dearborn, 42.5; 9. Livonia Franklin, 42; 10. Detroit Cody, 16; 11. (tie) Dearborn Fordson and Garden City, 13; 13. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 8; 14. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 4.
**Discus:** 1. Michael Jordan (P), 138 feet, 4 inches; 2. Demarco McKinney (LC), 138-0; 3. Collin Caflisch (C), 132-0. **Shot put:** 1. Jordan (P), 50-7; 2. Schmitt (S), 49-1; 3. Yazen Awadalia (DF), 47-7. **Pole vault:** 1. Theodore Lane (C), 13-10; 2. Andrew Harrison (WR), 13-6; 3. Caleb Guthard (LC), 13-2. **Long jump:** 1. Shukur Lockett (LC), 20-10.25; 2. Adnan Hamka (D), 20-3; 3. Matt Wells (DEF), 20-1.75. **High jump:** 1. Nathan Harris (P), 6-3; 2. Alec MacDonald (C), 6-1; 3. Allante Wheeler (S), 6-1. **3,200-meter relay:** 1. Churchill, 8:11.11; 2. Plymouth, 8:19.14; 3. Salem, 8:21.71. **110 hurdles:** 1. Freddie Thompson (WJG), 15.31; 2. Justin Garbin (WR), 15.32; 3. Joseph Berry (D), 15.37. **100 dash:** 1. Jaron Flournoy (WJG), 10.66; 2. David Graham (WJG), 11.35; 3. VerShawn Patrick (S), 11.36. **800 relay:** 1. John Glenn, 1:29.16; 2. Franklin, 1:30.37; 3. Churchill, 1:30.42. **1,600 run:** 1. Keenan Jones (LF), 4:23.82; 2. Dominic Davis (WR), 4:24.30; 3. Chaz Jeffress (S), 4:26.67. **400 relay:** 1. Salem, 43.06; 2. John Glenn, 43.22; 3. Wyandotte, 43.84. **400 dash:** 1. Flournoy (WJG), 48.53; 2. Montel Hood (WM), 48.87; 3. Jamal Allen (LC), 50.32. **300 hurdles:** 1. Thompson (WJG), 39.49; 2. Jemal Vaunado (C), 40.72; 3. Tim Dulin (LC), 40.98. **800 run:** 1. Jonny Dalton (P), 1:55.40; 2. Jones (LF), 1:57.04; 3. Matt Cohan (LC), 1:57.40. **200 dash:** 1. Flournoy (WJG), 21.40; 2. Rodney Graves (DC), 21.93; 3. Andrew Davis (S), 23.07. **3,200 run:** 1. Malik Jordan (WM), 9:37.47; 2. Matthew Pahl (P), 9:39.34; 3. Tony Floyd (LF), 10:03.21. **1,600 relay:** 1. Wayne, 3:23.40; 2. John Glenn, 3:26.73; 3. Churchill, 3:26.82.
**GIRLS STANDINGS:** 1. Livonia Churchill, 119 points; 2. Plymouth, 112; 3. Salem, 111; 4. Wyandotte Roosevelt, 94; 5. Livonia Franklin, 68; 6. Canton, 45.5; 7. Westland John Glenn, 33; 8. Dearborn, 29.5; 9. Wayne Memorial, 25; 10. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 9; 11. Garden City, 8; 12. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 7; 13. Dearborn Fordson, 1.
**Discus:** 1. Gabrielle Carter (LC), 125 feet, 7 inches; 2. Emily Meier (C), 120-7; 3. Shara Long (S), 115-8. **Shot put:** 1. Meier (C), 43-7; 2. Long (S), 36-9.25; 3. Carter (LC), 36-3. **Pole vault:** 1. Kayla Janevski (P), 10-10; 2. Olivia Ryktarsyk (LC), 10-10; 3. Emily Caragay (P), 10-6. **Long jump:** 1. Kyla Mann (D), 16-7; 2. Juliet Hope (LC), 16-5.25; 3. Regan Kusibab (WR), 16-5. **High jump:** 1. Katherine Harris (P), 5-3; 2. Julie Wonch (LF), 4-11; 3. Rebecca Foley (D), 4-8. **3,200-meter relay:** 1. Churchill, 9:50.27; 2. Wyandotte, 9:55.39; 3. Salem, 10:11.15. **100 hurdles:** 1. Aubrey Mavin (LC), 15.83; 2. Kyana Evans (WR), 16.44; 3. Brianna Essien (S), 16.77. **100 dash:** 1. Ryan Draper (P), 12.52; 2. Anavia Battle (WM), 12.58; 3. Asia Gardner (WJG), 12.59. **800 relay:** 1. Plymouth, 1:44.96; 2. John Glenn, 1:46.72; 3. Salem, 1:47.39. **1,600 run:** 1. Robyn Loselle (WR), 5:11.80; 2. Lauren Arquette (S), 5:14.59; 3. Christina Murphy (LC), 5:32.19. **400 relay:** 1. Wyandotte, 50.13; 2. Salem, 50.23; 3. John Glenn, 50.60. **400 dash:** 1. Jewel Davis (P), 57.52; 2. Shekinah Johnson (S), 57.79; 3. Chanel Gardner (WJG), 58.90. **300 hurdles:** 1. Kyana Evans (WR), 46.45; 2. Aubrey Mavin (LF), 47.83; 3. Ryan Sparks (C), 48.99. **800 run:** 1. Kaya Knake (S), 2:19.11; 2. Megan Gendjar (LC), 2:24.18; 3. Loselle (WR), 1:26.87. **200 dash:** 1. Draper (P), 25.45; 2. Davis (P), 25.77; 3. Battle (WM), 26.32. **3,200 run:** 1. Maggie Pawelczyk (WR), 11:13.72; 2. Arquette (S), 11:19.10; 3. Kathleen George (LC), 11:35.66. **1,600 relay:** 1. Salem, 4:07.66; 2. Wyandotte, 4:08.36; 3. Franklin, 4:10.18.

