

# Wayne-Westland OBSERVER

THURSDAY 03.03.16 || HOMETOWNLIFE.COM || PART OF THE USA TODAY NETWORK



## Wayne puts public safety question on ballot

LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

In an effort to stabilize public safety services and overall city finances, Wayne voters will be asked to approve the city joining a public safety authority that comes along with a 14-mill property tax levy.

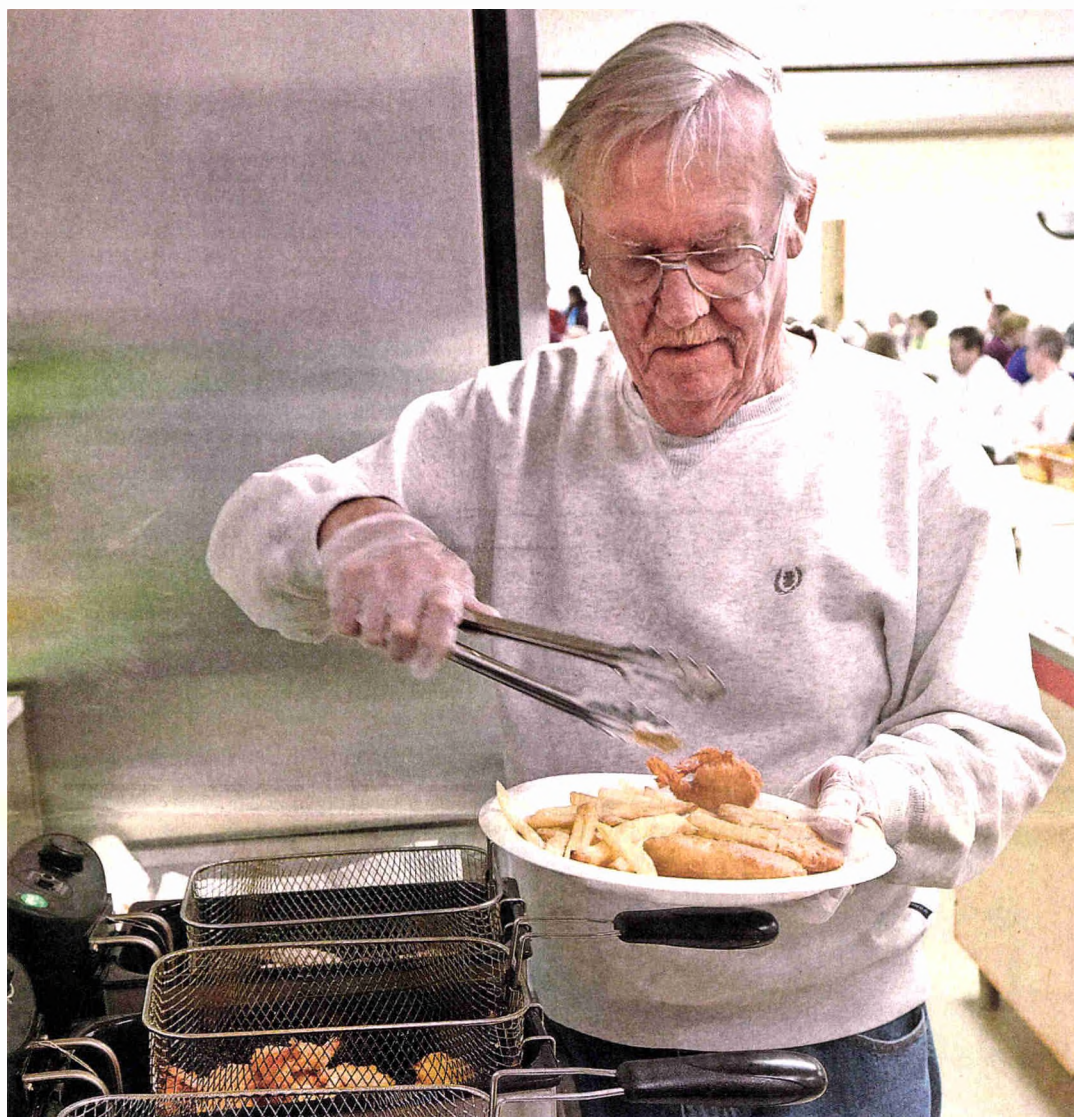
The city council voted unanimously Tuesday to follow the recommendation from the community financial task force to put the question before voters. It is expected that the question will be placed on the August primary ballot, which would allow the tax increase to be collected beginning on the winter tax bill.

Voters would be asked to consider allowing Wayne to join Hazel Park and Eastpointe in the South Oakland Regional Services Authority. Like Wayne, those two communities are not contiguous and the authority serves only as a funding method — the millage is levied and sent back to the cities to fund public safety.

"Levying the 14 mills is the best way to keep our public safety and avoid an emergency financial manager. The majority of us recommended this," financial task force member Jill Lezotte-Kates said, speaking on behalf of the group.

See **BALLOT**, Page A2

## Good food, good company



At Sts. Simon and Jude Catholic Church in Westland, Don Iminski fries shrimp, the most popular menu item.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Surprisingly, shrimp is 'the biggest seller' at Lenten fish fry

LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

Like many area churches and some community groups, Sts. Simon and Jude Catholic Church annually hosts a Lenten fish fry, although the name may be somewhat of an oxymoron.

"Shrimp is our biggest seller," said Ushers Club member Curt Frizzell, who runs the fish fry.

Along with fried cod, the weekly menu also features baked fish and grilled cheese sandwiches.

"I'm a regular at the fish fry. I come for the gluten-free, the broiled fish and french fries. They use a separate fryer for the fries," said Loretta Sovel, who was sitting with fellow parishioners Terry Connolly and Kathy Hansen, who directs public relations for the church.

It was the first time the three had



Joe Randazzo sells 50/50 raffle tickets to diners at the Sts. Simon and Jude Catholic Church fish fry.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

See **FISH FRY**, Page A2

## Woman tentatively agrees to repay WHA

LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

A Westland woman has conditionally agreed to repay \$15,000 to the Westland Hockey Association as part of a felony diversion plea on charges including embezzlement.

Sheri Benton, 45, agreed to the arrangement as part of waiving her preliminary examination Monday in Westland 18th District Court. Along with embezzling more than \$20,000 but less than \$50,000 from the youth hockey group, Benton is charged with writing insufficient funds checks.

The plea agreement was made conditionally for preliminary examination purposes; it is subject to acceptance by a Wayne County Circuit Court judge after Benton is arraigned and the charges proceed at that level.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Ryan Lukiewski described the conditional waiver of the preliminary examination as requiring Benton to repay \$5,000 when her plea is accepted and another \$10,000 over the diversion period, likely to last one year.

Benton would also admit to civil liability for another \$5,000. In return, the charges would be dropped against Benton if she has met the conditions and doesn't commit any crimes during the diversion period.

During the hearing before Judge Sandra Cicirelli, Benton agreed that she understood the agreement and that she was waiving her right to the preliminary examination. She is scheduled for arraignment March 14 in circuit court.

"We're as satisfied as we can be," said WHA treasurer Greg Green, who attended the hearing with WHA president Tracy Posey.

The WHA and the Ice Dogs hockey team are the listed complainants in the charge filed against Benton.

Westland police reported that the hockey group initially thought about \$8,600 was missing over a period of time dating back to 2013, when Benton was serving as WHA treasurer. Instead, police said the financial records were closely scrutinized and approximately \$45,500 was missing over three years.

The charges are that Benton used WHA money to pay personal expenses, including \$8,000 on her mortgage.

"The money mostly went out in cash and miscellaneous charges on a debit card that (Benton) only had access to," Posey said.

Since discovering money was missing, Green said the WHA has revised its policies for handling funds. "We are running a tighter ship. If hindsight was 20/20," he said. "We'd like to put this all behind us."

WHA has received \$30,898.51 reimbursement from insurance, which will receive repayment of funds repaid by Benton.



Benton

lrogers@hometownlife.com



PRICE: \$1

OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC  
hometownlife.com  
A GANNETT COMPANY

© The Observer & Eccentric  
Volume 51 • Number 83

Home Delivery: (866) 887-2737 | Return Address: 29725 Hudson Dr., Novi MI 48377

### INDEX

Business.....	A6	Homes.....	B7	Services.....	B7
Crossword Puzzle.....	B7	Jobs.....	B6	Sports.....	B1
Entertainment.....	B10	Obituaries.....	B9	Wheels.....	B7
Food.....	B11	Opinion.....	A8		



## Home Equity Loans

rates as low as **3.25%** APR\*

\*Home Equity Line of Credit Annual Percentage Rate (APR) of 3.25% is based on credit worthiness, loan amount and Loan to Value (LTV), and assumes auto pay discount. Variable rates are based on the published Wall Street Journal Prime Rate. Subject to change without notice. Maximum rate 18.00% APR. An early termination fee of \$300 applies on lines closed within 24 months. Equal opportunity lender. NMLS #443274 Federally insured by NCUA. ©2016 Community Financial

COMMUNITY  
FINANCIAL

CFCU.ORG/HOME | 877.937.2328

BALLOT

Continued from Page A1

Wayne has a more than \$2 million structural deficit and has seen an approximately 45-percent drop in property values since 2008. The city's general operating millage is maxed out and city auditors project Wayne will run out of money by Labor Day 2017.

If voters approve Wayne joining SMORSA, state law requires that all members levy the same amount of millage. In this case, that is 14 mills. But like Hazel Park, Wayne doesn't need the full amount and has discussed reducing the general operating millage as an offset.

"I don't and won't support it, but I believe the issue should be voted on," task force member Bob Boertje said. "I would like to see it in

November, when there are more voters."

Whether the question appears on the August or November ballot, former City Manager John Zech said that he supports the proposal.

"No one on council or in the administration had anything to do with the 2008 housing market collapse," he said. "Or Ford Motor Co. choosing to close a plant in Wayne. Or state shared revenues (losses). It was a one, two, three, four punch."

Through efforts to cut spending, the police department is down to 24 officers and 12 firefighters, Zech noted.

"That's not sufficient. Public safety is woefully understaffed and I'm concerned for them," he said. "More importantly, I'm concerned for residents and businesses. We must maintain public safety and that includes DPW and the building department."

Without the ballot question and millage being approved, Zech said Wayne will never again be the city that residents have known.

"I want to say I don't have a horse in this race, but I have family and friends in Wayne," said Joe Cadillac, a retired Wayne firefighter. "I'm so dismayed at the situation in Wayne."

State law allows property values to plummet, but limits tax increases to the rate of inflation or 5 percent annually, whichever is less. "Residents are going to have to support this and approve it," Cadillac said. "The values of homes won't go up without more police and fire. The residents will benefit from this."

Retired Wayne Fire Chief Tim Reynolds agreed. "When your property taxes drop 43 percent, they will not go again at the rate they went down," he said. "We're talking decades to recover. I want people to educate themselves." Under his comments, Councilman Ryan Gabriel read from an employee manual from Quicken Loans, where he works. It talked about the importance of being open to the unknown and how usually a no comes before a yes.

"You only say no if you have exhausted all the possibilities to yes. It's not about who is right, but what is right," he said.

Thanking Gabriel for his comments, Councilman Anthony Miller said, "It's really up to residents what they want in the community."

lrogers@hometownlife.com  
734-883-9039  
Twitter: @LRogersObserver

FISH FRY

Continued from Page A1

joined for dinner — all three came solo. "It's a big friendly congregation, so you can always find someone to sit with," Sovel said.

"I come for the company," said Connolly, whose wife Mary didn't make the fish fry.

Eating shrimp, Hansen made the popular pick from the menu, while both Sovel and Connolly preferred the baked fish.

That doesn't necessarily mean it's all healthy eating each Friday during Lent — even with baked fish, customers can have french fries, a baked potato with sour cream and butter or Frizzell's famous mac and cheese. Not to mention dinner at the Westland church includes choice of a deserts provided by members of the Mother Cabrini Guild, along with a choice of a soft drink or coffee.

"I make four pounds of mac and cheese. I can't tell you the secret recipe, but there is only one cheese," said Frizzell, who has done the fish fry for 10 years. "We average 60-70 dinners each week. We do carry-outs, too. Most fish fries don't include dessert and a drink."

Most of the fish fry customers are parishioners from Sts. Simon and Jude, said Frizzell, who works full time at the Michigan Assembly Plant in Wayne. Some preparations for the dinner begin the night before and Frizzell arrives about 2 p.m. each Friday to get potatoes wrapped in foil for baking and cut the fish.

Frizzell's only prior experience at cooking for the public was a stint at a coney island inside Westland Shopping Center some years ago. Now his crew in the kitchen includes his sons-in-law Adam Lasser and A.J. Chambo.

"There are six people



Christine Frizzell and Ed Jankowski work the dessert table.



Curt Frizzell places baked cod in the warming oven at the Sts. Simon and Jude Catholic Church fish fry.

back there in the kitchen, all guys. If they need me, I'm here. When we're slow in the kitchen, I come out to talk to people and ask how their food was," Frizzell said.

Unlike most Lenten church fish fries, which wrap up Good Friday, Sts. Simon and Jude wraps up a week earlier and doesn't serve the Friday immediately before Easter.

"We have so much going on, we're swamped," Frizzell said, referring to the Mass and

potluck held Holy Thursday. More than 200 people participate, with food ranging from pasta salads, pierogi and kielbasa to Nigerian hush puppies made by Nigerian nuns assigned to the parish.

The fish fry is open 4:30-7 p.m. Friday with dinner prices ranging from \$8.50 to \$10.50. Sts. Simon and Jude is located 32500 Palmer, east of Venoy, in Westland.

lrogers@hometownlife.com  
734-883-9039  
Twitter: @LRogersObserver

WESTLAND  
OBSERVER

Published Sunday and Thursday by Observer & Eccentric Media

Community Office:

29725 Hudson Drive • Novi, MI 48377 • 866-887-2737  
Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
hometownlife.com

Editor: Brad Kadrich

734-678-2386  
Email: bkadrich@hometownlife.com

Sports: Ed Wright

734-578-2767  
Email: ewright@hometownlife.com

Subscription Rates:

Newsstand price: \$1.00 Thursday & \$1.50 Sunday  
\$8.25 EZ pay per month  
\$52.00 six months  
\$104.00 per year  
\$91.00 six months mail delivery  
\$182.00 per year mail delivery

Home Delivery:

Customer Service: 866-887-2737  
Mon.-Fri. 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
After hours, leave voicemail  
Email: custserv@hometownlife.com

To Advertise:

Classified Advertising & Obituaries: 800-579-7355  
Legal Notice Advertising: 586-826-7082  
Fax: 313-496-4968 Email: oeads@hometownlife.com

Print and Digital Advertising:

Lisa Walker, 313-378-3151  
Email: lwalker@michigan.com

Advertising Policy:

All advertising published in this newspaper is subject to the conditions stated in the applicable rate card, copies of which are available from the advertising department. We reserve the right not to accept an advertiser's order. Our ad-takers have no authority to bind this newspaper and only publication of an ad constitutes acceptance of the advertiser's order.

ALEX AND ANI®

DESIGNED TO CONNECT YOU™



available at

Golden Gifts

33300 W. SIX MILE RD | LIVONIA, MI | 734.525.4555

LO-0000274148

©2016 Alex And Ani, LLC

# Fly the 'Yankee Doodle Dandy' during new museum show

The Yankee Air Museum will have special rates for rides on its historic World War II C-47 aircraft, "Yankee Doodle Dandy" on Saturday, April 9. Weather permitting, the plane will fly in conjunction with the Detroit Aviation and Airline Collectibles Show at historic Willow Run Airport.

The show will be in Hangar 1, bay 7 at 801 Kirk Profit Drive, Ypsilanti. This is an opportunity to experience a flight through the eyes of a paratrooper on an aircraft of the type that served in combat and set the stage for the D-Day landing at Normandy. All rides at the show will be at the member rate of \$175.

The C-47 is the most unique of the museum's vintage flying aircraft. It is a Douglas DC-3 commercial airliner converted for military use, especially active during World War II. It has been fully restored inside to look and feel like the WWII war bird that it was and restoration is ongoing, most recently on the original radio equipment.

Many who flew the C-47 considered it the most rugged and reliable aircraft flown during World War II, largely because at that time the design specifications for commercial aircraft were



The World War II-era C-47 at the Yankee Air Museum.

more rigid than for military aircraft. C-47s towed troop-carrying gliders, dropped paratroopers into enemy territory, and air evacuated sick and wounded personnel. Many C-47s also served in the Korean and Vietnam wars and as recently as the Gulf War. Other post-war C-47s were retrofitted to once again fly as DC-3 passenger airliners.

"A ride aboard a C-47 is a perfect and affordable entry to war bird flying for only \$175 and is an experience you don't want to miss," said Bob Hynes, public relations director for the Yankee Air Museum. "After a pre-flight briefing, boarding and taxiing, the C-47 passengers will have

## AVIATION AND AIRLINES COLLECTIBLES SHOW

The Yankee Air Museum will present and host its first-ever gathering dedicated to aficionados of historic airlines. The event runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, April 9.

Dealers of airline postcards, collector cards, books, magazines, pins, models, brochures, posters and more will display and sell collectibles.

Admission is \$5 and children 15 and under are free. Admission includes all day access to the Yankee Air Museum. The show will be in historic Hangar 1, on the west side of Willow Run Airport, 801 Kirk Profit Drive, Ypsilanti.

For more information, go to the [www.DetroitAviationShow.com](http://www.DetroitAviationShow.com) website.

excellent views, from about 1,200 feet, of the Bomber Plant and the surrounding area."

The April 9 flights are scheduled at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., noon, 1 p.m. and 2 p.m.

Reservations for C-47 rides are recommended

and "walk up" space may be available. To reserve a ride or for additional information, go to the YAM website at [www.yankeeairmuseum.org/flyC47](http://www.yankeeairmuseum.org/flyC47), email C47rides@yankeeairmuseum.org or contact Geof Bush at 734-776-7569.

## Accordianist to join Michigan Phil for March 13 concert

Accordian virtuoso and Detroit native Peter Soave will join the Michigan Philharmonic next month to perform a modern work by California composer Max Si-monic.

The program, "An Accordian Affair," is at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 13, at First United Methodist Church. Simoncic's piece is called *Accordian Concerto* and Soave performed at its world premiere in Stockton, Calif., in 2011.

The program will also include *Dance of the Tumblers* from *The Snow Maiden*, by Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov, and *Symphony No. 5 in B-flat major* by Sergei Prokofiev. The Michigan Philharmonic Youth Orchestra will join the Michigan Phil for the performance of *Dance*



MICHIGAN PHILHARMONIC Peter Soave will join the Michigan Philharmonic next month.

of the Tumblers.

First United Methodist is at 45201 North Territorial. A 1:15 p.m. talk will precede the concert.

For more information and to reserve tickets, go to the Michigan Phil's website, <http://www.michiganphil.org/index.html>.