**CITY OF WAYNE**
**DANGEROUS BUILDING PROCEEDINGS**
**HEARING OFFICER'S NOTICE OF FINDINGS AND ORDER**

In the matter of:
Owner/Interested Persons:

**Jamie Conn**
34834 Richard
Wayne, Michigan 48184

**Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems**
Successor to Resmae Mortgage Corp
P.O. Box 2026
Flint, Michigan 48501-2023

**Wayne County Treasurer, Raymond J. Wojtowicz**
International Center
400 Monroe, 5th Floor
Detroit, MI 48226

File No. 2015-02
Subject Property: 3241 Third. Wayne. Michigan
Hearing Date: January 21, 2015, April 15, 2015
Inspection Date: February 10, 2015
Hearing Officer: Thomas M. O'Brien
Effective Date: Date of Publication

**HEARING OFFICER'S FINDINGS**

A public hearing (the "Hearing") was conducted on the Hearing Date in accordance with City of Wayne Ordinance 1472 ("Section 1472") relative to the request of the City of Wayne (the "City") to declare the Subject Property a dangerous building and order such alterations, repairs or rehabilitations, or in the alternative, the demolition and removal of the dangerous building located on the Subject Property. Notice of the Hearing was given in accordance with Section 1472. The Owner/Interested Persons failed to appear at the Hearing.

Testimony from the City's Building Official was taken and an inspection report was presented, wherein the following violations existed at the Subject Property: (1) the building is unsanitary; (2) wood trim deteriorated; (3) unfit for human habitation; (4) building is not occupiable; (5) building is in rough condition; (6) building is not weatherproof; (7) building has evidence of vermin infestation; and (8) Ordinance 1472, Section 2, Subsections a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i and k. No written or oral objections to the City's inspection were presented at the Hearing.

After personal inspections of the exterior and interior of the Subject Property by the Hearing Officer, the Hearing Officer concurs with the above-noted findings of the Building Official, and further makes his own observations that additional violations exists as follows:

EXTERIOR: Yard overgrown with vegetation, litter and debris; *West side of building*: missing siding on overhang and missing window (boarded up); *South side of building*: missing siding and boarded up window, opening in soffit which is allowing entry of vermin and insects; *Eastside of building*: opening in soffit, missing siding, 2 holes in foundation allowing animal entry; and *North side of building*: missing siding.

INTERIOR: Obvious signs of infestation by animals and insects; trash strewn about; holes in walls and the ceiling; water damage to walls, ceiling and floor; large hole in bedroom floor open to crawl space; exposed wiring and missing wall plates and fixtures; damaged and exposed plumbing; and furnace appears to be damaged.

**ORDER**

This matter having come for hearing and the above findings being presented;

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the City Engineer's finding are hereby sustained and the Subject Property is a dangerous building as defined in Section 1472.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Owner/Interested Persons must demolish the Subject Property within thirty (30) days from the Effective Date of this Order.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that should the Owner/Interested Persons fail(s) to comply with this Order, the City shall correct the violation by demolition and charge costs and expenses to the Subject Property in accordance with City ordinances.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that a hearing shall be conducted before the **Dangerous Building Appeal Board for the City of Wayne on June 15, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.,** *(the third Monday of the month following the expiration of 30 days from the Effective Date of this Order)*, which will be at Wayne Activity and Banquet Center located at 35000 Sims Avenue, Wayne, Michigan 48184, for the purpose of affirming the action herein. You may attend and show cause why this Order should not be affirmed by the Appeal Board as the final order regarding the demolition of the property noted herein.

**THE HEARING OFFICER HAS NO AUTHORITY TO REVERSE HIS DECISION, TO GRANT AN EXTENSION TIME, OR TO ENTERTAIN A REQUEST TO REOPEN THE HEARING OR TO GRANT ANY OTHER REQUEST OF THE OWNER OR THE OWNER'S AGENT.**

Thomas M. O'Brien
**Hearing Officer**

**AN AGGRIEVED PARTY MAY APPEAL THE DECISION OF THE HEARING OFFICER TO THE APPEAL BOARD. THE AGGRIEVED PARTY MUST FILE AN APPEAL OF SUCH ORDER WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF SERVICE. THE AGGRIEVED PARTY SHALL FILE A WRITTEN REQUEST FOR AN APPEAL OF THE DECISION WITH THE CITY CLERK, AND BY APPEARING IN PERSON AT THE DANGEROUS BUILDING APPEAL BOARD MEETING ON JUNE 15, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M., OR BY APPEALING THE DANGEROUS BUILDING APPEAL BOARD'S ORDER TO THE WAYNE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT.**

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**CITY OF WESTLAND**
**INVITATION TO BID**

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, MI 48185, **on June 2nd, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.** (no exceptions will be made for late filings) for the following:

REPAIR SERVICES FOR FIRE SERVICE VEHICLES

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

Devin J. Adams
City Controller

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**CITY OF LIVONIA**
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

WHEREAS, the City of Livonia has received a request from Schoolcraft College, dated April 28, 2015, proposing the establishment of an Industrial Development District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Act 198 of the Public Acts of 1974, as amended, the Council has the authority to establish Industrial Development 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 11.95 acres lying in SW ¼ of Section 7 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 Industrial Development District No. 117";

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 Industrial Development.
2. This City Council sets **Wednesday, June 3, 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 Industrial Development 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 Industrial Development District described above.

**SUSAN A. HOFF, CITY CLERK**

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# NEW ORGANIZATION FOSTERS COLLABORATION IN THE ARTS

**By Sharon Dargay**
Staff Writer

PAPA Weeze is bringing creative individuals together for mentoring, collaborative events, career opportunities and new projects.

Think of it as a matchmaker for the arts.

"The part of art that always intrigued me is that it can't happen without so many forms of art working in collaboration, with everyone coming together to make one solid piece," said Barbie Weisserman, founder of PAPA Weeze, a new organization dedicated to helping artists produce their works for "public consumption, enjoyment, education and personal expansion." That includes artists involved in theater, film, fashion, writing, composing, musicians, directors, dancers, choreographers, photographers, sculptors, painters, performance artists and more.

Weisserman of Farmington Hills is a longtime theater professional, with numerous credits in acting, costume design, and producing. She co-founded Two Muses Theatre in West Bloomfield, teaches makeup, costume design and an acting class at Oakland Community College and makes costumes for Mosaic Youth Theatre.

Weisserman, who is married and a mom, quit Two Muses last fall after four seasons with the nonprofit theater.

"Running a theater, doing set dressing and costumes and everything else, got overwhelming, time-consuming. It stopped being fun," Weisserman said. She had toyed with the idea of leaving for a year, thinking the situation might improve. "Then I got an opportunity to fund a movie. That's when I decided this is the direction I needed to go in. I started thinking about what I'd do if I wanted to seriously fund a short film."

SUBMITTED PHOTOS

**Barbie Weisserman of Farmington Hills created PAPA Weeze, a new arts organization.**

**Autumn Hauer, a Michigan State University student, created this award-winning fashion design. Hauer is director of the Stand-Up Fashion event for PAPA Weeze, a new Farmington Hills-based arts organization that brings creative individuals together for projects and events.**

### BENEFIT FOR THE ARTS ESTATE SALE

**When**: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 20-25
**Where:** 28960 Willow Creek, Farmington Hills
**What:** Vintage clothing, jewelry, hats, accessories, antiques, items of curiosity, theatrical makeup and costumes, furniture, designer clothing, retro, ugly, "what is this" will be for sale. Proceeds from the sale of items will benefit PAPA Weeze and support and fund all forms of art. PAPA Weeze will take donated items for the sale through 5 p.m. May 24.
**Contact:** papaweeze.org

### Making connections

The idea for PAPA Weeze took shape. The organization, named after Weisserman's late father-in-law, Harold Weisserman, sponsors a few smaller collaborative projects annually, to help fund one larger project every 12-18 months. This year the major project is the short film that Weisserman promised to help fund. The film, *Getting Ed Laid*, is written and will be directed by Deborah Pearl, who wrote and produced the television sitcom, *Designing Women*, and will star veteran actor Ed Asner . Weisserman and Pearl met when Two Muses produced Pearl's musical last year.

"Deborah needed a place to stay," said Weisserman, who welcomed the playwright into her home. "She was at our house six weeks. We are like soul mates. We have so much in common. She respected me as a producer and I respected her as a playwright.

"One opportunity led to another. We were just having a conversation and she said I'd like to make a short film while he (Asner) is still around."

Weisserman is executive producer on the project and will take local wardrobe, makeup and continuity professionals with her to California for the shoot in August. A Kickstarter funding campaign has surpassed its $18,000 goal by more than $2,000 and as of May 15 had nine days remaining for donations.

### Fashion and funny

A series of smaller PAPA Weeze events will give local artists a chance to collaborate and also will help fund the film. The first, an evening of short plays, was held in March at the Ringwald Theatre in Ferndale. The next event, 6 p.m. June 13, 31440 Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills, will combine fashion and stand-up comedy. Stand-Up Fashion Show will give aspiring and established Michigan designers a chance to show their work. Allie Shapiro of Farmington Hills will supply the comedic commentary. Fine artists also will sell their work in the lobby. The deadline to submit an application for the fashion portion of the event is May 25. Applications for both artist and fashion designers are online at papaweeze.org. Tickets for the fashion show and comedy are $20, also available online.