## Redford Township District Library Budget Hearing Legal Notice

The Redford Township District Library will be holding a public hearing on Monday, March 21, 2016, at 4:00 p.m. at the Redford Township District Library, 25320 W. Six Mile Rd., Redford, MI 48240 in regards to the 2016-2017 library budget. A copy of the budget will be available before the hearing at the Library's Adult Reference Desk.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

Published: March 3, 2016

LO-000073940 2x8

## CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 5 2/22/16

Presiding: President Godbout  
Present: Cicirelli Bryant, Coleman, Hammons, Herzberg, Johnson, Kehr  
48: Appr. authorization of \$75,000 in Emergency Water & Sewer Expenditures for the purpose of water testing within the City identified as having boundaries of Wayne Road, Wildwood Road, Palmer Road and Glenwood Road.  
Mtg. adj. at 10:00 p.m.  
Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

James Godbout  
Council President

Richard LeBlanc  
City Clerk

Published: March 3, 2016

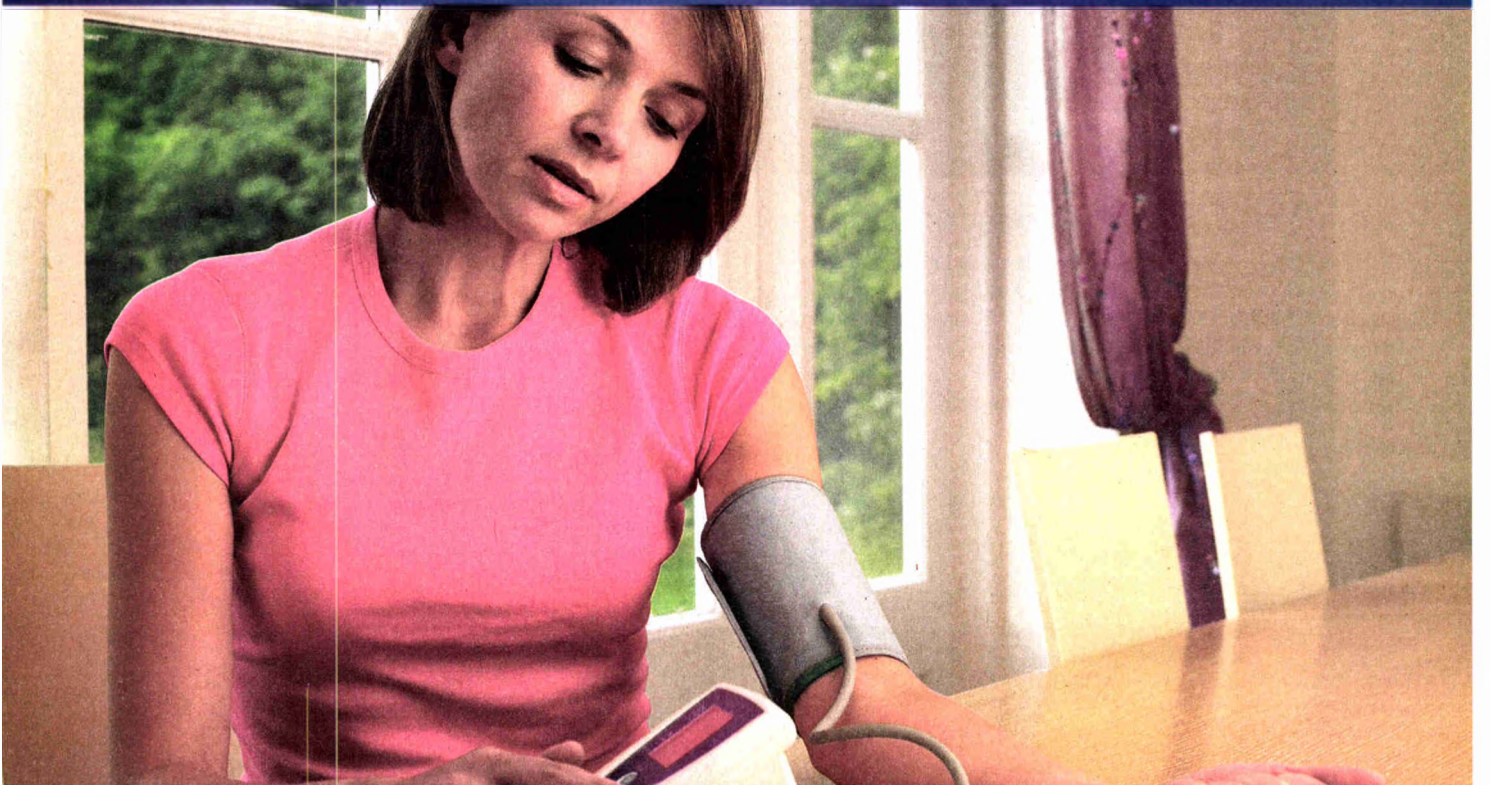
LO-000073562 2x8.8

**Hellenic Cultural Center**  
Presents  
**Lenten Fish Fry Friday**  
Every Friday During Lent • 5:00pm-8:00pm  
Buffet Includes: Fried / Baked Cod, Fried Calamari, Pasta, Fries, Slaw, Salads, Soup, Rolls/Butter, Coffee, Tea, or Soft Drinks.  
**ADULTS...\$11.75 KIDS Under 11...\$6.75 Under 3...FREE**  
36375 Joy Road (W. of Wayne Rd.) Westland • 734.525.3550  
Saint Constantine & Saint Helen Church

**St. Michael's Parish**  
**"ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT"**  
**LENTEN FISH FRY**  
All Fridays in Lent Except Good Friday  
**4:30-7:00 pm**  
In the School Cafeteria  
Full dinners w/choice of fried or baked Icelandic cod  
Adults: \$10 - Seniors \$8 - Kids 3-11 \$5 - 3 & Under FREE  
Carry Out: \$9 for 2 pieces of fish; \$10 for 3.  
11441 Hubbard Rd., S. of Plymouth Rd. • Livonia • 734-261-1455 ext. 200  
[www.livoniastmichael.org](http://www.livoniastmichael.org)

PROVIDENCE-PROVIDENCE PARK HOSPITAL

# Do you have high blood pressure?



## Introducing the Spyral HTN Global Clinical Trial

You may be eligible for this study if you're between 20-80 years old and have a systolic blood pressure (upper number) reading between 150-180 mm Hg.

As a condition of the study, you may be asked to stop taking your drugs under the guidance of your physician.

For more info visit [www.spyralhtntrials.com](http://www.spyralhtntrials.com) or contact

Jean Kelly RN, BSN, CCRP  
Providence-Providence Park Hospital, Southfield  
Phone: 248-849-3369  
Email: [jean.kelly@stjohn.org](mailto:jean.kelly@stjohn.org)

CAUTION: Investigational device. Limited by federal (U.S.) law to investigational use.



# Dozens of cops in Livonia for conference

David Veselenak  
Staff Writer

The Embassy Suites Detroit-Livonia/Novi may have just been the safest place in town Tuesday morning.

That's because about 140 law enforcement officers from across the state were inside the hotel on Victor Parkway at a presentation being done on President Barack Obama's Task Force on 21st Century Policing. Topics covered included constitutional and effective policing, body cameras and procedural justice, among others.

Livonia Police Chief Curtis Caid said the topics reflect an effort by police departments to connect to the communities they serve more closely so the relationship is a healthy one.

"What we're trying to accomplish is an educational component," he

said. "Coming together as regionally and analyzing the recommendations, seeing what's applicable to each of our agencies, implementing those items that are good for the community sooner rather than later."

One way Caid said the Livonia Police Department hopes to accomplish one of those goals is by being open about its role in the community and welcoming community members to meetings it intends to hold in the community in the future.

Law enforcement officers from as far west as Kalamazoo and as far north as Cadillac were in attendance to listen to attorney Eric Daigle, who represents munici-



Muery



Livonia Police Chief Curtis Caid, here presenting Exceptional Service awards to Donette and Donald Paul at the police awards ceremony, said the conference was trying to accomplish an educational component.

palities and police departments in court on a regular basis. He touched on many topics throughout the day at the hotel, which is going through a major renovation.

## Policies in place

One unique attendee to the event was David Gelios, special agent in charge at the Detroit field office of the FBI. Having those proper policies and training

exercises under law enforcement's belts is an important component to prevent issues from happening to members of a law enforcement force.

"My observation is stressing the importance of having policy, training and good supervision in place in the things that you do," he said. "You have to have all three of those pillars to be proactive and to protect yourself."

"If you have a lack of policy, if you have a lack of training, then courts or various authorities can hold that you were negligent in doing your duty."

Garden City Police Chief Bob Muery said he's taken away ideas of how to create policy within his department. With Garden City being a smaller department, there are fewer minds to craft those policies that need to be solid and defensible.

In the past, most departments would have had someone at the top of the hierarchy crafting community policing policies. Now, Muery said, it's important other police officers, residents and other stakeholders work together to craft policies as well.

"So the biggest benefit I'm taking away from this has to do with policy development and reaffirmation of the idea that policy has to be constantly reviewed and updated," he said. "This speaker has brought up some interesting points on the sources for our policies and what those sources are."

"What I'm taking away from this is a broader view has to be taken into account. We all need to be on the same page."

dveselenak@hometownlife.com

## GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

### Fraud

» A Garden City man told police Feb. 26 that he was doing online banking when he noticed two unauthorized debits on his credit union checking account. Each was for \$403 or \$806 total. The transactions were made in New York state.

» On Feb. 29, a man told police he had moved from Garden City to Wayne two weeks earlier. He had his mail forwarded and said he received a bill from WOW cable service for \$266.67.

The man said he had never opened an account with WOW and called to dispute the bill. He was

directed to file a police report. The man told police he suspects his mother may have opened the account since she had done similar things using the information of family members.

### Vandalism

A resident in the 33000 block of Marquette told police Feb. 29 that someone had smashed the rear window of her vehicle while it was parked in the driveway overnight. She said she had been having a dispute with her ex-husband.

— By LeAnne Rogers

## WESTLAND COP CALLS

### Fraud

» A Westland woman told police Feb. 24 that between Feb. 15-21, someone had used her debit card to spend \$159 on 21 Uber rides. She said she had no idea who had access the account or where the rides took place.

» On Feb. 22, a Westland woman told police that she received mail telling her accounts had been opened in her name with balances at Kohl's for \$400; Victoria's Secret for \$551.34; and an undetermined amount with Sprint.

The woman said that the accounts had all been opened in Texas, where

she has never been. She said she had contacted all three companies to close the accounts, but was unsure if other accounts had been opened.

### Attempted break-in

A resident of the Hawthorne Club Apartments, 7598 N. Merriman, told police Feb. 24 that she arrived home to find someone had damaged the door to her apartment. It was apparently an attempt to break-in, but she said no entry was made and nothing was missing.

— By LeAnne Rogers

## WAYNE COP CALLS

### Larceny from a vehicle

A resident at the Alexis Manor Apartments, 35330 Van Born, told police that he woke up for work about 3 a.m. Feb. 24 to find the four aluminum wheels and tires had been stolen from his 2016 Dodge Challenger. The vehicle was left sitting on a cinder block and a brick with the lug nuts left on the ground. The tires and rims were valued at \$4,000.

The man said he had parked the car in the parking lot about 7:30 p.m. the previous evening.

### Larceny from a vehicle

On Feb. 26, a man told police that someone had broken into his vehicle while he was parked at Wayne Industries, 36253 Michigan Avenue. He said his wallet was stolen and his credit cards had been used without his permission.

### Vandalism

A car was reported spray-painted overnight Feb. 29 while it was parked in the 3500 block of Barry.

— By LeAnne Rogers



ST. MARY MERCY  
MEDICAL GROUP  
SANTA JOSEPH MERCY HEALTH SYSTEM

Westside

Obstetrics • Gynecology & Urogynecology

## Women's Health Presentations

Dr. Paul Makela, urogynecologist, provides insight and education about a variety of female conditions including bladder dysfunction, overactive bladder and pelvic prolapse. Grab a friend, your sister or mom and learn about the latest therapies and procedures available that may help eliminate or reduce your symptoms or pain, and improve your quality of life. Attend any date!

March 16

April 29

St. Mary Mercy Livonia

Classrooms 1 & 2

36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia

5:45 p.m. - Check-in  
6 p.m. - Presentation

### REGISTER NOW!

Free of charge but registration is required. Please call 734-655-1980.  
Light refreshments will be served.

Dr. Makela is a member of St. Mary Mercy Medical Group, a network of primary care and specialty physicians who provide comprehensive medical care, health maintenance and preventative services to help you and your family stay healthy.



Isn't it time you discovered Remarkable?  
stmarymercy.org/westside

YOU'RE INVITED TO A

## Culinary Exploration of Waltonwood

Join us for a tour at either of our Canton communities, and along the way you'll enjoy small plate tastings of our Culinary Directors' favorite regional cuisine. During your visit you'll also get a better understanding of the services and amenities we offer.

March 22nd  
4 - 6 p.m.

at

Waltonwood at Carriage Park  
2250 N Canton Center Rd.  
Canton

(734) 335-4276

March 24th  
5 - 7 p.m.

at

Waltonwood at Cherry Hill  
42600 Cherry Hill Rd.  
Canton

(734) 335-1830

RSVP by March 18th  
to the communities above



Independent Living, Licensed Assisted Living & Memory Care

www.Waltonwood.com



St. Robert Bellarmine Church fish fry volunteers Bob Hester, Harold Jackman, Linda Welsh, Keith Kuras and Ron Bush are ready for a busy night of hungry customers.

TOM BEAUDOIN

## DINERS CALL ST. BELLARMINE'S FISH FRY 'BEST IN REDFORD'

Scott Daniel  
Staff Writer

What do 450 pounds of Atlantic cod, bushels of potatoes, gallons of soup and tubs of tartar sauce have in common?

If you answered St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church's Friday Fish Fry, you're correct. That's how much food it takes to serve 1,000 or more guests each week during Lent at the township parish. St. Bellarmine, which sits at the corner of West Chicago and Inkster roads, will serve dinner from 4-7 p.m. every Friday until March 26.

"It's the best Lenten fish fry in Redford," said Gary Danhoff, a township resident. "It's a chance to relax and have a nice supper together."

He, wife Patty and friend Cheryl Bush attended the event last Friday night, eating in the church's gymnasium along with 400 other guests. Patty Danhoff said they've gone to every fish fry in Redford over the years.

"This is the best one," she added. "We plan to come here every week."

During Lent, many Christians give up luxuries — like meat — as a form of penitence. Making that sacrifice a little less painful is the job of about 40 volunteers each week.

Work starts on Tuesday with receiving fresh food from various suppliers. Cooking, mixing of sauces and other prep work begins on Wednesdays and continues right up until the doors open on Friday.

That's when the full volunteer team assembles. St. Bellarmine's men's club president Jim Vote said several Redford organizations are among the volunteers. Those groups also share in proceeds from the fish fry.

"We reach out to groups in town to help them raise funds, too," he said. "We like to spread the wealth."

Sean Griffin, a St. Bellarmine parishioner, has volunteered the past several years. He doesn't have a defined role, but instead does whatever is needed, from setting tables up in the gym to finding open seats for diners.

"I'm usually all over the floor to make sure everyone has what they need," said Griffin, a Redford resident. Helping put on the fish fry is an expression of his faith, he added. "I like to see everyone having a great evening. If we have to work harder to make that happen, so be it."

Dinners range from \$9 to \$10.50 and includes a drink and a pair of side items. Cod dinners are all you can eat, but St. Bellarmine also offers other types of fish from week to week. Additional side items, such as hash puppies, coleslaw, soup and mac-n-cheese are available for \$2 each.

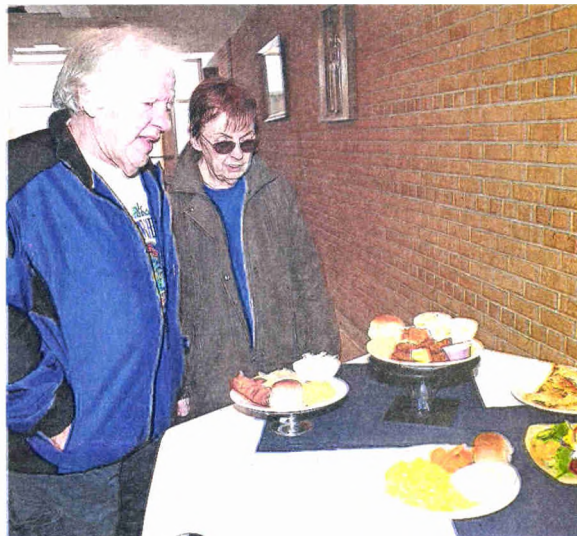
"We serve a very good, quality meal," said Vote. "No one leaves here hungry."

But you don't actually have to eat at St. Bellarmine. The church offers carry-out and drive-through services. "We do things a little different here," Vote said.



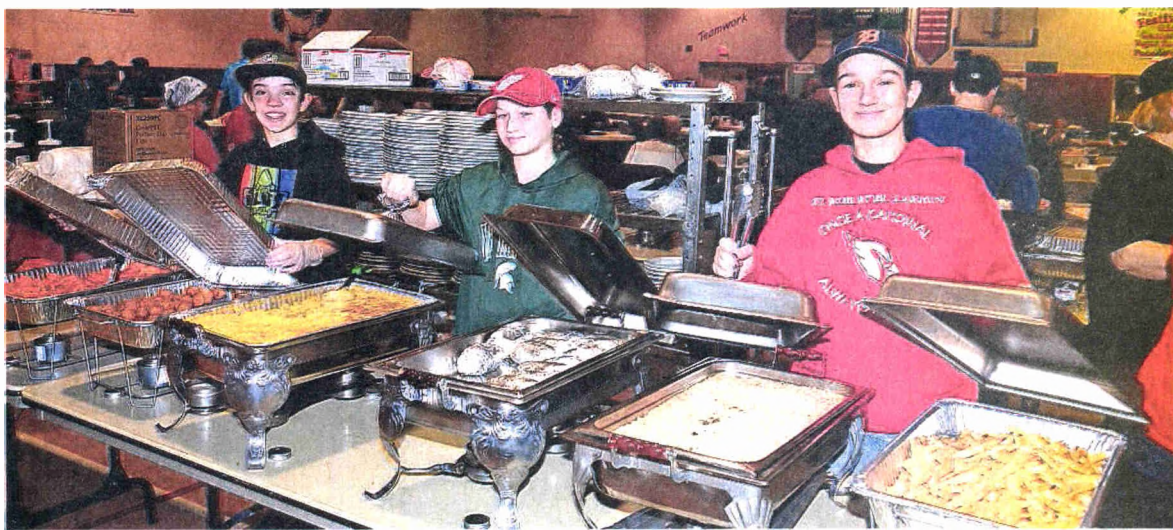
TOM BEAUDOIN

Patty Chappell of Redford goes through the drive through for her fish dinner as volunteer Emma Delcotto delivers the delicious food.



TOM BEAUDOIN

Valentine and Carolyn Sieczka look at the display table of foods that are served at the St. Robert Bellarmine Church fish fry.



TOM BEAUDOIN

Youth volunteers Adam Dwyer, Dominick Williamson and Sara Stawarz man the side dishes that are served at the St. Robert Bellarmine Church fish fry.



TOM BEAUDOIN

Diane and Bill Walker of Westland enjoy a fish dinner both baked and fried along with mac and cheese.

### Our Lady of Loretto

Located at Six Mile and

Beech Daly roads, the church has its own fish fry each Friday night from 4-7 p.m. A full

menu is offered with everything from cod, to shrimp, clams, orange roughy and

salmon. A two-piece dinner is \$8 and the seafood platter is \$10.

## O'Malley named hospital's first woman president

Beaumont Health Chief Operating Officer Carolyn Wilson has selected Constance O'Malley of Clarkston to be president of Beaumont Hospital-Farmington Hills, formerly Botsford Hospital.

O'Malley succeeds Paul LaCasse, who now serves as executive vice president of the Post-Acute Care division and Diversified Business Operations for Beaumont Health.

In this position, O'Malley leads Beaumont Hospital-Farmington Hills and also has responsibility for the hospital's vari-

ous outpatient services. She will ensure the hospital delivers on Beaumont Health's mission of providing compassionate, extraordinary care every day. O'Malley begins her new position March 7.

"I am thrilled to lead Beaumont-Farmington Hills," O'Malley said. "With our \$160 million construction project underway, we are improving our facilities to



O'Malley

create a more comfortable, efficient and private healing environment for our patients and their families. The Farmington Hills area is a terrific community and I look forward to meeting and working with community members and business leaders."

O'Malley is the fourth president of the hospital and the first woman in the role. Botsford General Hospital opened in 1965. Previous presidents include LaCasse from 2005-16; Gerson Cooper, who currently serves as vice chair of the Beaumont Health board of

directors, from 1984 to 2004; and Allen Zieger, from 1965-83.

O'Malley has served as vice president and chief operating officer of Beaumont Hospital-Troy since 2012. At Beaumont-Troy, she was responsible for daily operations and ambulatory services. She previously served as vice president of Surgical Services, Trauma, Transplant and Ambulatory Services at Beaumont Hospital-Royal Oak with administrative responsibility for the Beaumont Medical Center-West Bloomfield.

Before coming to

Beaumont, O'Malley held a variety of leadership positions with Ascension Health-St. John Providence Health System and Detroit Medical Center, including vice president of Clinical Services, chief nursing officer and chief operating officer. She has more than 30 years of health care experience and began her career as a surgical nurse at Providence Hospital.

O'Malley has a bachelor of science in nursing from Oakland University and a master of science in health service administration from Madonna University. She has been

a fellow of the American College of Health Care Executives since 2012. O'Malley serves on many nonprofit boards and previously led both the Oakland and Macomb County Medical Control Authorities as president.

"As a health care executive with more than 30 years of experience, Connie has the capability and knowledge to lead Beaumont Hospital-Farmington Hills," LaCasse said. "She comes with a strong skill set in strategic planning, hospital and ambulatory operations, physician relations and health system growth."

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### Business expo

Livonia Chamber of Commerce officials are letting potential participants know exhibit spaces are now available for the 30th annual Livonia Business Expo.

The event takes place 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday, May 4, at Laurel Park Place Mall.

More than 90 exhibit spaces will be setup throughout the Laurel Park Place mall concourse. Exhibit space includes an eight-foot, black skirted table, two chairs and two feet of floor space behind the table for you to post portable signs or display products.

Space can be reserved, and more information is available, by calling Laura Tahmouch at 734-427-6055, or via e-mail at tahmouch@livonia.org.

#### Chamber events

The Livonia Chamber of Commerce hosts or sponsors the following events:



More than 90 exhibitors will take part in the Livonia Chamber of Commerce's 30th annual Livonia Business Expo May 4 at Laurel Park Place Mall.

» Tuesday, March 15, Brewin' Business — Sponsored by Community Alliance Credit Union, to be held at the Cozy Corner Cafe, 36083 Plymouth Road, from 7:30-9 a.m. It's free for chamber members.

» Saturday, March 19, Sixth annual Livonia Home Show — Sponsored by Bright House Networks at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission and parking.

The event will feature more than 50 local businesses. Limited exhibitor spaces remain. Cost is \$150 per member for a 10x10 space.

» Wednesday, March 23, I-275 Project Meeting — MDOT representatives will detail plans for the I-275 construction project at the Best Western Hospitality Hotel, 16999 S. Laurel Park Drive from 8-9 a.m. Cost is \$5 per member.

## IT support firm launches new Farmington Hills office

Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

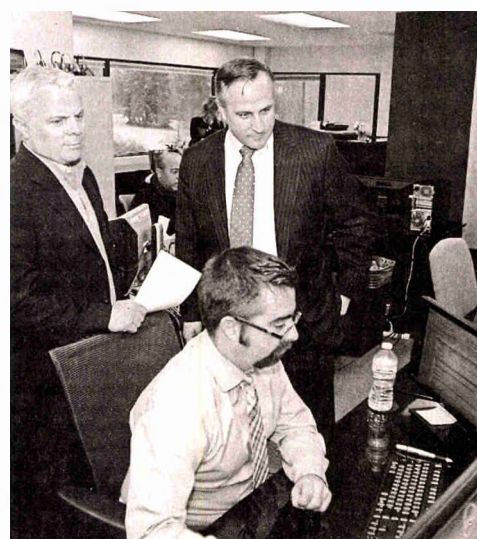
Even though the company has been supporting clients since 1999, officials at CASS Tech, a company providing IT consulting and managed services, were worried fewer people might know much about them following their recent move to a new facility in Farmington Hills.

So the folks at CASS, a Service Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business, opened their doors to visitors last week, hosting an open house and inviting local city officials to tour the new facility and learn a little more about what the firm does.

"We (gave) clients and area businesses a 'behind the scenes' look at how IT companies manage with technology in the 21st Century," Blair Ackman, the company's COO/CFO, told the *Farmington Observer* in an email. The event was designed to "celebrate our recent move," Ackman said.

CASS Tech provides all levels of IT consulting and managed services for small- and medium-sized businesses, providing IT support such as technical helpdesk support, computer support, and consulting. The company's goal according to its website, is to "provide enterprise-level IT practices and solutions to the small business sector."

CASS partners with many types of businesses in the area, and strive to eliminate IT issues "before they cause expensive downtime," company officials said.



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

CASS Tech President Robert Stants (left) and Chief Operations Officer Blair Ackman with tech specialist Phillip Franklin in the operations room.

ny officials said.

Farmington Hills Mayor Dr. Ken Massey said the new facility for CASS Tech is good news for the company and for the city.

"It's nice to see a longtime Farmington Hills company expand its footprint," Massey said. "It's good to see a good community citizen grow."

According to its website, CASS Tech's Managed Service Plan ensures proactive care, 24/7 access to remote and on-site server remediation services and live help desk support.

CASS was recently added by the Department of Veterans Affairs as a Service Disabled Veteran

Owned Small Business (SDVOSB). CASS will now be participating in Veterans First Contracting Program opportunities with Veterans Affairs as well as GSA opportunities.

In a letter to business owners, CEO Robert Stants said he derives great satisfaction from the success of his clients.

"I love seeing my clients succeed, hearing that their profits have gone up and their expenses have gone down," Stants wrote. "As my clients grow, my business grows along with them. It is in my company's best interest to provide the best service possible."

### IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

## CORE Nutrition and Fitness on a fast track

#### Q. Your business specialty?

A. Relationship building, one-on-one coaching, group fitness classes, customized meal plans. First-timers all always free for their first visit.

#### Q. Tell us about your business, including the types of services and/or products you feature.

A. We offer customized nutrition plans, one-on-one coaching and accountability and group fitness classes for all age ranges and fitness levels.

#### Q. How did you first decide to open your business?

A. Culturally, there is great need for places of encouragement. Somewhere to make friends and get 1 percent better every day. We offer free workshops every month! They all revolve around fitness, nutrition and mindset.

#### Q. Why did you choose Canton?

A. I was raised in Canton. I love this city and the surrounding area. We are passionate about building relationships and plugging people in.

#### Q. What makes your

#### DETAILS

**Name:** CORE Nutrition and Fitness

**Address:** 8345 Ronda Dr. Canton, MI 48187

**Owners:** Jeremy and Rachel Royer

**Hometown:** Canton

**Opened:** June 2015

**Employees:** 20-plus and growing fast

**Hours:** We post our event/class schedule monthly

**Contact:** 734-578-3788, raeroyer@yahoo.com or check us out on Facebook

#### business unique?

A. Our coaches and clients. Everyone takes a stand for one another. You can feel the passion for people radiating through the club.

#### Q. How has it changed since you opened?

A. It's grown a lot! We started with six coaches, now we have over 20. We also offer all sorts of new class types and times.

#### Q. Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with our readers about your experience so far as a small business owner?

A. Every day, we bring free lunches to local businesses. We feel it's the best way to show people that proper nutrition can be convenient and delicious. We want to thank every business

that we have visited for being so kind and for letting us serve your employees.

#### Q. How has the recent economy affected your business?

A. Business is good!

#### Q. Any advice for other business owners?

A. Lock arms with your community! Get to know the local businesses, the people and the events. Make a difference for people and Canton will be very receptive; plus, it's fun!

#### Q. What's in store for the future of your business?

A. We will continue to take a stand for our communities health and battle the obesity epidemic. We will continue to impact one person and business at a time.

## CDs with Flexibility

25-MONTHS

1.30%  
APY\*

37-MONTHS

1.50%  
APY\*

■ Guaranteed rate of return

■ Plus, up to two penalty-free withdrawals<sup>1,2</sup>

Open your account today!

**LevelOne**  
BANK

Birmingham • Bloomfield Township • Detroit • Ferndale  
Farmington Hills • Northville • Novi • Sterling Heights

LevelOneBank.com • 888-880-5663



Member FDIC



\*Annual Percentage Yield. The posted APY assumes interest is credited to the account. Minimum deposit to open is \$10,000. Minimum daily balance required to obtain APY is \$10,000. Available for consumer clients and new deposits only. Account not available for Businesses or IRA. Withdrawals and fees may reduce earnings on the account. Rate is accurate as of 2/15/2016 and is subject to change at any time. You will have 10 calendar days after the maturity date to withdraw funds without a penalty. Level One reserves the right to change this account at any time. 1. 25 Month CD Up to two early withdrawal penalties will be waived when withdrawn no sooner than 12 months after the initial date of deposit, provided funds are available and withdrawals do not occur within 7 business days of each other. A withdrawal that occurs prior to 12 months after the initial date of deposit or within 7 business days of a previous withdrawal will be subject to an early withdrawal penalty of 365 days interest on the amount withdrawn. At time of maturity, the CD will automatically renew as a 24 month CD, regardless of the original monthly term unless funds are withdrawn or we are notified in writing prior to maturity of intention not to renew. 2. 37 Month CD Up to two early withdrawal penalties will be waived when withdrawn no sooner than 24 months after the initial date of deposit, provided funds are available and withdrawals do not occur within 7 business days of each other. A withdrawal that occurs prior to 24 months after the initial date of deposit or within 7 business days of a previous withdrawal will be subject to an early withdrawal penalty of 365 days interest on the amount withdrawn. At time of maturity, the CD will automatically renew as a 36 month CD, regardless of the original monthly term unless funds are withdrawn or we are notified in writing prior to maturity of intention not to renew.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

## Cardio drumming

CORE Nutrition and Fitness Club sponsors a Family Cardio Drumming night to raise money to help MacGowan Elementary School purchase drum kits for its physical education classes.

The event takes place 7-8 p.m. Friday, March 4, at MacGowan Elementary, 18255 Kinloch, in Redford. Cost is \$10 per family for drum and shake sample.

CORE Nutrition and Fitness Club, with organizer Carol Phillips and PE teacher Bill Putman, is promoting a healthy, active lifestyle for all ages.

## Public transportation

The League of Women Voters of NW Wayne County is hosting a meeting Monday, March 7, concerning the progress and current challenges of public transportation in the southeast Michigan region.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m., at the Livonia Civic Center Library (32777 Five Mile Road) and the public is welcome. The speakers are: Travis Gonyou, Community Outreach communications manager for the Regional Transit Authority, and Megan Owens, executive director of Transportation Riders United.

## Dance! American Art

The Friends of the Livonia Library group is sponsoring a free slide show presentation of Dance! American Art, (1830-1960) at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 13, at the Livonia Library.

The speaker, a docent from the Detroit Institute of Arts, will relate the works of American art such as the 19th century paintings from sacred dances of indigenous North Americans to Irish jigs to Spanish flamencos to Harlem Renaissance to modern dance. There will be time for a question-and-answer period following the presentation. Refreshments will be served after the program.

## Vintage toy show

The Livonia Elks host a Vintage Toy Show from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 26, at the Elks Hall, 31117 Plymouth Road (east of Merriman). Customers may find comic books, Hot Wheels, games, lunch boxes, Star Wars and Star Trek items, sport and non-sport cards, posters, movie/TV items, models, G.I. Joes, music memorabilia, records, beer signs and more. Admission is \$5, kids under 12 free. For information, call Joe (daytime) at 586-775-3289 or Jacquie at 586-329-8213.

## Photography club

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

The March meeting will feature a presentation on View-Master, including rare photos inside the V-M plant and some of its best reels. After a refreshment break, there will be a "freebie" drawing which will include several View-Master items, and a 3D image competition with a Transportation theme.

For more information, go to [www.Detroit3D.org](http://www.Detroit3D.org), or call Dennis at 248-398-3591.

## Bunny brunch

The annual Livonia Bunny Brunch will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 19, at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. The event includes lunch, crafts and a visit from the Easter Bunny.

"We are pleased to be able to continue to offer affordable family events to the community," said Ted Davis, Livonia's parks and recreation superintendent. "Bunny Brunch is what signifies spring to many young families."

Tickets are \$5 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard. All attendees over the age of 2 must have a ticket. For more information, call 734-466-2410.

## American Legion Lent

American Legion Post 32, 9318 Newburgh Road, Livonia, hosts its Lenten fish fry 5-7:30 p.m. each Friday during Lent.

The menu is fried cod, baked cod, shrimp and baked chicken. Dinners include fish or chicken, choice of side, coleslaw, bread or rolls and coffee. Price is \$8.50 for fish or chicken dinners and \$9 for shrimp. Bake sale desserts are also available.

## GriefShare meetings

The congregation at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church has experienced the deaths of several members in the past few months. In an effort

## Mural finished



COURTESY LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Three Livonia Public Schools students worked several Saturdays to brighten up the St. Christine's Soup Kitchen – a project sponsored by the Holmes Middle School Student Senate. Since November Stevenson High School students Kayla Blankenship and Jordan Green along with Holmes Middle School student Natalie Koelzer, worked tirelessly to draw and paint the mural that now graces the wall of the dining room at St. Christine's. At the project's conclusion, the diners clapped and congratulated the artists on a job well done.

to respond to the grief and sorrow for its loved ones, the church will be starting a grief support group using the "GriefShare" materials. GriefShare groups meet weekly for 13 sessions to help face the challenges after the loss of a loved one and move toward rebuilding lives.

Each week, the GriefShare group will watch a video seminar featuring experts on grief and recovery subjects. After viewing the video, group members will spend time as a support group, discussing what was presented in that week's video seminar and what is going on in their lives.

GriefShare will be held 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, beginning March 14, at Christ Our Savior Luther-

an, 14175 Farmington Road, in Livonia in the chapel. This is free for all who would like to attend, but registration is requested to know how many to prepare for. Register at [www.christoursavior.org](http://www.christoursavior.org) under Events tab. For more information, contact Mike McGrath at 734-459-1274 or Linda Hollman at the church office, 734-522-6830.

## Dueling pianos

Wayne Rotary is hosting a St. Paddy's Dueling Pianos Party on Friday, March 11, at the HYPE Recreation Center, 4635 Howe. The cost is \$20 per person or a table for 10 at \$100. Refreshments will

be available for purchase. The doors open at 6:30 p.m., with the show starting at 7:30 p.m.

Get tickets at Henry's Service Center, at the Wayne Library or at HYPE Recreation. For more information, call Gayle Rediske at 734-502-3202 or at [gaylerediske@gmail.com](mailto:gaylerediske@gmail.com).

## Senior classes

City of Wayne Senior Services, in conjunction with The Senior Alliance, offers a series of classes for seniors:

» Matter of Balance, free, eight-week series from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 22 through May 10. Classes teach practical strategies to reduce the fear of falling, set realistic goals for increased activity, make environmental changes to reduce fall risks, etc. Pre-register by Tuesday, March 15.

» Beginners Tai Chi Class, a no-impact exercise proven to help with memory, breathing, as well as balance. No special equipment is needed. Class will start Tuesday, May 3. Class runs in 10-week sessions, \$65 per session. Must be pre-registered by Wednesday, April 20.

» Golden Hour Club, a social group that meets at 11 a.m. the second and fourth Thursdays of each month for a potluck luncheon. After the luncheon, cards/games and socializing takes place. Anyone 50 years and better is welcome.

» Sometimes Travelers Group, open to anyone 30 years and older. Membership is \$5 per year (July-June). Day, overnight and extended trips are offered.

The Wayne Senior Services Office is located in the HYPE Recreation facility, 4635 Howe Road, where all classes will also be held. Pre-register by calling Nancy @ Wayne Senior Services, 734-721-7460.

## Traveling Shakespeare

The Pigeon Creek Shakespeare Co. will visit the Westland Library at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 6. The program will feature scenes from multiple Shakespeare plays, including *King Lear*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and more.

This program is made possible by a grant from the Michigan Humanities Council, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Pigeon Creek's performance ties in with *Station Eleven*, the 2015-16 Great Michigan Read selection. The novel by Emily St. John Mandel features a touring Shakespeare company that travels through Michigan after a global flu epidemic, bringing art and culture into the lives of small communities of survivors.

All are welcome to attend. For more information, call the Reference desk at 734-326-6123 or go to the library's events calendar at [www.westlandlibrary.org/events](http://www.westlandlibrary.org/events).

## Neighbors and friends

Livonia Neighbors and Friends, a Women's Club in Livonia, holds its general meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile. The meeting will be followed by a club favorite — pizza and bingo.

Livonia Neighbors and Friends is open to women who live/work in Livonia and its surrounding communities. General meetings are held at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month, September through May. Special activity groups continue to meet year-round. For more information, go to the group's website at <http://livonia.neighborsandfriends.tripod.com>

ENROLLMENT OPEN HOUSE

## Tipton Academy

Pre-School and Kindergarten Round-Up

**March 2nd - 9am**  
**March 3rd - 7pm**

Open Enrollment

**March 7th - March 24th**

Enrollment Open House

**March 13th - 11 am - 2pm**  
**March 18th - 10 am - 1pm**  
**March 23rd - 4 pm - 7pm**

- Enrolling Pre K-8th Grade
- Full day Kindergarten
- Latchkey before/after school
- Enrichment classes – Music, Theatre, Art, Technology, Science, Spanish, P.E., Health
- Sports Program
- Small class sizes (NOT TO EXCEED 24)

1615 Belton • Garden City, MI 48135  
In the Former St. Dunstan School Building  
734-261-0500 • 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

**FREE • FREE • FREE • FREE • FREE**

**OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC**  
hometownlife.com

# 2016 FREE CHILDREN'S SPRING FILM FESTIVAL

**SHOWN AT THIS GREAT MJR® DIGITAL CINEMA**

## WESTLAND GRAND DIGITAL CINEMA 16

**6800 N WAYNE RD • 734.298.2657**

**THE FREE SHOW FOR THIS WEEKEND**  
**MARCH 5TH & 6TH IS**

**FREE TO CHILDREN 12 & UNDER UNTIL THEATRE CAPACITY EVERY SAT & SUN FEBRUARY 27TH THRU MARCH 20TH 2016**  
**ADULTS \$1 • TICKETS AVAILABLE DAY OF SHOW ONLY**  
**NO ADVANCE TICKET SALES**

[www.MJRTHEATRES.com](http://www.MJRTHEATRES.com)

**A MICHIGAN COMPANY OWNED & OPERATED SINCE 1980**

**FREE • FREE • FREE • FREE • FREE**

## Spring Savings

Hershey's Shoes Has a Large Selection of Quality Children's Shoes

stride rite
saucony
KEEN
new balance

**Ride**  
for baby boys

**Ride**  
for baby girls

**M-W-XW**  
**Many Other Styles To Choose From**

**Volt**  
for boys

**Kotaro 2**  
for girls

\$5<sup>00</sup> OFF Any Children's Shoes

\$10<sup>00</sup> OFF Any Adult Shoes

Any regular priced children's or adult shoes. With coupon. Expires March 31, 2016. Not good with any other offer or previous sales.

Hershey's Shoes

Quality Footwear For The Entire Family

**29522 Ford Rd. at Middlebelt Garden City**

**(734) 422-1771**

Proudly Made in the USA

## OUR VIEW

# Prove transparency by using FOIA

Gov. Rick Snyder is employed by Michigan taxpayers. So are our legislators. Yet they continue to scoff at the notion of being accountable to the very people who elect them. Yes, they are accountable come election time, but what about all the important work being done — or not being done — in the interim?

It is way past time for the governor's office and the Legislature to be subject to the same Freedom of Information Act as the rest of the state's public bodies. Taxpayers have a right to know how the state's business is being conducted. The governor and legislators don't merit special dispensation.

Snyder, addressing the Flint water crisis during the 2016 State of the State, said, "You deserve better. You deserve accountability. You deserve to know the buck stops here with me. Most of all, you deserve to know the truth and I have a responsibility to tell the

truth. The truth about what we've done and what we'll do to overcome this challenge."

Truth starts with transparency. Transparency requires full disclosure.

The fact is when Snyder released more than 274 pages of personal emails last month, supposedly showing transparency on the water crisis in Flint, much was redacted. And some say there are more emails that went unreleased. For true transparency to work, all emails must be released.

As one of only two states with a blanket exemption from FOIA for the executive branch (the other is Massachusetts), Michigan seems to have followed a winding road with an attorney general's opinion also including the Legislature in the exemption.

Let's remember: FOIA law already has exemptions within which government agencies, municipalities and public school districts and universities oper-

ate. Under Section 13 of the act, there are 24 subsections exempting items ranging from trade secrets to Social Security numbers to information that might, if public, impede ongoing law enforcement investigations.

If that works for everyone else, then it should work for executive and legislative staff as well.

And if Snyder and the Legislature want to send a strong message about how to prevent another Flint-type crisis from happening in Michigan, they would immediately pass legislation subjecting themselves to the same accountability as others.

Failure to do so sends a simple message: They don't want voters to know what they are doing.

Michiganders should expect more from their elected leaders.

— This editorial first appeared in the Lansing State Journal.

## LETTERS

### Smelling a rat

I posted this on the city of Westland-Administration website. There are some others that also complained on that website. Very interesting.

This water meter installation is costing everyone who has had one put in a lot more money a month once it's installed. I think it needs to be addressed with the city, as if they don't already know.

When there's this many people who are having a higher bill once their new meter is installed, obviously something's not right. Not everybody in this city has a bad meter. These people had estimations

for months, I have some, too.

Funny how everyone's gray box on the outside went out at once, only a couple of dollars off also when read, and then when their new meter is put in its hundreds of dollars off? Not right.