In addition to sponsoring the events, PAPA Weeze through its Jumpstart program helps connect new and aspiring artists with successful professionals. Newcomers get the encouragement and guidance they need to get an artistic career or project up and running.

"I have a high school student who is quite good at playwriting and needs impetus and counseling. I'm having Deborah help," Weisserman said. "I have a friend who always wanted to write a book. Now it's time for her to put her money where her mouth is." She paired her with a professional and plans to help with the editing.

For more about PAPA Weeze visit papaweeze.org. Find information about the film, *Getting Ed Laid*, at Kickstarter.com.

# Teen job hunt a combination of common sense, luck

**By Julie Brown**
Staff Writer

Aylin Lopez, 18, and Kyra Dickinson, 14, are off to a good start on their summer job search.

"I'm actually looking for anything to do with computers or engineering," said Lopez, who'll graduate this June from Plymouth Canton High School. She's tutored in the past and is headed to the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor this fall to study chemical engineering.

She found a May 13 job search for teens workshop at the Plymouth District Library a good place to start. "I thought it was very helpful," Lopez said. "I'm really excited I got a job lead" from Mary Kelly, the presenting librarian and a staffer at the Lyon Township Public Library.

Dickinson is a ninth-grader at Canton High School who wants to baby-sit. "It was very informational," she said of the program. She learned about filling out job applications and "not what to do and what to do."

JULIE BROWN

**Librarian Mary Kelly gave job search advice to local teens, including Plymouth Canton High School students Kyra Dickinson, 14, (center) and Aylin Lopez, 18.**

"We happen to live in one of the most depressed areas of the country," said Kelly, a South Lyon resident who also works as a substitute librarian at the Plymouth library. In addition, she said, teens must overcome negative perceptions among employers, such as that they're lazy.

"I wouldn't let this stop you. You just have to persevere," Kelly said.

She had practical tips for the more than 20 teens at the evening session, including organizing their personal information to make it easy to access. "If there are pictures of you being stupid on the Internet, you want to take them down," Kelly said.

You'll need a unique and professional email for your job hunt, she added, as well as a Social Security number.

Kelly and Barb Dinan, PDL teen librarian, urged the teens to create a list of contacts and references, "anybody that can vouch for your character," Kelly said. "You also want to let these people know you're looking for work."

Family members generally shouldn't be references, they said, although one teen had worked for his grandfather in a "real" job. Teachers are good references, Kelly said, provided they think well of you.

### Teens know technology

"One of the things young people can bring to the table is technology," Kelly said. Teens may know Microsoft Word or Microsoft Publisher; they may have been baby-sitters, "managing horrible children."

She had the teens go through a printed schedule of their availability, blocking off school time. You need travel time to get to a job, Kelly said, reminding them of Plymouth's frequent trains and delays.

"My kid once had a car accident on the way to work," Kelly added.

She emphasized hard work, along with such "soft skills" as team spirit, communication, empathy and trustworthiness. How you handle people is key on the job, Kelly said.

"They want reliable and showing up on time," Kelly said of employers. "You want to market those skills that you can handle crazy people."

She covered good manners, professional dress (it's good to dress one level up from the current staff, even when picking up applications) as well as the need for common sense. You should "conform before you deviate," in terms of your appearance when approaching an employer, Kelly said.

"Then let out your pink hair slowly," she added. With time and reading of an employer, teens learn "where can you bend the rules and where can you not."

Other basics include:

» Don't complain.

» Don't use your cell phone at work (parents can reach the business phone in an emergency).

» Don't have your friends stop by at work.

» Delay asking for "favors," such as a night off, until you're more of a known commodity at work.

» Don't involve parents directly in your job search, such as having a mother pick up job applications. Parents can give counsel at home, but teens should appear to be "orphans" to the employer, Kelly said.

"So many people are horrible at this," she said of job hunting, adding applicants should always carry a pen, never asking to borrow one.

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# TEEN

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Teens can stand out in the labor market, she said, if they're courteous and professional.

Dinan added to make sure in online applications you're actually on the real job site, such as McDonald's. Kelly noted some employers don't obey the law when it comes to hours worked by teens.

"You do not need to instruct anybody in the law," she said of those employers. "If you feel uncomfortable, I say quit and move on with your life."

### 'A lot of this is luck'

"A lot of this is luck, too," she added. "You have to be in the right place at the right time."

At the workshop, teens covered job applications, including the use of "NA" for "not applicable," on things like military service. That shows they've read the entire application and filled it out completely. Being "convicted" of a crime is what matters, said Kelly, not arrested, although she encouraged avoiding crime.

When asked why you left a job, "You may not write 'The manager was stupid.'"

Kelly and Dinan said schedule conflicts, another job or academics are all reasons you can list for leaving.

The librarians added a date when you'll receive your driver's license is fine to write in. If you've trained workers or been self-employed, such as raking leaves or shoveling snow, that's fine to list.

"I would tell them everything that's relevant, even if it's volunteer work" that's formalized and continuous, Plymouth resident Dinan said.