How does your average bill for a family of three go from \$146 to \$300? Some from \$130 to \$1,200 for a family of three? They are doubling and tripling. The average bill for a family of three shouldn't be more than \$140. One person said theirs was \$1,300.

Everyone on that post smells a rat. Since I started this page many people have commented on our different websites in Westland.

Tammara Orman

Westland

### If the shoe fits

Who do you know who fits this description: Someone who makes offensive insults. Someone who insults to maintain a competitive edge. Or perhaps someone who uses insult to deflect or silence hecklers.

Comedian Don Rickles comes to mind. His style kept his career alive for many years.

Now we have the Don Rickles of the Republican Party, Donald Trump. He uses the same insulting style as he campaigns to become the president of the United States. If he is nominated by his fellow Republicans, it will surely derail the future success of the Republican Party.

Someone may be able to entertain with festive insult, but you cannot address our present day global concerns and leaders with insult comedy — even if you feel as if the behavior fits.

Jim Brenner  
Redford

### Who is Colbeck serving?

On Feb. 10, state Sen. Patrick Colbeck was named the Michigan chair for presidential candidate U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz.

I tried to ask Sen. Colbeck how much time he is putting into this position, but did not get an answer from him. I would have asked him on his Facebook page, but I was blocked by him or by one of his staffer for agreeing more with Sen. David Knezek on the issue of Senate Bill 209, which requires the reading of the United States Constitution, Michigan Constitution and Declaration of Independence, with an emphasis on certain sections of each document.

It just makes me wonder if Sen. Colbeck is hiding something. Is he more focused on this chair position than his job as state senator, a position that pays \$71,865 per year, plus expenses?

Joe Gilligan  
Livonia

### On speed limits

AAA Michigan is against the proposal to increase the speed limit on some of our highways to 80 mph. Big surprise. AAA and the other automobile insurance companies reap huge financial rewards via higher insurance premiums from persons that are ticketed for "endangering life, limb and property" on modern multi-lane highways in 21st Century automobiles, driving at reasonable and safe but currently illegal speeds.

Given the current conditions of our roadways, we question the safety of traveling the current speed limit, let alone driving at increased speeds." This extremely broad brush statement is true for many of our surface streets but not our major highways, most of which are still in very good condition.

Indeed, our MDOT engineers and officials should constantly monitor our highways for the need for repairs, and should have the proper

speed limits posted accordingly. Some limits should be higher, some should stay as they currently are.

"We are concerned about the negative effect a speed limit increase will have on newly licensed drivers and senior drivers." Our highway speed limits should be based on the driving skills of the lowest common denominator? Hand in hand with the increases in speed limits should be a public safety campaign that was once a part of every drivers training course: "SLOWER TRAFFIC KEEP RIGHT" and these signs should also be posted on our highways (and enforced by our police) regardless of the posted speed limit. Lesser skilled drivers need not be in the left lane, especially on three and four lane highways.

Restricting vehicle speeds via artificially lower speed limits may sound like a good idea, but they do nothing to make our highways safer.

James A. Kidd  
Livonia

## WAYNE-WESTLAND OBSERVER

PART OF THE USA TODAY NETWORK

Brad Kadrich,  
Community editor  
Larry Ruehlen,  
Managing editor

Jani Hayden,  
Advertising director

Jim Brenner  
Redford

## Thinking about Remodeling your Kitchen?

Join us for a Fun Informative Kitchen Planning Workshop  
Saturday, March 12th from 11:00 – 1:00

At our beautiful Kitchen and Bath Design Center

27260 Haggerty Rd., Suite A1, Farmington Hills MI 48331



### YOU WILL RECEIVE

- Tips on how to avoid planning pitfalls
- Build your kitchen investment budget
- Meet and work with our Award Winning designers in a "no pressure" atmosphere
- Learn about our Diamond Warranty so you are never left stranded
- Special promotional pricing for this event!

Call now to reserve your spot!

**248-260-2468** or visit

TransitionsRemodeling.com



## CAREER CONNECT

SUNDAY, MARCH 20

## MICHIGAN'S TOP TALENT WILL BE HERE, WILL YOU?

Tap into theObserver & Eccentric and find Michigan's best job candidates in our **Sunday, March 20th** special jobs section.

- Packages designed to reach passive & active job seekers.
- Engage Michigan's largest audience.
- Up to 65% off digital, mobile & print solutions.

Liz Keiser at (586) 826-7082  
or lkeiser@michigan.com

CAREERBUILDER

michigan.com

OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC  
hometownlife.com  
PART OF THE USA TODAY NETWORK

**OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC**  
hometownlife.com

A GANNETT COMPANY

**LIMITED  
EXHIBIT SPACE  
IS AVAILABLE**

**REGISTER  
TODAY**

# SPRING SENIOR EXPO

**TUESDAY,  
April 5, 2016  
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

**Schoolcraft  
College**  
Livonia Campus  
VisTaTech Center

**Connecting  
Businesses with  
Seniors and  
Caregivers  
Seeking  
Information for All  
Stages of Life.**

## Businesses Receive:

- Exhibit Space
- Advertising in the Spring Senior Expo Special Section inserted in all Observer & Eccentric Newspapers
- Inclusion in the digital Spring Senior Expo Special Section on hometownlife.com

## **BUSINESSES THAT SHOULD PARTICIPATE**

- |   |  |                                |
|---|--|--------------------------------|
| • Maid & Cleaning Services              | • Anti-aging & Holistic Wellness Companies | • Hospice Care                 |
| • New Home Construction and Remodeling  | • Senior Housing                           | • Mobility Solutions           |
| • Travel Companies                      | • Senior Fitness Providers                 | • Community Services           |
| • Religious Organizations               | • Alzheimer's Service Providers            | • Elder Law Advice             |
| • Adult Day Care Services               | • Financial Services                       | • Medicare Coverage Providers  |
| • Personal Emergency Services & Devices | • Insurance Providers                      | • Veteran's Benefits Services  |
| • Spa & Wellness Companies              | • Health Insurance                         | • Transportation Companies     |
|   | • Home Health Care                         | • Lawyers                      |
|   |  | • Nutrition & Dietary Services |
|   |  | • and many more                |

**CALL 248.926.2203**  
or email [cbjordan@michigan.com](mailto:cbjordan@michigan.com)



# Lenten Season

Enjoy Wonderful Fresh Seafood Throughout the Season...

Wild Caught Tuna, Swordfish, Sockeye Salmon & Much More!  
Ask Our Seafood Specialist for Fantastic Recipes!



## Life Is What You Make It At Joe's!

33152 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia, MI 48152

Sale Valid 3-3-16 thru 3-9-16 248.477.4333

While Supplies Last • Prices subject to change.

Hours: Sun 9-6; Mon-Sat 9-8



Largest Fresh Meat & Seafood Counter in the Area!  
Highest Quality Hand-Selected Fruits and Vegetables  
Over 1000 Items from Gourmet & Domestic Cheeses to Premium Deli Meats & Freshly Made Salads

Art of Bread-Fresh House Made Everyday-Using Non GMO Flour

### PRODUCE

Florida Strawberries **3/\$5**  
All Green Asparagus **\$1.79/lb**

Washington Red & Gold Delicious Apples **\$1.49/lb lunch box**  
Beefsteak & Vine Tomatoes **\$1.49/lb**

Dole Blackberries **3/\$5**  
California Rapini **2/\$4**



### ORGANIC

Avocado **5/\$5**

Mango **2/\$3**



Joe's Meat & Seafood

USDA Premium Choice Angus Bottom Round Roast

**\$4.99/lb**  
Save \$1.00

USDA Premium Choice Angus Ground Beef from Round

**\$3.99/lb**  
Save \$1.00

Entrees to Go Italian Chicken Cutlets

**\$3.99/lb**  
Save \$1.00



Fresh Wild Caught Cod Fillets

**\$6.99/lb**  
Save \$2.00

Wild Caught Swordfish Steaks (8 oz frozen)

**\$4.49/ea**  
Save \$2.50

### DELI

Boar's Head Beechwood Smoked Ham

**\$6.99/lb**  
Save \$5.00

Dietz & Watson Buffalo Chicken

**\$7.99/lb**  
Save \$4.00

Dearborn Oven Roasted Turkey

**\$7.59/lb**  
Save \$2.00

Hoffman's Hard Salami

**\$5.99/lb**  
Save \$3.00

Boar's Head Everroast Chicken

**\$6.99/lb**  
Save \$4.00

Kowalski Football Loaf

**\$5.99/lb**  
Save \$1.50

Dearborn Roast Beef

**\$7.59/lb**  
Save \$2.00

Old Tyme Yellow American Cheese

**\$3.99/lb**  
Save \$3.00

Boar's Head Imported Swiss Cheese

**\$6.99**  
Save \$4.00



Fontiago Cheese

**\$12.99/lb**  
Save \$2.00

Applewood Cheddar

**\$12.99/lb**  
Save \$4.00

Italian Gorgonzola

**\$9.99/lb**  
Save \$2.00

### FINE CHEESES

### Joe's Gourmet Catering & Events

Summer dates are filling up fast! Call today to book your Graduation Party, Wedding, Showers & Employee Picnics! We can customize any event to fit your needs and budget!

Visit us at:  
[www.joesgourmetcatering.com](http://www.joesgourmetcatering.com)  
or call today at 248-477-4333 x226

### Everyday GOURMET

Eggplant Parmesan

**\$7.99/lb**  
Save \$1.00

Brussels Sprout Salad

**\$5.99/lb**  
Save \$1.00

Asian Krab Pasta Salad

**\$6.99/lb**  
Save \$1.00

Chicken Bruschetta

**\$8.99/lb**  
Save \$1.00

Stonyfield Yogurt

**\$3.99**

Pacific Organic Cooking Broths

**\$3.99**

Delallo Canned Beans

**4/\$5**

### Chef's Feature

Seared Salmon w/ Romesco & Roasted Potatoes

Innovasian Frozen Entrees excludes rice **\$5.99**

### CAFE

Joe's Fresh Roasted Weekly Coffee Special

Raspberry Nut Creme **\$8.99/lb** Save \$1.00

Omena Organics Dried Wild Blueberries

**\$14.99/ea**  
Save \$5.00

Back Roads Granola

**\$7.99/ea**  
Save \$1.00



### PASTRY

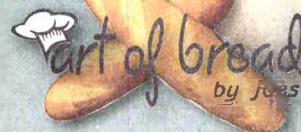
Salted Caramel Cashew Cake **\$17.99 6" \$27.99 8"**

Apple or Cherry Fritters

**\$3.99/pkg**

Bill Knapp Donut Holes

**\$3.99/pkg**



248-477-4311 Hours: Wed-Mon 8-6; Closed Tues

Rustic French **\$2.99**

Coconut Macaroons **\$1.69**

Traditional Rye **\$2.99**

Lemon Bar **\$1.99** **NEW**



19 Crimes Red Blend & Cabernet Sauvignon **\$8.99/btl**

### WINE CELLAR

Zac Brown Red Blend & Cabernet Sauvignon **\$15.99/btl**

Rodney Strong Cabernet Sauvignon **\$14.99/btl**

Louis Martini Cabernet Sauvignon **\$12.99/btl**

## HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING

## JG trio orbits into history books

Rocket seniors a can't-lose threesome

Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

The question "How do you beat Westland John Glenn's Class of 2016 girls bowling contingent in a dual match?" will go unanswered for an eternity.

That's because the Rockets' trio of sensational seniors — Julia Huren, Ashley Kolb and Emily Dietz — recently completed their unprecedented

four-year high school bowling careers with a 61 dual-match unbeaten streak.

Not quite in the neighborhood of Joe DiMaggio's 56-game hitting streak, but definitely just a few blocks away.

In addition to their eye-popping regular-season accomplishments, the threesome are primed for a strike-filled weekend at the Division 1 state tournament in Sterling Heights.

Not only did the Rockets qualify for Friday's team event by placing second in last weekend's D1 regional at Canton's Super Bowl, but Huren, Kolb and Dietz all qualified for Saturday's individual tournament.

The Rockets obliterated 3,758 pins in the team regional, which Farmington won with 3,820. Salem earned the third and final spot with a 3,483 score. Wayne Memorial's 3,203 pin total earned it a fifth-place finish in the 13-team regional.

See ROCKETS, Page B2



ED WRIGHT

Pictured (from left) are Westland John Glenn girls bowling coach Ralph Cabildo with senior standouts Ashley Kolb, Julia Huren and Emily Dietz.

## CLASS A DISTRICT BASKETBALL



Stevenson head coach Tim Newman goes over strategy with his team during a time-out in Monday's district game.

TOM BEAUDOIN

## PRE-REGIONAL HOCKEY

## Momentous penalty kill lifts Churchill over Pats

Chargers avoid 'major' consequences with late stand

Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

For five frenzied, season-on-the-brink minutes Monday night, Livonia Franklin's hockey team threw everything at Livonia Churchill's Andrew Broyles-anchored defense but the kitchen sink.

Leading 3-2, but down a man for five minutes in the wake of a major penalty with 12:19 left in a high-stakes Division 2 pre-regional rivalry showdown at Eddie Edgar Arena, the Chargers passed the short-handed test with flying colors, slamming the door shut on the high-powered Patriots before skating to a 5-2 triumph.

Now 20-5-1, Churchill advanced to Wednesday's 6 p.m. regional semifinal against Livonia Stevenson, which drew a first-round bye.

"They were doing anything they could to score — back doors, crashing, everything in the book," said Broyles, recounting the lead-preserving penalty kill. "Situations like that get me going, knowing I have to step up and help bail us out."

"Our defense was phenomenal. They kept their heads up and didn't let anyone get behind them on the back doors. They were flat-out awesome."

The Chargers trailed 2-1 late in the second period before taking advantage of a string of Franklin penalties — five two-minute infractions during the final 22 minutes of the contest, to be exact — netting three power-play lamp-lighters to keep a magical season alive.

With just three contributing seniors on the roster and fresh off a 9-15-3 season a year ago, the Chargers are surprising just about everybody but themselves.

"Coming in, I knew we were

See HOCKEY, Page B3



ED WRIGHT

Franklin's Jack Engel is shadowed by a trio of Churchill defenders during a third-period power-play Monday night.

## HEART-BREAK CITY

## Spartans rally, but fall short against Crestwood

Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

In what amounted to a CliffNotes version of its entire season, the Livonia Stevenson girls basketball team played hard and put itself in a position to win Monday night, before dropping a 47-46 overtime decision to host Dearborn Heights Crestwood in a Class A district opener.

Like it has been since Day One, the Spartans' Achilles heel was one bad quarter.

Against Crestwood, it was the second stanza, during which Stevenson failed to score a single point, turning a 15-12 first-quarter lead into a 30-15 halftime deficit.

Like they usually do, the Spartans battled back with ferocity, pulling to within 34-30 after three quarters before pushing the game to the extra session by out-scoring the hosts, 10-6, in the fourth.

However, the Chargers knocked down five clutch free throws in overtime to pull out the narrow win and advance to Wednesday's 7 p.m. district semifinal against Livonia Franklin.



Stevenson's Grace Lamerson drives to the basket during the Spartans' overtime loss to Crestwood Monday night. Lamerson scored a game-high 18 points.

TOM BEAUDOIN

"It was a great game and I'm proud of the way the girls battled back, but it was not to be," said Stevenson head coach Tim Newman, whose team finished 9-12. "We only made 10 of 21 free throws, which hurt us. And three pointers-wise, they out-scored us 18-6, which didn't help."

"We had a strong second half. The

girls never quit; we just shot ourselves in the foot and didn't take advantage a couple opportunities toward the end of the game."

Senior Grace Lamerson was magnificent for the Spartans, scoring a team-high 18 points, including seven in the

See SPARTANS, Page B5

Download our **NEW** app today!  
More News, More Photos, More Videos  
...and it's **FREE**

O&amp;E

hometownlife.com



IT'S WHAT everyone's talking about.

Check out the **NEW!**

GET CONNECTED.

24/7

Available on Google play

Available on the App Store

## GIRLS DISTRICT BASKETBALL

## Stars' torrid shooting dooms Warriors

**Ed Wright**  
Staff Writer

It took a roster full of hot-shooting Stars to end the Lutheran Westland girls basketball team's ultra-bright season Monday night.

In a Class C district opening-round contest, St. Catherine's of Wixom derailed the Warriors, 71-45, in a game played at Whitmore Lake High School.

Lutheran Westland finished with a 15-5 record, earning the third-most wins in school history.

Junior Taylor Jones paced the Warriors with 11 points and three steals. Sophomore Rachel Reddeman added 10 points and six rebounds, while Eleanor Storck and Bethany Hoehne both scored nine points. Storck also added five rebounds.

The Stars were led by Livonia resident Cheryl Setlock, who netted 16 points. Also contributing to the winners' big night were Becca Wyeth



TOM BEAUDOIN

Redford Union's Haley Hebner launches a jumper during a game earlier this season.

(11 points) and Kelly Liszewski, who scored 10.

The Stars roared to a 26-6 lead after one quarter and 45-20 halftime advantage, turning the Warriors' come-

back plans into an uphill climb.

"It wasn't the outcome that we hoped for," said Lutheran Westland head coach Sandi Wade. "Playing in the MHSAA

district quarterfinal and looking to advance to the next game was in the front of our minds, but it was not to be.

"We just couldn't get the stops when we needed them tonight. St. Catherine's came out on fire with their shooting and we couldn't contain it. Once we settled down the last three quarters, we were better, but we dug a hole too big to get out of.

"Even though the score wasn't in our advantage, my girls never gave up. They kept playing hard and executing on the offensive end. I'm proud of my girls and the way they had heart and dedication tonight, even with the score the way it was. They continued playing hard all the way through the end."

#### Panthers upend Trojans

Cassidy Sandelin scored 10 points to lead Redford Union to a 46-16 victory over host Livonia Clarenceville in an opening-round Class B district game.

## ROCLETS

Continued from Page B1

Fueled by a regional-best game of 258, Huren knocked down 1,279 pins in six games to place second behind only Farmington's Candyce Brady (1,290). The top 10 individuals in each region advance to the state meet.

Kolb tied for seventh with a 1,058 total, while Dietz was ninth at 1,043.

Wayne's Kayla Thompson (1,011) and Christina O'Harris (994) finished 12th and 13th, respectively.

John Glenn head coach Ralph Cabildo knew he had something special cooking once his current seniors joined the program as ninth-graders.

"All three of the girls' dedication to constantly get better is amazing," said Cabildo. "All three will be bowling in college, which is rare for a high school team. Julia will be attending Arkansas State, which is currently ranked No. 1 in college bowling, and Ashley and Emily will bowl for Youngstown State, which is a up-and-coming Division 1 program."

Huren's has been the team's undeniable anchor for the past few years.

"Julia is not only our best bowler, but she's our best bowler under pressure, and that's what it takes to do well at the state tournament," said Cabildo. "She is coached by a former professional, Aleta Sill, and when you have a coach like that, it's going to make a difference."

"Julia has everything it takes to be successful. She's athletic, she's smart, and she owns six to eight bowling balls that she'll bring to the lanes, using the one that is best for the conditions."

Huren and Dietz have known one another since their early youth-bowling days. They joined forces with Kolb at Glenn.

"I feel we've been successful because a lot of us want the same thing," said Huren. "We wanted to go through our high school careers undefeated, but it's not something we took for granted. We went match to match. We had a lot of close matches that we were able to pull out."

The trio will be competing in the state meet for the third consecutive year — something that will give them a distinct advantage, Dietz said.

"Our experience at the state meet will definitely help when it comes to our mental game, because we won't be as nervous as girls who will be there for the first time," she said. "We've been through so many tournaments now, we know not to get psyched out if we're going through a bad stretch."

Kolb brings a slightly favorable intangible to the lanes: she's left-handed.

"My side of the lane doesn't dry out as quickly as the right side because there aren't many left-handed bowlers, so that actually helps me," she said.

The Rockets have enjoyed a fabulous season despite losing two of last season's top performers to graduation.

"I don't think people expected us to be quite as good this year because we have two new bowlers, but that kind of adds to the fun," Dietz said.

## CLASS A DISTRICT BASKETBALL

## Churchill overwhelms Redford Thurston, 60-21

**Ed Wright**  
Staff Writer

Subbing in five fresh players at regular intervals, Livonia Churchill's girls basketball team came at Redford Thurston in waves (or minisunamis) during Monday night's Class A district opener at Dearborn Heights Crestwood.

When the tides had settled, the Chargers had surfed to a convincing 60-21 victory over the Eagles.

Churchill advanced to Wednesday's 5:30 p.m. semifinal contest at Crestwood against Garden City, which drew a first-round bye. Livonia Franklin was scheduled to take on the host Chargers in the 7 p.m. semifinal.

Given the game-long efficiency level the Chargers played at, it was hard to distinguish which five was more effective — the starters or the second and third waves.

Topping the scoring ledger for the winners were mainstays Anne Yost and Shea Smith, both of whom netted 10 points on a night when 13 Chargers scored.

Judging by the Chargers' joyous reaction, the night's biggest highlight may have been the pair of technical free throws Churchill's Aana Behrendt drained with 7:40 left in the game.

A pair of Churchill Carters — Kennedy and Gabby — hit the boards with a through-the-roof energy level, helping the Chargers gain a 52-22 edge in the all-important rebounding category.

Kennedy Carter grabbed six rebounds and scored seven points, while Gabby Carter led both teams with 12 boards, hauling in about one every minute she played.

Smith, Carter and Yost were especially active on the



TOM BEAUDOIN

Churchill's Kennedy Carter pulls in one of her six rebounds Monday night.

defensive end for Churchill, piling up three steals a piece.

The Chargers' long and quick pressure defense forced the Eagles into committing 30 turnovers.

Thurston played hard throughout the night, forcing 17 Charger miscues.

The Eagles were paced by senior Kianna Shepard, who contributed seven points, and freshman Naudia Jackson, who added six.

The game's opening six minutes were tight thanks in large part to Jackson, who hit her first three shots — all transition layups — to offer the Eagles' hope.

Churchill, which led 16-7 after the opening quarter, carved out a momentous second quarter, out-scoring the not-as-deep Eagles, 15-1, to carry a 31-8 advantage into the break.

The Chargers kept their foot on the pedal during the third quarter when they outscored Thurston 20-7.

Churchill found net on 24 of 72 field-goal attempts and 11 of 18 free throws.

Thurston made nine of 39 field-goal attempts and swished two of its eight freebies.

ewright@hometownlife.com



TOM BEAUDOIN

Thurston's Kianna Shepard drives to the hoop during Monday's game against Churchill.

## Area swimmers compete in WWAC meet



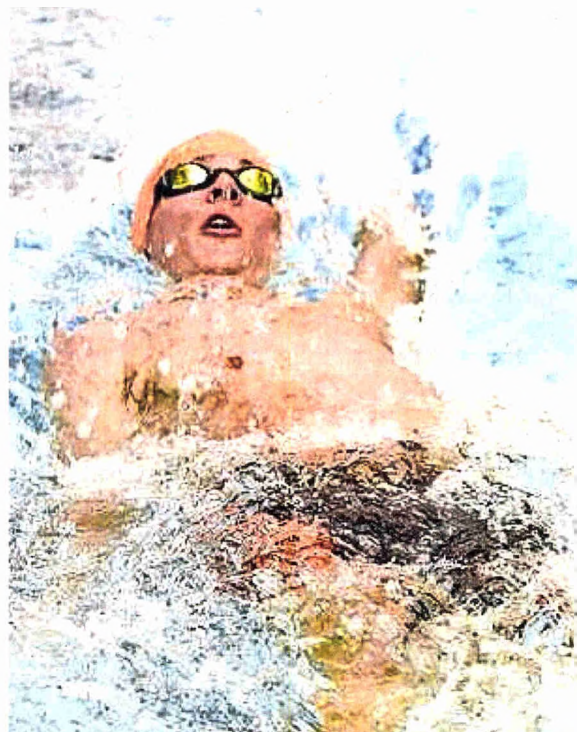
TOM BEAUDOIN

Thurston's Este Gajda performed well in the 100-yard butterfly event at last week's Western Wayne Athletic Conference meet.



TOM BEAUDOIN

Redford Union's Jamison Ortiz cuts through the water during last week's Western Wayne Athletic Conference meet at Belleville.



TOM BEAUDOIN

Garden City's Adam Crunk competed in the 100-yard backstroke at last week's Western Wayne Athletic Conference meet.

## BOYS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

## Thurston defeats Carlson in a landslide, 71-57

Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

It was a "Super Tuesday" for Western Wayne Athletic Conference boys basketball teams Redford Thurston and Garden City, both of whom earned decisive victories over solid opponents.

Led by Caebryn Crabtree's 24-point night, the Eagles (11-9) earned a 71-57 triumph over the Marauders in their final regular-season game of the campaign.

"The kids played well tonight; they really got after it," said Thurston head coach Brian Bates. "We forced some turnovers and ran a little bit. I'm very proud of them."

Crabtree, who is one of the most accurate long-range shooters in the area, was complemented by strong performances from senior guard Brandon Marshall (16 points) and senior forward D'eauntae Jackson, who chipped in with 11 points, 10 rebounds, four steals and four assists.

Crabtree also registered four steals for the winners.

The Eagles exploded to a quick 22-11 first-quarter lead before carrying a comfortable 40-24 edge into the half.

Carlson out-scored Thurston, 33-31, in the second half, but the



Thurston's Kobe Williams takes the ball strong to the basket during last week's game against Dearborn.

TOM BEAUDOIN

Eagles' big first-half lead proved to be insurmountable.

Thurston returns to action on Monday at 5:30 p.m. when it takes on Livonia Stevenson in a first-round Class A district

contest at Livonia Franklin.

#### Cougars rumble

Led by a super-balanced scoring ledger, Garden City trumped host Dearborn Edsel

Ford, 78-63, Tuesday night in a high-octane showdown that finished with four Cougars scoring in double figures and a pair of Thunderbirds eclipsing the 20-point barrier.

The result left Garden City with a 10-9 record heading into Thursday's 7 p.m. regular-season finale against visiting Wyandotte. Edsel Ford's regular season ended with a 7-13 mark.

Serving as the Cougars' primary scoring catalysts were senior guards Vinnie Bakerian and Robbie Moyers, who netted 18 and 17 points, respectively. Cameron Walter and Brandon Grace also helped out big-time on the offensive end, netting 16 and 11 points.

If GC head coach Ron Pummil was forced to pick an MVP following Tuesday's game, he would have tabbed Jake Sadowski, whose stat line read: nine points, 11 rebounds and five steals.

Chad Gailliard led the T-Birds with 23 points while freshman Jalal Beydoun scored 21.

"Jake did an outstanding job at both ends tonight," said Pummil. "He guarded Gailliard a lot, and really made him work. Gailliard made four threes, but he shot them from like 22 or 23 feet from the basket because Jake wasn't giving him anything close."

GC held a perilous 36-33 half-time lead before outscoring EF 24-13 in the third quarter.

## HIGH SCHOOL FIGURE SKATING

## Golden first season for Stevenson

Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

Thanks to the perseverance of two local figure-skating professionals, Livonia Stevenson students have an additional athletics option that is as cool as ice.

After several years of trying to add a figure-skating team to the school's varsity-sports menu, coaches Holly Malewski and Jen Schneider shifted gears and opted to form a club-level program — and it worked, with flying colors.

Stevenson's "C" team placed first at a recent district competition, thus qualifying for this weekend's state tournament in Novi. All 11 skaters also qualified as individuals for the season-ending competition.

"A lot of people said this could never be done, but we kept after it, and it's been incredibly successful," said Malewski, an international-level figure-skating coach whose daughter, Rachel, is a member of the team. "Eleven skaters is huge for an inaugural team. The girls have worked extremely hard and the success they've achieved is a result of the hard work."

The team practices twice a month at the Farmington Ice Arena, although both coaches noted that the site will switch to Livonia's Eddie Edgar Arena next year.

"We help the girls work on their elements at the practices, then they take what they learned and work out on their own between practices and competitions," said Schneider. "It is a very dedicated group."

To help keep the skaters' costs at a minimum, a local synchronized-skating team loaned dresses to the club.

Each of the 45 teams in the state — all of whom compete against one another, regardless of school size — are divided into three levels — A, B and C,



Pictured (from left) are Livonia Stevenson figure skaters Briana Harris, Erin McAlinden, Rachel Teets, Ashby Amory, Kylie Callison, Margaret Amory, Keira Callison, Emily Welch, Alexa Harris and Megan Krawczyk. Not pictured is Kristina Pernicano.



Stevenson's district championship "C" team is made up of (from left) Keira Callison, Emily Welch, Kristina Pernicano and Kylie Callison.

depending on the skaters' skill level.

Competitions are broken down into three categories: jumps, spins and moves in field. A panel of five judges evaluate the skaters' performances and award scores based on how they executed the elements involved.

Two teams from each of the state's seven districts advanced to the state tournament. Stevenson's "C" team placed first in District 1 and moves on along with United Farmington.

The district champion "C" team includes Keira Callison, Emily Welch, Kristina Pernicano

and Kylie Callison.

"Stevenson's principal, Gary Harper, has been very supportive, as has the Stevenson Athletics Booster Club, which offered to pay our registration fee for the state tournament," said Malewski. "We are greatly appreciative of their support."

The program is striving to grow each year, with new participants — both boys and girls, the coaches noted — encouraged to try out for next year's team.

For more information, contact Malewski at hollyteets@aol.com.

ewright@hometownlife.com

## PREP WRESTLING

## Shamrocks pinned by Davison in semifinal

Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

Novi Detroit Catholic Central couldn't shake nemesis Davison for the second straight year Saturday in the MHSAA Division 1 wrestling team state finals Central Michigan University's McGuirk Arena.

The second-seeded Cardinals, who trailed, 25-19, after CC's 130-pounder Aaron Rehfeldt defeated Ryan Schlak, 6-0, went on a 10-0 run over the final three matches to pull out a 29-25 semifinal victory over the third-seeded Shamrocks, who finished the year 16-6.

Four of the matches were decided by one point, with each team winning two.

The Davison comeback started when Brian Case (135) edged CC freshman Cameron Amine, 2-1, in a pivotal match.

"Aaron is wrestling really well right now and we believed he could beat Schlak," CC coach Mitch Hancock said. "We didn't score bonus points as planned up top or at 103 pounds, which forced us to wrestle Rehfeldt at 130 and bump Amine to 135. We needed to win both and we were forced to put Amine in a difficult position in going up three weight classes. He understood the challenge and accepted the task like a champion."

A stalling call against Amine was a deciding factor in the match.

"That call was frustrating. Those are veteran officials and you would think they would allow the wrestlers to decide the match and they didn't," Hancock said. "We bump a wrestler up three weight classes and were the aggressor for the entire match and we got banged for stalling. It's frustrating, especially when no take-down is scored."

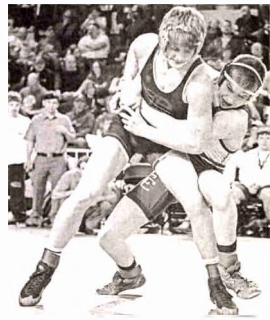
Cal Stefanko then pulled the Cardinals even at 25-25 with a 7-1 decision over Joe McGrath at 140 and Kurt Schlak (145) scored a four-point 16-8 major decision over CC's Tyler Johnson to seal the victory.

"Those guys wrestled hard and left it out on the mat," Hancock said.

Top-seeded Hartland (34-1), last year's Division 1 runner-up, then went on to win its first wrestling state title in school history with a 36-23 win in the final over Davison, which ended the year 24-5.

Davison, the only team from Michigan to defeat CC this year, also got victories from Brendan McRill (171), pin in 1:43; Tanner Thomas (215), 3-2 decision; Max Johnson (112), pin in 1:44; and A.J. Facundo (119), 16-7 major decision.

Tyler Morland (189) scored the lone pin for the Shamrocks in 3:15, while Ben Ka-



SCOTT CONFER

CC's Aaron Rehfeldt (right) scored a victory at 130 pounds.

mali (112) added four points with a major decision.

Aidan Wagh (152), Conor Cox (160), Nick Jenkins (285) and Kevon Davenport (125) also all earned a victory for the Shamrocks, who were eliminated by Davison in last year's state quarterfinal.

"I love this team and I love the way they represent us and Catholic Central," Hancock said. "They all are phenomenal young men who have impacted our program and community immensely."

In Friday's quarterfinal, CC captured nine of the first 10 matches to build a 33-point advantage en route to a 36-16 victory over Macomb Dakota (27-12).

CC got a six-point pin from Davenport (125 pounds), while Jackson Ross (215), Jenkins (285) and Kamali (112) each earned a four-point major decision.

Other wins came from Easton Turner (171), Rhett Newton (103), Amine (130) and Rehfeldt (135). Morland (171) was also awarded six points by forfeit.

**MHSAA DIVISION 1 WRESTLING TOURNAMENT**  
Feb. 27 at CMU's McGuirk Arena (Semifinal match)  
**DAVISON 29**  
**DETROIT CATHOLIC CENTRAL 25**  
Feb. 27 at CMU's McGuirk Arena  
152 pounds: Aidan Wagh (CC) d. Trevor McGowan, 7-6; 160: Conor Cox (CC) d. Gabe Ellis, 8-2; 171: Brendan McRill (Davison) pinned Easton Turner, 1:43; 189: Tyler Morland (CC) p. Logan Mabbutt, 3:15; 215: Tanner Thomas (Davison) d. Jackson Ross, 3-2; 285: Nick Jenkins (CC) d. Rene Martin, 7-0; 103: Ben Kamali (CC) won by major dec. over Steven Garty, 15-4; 112: Max Johnson (Davison) p. Davis Rastigue, 1:44; 119: A.J. Facundo (Davison) won by major dec. over Chase Moscovici, 16-7; 125: Kevon Davenport (CC) d. Deven Perez (Davison), 4-3 (overtime); 130: Aaron Rehfeldt (CC) d. Ryan Schlak, 6-0; 135: Brian Case (Davison) d. Cameron Amine, 2-1; 140: Cal Stefanko (Davison) d. Joe McGrath, 7-1; 145: Kurt Schlak (Davison) won by major dec. over Tyler Johnson, 16-8.  
Dual meet records: Davison, 24-4 overall; Detroit CC, 16-6.

(Quarterfinal match)  
**DETROIT CATHOLIC CENTRAL 36**  
**MACOMB DAKOTA 16**  
Feb. 26 at CMU's McGuirk Arena  
171 pounds: Easton Turner (CC) d. Fran Alcini, 5-1; 189: Tyler Morland (CC) won by void; 215: Jackson Ross (CC) won by major dec. over Jason Wahby, 14-5; 285: Nick Jenkins (CC) won by major dec. over Rahmi Kahili, 8-0; 103: Rhett Newton (CC) d. Nick Alayan, 9-7; 112: Ben Kamali (CC) won by major dec. over Justin Tiburcio, 10-2; 119: Nick Barrett (Dakota) d. Stone Moscovici, 3-1; 125: Kevon Davenport (CC) pinned Kelton Burch, 3:44; 130: Cameron Amine (CC) d. Tyler Sanders, 5-4 (overtime); 135: Aaron Rehfeldt (CC) d. Tommy Gavrilowski, 5-0; 140: Layne Malczewski (Dakota) won by major dec. over Joe McGrath, 11-1; 145: Dustin Solomon (Dakota) d. Aidan Wagh, 4-3; 152: Christian Karges (Dakota) d. Tyler Johnson, 3-1; 160: Jack Morris (Dakota) d. Conor Cox, 4-2.  
Dual match records: Detroit CC, 16-5 overall; Dakota, 27-12 overall.

## HOCKEY

Continued from Page B1

young, but this team has a winning camaraderie that is amazing," said junior captain Joe Wozniak. "We have a lot of guys on this team who have been to state finals and won districts before they got here, so they know what it takes to be good. We're young, but we're very competitive."

Joining Wozniak on the list of Churchill defensemen who shined Monday night was junior Danny Carey, who pulled the plug on a dangerous rush by Patriot Max McCrory at the 13:40 mark of the third period.

"Danny is one of those guys who plays with a lot of passion," said Churchill head coach Jason Reynolds. "He's made such a difference for us over the course of the season."

The first period ended with the teams deadlocked, 1-1. After Churchill's John Doyle opened the scoring three minutes in, Franklin's McCrory deposited the equalizer 4:10 before the

first intermission when he stepped in front of a Charger clearing pass just inside the blue line and fired a hard riser past Broyles.

The Patriots seized a 2-1 lead early in the middle stanza when Trevor Lassaline back-handed the puck home from the door step after securing a slick centering pass from Chase Wallis.

Franklin goalie Jake Penny preserved his team's temporary advantage when he snagged a frozen-rope slap shot off the stick of Nolan Cioch during the final seconds of a Churchill power play.

Churchill's four-goal barrage was ignited with 1:08 left in the second period when Cioch, stationed at the bottom of the left circle, one-timed a feed from Doyle between Penny's glove and the left post to make it 2-2.

The Chargers grabbed the lead for good in the first minute of the final period when Tyler Haydu netted a power-play goal from Cioch.

The Patriots whistled a handful of sizzling shots at Broyles during the five-minute major —

the most dangerous unfolding with 9:50 left off the stick of Lassaline — but the junior came up big each time.

The outcome was still in doubt with two minutes left, but the Chargers scored a pair of insurance goals — the first by Spencer Kovacs at the 1:53 mark, the final an empty-netter from Jordan Vengoni with 1:09 to play — to put the icing on their 20th win of the season.

"The thing that sets this team apart is its competitive pedigree," said Reynolds. "A lot of these guys have played in high-pressure situations (before they came to Churchill), which has worked in our favor this season, especially in big wins against teams like Brighton, Northville and Novi."

"We knew it was going to be a battle tonight, with the great seniors like Wallis and Whitney that Franklin has. They caught us once during the regular season, so we knew we would have to really bear down tonight, and the guys did. I'm very proud of this team."

ewright@hometownlife.com

## SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE BASEBALL

## HERE'S THE PITCH!

Schoolcraft's debut baseball program swings into action

**Tim Smith**  
Staff Writer

When rumors started circulating last spring that Schoolcraft College was about to begin a baseball program, players' ears perked up.

It made late-season games between Canton and Plymouth even that much more interesting than usual.

For Chiefs catcher Nick Romanowski and Wildcats outfielder-pitcher Jared Merandi, who both were on Schoolcraft's radar from the beginning, it meant facing each other as rivals fully aware that once 2016 rolled around, they'd be teammates in Ocelots blue and gold.

"We figured out later in the season that we were both going to Schoolcraft," Romanowski said recently before taking cuts during indoor practice at the Skillbuilder Batters Box in Dearborn Heights. "So I thought that was cool, playing each other and knowing we were going to be teammates later on."

"And (infielder) Steve (Szymanski) from Churchill, too. It was cool that I knew I would be teammates with these guys after playing them."

According to Merandi, it's pretty special to be on the same side with former KLAA rivals. Even better is being from the beginning as baseball takes root at Schoolcraft.

"It feels great, being the first of something," Merandi said. "We're always going to be down there in the history books, so it's a pretty cool feeling."

These are heady times at Schoolcraft. Also beginning this spring is a women's softball program, while a soccer dome is being constructed at the Livonia campus for the men's and women's teams to begin play in the fall.

"It's great; it's a nice experience," freshman pitcher and Garden City alum Nick Montroy said. "And to know you're on the inaugural baseball team, a new program, it's pretty cool. I'm just looking to pitch well and get the job done."

As for Szymanski, a candidate to start at shortstop or second base, learning that Schoolcraft was getting into the baseball business almost was a godsend.

"I was actually going to Lansing Community College to play baseball and, once I found out Schoolcraft was having a team, I came here," Szymanski said. "And I want to be a fireman and they have a good fireman program."

With a smile, he added that "it's awesome just to make history and be part of the first team."

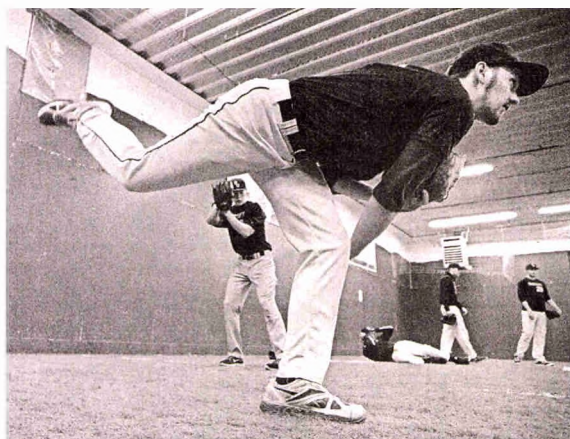
#### Team comes first

The final tuneup was an opportunity for Fay and his staff to emphasize to players that the 2016 season for Schoolcraft is all about teamwork.