Applicants can say "no" on contacting a current employer, for not wanting to jeopardize that relationship. Resumes can be left with potential employers. All job postings and descriptions should be read carefully.

"You never know who is weighing in on the decision," said Kelly, whose daughter had a say in who was hired at the restaurant where she worked. Being polite to all, and spelling correctly and not texting language matter.

Online applications are often frustrating, the librarians noted, so leave yourself lots of time. Save often, and have the basic information readily available. Your public library and its staff can help with online applications for teens and older job seekers, the women added.

"You are about looking neutral and putting your best foot forward," said Kelly, adding never wear flip-flops when job hunting. In interviews, understand the basics of the business (libraries can help here, too), don't talk salary or ask for time off, and communicate your availability.

Some employers will be rude, Kelly said, and rejection can be tough. It must not be taken personally, she concluded.

Teen Lopez, who's headed to U-M for engineering, said the recession hit some jobs for teens, although pizza eateries, for example, continued to hire. Her job goal in her field is different.

"That's definitely going to be something that's going to be harder to get into," she said.

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# GARDEN & NATURE

### Butterflies

Roger Sutherland of the Southeastern Michigan Beekeepers Association is the guest speaker at the next meeting of the Southeastern Michigan Butterfly Association (SEMBA), 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 20, at Nankin Mills Nature Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Sutherland will talk about how flowers attract pollinators, how pollinators find and adapt to flowers, and how to plant for pollinators. Parking on Hines Drive or Ann Arbor Trail. Nonmembers pay $3. 734-223-5510, or visit www.sembabutterfly.org.

### Flower sale

Northville's 28th annual Flower Sale runs 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, May 22, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 23, in downtown Northville. Shoppers will find garden art and accessories in addition to ornamental accent plants, perennials, herbs, annuals, roses, shrubs, exotic plants, and trees from more than 20 local growers and greenhouses. For more information call the Northville Chamber of Commerce at 248-349-7640 or visit northville.org.

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Wild geraniums are in bloom.

### Garden walk tickets

» Tickets are available for the annual Trailwood Garden Club's Flowers are Forever Garden Walk, noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 30, at several private gardens in the Plymouth area. Presale tickets are $8 and are available at Saxton's Power Equipment Center, 587 W. Ann Arbor Trail, 734-453-6250, Backyard Birds, 627 S. Main, 734-416-0600, and Sideways, 505 Forest, 453-8312. Tickets are $10 the day of the walk. Tickets for children under 12 are half the adult price ticket. There is no charge for babes in arms. Strollers aren't permitted.

» The Friends for the Development of Greenmead present Livonia's 26th annual Garden Walk 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 27. Tickets are $10 on day of event or $9 in advance and are available at Greenmead Historical Park, 20501 Newburgh, Livonia; in community resources on the fifth floor of Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive; Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile; Carl Sandburg Library, 30100 Seven Mile; Alfred Noble Library, 32901 Plymouth Road; and from any of the Friends of Greenmead. The tour will feature five Livonia homes and the Greenmead grounds. All proceeds benefit the restoration of Greenmead Historical Park. 248-477-7375.

### Garlic mustard pull

Help Friends of Maybury State Park control the invasion of garlic mustard plants, 10 a.m. to noon May 30. Volunteers will meet at the concession building at the park. Bring your own gloves and wear long sleeves and long pants. For more information, call 248-349-8390 or visit friendsofmaybury.org. The park is located between Seven Mile and Eight Mile, west of Beck, in Northville.

### Peony sale

Northfield Farms will sell heirloom peonies, 10 a.m. Saturday, May 30, at the peony garden at Nichols Arboretum in Ann Arbor. Call 734-647-7600.

### Plymouth Nursery

» Learn to create container gardens at a free presentation, 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 20, and 7 p.m. Thursday, May 28, at 9900 Ann Arbor Road. Bring your own container or buy one at the store. Call to reserve a spot at 734-453-5500.

» See what's new in hostas and learn how to add them to your landscape at a free presentation, 1 p.m. Saturday, June 20.

# REUNIONS

**DETROIT COOLEY**

**CLASS OF 1965**

Looking for classmates from January and June for 50th reunion on Oct. 3 at Livonia Marriott Hotel. For information, email reunioncooley65@aol.com or call 734-397-3308.

**GARDEN CITY WEST**

**CLASS OF 1973**

A 60th birthday party is set for July 25 at Garden City Park Pavilion, east of Merriman, north of Cherry Hill Road in Garden City. Tickets are $10 at the location. Participants should bring their own food and beverages. Grill will be provided. Bring a gag birthday gift. For info, call Ted Cambell at 734-776-0024 or Billy Brooks: blybe7@aol.com.

**NOVI HIGH SCHOOL**

**CLASS OF 1995**

Seeking classmates for a 20-year reunion Saturday, Aug. 22, at the Embassy Sites in Livonia. For more information, email melissacohn8@gmail.com or visit facebook.com/groups/Noviclassof95/.

**OAK PARK HIGH SCHOOL**

**CLASS OF 1975**

Save the date, Saturday, July 25, at Embassy Suites Livonia, 19525 Victor Parkway, Livonia. Classmates may send their contact information to oakpark1975reunion@gmail.com, and to join the Reunion Facebook Page at https://www.facebook.com/events/810805715636204/.