"We're talking about team, not individuals," Fay said during a team huddle. "We chose not to put names on the back of the jerseys. If you are that good, people will ask."

"We are setting the tone for the future of this baseball program, so that's why we need to do everything right this week."

The first games are March 17 at Cleary University in Howell, with the first Michigan Community College Athletic Association contests set for April 2 at Ford Field in Livonia (Schoolcraft's home for this year).



Getting in some reps Wednesday is Schoolcraft pitcher Nick Montroy, who played for Garden City. Behind him is Donovan Thacker, who played for Southgate Anderson.

"We start Sunday (Feb. 28)," said Fay, formerly baseball head coach at Dearborn Edsel Ford. "They're non-conference games, but they're real games. We leave for Florida (Feb. 26), we start playing Sunday and we have nine games in five days."

"We're happy, not only talent-wise, but also the character of kids we have. I think being a first-year program and starting this for Schoolcraft, we couldn't be happier with the kids involved in the program. So far, it's been going very good."

#### Competing to start

Fay said having a facility such as the Skillbuilder Batters Box (on Van Born, near Inkster Road) proved invaluable as players prepared for the season.

"It works out real well, because we have seven batting cages and a pitching lane, so we can get a lot of hitting in," Fay said. "Obviously, our pitchers can throw live when need be. There's a turf area, so we can do some infield work."

"So we pretty much are able to practice all aspects of the game, other than fly balls. But we sent the team out this past Monday to Total Sports (in Wixom), so we could do some defensive work out there and try to get a feel for it before we go down."

On the roster is former Edsel Ford player Cole Moore, a catcher-infielder who transferred from a four-year college. Moore is battling Romanowski, freshman Dakota Lowery (Farmington) and freshman Mark Mika (Lutheran Westland) for the starting position behind the plate.

"We have 26 rostered, we have 10 pitcher-onlys; depth-wise we have a lot of versatile kids," Fay said. "Recruiting, we wanted to do that. We have about six solid outfielders right now and our infield is pretty much two guys at every position, except we have four catchers on the roster."

"Our catchers swing it really well, so when they're not catching, they can do some DH and pinch-hitting roles for us."

Fay said to keep an eye on freshman first baseman Jordan Pressley (Romulus), "probably one of the most powerful 18-year-olds that we've come across. He swings it real well for us."

Others he cited include freshman pitcher Christian Mercure (Trenton), freshman outfielder Michael Peplinski (Bay City Central) and freshman infielder Garrett Edgell (Dearborn Divine Child).

"Right now, we have a lot of guys competing for starting playing time," Fay said. "Most of our guys had really good falls, so when we get down south, they'll all be given an

opportunity to compete with each other to take over that starting role."

#### Pipeline

As important as getting the Ocelots off on the right foot in games is establishing a pipeline between Schoolcraft and area high schools. Fay said he already thinks there is a pretty good one in place.

"Being a first-year program, people were hesitant in committing to us," Fay said. "Even though our coaching staff is very established, obviously, the program in itself wasn't."

"But now that people are seeing the commitment from the athletic department and the administration, they're seeing that we're going after this with everything that we have."

Romanowski and others from KLAA high schools immediately latched onto Schoolcraft as a post-high school option to combine academics, baseball and family.

"I was attracted to the idea because it was my local community college and I wanted to come out and play for them," he said. "Close to home, nice to stay home and live with my mom, my brother and my family. I like it around here."

Concurring was Montroy, saying, "There's a lot of kids that would want to come here and a lot of kids that, if they want to further their baseball careers, this is a good place to stop."

"I wasn't really thinking about playing baseball in college," Merandi said. "But once the opportunity (arose), I just wanted to hop on. Keep the dream going, you know?"

Friendships are being formed as a "new brotherhood" takes root, several players said. But first and foremost, they have to figure out that college baseball is something completely different.

"These guys (pitchers) are a lot more accurate, they throw harder, too," Romanowski said, comparing high school and college hurlers. "But they have a lot better command of their pitches."

"Catching for these guys, I can tell they've all gotten a lot better since the fall."

Chiming in was Szymanski, describing life on a college baseball team as "definitely more intense. The pitchers throw quicker, practices are more serious. I like it. It's definitely more of a baseball atmosphere."

And interest on campus is building about the ultimate opening day for Schoolcraft College.

So let the games and Schoolcraft's baseball era begin.

tsmith@hometownlife.com  
Twitter: @TimSmith\_Sports

## BOYS KLAA CONFERENCE SWIM MEET

## Northville edges Novi; Spartans' O'Dowd stars

Relay D.Q. costs Wildcats in battle for first place

**Brad Emons**  
Staff Writer

Emotions ran the gamut in Saturday's KLAA Kensington Conference boys swim meet with Northville successfully defending its title by the slimmest of margins at South Lyon East High School.

The Mustangs got a clutch performance from its third-place 400-yard freestyle relay team to deny rival Central Division rival Novi its first-ever championship by two points, 897-895.

Host South Lyon Unified placed third with 508, while Livonia Stevenson (499), Canton (486) and Plymouth (416) rounded out the top six in the 11-school field.

"We got our tails kicked in this weekend, but we just kept on fighting," Northville coach Rich Bennetts said. "We had an awful day today. The last four guys on the relay just kind of decided they didn't want to blow it, which we were doing a really good job of the entire afternoon today."

But Northville got the all-important third as James Xue, Taiyo Ichikawa, Larry Zhao and Trevor Degroot swam 3:17.14 — two seconds clear of fourth-place South Lyon — to wrap up the crown.

"We tried everything literally, we just didn't have anybody swimming well, so we're trying to patchwork guys together to try and find somebody that's not going to lose us points," Bennetts said. "And the last four guys had no business breaking 3:20, but they went 3:17. I aged 10 years in the last three hours. I think they enjoy making me sweat."

The meet's individual star was Stevenson senior Jackson O'Dowd, who swept the 50- and 100 freestyles in 21.25 and 46.45, respectively.

O'Dowd, headed to swim for Penn of the Ivy League, also anchored the first-place 400-freestyle relay and was a part of the Spartans' runner-up 200 freestyle relay (1:28.56).

"He's got the competitive edge and he wants to win without a doubt," Stevenson coach Jeff Shoemaker said. "He loves hunting down people. And I don't care how fast they are, he'll hunt them down to the best of his extent if possible."

Stevenson's other first place finish came from freshman Benjamin Rojewski in the 500 freestyle (4:43.59).

"We don't have a lot of arsenal to begin with, but we really swam well and they made me extremely happy," Shoemaker said. "We won four events. Four out of the 11 isn't bad. We just need more depth, more kids, more involvement in Livonia with swimming to begin with."

Stevenson also captured the final event, the 400 freestyle relay, in 3:15.43 to edge Canton's runner-up finish 3:15.81.

Ironically, Novi might have been poised to win the team title, but suffered an unfortunate break when its 400 freestyle relay team was disqualified for a false start in Friday's prelims. The Wildcats, who were the top seed going in, went scoreless in the final relay race.

"My boys are incredible," Novi coach Brent Pohlonski said. "Yesterday after the disappointment on the relay, they starting firing each

other up. They didn't get mad, they didn't point fingers. They just started building each other up. We met this morning for breakfast and they just decided, 'We're going to win it anyway. We're going to go out and give it everything we have and see if we could pull it off.'"

And Novi nearly did as they captured two-of-three relays.

The Wildcats' Joey Berman, Narayan Manivannan, Siddhardha Kareddy and Ryan Katulski took the 200 medley relay (meet record 1:36.15), while the foursome of Phillip Billiu, Kareddy, Alexander Yuan and Katulski took the 200 freestyle relay (1:27.88).

"Earlier in the week we had it Northville 37 points ahead of us and we knew we'd have to come in and swim great," Pohlonski said. "We did yesterday, but when you disqualify a relay on Friday usually you don't plan on winning on Saturday."

Kareddy also captured the 100 butterfly in 52.08 and the Wildcats also swept the first three places in the 100 backstroke led by Berman's 53.22.

"I'm just so proud of my guys that they didn't fold," Pohlonski said. "They didn't give up. Even though we put ourselves in the hole, we came out and still almost pulled it out. And to only lose by two we know we lost a golden opportunity here."

Northville's lone first came from Nikolai Arton in the 100 breaststroke (59.71), while Degroot (200 freestyle) and Kirk Maibach (50 freestyle and 100 butterfly) added seconds. The Mustangs also got a runner-up finish in the 200 medley relay.

"I'm proud of the guys, but we have to do a much better job in the future, but I ain't worried about that today," Bennetts said. "I will never apologize for win. There's a reason why they have Friday prelims and I've lost on D.Q.'s before. It's part of the game, so you have to be mentally ready to go on Friday and your relays have to do their job. And our relays did. They (Novi) had a mistake and mistakes are part of sports. That's just the way it goes. We tried everything to blow this one, but we managed to swim the last four lengths when we needed to."

South Lyon, meanwhile, finished nine points ahead of Stevenson for third.

"I thought it was a great meet for us," South Lyon Unified coach John Burch said. "We're not at the level of Northville or Novi. They just have more kids than we do. We only have 23 kids on our team, but for us to finish third it was our goal going in and we swam really well this weekend and really well today, and I'm really proud of the kids."

South Lyon's best finish was a third in 200 medley relay as Logan Boals, Brandon Bell, Max Kempisty and Zach Denny were clocked in 1:39.22.

"One of the things that really helped us was some of our second-tier guys dropped a lot of time," Burch said. "You look at a guy like Preston Healy (22nd) and James Perry (16th), both of those guys dropped 20 seconds in the 500 freestyle to score points. I knew our top kids would go fast, but that next tier stepped up and that's what you need to have for a championship team or a team that performs well in the conference meet."

## SPORTS BRIEFS

#### '78 Churchill football players sought

Members of the undefeated 1978 Livonia Churchill varsity football team are invited to attend the school's Hall of Fame induction ceremony on Wednesday, March 23, at the Italian-American Hall, which is located at 39200 Five Mile Rd.

The evening's festivities are set to start at 6 p.m. All team members will be welcomed into the induction ceremony free of charge. Head coach Ken Kaestner will be in attendance.

Also inducted that night will be former Churchill long-distance runners Sara Kroll and Rachel McFarlane.

For more information, contact the Churchill athletics

office at 734-744-2650, ext. 46117.

#### GC needs JV softball coach

The Garden City High School softball program is searching for a junior-varsity coach for this spring. Interested candidates are encouraged to contact Garden City athletic director Rob Phillips at 734-762-8363 or phillir@gardencityschools.com.

#### Stevenson pom clinic

The Livonia Stevenson pom program will be hosting a one-day clinic on Saturday, April 9, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the school's field house.

The clinic, which will be instructed by members of the team's coaching staff and cur-

rent athletes, costs \$30, which includes a light lunch and T-shirt for all attendees.

The clinic promises to be a fun opportunity for young girls to find out what pom is all about, or for more-experienced pom participants to sharpen their skills.

Students attending must wear gym shoes and work out clothes, and are encouraged to wear their hair pulled back.

To register, contact stvensonvarsitypom@gmail.com or call 248-880-1881.

#### Churchill sports tryouts

Following are details regarding Livonia Churchill's spring sports tryouts:

» Girls Tennis — Monday March 14 at 2:45 p.m. at Dearborn or Farmington courts. For

more information contact Denise Berg-Grant at dberggr@livoniapublicschools.org;

» Sideline cheerleading — Monday May 23 at 6 p.m. in Churchill gymnasium. For more information, contact Amanda Weldon at amweldon53@yahoo.com;

» Boys golf — Monday, March 14 at 3 p.m. at Oasis Golf Dome or Whispering Willows Golf Course. For more information, contact Paul Worley at paulworley@pga.com;

» Baseball — Monday March 14 at 2:45 p.m. in the Churchill fieldhouse. For more information, contact Ron Targosz at rtargosz@livoniapublicschools.org;

» Pom pon — Monday, May 16 at 6 p.m. in Churchill gymnasium. For more information,

contact Meredith Lanski at lanskim@msu.edu;

» Boys and girls track and field — Monday, March 14 at 2:45 p.m. in Churchill gymnasium. For more information, contact Rick Austin (boys) at raustin@livoniapublicschools.org or Patrick Daugherty (girls) at pdaugherty@madonna.edu;

» Softball — Monday March 14 at 4:45 p.m. in Churchill fieldhouse. For more information, contact Steve Gentilia at churchillssoftball@gmail.com;

» Girls soccer — Monday March 14 at 2:45 p.m. in Churchill gymnasium. For more information, contact Reid Friedrichs at rfriedri@livoniapublicschools.org;

All athletes must have a valid physical on file to try out.

## USA HOCKEY

# St. Cyr backstops NTDP U17s to victory lane

**Tim Smith**  
Staff Writer

With five players getting in on the scoring fun, the U.S. NTDP Under-17 hockey team blitzed Omaha 6-2 Sunday afternoon at USA Hockey Arena.

It was an offensive onslaught that U17 head coach Don Granato was happy to see — particularly since his team's excellent all-around effort last Thursday against Bloomington ended in a tough 1-0 overtime loss.

"The other night we didn't get rewarded for our work as far as scoring goes," Granato said. "Today we did. It's always a good feeling to score goals. It's even a better feeling to win."

Leading the way with two goals was Grant Mismash, with single tallies by Graham Slagert, Sean Dhooghe, Jacob Tortora and Scott Reedy.

Dhooghe, Tortora and Reedy also racked up assists for two-point games.

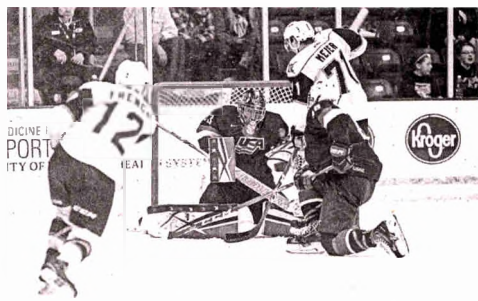
But Granato was mostly thrilled to see how well his defense and goaltender played against the Lancers.

"I thought it was really nice to play two solid games, especially minimizing chances against," Granato said. "Being hard to play against. The other night the only goal was in overtime."

"Tonight they scored two in the third. We played a bit stingier and it was nice to see."

Goalie Dylan St. Cyr, of Northville, had a shut-out going into the third and wound up stopping 29 of 31 Omaha shots.

He made a number of strong saves while his



RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY  
Holding down the fort Sunday afternoon for the U.S. team is goalie Dylan St. Cyr. The Northville native made 29 saves.

defense made sure to provide plenty of support.

"Hats off to them (NTDP goalies)," Granato noted. "Dylan performed excellent today as did Scheelsy (Adam Scheel) the other day."

Granato said St. Cyr, who bounced back from a 5-2 loss to Muskegon his previous game on Feb. 21, brings intensity and leadership to the squad.

"He's a very focused kid, he's certainly a leader for us in that regard," the coach continued. "He has an intensity, ... he's a very, very intense player."

## Chance to win

After the matinee contest, as U17 players got set to skate with fans (there were about 1,200 in attendance), St. Cyr — named the contest's third star — said his performance was all about his teammates.

"Every night you want to come out here and give your team a chance to win," St. Cyr said. "I think my team did a great job in front of me, clearing out second chances and whatnot, taking away big chances."

Playing big in net despite standing only 5-7, St. Cyr finally lost his shutout at 7:31 of the final stanza, when Mismash snapped a shot from the left circle past Omaha goalie Zackarias Skog (26 saves).

"It's a huge confidence booster" for the offense to answer, St. Cyr said. "Let one in, we know it's business and we got to go back out there and grind some more. So we got that goal and it really helped us out."

The win upped Team USA's record in the United States Hockey League to 18-19-4-1, including games played by the NTDP U18s.

Omaha, playing its third game in three days, fell to 22-20-4-1.

**MILITARY APPRECIATION WEEKEND:** Next up at USA Hockey Arena is Military Appreciation Weekend. Games are 7 p.m. Friday against Cedar Rapids and 7 p.m. Saturday against Cedar Rapids.

Proceeds from ticket sales and a special military jersey auction will benefit Ann Arbor VA Healthcare System. Go to [www.usahockeyarena.com](http://www.usahockeyarena.com) or call (734) 453-8400 for information.

[tsmith@hometownlife.com](mailto:tsmith@hometownlife.com)  
Twitter: @TimSmith\_Sports

## SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE ROUNDUP

## Ocelots clinch another crown

**Tim Smith**  
Staff Writer

Six players reached double figures in scoring Monday night as Schoolcraft College's men's basketball wrapped up the MCCA Eastern championship with a 89-79 win at Lansing Community College.

The Ocelots (20-10) were paced by guards Ja'Christian Biles and Tyler Johnston with 19 and 18 points, respectively, as the team secured a second consecutive league title.

Chipping in with 14 points each were guard and Westland John Glenn product Dre Black and forward Anthony Wartley-Fritz.

Also helping the cause with 10 points each were forward Davon Taylor (Canton) and center RJ Coil.

With Taylor and Wartley-Fritz each grabbing nine rebounds, the Ocelots enjoyed a slim 47-45 advantage on the boards while defusing any serious rally by Lansing (26-4).

Schoolcraft went up 50-41 at the intermission and held serve over the final 20 minutes.

Next up for the team is Friday's 7:30 p.m. NJCAA District 10 championship game at Delta College against either

Wayne County CCD or St. Clair County CC. On Saturday, Coil tallied 17 points and 13 rebounds as Schoolcraft defeated visiting Macomb 86-64.

## Women cagers

Schoolcraft could have two teams at Delta Friday if everything breaks right this week.

The Lady Ocelots need to defeat Mott on Wednesday night, but if they do they will play 5:30 p.m. Friday against the winner of Tuesday's Henry Ford-Macomb tilt.

On Saturday, a 21-rebound, nine-point performance by Rikki Scherdt was not enough as Schoolcraft (25-4, 13-3 in the MCCA Eastern) lost 53-46 to Macomb.

T'era Nesbitt (14 points, seven rebounds), Jade Smith (10 points, 10 boards) and Birmingham Seaholm product Elise Tolbert (nine points) had excellent games in a losing cause.

Schoolcraft, MCCA Eastern Conference co-champions, lost the tie-breaker to Oakland as a result of the defeat and are the second seed in the NJCAA District H Tournament.

## Men's club hockey

Schoolcraft College split a weekend set against Saginaw Valley

State University at Redford Arena, winning 9-4 Friday but falling 5-3 the next day.

"I was very happy with the team's performance," said Ocelots head coach Rob Lindsay about the win. "We played with three solid lines and a tough defense. Vinnie Glenn (Livonia Stevenson) played a great game just like he always does. He is a great addition to our team."

"... We have established a work ethic and we have been picking up players that can play. We are making a presence and having an impact being a new team."

Glenn scored four goals in the Friday win, with Mike Lesko and Andrew Lindsay each registering two goals. Schoolcraft's ninth tally was pumped in by Sheldon Varhol.

Earning the victory Friday with a stellar game was goalie and Canton alum Nick Borg.

On Saturday, Schoolcraft led 3-2 after two periods but gave up three goals in the final stanza.

[tsmith@hometownlife.com](mailto:tsmith@hometownlife.com)  
Twitter: @TimSmith\_Sports  
Download our free apps for iPhone, iPad or Android!

## SPARTANS

Continued from Page B1

promising first quarter.

Jackie Green and Amanda Schultz added seven points a piece, while senior Paige Ack-

man contributed six points — four in the overtime session.

Junior center Hiba Daifi led Crestwood with 17 points — 12 the results of four triples. Freshman Demi Rodriguez played nothing like a ninth-grader, adding 15

points. Junior center Nicole Ristovski scored 10.

Crestwood shot 65 percent from the free-throw line while Stevenson swished 48 percent of their freebies.

[ewright@hometownlife.com](mailto:ewright@hometownlife.com)

## CITY OF WESTLAND 2016 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

The City of Westland Board of Review will be conducting the 2016 March Board of Review and will convene in the City Council Chambers at 36300 Warren Road, Westland, Michigan 48185.

The regular Board of Review schedule is as follows:

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:** Tuesday, March 8, 2016, 9:30 a.m.