Guide to Employment

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# ENGAGEMENT

SUBMITTED

Danielle Rae Hans and Nicholas Brian Zink

**HANS-ZINK**

Danielle Rae Hans and Nicholas Brian Zink announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Kathy and Allan Hans of Maroa, Ill., attended Maroa-Forsyth High School and DePaul University. She is an emergency physician at Carle Hospital.

Her fiance, son of Kathy and Marty Zink of Livonia, attended Luther-an High School in Westland and Western Michigan University. He is a flight instructor at Parkland College.

A July 2015 wedding is planned.

# ANNIVERSARY

SUBMITTED

Al and Mary Lou Papcun of Canton

**CELEBRATING 50 YEARS**

Albert and Mary Louise (Costantino) Papcun of Canton marked their 50th wedding anniversary on May 15.

Their romance began soon after Al was introduced to Mary Lou by a close friend and classmate. They were married in 1965 at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Detroit.

The couple has two children, Barbara and David.

Al retired after a 39-year career at Ford Motor Company, where he was employed as an accountant and financial analyst. Mary Lou was a homemaker, with stints at Wendy's Restaurant and Farmer Jack supermarket after their children began school.

The couple, originally from Detroit's east side, settled in Allen Park, where they lived for 32 years. In 1997 they moved to Canton.

Al sings in the bass section of the choir at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church and is an avid bike rider and walker. Mary Lou enjoys cooking, especially Italian dishes. The couple enjoys opera, classical music and theater, and are proud members of the Italian American Club of Livonia.

# ENGAGEMENT

SUBMITTED

Steven Barben Samuels and Abigail Marie Stonerook

**STONEROOK-SAMUELS**

Dana and Teri Stonerook of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Abigail Marie, to Steven Barben Samuels, the son of Allen and Olivia Samuels of Ann Arbor.

Abigail is a graduate of Kalamazoo College with a bachelor of arts degree in human development, social relations and political science. She is employed by the American Cancer Society as community manager of special events for Ann Arbor.

Steven has a bachelor of fine arts degree from the University of Michigan. He is the marketing manager for Masco Cabinetry.

A July 2015 wedding is planned.

# RELIGION CALENDAR

## BIBLE COLLECTION

**Time/Date**: Through May 31

**Location:** Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman, Livonia

**Details**: The church is collecting Bibles for Africa through Helping Hands Touching Hearts, a nonprofit organization founded by church members Wayne and Sidney Bonvallet of Farmington Hills. Drop offs may be made any time at the collection box at the main entrance to the church. Follow the Bonvallets at helpinghandstouchinghearts-.blogspot.com

**Contact:** 248-476-8222.

## BREAKFAST

**Time/Date**: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, May 17

**Location:** St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

**Details**: Pancakes, French toast, ham, applesauce, sausage, scrambled eggs, coffee, tea, milk, juice; $3 for adults and $1.50 for children, 2-10

**Contact:** 734-425-4421

## CONCERT

**Time/Date**: 7 p.m. Saturday, May 30

**Location**: Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster Road and Middlebelt, Livonia

**Details:** Tatiana Scavnicky and Mark Watson perform a combination of rock, world beat, mystical and pop. Tickets are $15 and available through Unity of Livonia Bookstore or by phone

**Contact:** 734-421-1760

## DEMENTIA SERIES

**Time/Date**: 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 27

**Location:** St. Colette Parish, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia

**Details**: "Aging in Place Successfully" looks at the cognitive symptoms of dementia-related diseases, treatment options and staying in one's home. The program is part of an ongoing series, featuring a team of dementia care specialists and ministry facilitators. Each session is held at a different church in the Northwest Wayne Vicariate

**Contact**: Nancy at 734-464-4436

## FILM SERIES

**Time/Date**: 11:45 a.m. May 20

**Location:** Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway, Southfield

**Details**: The film, *China Blue*, takes a look inside a blue jean factory in China, where teenage employees work around the clock.

**Contact**: 248-354-4488; northwestuu.org

## LIVING ROSARY

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 20

**Location:** St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

**Details:** In this candlelit service, a person or small group represents a bead of the rosary and leads the prayer that bead represents

**Contact:** 734-261-1455

## POMEGRANATE GUILD

**Time/Date**: 1 p.m. Sunday, May 17

**Location**: Prentis Apartment Community Room, located on 10 Mile east of Greenfield in Oak Park

**Details**: Nadine Eder will lead a workshop in making a quilted challah cover

**Contact**: Judy Galperin at 248-661-5337

## WIDOWED

**Time/Date**: 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 17

**Location:** St. Kenneth Church, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth Township

**Details**: Mass, fellowship, light lunch. Helpers needed to assist with the Mass and lunch.

**Contact:** Pat at 734-895-6246 or Liz at 734-452-9149

## ONGOING

## CLASSES/STUDY

**Men's Bible study**

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

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

**Contact:** John Shulenberger at 734-464-9491

**Our Lady of Loretto**

**Time/Date**: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday

**Location:** Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township

**Details:** Scripture study

**Contact:** 313-534-9000

## FAITH COMMUNITY WESLEYAN

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

**Location**: 14560 Merriman, Livonia

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

**Contact:** pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

## CLOTHING BANK

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

**Location:** Canton Christian Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton

**Details**: No documentation needed

**Contact**: info@cantoncf.org

## FAMILY MEAL

**Time/Date**: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday

**Location:** Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

**Details**: Free meal

**Contact:** 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

## HEALING SERVICE

**Time/Date**: Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month

**Location:** The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia

**Details:** The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Offertory candles are available for a free will offering in the vestibule of the church.

**Contact**: Rev. George Shalhoub at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey Badeen at sbadeen@tbosm.com

## MOMS

**Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church**

**Time/Date**: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May

**Location:** 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

**Details:** Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners

**Contact:** Ethanie Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

**Dunning Park Bible Chapel**

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

**Location:** 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

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

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

## PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

**Time/Date**: 1 p.m. Sunday

**Location:** Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

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

**Contact:** 313-563-0162

## PRAYER

**St. Edith Church**

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

**Location:** Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

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

**Contact:** Parish office at 734-464-1223

**St. Michael Lutheran Church**

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

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

**Location:** 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

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

**Contact:** 734-459-3333 for additional information

## SINGLES

**Detroit World Outreach**

**Time/Date**: 4-6 p.m. Sunday

**Location:** 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304

**Details:** Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.

**Contact:** The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org

**First Presbyterian Church**

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

**Location**: 200 E. Main St., Northville

**Details:** Single Place Ministry; cost is $5

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

**Steve's Family Restaurant**

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

**Location:** 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia

**Details:** Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.

**Contact:** 313-534-0399

## SONG CIRCLE

**Congregation Beth Ahm**

**Time/Date**: Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat

**Location:** 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

**Details:** Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in transliteration as well as the original Hebrew.

**Contact:** 248-737-1931 or email nancyellen879@att.net.

## SUPPORT

**Apostolic Christian Church**

**Time/Date**: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily

**Location:** 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

**Details:** Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act.

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

**Connection Church**

**Time/Date**: 7 p.m. Friday

**Location**: 3855 Sheldon, Canton

**Details:** Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery for all hurts, habits and hang-ups. Child care is available for free

**Contact**: Jonathan@Connectionchurch.info or 248-787-5009

**Detroit World Outreach**

**Time/Date**: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday

**Location:** 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202

**Details:** Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems

**Contact:** 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

**» Farmington Hills Baptist Church**

**Time/Date**: 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August

**Location:** 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills

**Details:** Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group

**Contact:** 248-433-1011

**» Merriman Road Baptist Church**

**Time/Date**: 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday

**Location:** 2055 Merriman, Garden City

**Details:** Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations

**Contact:** www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519

**» Fireside Church of God**

**Time/Date**: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

**Location:** 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

**Details:** Fireside Adult Day Ministry activity-based program for dependent adults, specializing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center

**Contact:** 734-855-4056 or 734-464-0990; www.firesidechog.org; or email to adm@firesidechog.org

**» St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**

**Time/Date**: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday

**Location:** 16360 Hubbard, Livonia

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

**Contact:** 734-421-8451

**» St. Thomas a' Becket Church**

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

**Location**: 555 S. Lilley, Canton

**Details:** Take Off Pounds Sensibly

**Contact:** Margaret at 734-838-0322

**» Unity of Livonia**

**Time/Date**: 7 p.m. Thursday

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

**Details**: Overeaters Anonymous

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

**» Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church**

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

**Location:** 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township

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

**Contact:** Child care, 248-374-7400; www.celebraterecovery-.com and www.ward-church.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

## TOUR

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

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

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

**Contact:** 313-579-2100, Ext. 149; www.solanuscenter.org

## WORSHIP

**» Adat Shalom Synagogue**

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

**Location:** 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

**Contact:** 248-851-5100

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## SANBURY, PATRICIA (WILHELMI)

Age 77, May 9, 2015 of Hubbard Lake, formerly of Plymouth. Preceded in death by parents Wanda and Joseph Wilhelmi and son Douglas; Beloved mother of Annette (Chris) Tornga, Craig, Lynton and Brent (Lisa). Grandmother of four. Dear sister of Larry (Peg) and Roger (Nancy) Wilhelmi and Susan (Gordon) Lampman. Memorial information available at:
www.grdewitt.com

## STREIFF, THOMAS

Birmingham resident Thomas Philip Streiff, 85, passed away in his beloved home surrounded by his family on Saturday, May 9, 2015. Survived by his wife of 54 years Patricia Streiff, three daughters; Laura (Streiff) Boucher and son-in-law Ed Boucher, Elaine Streiff, and Karen (Streiff) Eberhart; nine grandchildren and extended family. Mr. Streiff retired from General Motors after 30 years of dedicated service. An avid outdoorsman with a passion for fishing, skiing and golf, he was a 20 year, nationally ranked ski patrolman; selected to the 1980 Lake Placid Olympic volunteer team. He was a captivating storyteller including tales of his travels to Alaska. He enjoyed photography, woodworking, and collecting antique fishing lures. Tom loved and cherished his family above all else. He will be missed and remembered forever as a gentleman, an outstanding husband, and family man. Donations may be made to the local Leader Dogs for the Blind at www.leaderdog.org. A memorial is being planned.