**APPEAL HEARINGS BY APPOINTMENTS ONLY**

Monday, March 14, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 15, 2016 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 16, 2016 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**MAIL-IN APPEALS REVIEW ONLY**

Thursday, March 17, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed. Hearings are by appointment only. **COMPLETED 2016 BOARD OF REVIEW PETITIONS ARE NECESSARY**, and must be submitted to the Assessor's Office, prior to your appointment. The deadline for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal in person before the Board of Review is Wednesday, March 16, 2016.

A resident or non-resident taxpayer may file a petition with the Board of Review without the requirement of a personal appearance by the taxpayer or a representative. An agent must have written authority to represent the owner and it must be submitted to the Board of Review on the form prescribed by the assessor's office. Written petitions must be received by Wednesday, March 16, 2016 to be reviewed by the Board. Postmarks are not accepted.

Copies of the notices stating the dates and times of the meetings will be posted and published in the local newspaper.

All Board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act".

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Assessor's Office at (734) 467-3160.

Richard LeBlanc, CMC  
City Clerk

Published: February 18 & 25, and March 3, 2016

LO-0000271981 3x4.8

## City of Livonia - 02/01/2016 Regular Meeting Synopsis

**Present:** Jolly, White, Bahr, Meakin, Kritzman, Brosnan, and McIntyre

**Absent:** None

**#47-16** Approving the minutes of meeting held on 1/20/16. Items were received and filed.

**#48-16** Recognizing Livonia Civic Arenas, Inc. as a non-profit organization.

**#49-16** Confirming the appointment of Peter Ventura to the City Planning Commission.

**#50-16** Accepting the quote of Reliance Standard Life Insurance Company, to provide life and accidental death and dismemberment insurance coverage for a two-year period.

**#51-16** Accepting the bid of Crimboli Nursery, Inc., for the City's 2016 Street Tree Planting Program from budgeted funds; **FURTHER**, accepting the bid of the second lowest bidder, Greg Davis Landscape Services, in the event the low bidder is unable to supply certain species of trees.

**#52-16** Accepting the bid of Dan's Tree, for the City's 2016 Tree and Stump Removal Program from budgeted funds; **FURTHER**, accepting the bid of the second lowest bidder, Sod Solutions, in the event the low bidder is unable to complete the work.

**#53-16** Accepting the bids of RKA Petroleum Companies, Inc., and Ports Petroleum Company, to supply gasoline and diesel fuel, through the Tri-County Public Purchasing Cooperative, for the period February 1, 2016 through January 31, 2018, with the option to extend an additional two years.

**#54-16** Advising Wayne County Department of Public Services (Permit Section) that the City of Livonia has approved the storm sewer site plans and that the City will accept jurisdiction and maintenance (at no expense to the County) of the storm sewer within the property located at 13507 Middlebelt Road; **FURTHER**, authorizing the City Engineer to execute a Wayne County permit on behalf of the City of Livonia in connection with the above storm sewer construction; and authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute the maintenance agreement which is approved as to form and substance by the Law Department, on behalf of the City.

**Second Reading and Roll Call Vote (7-0)** was given to an ordinance amending Section 14 of the Zoning Map and amending Article III of Zoning Ordinance No. 543.

(Petition 2015-09-01-09)

**Second Reading and Roll Call Vote (6-1)** was given to an ordinance amending Section 3 of the Zoning Map and amending Article III of Zoning Ordinance No. 543.

(Petition 2015-11-01-10)

**#55-16** Directing that the request that the subject of renewing Consumers Energy Company Gas Franchise Ordinance for a period of thirty years be put over for consideration at the February 17, 2016 Regular Meeting.

Kritzman stepped down from the podium at 7:18 p.m.

**#56-16** Executing an amendment to the Engineering Contract and requesting additional appropriation and expenditure for the SAW Grant Project No. 1441-01; to complete the grant by the April 2017 deadline. (CR 338-14)

Kritzman returned to the podium at 7:19 p.m.

**#57-16** Referring Site Plan in connection with Petition 2015-10-08-17, submitted by Jonna Realty Ventures, on behalf of Haggerty Marketplace, to construct a multi-tenant retail building and obtain preliminary approval for two restaurant pads at 19700 and 19750 Haggerty Road to the Committee of the Whole for its report and recommendation.

**#58-16** Accepting various cash and in-kind donations in the amount of \$1,400.00 to be used for the purposes, as designated by the donors.

**#59-16** Accepting a Grant of Easement for a variable width public utility easement in connection with the storm sewer line constructed at 11121 Garden.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Full text of the official minutes available in the Office of the City Clerk.

Susan M. Nash  
Livonia City Clerk

Published: March 3, 2016

LO-0000271911 3x4.7

# CANTON'S HOME EXPO

sponsored by Canton's Building and Inspection Services,  
Observer & Eccentric Newspaper, and the Canton Chamber of Commerce

# March 5-6

**Free Admission,  
Parking &  
Refreshments!**

**Multiple raffles all  
weekend!**

**Free Home  
Improvement Tips  
& Coupon Booklet!**

**More than  
100 Exhibitors!**

**"The Appliance  
Doctor" Joe  
Gagnon  
Broadcasting  
Live on  
Saturday!**

**Kid's Corner  
Project  
Center!**

Visit [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org) or call 734/394-5200

# Summit on the Park

46000 Summit Parkway

**Saturday 9am - 5pm**

**Sunday 10am - 3pm**

# CLASSIFIEDS

## OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC

Phone: 800-579-7355  
Fax: 313-496-4968  
Email: [ceads@hometownlife.com](mailto:ceads@hometownlife.com)

Place an ad online 24/7 at  
[advertise.hometownlife.com](http://advertise.hometownlife.com)

Find a new job or career



**JOBS**

Discover your new home



**HOMES & RENTALS**

Turn here for your next vehicle



**AUTO**

Auctions, pets, services & stuff



**STUFF**



Deadlines: Friday at 4pm for Sunday  
Tuesday at 3pm for Thursday

[classifieds.hometownlife.com](http://classifieds.hometownlife.com)

All advertising published in Hometownlife/O&E Media newspapers is subject to the conditions stated in the applicable rate card(s). Copies are available from the classified advertising department: 6200 Metropolitan Pkwy, Sterling Heights, MI 48312, or call 800-579-7355. • The Newspaper reserves the right not to accept an advertiser's order. The Newspaper reserves the right to edit, refuse, reject, classify or cancel and ad at any time. All ads are subject to approval before publication. • Our sales representatives have no authority to bind this newspaper and only publication of an advertisement shall constitute final acceptance of the advertiser's order. • Advertisers are responsible for reading their ad(s) the first time it appears & reporting any errors immediately. When more than one insertion of the same advertisement is ordered, only the first incorrect insertion will be credited. The Newspaper shall not be liable for any loss or expense that results from an error or omission of an advertisement. No refunds for early cancellation of an order. **Publishers Notice:** All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act of 1968 which states that it is illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation, or discrimination." This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal housing opportunity basis. (FR Doc. 724983 3-31-72). **Equal Housing Opportunity Statement:** We are pledged to the letter & spirit of U.S. policy for the achievement of equal housing opportunity, throughout the nation. We encourage & support an affirmative advertising & marketing program in which there are no barriers to obtain housing because of race, color, religion or national origin.

### Professional Service

all your needs...

**Drywall & Plaster**  
COMPLETE DRYWALL SRV.  
Plaster Repair. All jobs welcomed!  
Lic/Ins. Free Est. 31 yrs exp. Mark  
313-363-6738

**Handyman Services**  
Chuck's Handyman Service  
All home repairs/painting. No job too small 248-535-1130

**Painting**  
PAINTING BY ROBERT  
• Wallpaper Removal • Interior  
• Exterior • Plaster/Drywall Repair  
• Staining, 40 Yrs Exp. Free Esti-  
mates! 248-349-7499 or 734-464-8147

**PROFESSIONAL PAINTING**  
Int./Ext. Work myself, free est.  
Reasonable. (248) 225-7165

**Great Buys**  
**Garage Sales**  
neighborly deals...

**Garage-Tag Sale**  
Garden City - Moving Sale - 32533  
Windsor 33-35 Wed-Fri 9-5pm En-  
tertainment Center, Fringe, & House-  
hold Items.

**Find your new job HERE!**



### Adopt Me Pets

find a new friend...

**Domestic Pets**



**ENHANCE YOUR AD WITH A PHOTO**  
You can add photos to your classified ads to show what you are selling, in addition to ad copy. Ads will appear whenever you want them to run, under the classification you choose. The cost for the photo will be \$10, plus the cost of the ad copy based on the number of lines used. Email or mail your 3x5 or 4x6 photos. Call for addresses. Photos will not be returned. Prepayment required no refunds. To place your ad & get more info call:

**MICHIGAN.COM**  
Observer & Eccentric  
800-579-7355  
Mon. thru Fri. 8:30-5pm  
Some restrictions may apply

**Pet Services**

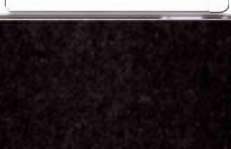
**LOW COST VET VACCINE**  
WELLNESS CLINIC  
TSC - WHITE LAKE  
10150 Highland Rd. Sun. March 13th,  
4PM-6:30PM. 3-year Rabies, \$16.  
Heartworm Test, \$19. Skin, Ear &  
Eye exams avail. 313-686-5701

**Assorted Items**  
all kinds of things...

**Cemetery Lots**

3 Grave Plots - Parkview Memorial  
Livonia. \$3,000 OBO, must sell!!  
313-520-6554

**Find your new job HERE!**



### Cheap Stuff

If you're selling an item for \$50 or less run your ad under Cheap Stuff AT A SPECIAL RATE!

Michigan.com  
Observer & Eccentric  
Call 800-579-7355  
\*Some restrictions may apply

**Wanted to Buy**

**CASH PAID OR CONSIGNMENT** for  
Vintage, Antique & Other Valuable  
Items. Single items to storage units to  
entire estates. Professional, courte-  
ous, fair, honest, discreet older gen-  
tleman. I DRIVE TO YOU. Coins,  
costume & fine jewelry, knick knacks,  
military, collections, books, toys,  
stereos, instruments, ephemera,  
clothing, Christmas, much more.  
Richard, BSE, MBA:  
248-795-0362 [www.1844wepayyou.com](http://www.1844wepayyou.com)

**WANTED: New, Used, Old Fishing Tackle & Related Items.** Successful  
Deer Hunter Patches and Master  
Angler. Call Bill: (734) 890-1047

**Careers**  
**Jobs**  
new beginnings...

**Engineering & IT**

**Accounts Controller**  
Sought by Headstrong Services LLC  
in Bingham Farms, MI to prep, ana-  
lyze & manage financial reports &  
info for business operations. Ensure  
compliance w/reporting & procedural  
standards. Oversee closing. Present  
detailed Qtr performance evaluations.  
Generate comprehensive financial  
reports. HQ'd in Bingham Farms,  
MI w/ travel required about U.S. Rel  
Bachelor's deg & 5 yrs prog resp  
post-Bachelor's rel exp req.  
Resume/Cover letter to: A.  
Gyrosagoula, 51 JFK Parkway, 4th  
Floor, Short Hills, NJ 07078. Indicate  
code "HSACMI0216" when applying.  
Headstrong is an EOE

**General**

**NPD Automotive Parts Sales**  
Energetic, friendly & reliable sales  
people needed. Full-Time &  
Part-Time positions.  
Hourly plus commission.  
Paid Holidays/vacations, Insurance.  
Warehouse Shipping/Parts Puller.  
Hourly + monthly profit  
sharing. Hours of operation  
Mon-Fri 8-5pm, Sat-Sun 9am-5pm.  
Fax Jeff resume: 734-397-4683  
or email: [jfein@npslink.com](mailto:jfein@npslink.com)  
Applications of counter  
can also be filled out at:  
2435 Hoggerty Rd, Canton

### General

**HOME HEALTH CARE WORKERS**  
Immediate openings, needed in your  
area, start \$8.50/hr 734-697-0888

**Manufacturing Quality Inspector**  
Competitive Salary & Benefits  
Resume to:  
[PICLLC1994@gmail.com](mailto:PICLLC1994@gmail.com)

**The City of Novi**  
is accepting applications from  
qualified team-oriented individuals  
with a proven track record of  
establishing and  
continuing effective  
working relationships with  
co-workers and the public.

**Senior Customer Service Representative**  
Position is responsible for utility  
billing, maintaining database,  
analyzing meter readings, and  
generating utility bills.  
Qualifications:  
include a high school  
diploma, Associates  
Degree in business,  
accounting or related field  
preferred, experience of three to  
five years related clerical work  
utility billing experience  
preferred, ability to accurately  
type and data input at a  
minimum of 60 WPM, \$44,602, and  
extensive fringe benefit package.

**Account Clerk**  
Position supports the  
Treasury team primarily by  
handling customer account  
collections by receipting and  
posting of daily cash  
receipts. Qualifications  
include: a high school  
diploma, college courses in a  
accounting finance or  
related areas of study are  
preferred, two years of  
related clerical work  
experience with cash  
handling experience  
preferred. \$38,872 and  
extensive fringe benefit package.

Apply promptly with  
completed City of Novi  
application available at  
<http://cityofnovi.org>  
City Services/Human Resources  
cover letter and resume to  
[humanresources@cityofnovi.org](mailto:humanresources@cityofnovi.org)  
or Department of Human  
Resources, 45175 West Ten Mile  
Road, Novi, MI 48275.  
Phone: 248-347-0452.

**Find what you want in CLASSIFIED!**

### Healthcare-Dental

**LASER HAIR REMOVAL TECHNICIAN**  
Dermatology practice  
seeking Experienced  
Light Sheer Laser Tech.  
Ann Arbor/Plymouth  
area. Exc pay & benefits.  
[adderm@aol.com](mailto:adderm@aol.com) or fax 734-796-8767

**RECEPTIONIST**  
Full Time and Part Time.  
Medical practice seeks energetic  
professionals with experience for  
our Troy office. Are you a friendly,  
timely, experienced and able to  
multi-task?  
Fax resume to:  
248-244-7579

**Registered Nurse**  
Busy Hematology Oncology Practice  
in Royal Oak. Minimum 1 year of  
experience. Associate Degree and/or  
Bachelor's Degree required.  
Cover letter and resume:  
[slati@nmhdoctor.com](mailto:slati@nmhdoctor.com)

**We can sell it in CLASSIFIED!**

**CENTER STREET GRILLE**  
Opening Soon  
**JOIN OUR TEAM**  
We're Hiring!

If you enjoy working in a high energy, fun, exciting environment, we want you to be a part of our team! Center Street Grille is an upscale casual dining experience, and we are looking for people like YOU!

Walk-in interviews will be held at:

**135 North Center St. Northville, MI. 48167**

**Interview Times:**  
Monday Thru Saturday 12pm-7pm  
Dress to impress

**Requirements:**

- Ability to communicate with coworkers and employees in a positive and supportive manner.
- A motivated and dedicated leader!

**What We Offer:**

- Competitive pay scale
- Advancement opportunities.
- A Fun and exciting place to work!

We are currently looking for talented individuals to fill the positions below:

- Bartenders
- Hostess
- Servers
- Line Cooks
- Dishwashers
- Bar-Backs

LO-0000274390

# WANT THAT JOB?

## SEE WHO ELSE DOES.

Get your free hireINSIDER report at [CareerBuilder.com](http://CareerBuilder.com).

CareerBuilder's new hireINSIDER is a FREE report that shows you how you match up against other candidates who've applied to the same job. Find out more at [careerbuilder.com/jobseeker/jobreport](http://careerbuilder.com/jobseeker/jobreport).

**careerbuilder.com®**  
**START BUILDING**

**Sales-Marketing**

**ABC WAREHOUSE**  
NOW HIRING  
CANTON LOCATION  
Immediate Sales Positions  
Major/Small Appliance,  
Audio/Video Sales. Highest  
commission, Full medical benefits,  
401K, Profit sharing, Employee  
discount, Full training.  
Apply in person (Mon-Tues)  
See Management 10am-6pm  
4343 Ford Road  
Canton Twp., MI 48187

**Skilled Trades**

**CNC Mill Operator/Machinist**  
(1st shift) Plymouth, MI  
Ilmor Engineering, Inc. seeks full  
time, permanent candidate to work  
in our growing state of the art  
engineering & manufacturing  
facility machine shop to operate  
CNC mills while performing miscel-  
laneous assembly processes and  
quality checks. At least 2 years of  
verifiable experience with CNC  
Mills, manual machine shop tools  
and High School Diploma or equiv-  
alent required. Clean facility, full  
benefits, tuition reimbursement  
plan, and competitive wages with  
tools and uniforms provided. Come  
join our winning team! For  
consideration, send resumes to at-  
tention: **CNC to HR@ilmor.com** or  
fax to 734.456.8691.

**Real Estate**  
**Homes**  
starting fresh...

**Home for Sale - In State**

**Plymouth/Salem Twp.** 4 bedroom, 2.5  
bath custom built executive home for  
sale. 12 mins. from Plymouth & Ann  
Arbor. 4,000+ sq. ft. on 10 acres  
(wooded), custom kitchen, master  
bath with steam shower & jacuzzi.  
In home office/library plus sun-  
room, enlarged deck overlooking  
pond with fish. Built in 1997 & whole  
house generator. MUST SEE! 734-455-  
3631 or email: mswilliams29@gmail.com  
for info & showings.

**Real Estate**  
**Rentals**  
great place to live...

**Adult Community - Rent**

**WESTLAND GREENWOOD**  
VILLA Our Non-Elderly Disabled  
Waiting List for 1 bdrm highrise  
apartments is now accepting appli-  
cations. Sec. 8, Call 734-261-3200 or  
7600 Nankin Ct. Westland 48185

**Apartments & Lofts**

**FARMINGTON HILLS** 1,200 sq. ft. 3  
br beautiful ranch, appliances, fenced  
yd., \$990/mo 248-342-0314

**Homes-Rent**

**WESTLAND GREENWOOD VILLA**  
Now accepting applications for low  
income 1 bdrm apartments for Sen-  
iors 62 years of age or older. Sec-  
tion 8, Call 734-261-3200 or inquire at  
7600 Nankin Ct. Westland 48185.

**Transportation**  
**Wheels**  
best deal for you...

**Auto Parts & Services**

**Cars**

**H & W** Paying cash for junk cars &  
trucks. Free towing. Also buying  
some 2004 & up repairables.  
734-223-5581

**Cars**

**ENHANCE YOUR AD WITH A PHOTO**  
You can add photos to your classified  
ads to show what you are selling, in  
addition to ad copy. Ads will appear  
whenever you want them to run, un-  
der the classification you choose. The  
cost for the photo will be \$10, plus the  
cost of the ad copy based on the num-  
ber of lines used. Email or mail your  
3x5 or 4x6 photos. Call for addresses.  
Photos will not be returned. Prepay-  
ment required. Refunds: To place  
your ad & get more info call:

**MICHIGAN.COM**  
**Observer & Eccentric**  
800-579-7355  
Mon. thru Fri., 8:30-5pm  
Some restrictions may apply

**Ford 2014 Focus SE**  
Leather, heated seats &  
mirrors, 25k miles.  
\$13,988 Ford Certified P22148  
**NORTH BROTHERS**  
855-667-9860

**FORD 2013 FUSION SE**  
SPORTS PACKAGE, ALLOYS, 17,000  
MILES \$18,188 #P22224  
**NORTH BROTHERS**  
855-667-9860

**FORD FUSION SEL 2012**  
WHITE PLATINUM, POWER  
OPTIONS \$11,998 #P22153  
**NORTH BROTHERS**  
855-667-9860

**FORD 2011 FUSION SE**  
FWD, TUXEDO BLACK, FWD JUST  
IN, CALL NOW #AC3887A \$9,988  
**NORTH BROTHERS**  
855-667-9860

**Cars**

**LINCOLN 1999 TOWN CAR**  
4 DR, BASE  
AUTOMATIC, 82,977 MILES  
\$4,988 16750118  
**NORTH BROTHERS**  
855-667-9860

**SUVs**

**FORD 2013 ESCAPE SE**  
WITH ECOBOOST, 7 TONE  
INTERIOR, CLEAN! CALL NOW!  
\$15,988 #P22305  
**NORTH BROTHERS**  
855-667-9860

**Trucks**

**DODGE 2014 RAM 1500**  
Laramie Crew Cab,  
Bright White, 8 speed  
automatic, 72,403 miles, \$30,988  
#1871078A  
**NORTH BROTHERS**  
855-667-9860

**DODGE RAM SLT 2011**  
Quad Cab 1500 - 4x4, Black JUST IN!  
\$22,488 #P22304  
**NORTH BROTHERS**  
855-667-9860

**FORD 2004 F-150**  
SUPER CREW XLT -  
DARK SHADOW GRAY, CLOTH  
INTERIOR, POWER OPTS  
\$9,998 #15T1340A  
**NORTH BROTHERS**  
855-667-9860

**Vans**

**CHRYSLER TOWN & COUNTRY**  
2013 - JUST IN! CALL NOW  
FOR DETAILS! #P22346  
**NORTH BROTHERS**  
855-667-9860

**Chrysler 2009 Town & Country**  
Touring - Leather,  
Captains Chairs, DVD  
\$9,999 #P22263  
**NORTH BROTHERS**  
855-667-9860

**HANDICAP 10 BEAUTIFUL LOW**  
FLR MINIVANS UNDER \$15,000  
CALL US IN LANSING 317-230-8865

**Turn your dust into dollars by placing a CLASSIFIED ad!**

**THE OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC MORTGAGE MONITOR**

	NMLS#		30 Yr.	Pts.	15 Yr.	Pts.
1st Choice Mortgage Lending	138560	(734) 459-0782	3.5	0	2.75	0
Accurate Mortgage Solutions	164511	(800) 593-1912	3.5	0	2.75	0
AFI Financial	2431	(877) 234-0600	3.375	0	2.625	0
Ameriplus Mortgage Corp.	127931	(248) 740-2323	3.5	0	2.625	0
Dearborn Federal Savings Bank	399721	(313) 565-3100	3.875	0	3.125	0
Fifth Third Bank	403245	(800) 792-8830	3.75	0	3	0.125
Ross Mortgage	107716	(248) 282-1602	3.75	0	3.25	0
Zeal Credit Union	408356	(734) 466-6113	3.625	0.25	3	0

Above Information available as of 2/25/16 and subject to change at anytime. Rates are based on a \$200,000 loan with 20% down & credit score of 740 or above. Jumbo rates, specific payment calculation & most current rates available Fridays after 2:00 P.M. at [www.rmcreport.com](http://www.rmcreport.com).