## WILSON, BRIAN LEE

Age 43, of Redford, Michigan, passed away on Friday, May 15, 2015 in Mio, MI. Brian was the beloved high school sweetheart and husband of Robin Wilson; the beloved father of Jesse Lee Wilson and Zackery Delano Wilson; dear brother of Rosemarie Catterson, Jamie Wilson, Robin Wilson, Ross Davidson, and Ryan Davidson; dear son-in-law of Pat & Jack Davidson; and dear uncle of several nieces and nephews. In accordance with his wishes, cremation has taken place. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date. Arrangements by Lashley Funeral Home, Mio, MI.

# HEALTH

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# Don't Fry Friday raises awareness of sun overexposure, cancer risk

Don't Fry Friday is set for May 22.

It's the day the National Council on Skin Cancer Prevention encourage everyone to protect their skin outdoors while enjoying the Memorial Day weekend.

The sun safety awareness day aims to reduce rising rates of skin cancer from overexposure to the ultraviolet (UV) rays of the sun.

The American Cancer Society estimates that one American dies every hour from skin cancer. Skin cancer is highly curable if found early and can be prevented. The National Council on Skin Cancer Prevention says everyone should "Slip! Slop! Slap!... and Wrap" — slip on a shirt, slop on broad spectrum sunscreen of SPF 30 or higher, slap on a wide-brimmed hat, and wrap on sunglasses before going outdoors into the sun. The best way to detect skin cancer early is to examine your skin regularly and recognize changes in moles and skin growths.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia will offer free skin cancer screening at its annual Healthy Aging Conference, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 6, at the hospital, located at Five Mile and Levan. Register by calling 734-655-2929 or visit stmarymercy.org/healthyagingconference.

"Overexposure to the sun can lead to sunburn, premature aging of the skin, wrinkling or skin cancer," said Ramesh Mohindra, M.D., FACP, oncology and hematology physician, St. Mary Mercy Livonia. "It is important for people of all ages and all skin types to protect themselves from the sun. Skin cancer is preventable."

The hours between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. are the most hazardous for exposure to ultraviolet rays. The sun's rays can be harmful to everyone, but individuals with pale skin, multiple or unusual moles, weakened immune system or who have experienced severe sunburn in the past have an increased risk for skin cancer. St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers these protection tips:

» Always use sunscreen with sun protective factor (SPE) 35 or higher. Wear sunscreen even when you are under an umbrella or sitting in the shade.

» Sunscreen wears off. Apply sunscreen again if you are in the sun for more than two hours, after you swim or sweat.

» Check your sunscreen's expiration date. Sunscreen without an expiration date has a shelf life of three years. However, if your sunscreen bottle has been exposed to high temperatures, the shelf life is even less.

» Wear loose-fitting, long-sleeved shirts and long pants made from tightly woven fabric for the best protection from the sun's ultraviolet rays. Wet clothing offers much less protection from ultraviolet rays than dry clothes.

» Wear a hat with a wide brim to shade your face, head, ears and neck.

» Wear sunglasses to protect your eyes from ultraviolet rays and reduce the risk of cataracts.

» Seek shade under a tree or umbrella as much as possible.

» Be vigilant of changes to your skin, such as a new growth, a sore that does not heal or a change in a mole. These could be signs of skin cancer, and you should consult your physician.

## MEDICAL DATEBOOK

### Blood drive

St. Mary Mercy Hospital will hold a blood drive 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, May 18, in the North Auditorium at the hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or visit redcrossblood.org. Walk-ins also are accepted.

### Celiac support

The Tri-County Celiac Support Group sponsors a 5K Walk/Run Sunday, May 17, at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe. Registration at 8 a.m. Runners start at 9 a.m. and walkers at 9:30 a.m. Gluten-free food samples, raffle prizes, trophies for top runners and more. Proceeds go to the Center for Celiac Research. For more information, contact April Kretchman at kretchmanaj@gmail.com or call 586-202-5586

### Cerebral aneurysm/stroke

Cerebral Aneurysm and Stroke Club meets 7:30 p.m. May 19 at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. Mary Rini, OTR/L, PYT-C senior occupational therapist will present meditation for stress management and modified chair yoga for stroke survivors. The group meets in the dining room at the Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit; 734-458-3381.

### Diabetes management

The St. Mary Mercy Livonia Diabetes Support Group offers a free educational seminar, "Managing Diabetes: The Next Step," 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 10 in the North Auditorium of St. Mary Mercy Livonia, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. JoAnn Henderson-Collins will share information about diabetes self-management and insulin based on formal training and her experiences. For more information, call 734-655-8950.

### Heart symposium

Hadassah Greater Detroit presents Heart Throbbing Woman's Heart Health Symposium, 10 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Thursday, May 28, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham. Attendees will learn about the warning signs of heart disease for women, new CPR techniques, defibrillator use and mindful thinking. Cost is $45. Register at Hadassah.org/events/whh. 248-683-5030.

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