All Lenders are Equal Opportunity Lenders. Lenders to participate call (734) 922-3032

© 2016 Residential Mortgage Consultants, Inc., All Rights Reserved

# THURSDAY PUZZLE CORNER

## CROSSWORD PUZZLER

**ACROSS**

1 Pres. Lincoln  
4 Bar mitzvah  
9 Placed a burden on  
14 Rock, as a horse  
19 Fake signatures  
21 Billy Joel's "Extremes"  
22 Rock's Cooper  
23 "The Golden Girls" co-star being a rascal?  
25 Bit of gossip  
26 Conical-bore woodwinds  
27 Winstel and Middleton  
28 Source of great wealth  
30 Make juice of  
33 Mean beasts wearing disguises?  
35 Burg  
38 Life story, for short  
40 Suffix with cloth or cash  
41 With 45-Down, place for paternity testing  
42 "Sad to say..."  
43 Record of the years

47 Serpentine fish  
49 Uneasily  
53 Stared creepily at a group of wolves?  
56 Long deli sandwiches  
58 Pretend to be  
59 Mythical man-horse  
60 Red chapter heading, e.g.  
62 Ancient French region  
64 In re  
67 Minerva, to the Greeks  
69 Comes out on top  
70 "Make no edits to those script lines!"  
76 Sleek, informally  
77 How some freelancers work  
78 Bellyache  
79 Iditarod Trail animal  
81 Very spindly  
84 Swiftly  
89 Brand of fruit drinks  
90 Notion, to Luc  
92 Heavy work filled with curmstons?

95 Comedian Smirnoff  
97 Apr. clock setting  
99 Countdown expression  
100 Manila money  
101 Lively spirit  
103 Smidge  
105 Phys ed class  
106 Epochs  
107 Airport area that's only an illusion?  
114 Stair unit  
116 Mexican revolutionary  
123 Poe's bird  
124 Evil poet  
128 Belgian port  
129 Wise up  
130 Aggressively defiant  
131 — Domingo  
132 Unable to relax  
133 Composer Enk  
134 "Proby" not

4 Actress Witherspoon  
5 Equip for war  
6 Razor brand  
7 Radio host Glenn  
8 Koran's faith  
9 Tablecloth material  
10 Tennis great Andre  
11 Shout on "The Simpsons"  
12 Cuno display stands  
13 Giving type  
14 Late state  
15 Female  
16 Copy closely  
17 Low-cost, in product names  
18 Freedom from govt. control  
20 Brown-and-white cow  
24 Get from — B  
29 '60s drug  
31 Blind as —  
32 Ho Chi —  
34 Golf peg  
35 New Mexico ski spot  
36 Bond girl Kurylenko  
37 Drawer  
39 Burdensome

44 Storekeeper on "The Simpsons"  
45 See  
41-Across  
46 Try to harm with claws  
48 Angola's capital  
50 Cosine, e.g.  
51 Cake topper  
52 JFK guesses  
54 "Blast!"  
55 Kin's partner  
57 Linda of "The Exorcist"  
61 "—-ching!"  
63 Hole tool  
65 Stomached  
66 Used a tool to grab, as an ice block  
68 Engraved work of art  
70 Screenwriter Ephron  
71 Big name in vacuums  
72 "Yes" signal  
73 EMS skill  
74 Tune in to  
75 On — with (similar to)  
76 Pasthy  
80 Enters headfirst, as a pool  
82 Cup edge  
83 "So far — know..."  
85 Any of six pontiffs

86 Wine ripener, e.g.  
87 House, south of the border  
88 Son of Seth  
91 Female hormone  
93 Van —, Calif.  
94 Cellar, in apt. ads  
96 Luxurious  
98 Piper's cap  
102 School gp.  
104 Kitchen choppers  
107 Arctic floaters  
108 Large city in Nebraska  
109 Established fact  
110 — Gay (warplane)  
111 Tot watcher  
112 Latin "I love"  
113 Some jabs to -like  
115 Suffix similar to -like  
118 Pre-euro Italian money  
120 Security claim  
121 Italian peak  
122 Tall tale  
125 "Gimme —!" (rude demand)  
126 Granola bit  
127 Here, in Lyon

For assistance or suggestions on the Puzzle Corner, contact Steve McClellan at (517) 702/4247 or [smcclellan@michigan.com](mailto:smcclellan@michigan.com). Want more puzzles? Check out the "Just Right Crossword Puzzles" books at [QuillDriverBooks.com](http://QuillDriverBooks.com)

## SUDOKU

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

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

8 6 9 7 2 8 2 9 1  
1 7 2 2 9 6 8 9 8  
9 2 8 8 9 1 7 6 2  
9 8 9 2 1 7 6 7 8  
2 8 1 9 6 7 8 2 9  
7 2 6 9 8 8 1 2 9  
8 9 8 6 7 9 2 1 2  
2 1 7 8 2 9 9 8 6  
6 9 2 1 8 2 9 8 7

**FROZEN FOOD WORD SEARCH**

**WORDS**

APPETIZERS ICE CUBES  
CAKE KITCHEN  
CELSIUS LEFTOVERS  
COLD MEALS  
CONVENIENCE MEAT  
COOKING PANCAKES  
CREAM PIZZA  
DEFOIST QUICK  
DELICIOUS REFRIGERATOR  
DESSERT SAFETY  
FAHRENHEIT SORT  
FOOD STORAGE  
FREEZER SUPERMARKET  
FRESHNESS VARIETY  
FROST VEGETABLES  
FROZEN WAFFLES  
HANDY ZERO

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

**Crossword Answers**

ABE RABBIT LADED TAMED  
FORGERIES IGOTO ALICE  
ROGUERIE CLANAHAN RUMOR  
OBOES KATES GOLDMINE  
REAM MONSTER SINCOG  
TOWN BIO ER DNA  
ALLAS ANNALIS EEE ERIE  
OGLED THE PACK SUBS ACT  
SATYR RUBRIC ALSATIA  
ASTO ATHENA WINS  
DONT TOUCH THAT DIALOG  
AERO ONSPEC GARP  
SLEDDOG RAHRAH APACE  
HIC IDEE RAISINBROGAN  
YAKOPE DST TMINUS PESO  
BOGUS TERMINAL STEP  
EMILIANO CAMEL SALEM  
RAVEN OGDEN OF INIQUITY  
GHENT LEARN TRUCULENT  
SANTO ANTISY SATIE NAH

**Word Search Answers**

8 6 9 7 2 8 2 9 1  
1 7 2 2 9 6 8 9 8  
9 2 8 8 9 1 7 6 2  
9 8 9 2 1 7 6 7 8  
2 8 1 9 6 7 8 2 9  
7 2 6 9 8 8 1 2 9  
8 9 8 6 7 9 2 1 2  
2 1 7 8 2 9 9 8 6  
6 9 2 1 8 2 9 8 7

**NEED A HAND AROUND THE HOUSE?**

**WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED!**  
Check the Services listings in the Observer & Eccentric classifieds

Call **800-579-7355** or visit [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com) to place an ad



In February, the "Put a Freeze on Winter Fires" campaign focus is on electrical safety.

GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

## Electrical safety key for home owners, apartment dwellers

The National Fire Protection Association and the United States Fire Administration are teaming up to help reduce your risk to winter fires and other hazards, including carbon monoxide poisoning and electrical fires. Winter fire safety has several key components.

In February, the "Put a Freeze on Winter Fires" campaign focus is on electrical safety.

Electricity is so ingrained in our daily lives that most of us take it for granted, but it does carry fire risks. In fact, electrical home fires are a leading cause of home fires in the U.S. In 2013, electrical fires or malfunctions were factors in an estimated 44,900 home structure fires reported to U.S. fire departments. These fires caused 410 deaths, 1,189 injuries and \$1.3 billion in direct property damage. On average each year between 2007 and 2011, roughly half of all home electrical fires involved electrical distribution or lighting equipment, while nearly another half involved other known types of equipment.

Safety tips include:

- » Have all electrical work done by a qualified electrician.
- » When you are buying or remodeling a home, have it inspected by a qualified electrician.
- » Only plug one heat-producing appliance (such as a coffee maker, toaster, space heater, etc.) into a receptacle outlet at a time.
- » Major appliances (refrigerators, dryers, washers, stoves, air conditioners, etc.) should be plugged directly into a wall receptacle outlet. Extension cords and plug strips should not be used.
- » Arc fault circuit interrupters (AFCIs) are a kind of circuit breaker that shuts off electricity when a dangerous condition occurs. Consider having them installed in your home. Use a qualified electrician.
- » Use ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) to reduce the risk of shock. GFCIs shut off an electrical circuit when it becomes a shock hazard. They should be installed inside the home in bathrooms, kitchens, garages and basements. All outdoor receptacles should be GFCI-

protected.

- » Test AFCIs and GFCIs once a month to make sure they are working properly.
- » Check electrical cords to make sure they are not running across doorways or under carpets. Extension cords are intended for temporary use. Have a qualified electrician add more receptacle outlets so you don't have to use extension cords.
- » Use light bulbs that match the recommended wattage on the lamp or fixture. There should be a sticker that indicates the maximum wattage light bulb to use.
- You should call a qualified electrician, or alert your landlord immediately, if you have:
  - » Frequent problems with blowing fuses or tripping circuit breakers;
  - » A tingling feeling when you touch an electrical appliance;
  - » Discolored or warm wall outlets;
  - » A burning or rubbery smell coming from an appliance;
  - » Flickering or dimming lights;
  - » Sparks from an outlet.

## Fifty-five and over community can allow under age residents

**Q: I live in a 55 and over community and the board of our association is considering a policy that would allow under-age occupants to live in the community under certain circumstances. Is that prohibited under the statute requiring certain persons to be 55 and over?**

**A: No.** There are a number of requirements that a community must satisfy in order to be considered housing for older persons, but the main point of being 55 and over in a community

is that the families with children can be excluded, which is otherwise illegal under state and federal anti-discrimination laws. In addition to having a provision in your governing documents establishing age requirements for occupants and registering with the state, the community must also perform a periodic census to verify that at least 80 percent of the homes are occupied by at least one individual over the age of 55. However the law does not address how the community must regulate the remaining 20 percent leaving it to the community's governing documents which presumably would preclude someone from having children under the age of 21.

**Q: We are fighting with our neighbor regarding an easement over a driveway that they have blocked in our opinion. We tried to work it out but we don't seem to have an ability to do so. What is our recourse?**

**A:** Your recourse is to seek an attorney to attempt to resolve the matter through mediation if at all possible. If that doesn't work, you should bring a claim for nuisance, interference with contractual relations and a violation of your access rights in regard to the express provisions of the easement depending on what it says among other particular claims. Each case is fact-intensive so it is difficult to tell you exactly what the basis for your claims will be with certainty but these are some of the arguments that are typically raised in that type of situation by a good real estate lawyer depending on the circumstances.

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

## REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

### Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update. Meetings are at 6-9 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate.

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

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

### Short sales

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

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

Please call the office at 248-782-7130 or email [june.quantum@gmail.com](mailto:june.quantum@gmail.com) for your reservation or additional information.

## HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 28 to Oct. 2, 2015, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

### BEVERLY HILLS

17310 Beechwood Ave \$333,000  
31680 Mayfair Ln \$290,000  
**BIRMINGHAM**  
1775 Haynes St \$375,000  
1067 Lincoln Ct \$277,000  
2090 Manchester Rd \$285,000  
1501 Mansfield Rd \$258,000  
679 Oak Ave \$490,000  
952 Southfield Rd \$470,000

### BLOOMFIELD HILLS

234 Hadsell Dr \$184,000  
1719 Hamilton Dr \$200,000  
1912 Lakewood Dr \$167,000  
2275 Camelo Lake Ct \$518,000  
2017 E Spinningwheel Ln \$244,000  
7411 Old Mill Rd \$520,000

### BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

3250 Berkshire Dr \$365,000  
4772 Brafferton Dr \$300,000  
119 Drury Ln \$445,000  
7260 Kingswood Dr \$650,000  
2499 Parklands Cir \$195,000  
5288 Particular Ct \$335,000  
114 W Hickory Grove Rd \$340,000  
3790 W Maple Rd \$755,000  
5666 Westwood Ct \$610,000

### COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

8050 Arden Ln \$290,000  
4419 Bluebird Dr \$200,000  
5336 Kristi Ln \$275,000  
1855 Luneta Ct \$145,000  
3636 Sandbar Dr \$440,000  
3730 Sleeth Rd \$530,000  
5900 Turnberry Dr \$370,000  
3518 Union Lake Rd \$315,000  
2564 Watonga Dr \$240,000

### FARMINGTON

24002 Colchester Dr \$165,000  
33935 Glenview Dr \$189,000  
31831 Grand River Ave Unit 51 \$33,000  
33297 Kingslane Ct \$450,000  
33297 Kingslane Ct \$505,000  
21131 Meadowlark St \$178,000  
38431 Saratoga Cir \$198,000  
32297 Valley View Cir \$185,000  
22476 Violet St \$119,000

### FARMINGTON HILLS

22721 Albion Ave \$93,000  
22251 Averhill St \$133,000  
32363 Baintree Rd \$206,000  
33710 Bostwick Pl \$228,000  
25602 Branchester Rd \$235,000  
25198 Castlereigh Dr \$180,000  
30797 Country Ridge Cir \$353,000  
37629 Glengrove Dr \$345,000  
22955 Glenmoor Hts \$140,000  
34306 Gloucester Ct \$242,000  
28037 Green Willow St \$153,000

26141 Hidden Valley Dr \$330,000  
28810 Leamington Dr \$240,000  
21276 Mulberry Ct \$132,000  
22243 Nearbrook Ct \$295,000  
29033 Oak Point Dr \$120,000  
30450 Orchard Lake Rd Unit 65 \$101,000  
29969 Pipers Ln \$239,000  
37735 River Bend \$255,000  
27800 Shawassee Rd \$130,000  
35124 Spring Hill Rd \$332,000  
23310 Springbrook Dr \$152,000  
30420 Springview St \$200,000  
25841 Surrey Ct \$365,000  
27914 Trailwood Ct \$483,000  
23386 Tuck Rd \$140,000

29653 Vista Ct \$210,000  
31993 W 12 Mile Rd Unit 310 \$46,000  
23835 W Newell Cir \$205,000  
**FRANKLIN**  
32897 Grimsby Ln \$267,000  
26170 Hersheyvale Dr \$595,000

### HIGHLAND

2413 Jackson Blvd \$138,000

5690 Jada Dr \$271,000  
3013 Middle Rd \$150,000  
332 Woodruff Lake Rd \$240,000

### LATHRUP VILLAGE

26611 Lathrup Blvd \$135,000  
18260 W 11 Mile Rd \$155,000

### MILFORD

31270 Ballouve \$38,000  
303 Cabinet St \$290,000  
1778 Hilltop Dr \$435,000  
210 Oakland St \$160,000  
3507 S Hill Rd \$425,000  
131 W Lafayette St \$120,000  
1850 Wixom Trl \$76,000

### NORTHVILLE

38714 E Mile Rd \$295,000  
214 Debra Ln \$252,000  
1002 Elmsmere Dr \$532,000  
38553 Northfarm Dr \$315,000  
755 Novi St \$340,000  
20523 W Glen Haven Cir \$115,000

### NOVI

23790 Broadmoor Park Ln \$589,000  
41899 Canterbury Dr \$183,000  
22081 Chase Dr \$520,000  
22415 Chestnut Tree \$256,000  
44743 Ellery Ln \$161,000  
40375 Franklin Mill St \$227,000  
30853 Golden Rd \$221,000  
44724 Gwinnett Loop \$145,000  
27909 Hopkins Dr \$173,000  
51159 Luke Ln \$375,000  
40971 Mooringside \$140,000  
24505 Olde Orchard St \$100,000  
21850 Piccadilly Cir \$545,000  
41465 Twain Pl \$364,000

### SOUTH LYON

109 Aspen Way \$148,000  
61471 Brookway Dr \$389,000  
576 Clarke Ct \$306,000  
847 Glen Meadows Dr \$348,000  
61268 Greenwood Dr \$82,000  
57987 International Dr \$337,000  
59728 Mallory Ln \$400,000  
60799 Marjorie Ann St \$152,000

61233 Mustang Dr \$396,000  
61265 Mustang Dr \$379,000  
61457 Mustang Dr \$346,000  
1070 Paddock Dr \$265,000  
61160 Saddlecreek Dr \$347,000  
23753 Stoneleigh Dr \$483,000  
439 W Liberty St \$134,000  
951 Westbrook Dr \$275,000

### SOUTHFIELD

17048 Addison St \$128,000  
27550 Arlington Ct \$173,000  
20217 Boardwalk Blvd \$126,000  
19670 Butternut Ln \$175,000  
28517 Castlegate Dr \$207,000  
21541 Concord St \$135,000  
28020 Everett St \$38,000  
27065 Fairfax St \$157,000  
36732 Franklin Pointe Dr \$65,000  
28316 Glasgow St \$48,000  
28310 Glasgow St \$58,000  
19207 Greenwald Dr \$165,000  
16201 Hilton St \$112,000  
21115 Independence Dr \$227,000  
17591 Jeanette Ct \$172,000  
30620 Longcrest St \$147,000  
17281 Madison St \$166,000  
29856 Marshall St \$120,000  
19301 Midway Rd \$68,000  
29651 N Rutland St \$170,000  
28025 Ranchwood Dr \$275,000  
28685 Red Leaf Ln \$109,000  
28644 Regent Ct N \$54,000  
28013 Selkirk St \$40,000  
29439 Southgate Dr \$117,000  
27725 Spring Arbor Dr \$100,000  
29767 Spring Hill Dr \$160,000  
30551 Ventura St \$165,000

### WHITE LAKE

19603 W 12 Mile Rd # 102 \$48,000  
29199 Wellington Ct # 46 \$75,000  
20840 Westland Dr \$65,000  
17319 Westover Rd \$167,000

### WHITE LAKE

9888 Coledale Ct \$399,000

## HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 19-23, 2015, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

### CANTON

806 Adams St \$267,000  
822 Adams St \$297,000  
44131 Applewood Rd \$217,000  
42601 Boulden Ct \$211,000  
4153 Bridgeview Ln \$224,000  
1633 Brookline St \$113,000  
43642 Candlewood Dr \$228,000  
6849 Carriage Hills Dr \$135,000  
1980 Cedar Valley Dr \$137,000  
6960 Chadwick Dr \$279,000  
7711 Charrington Dr \$260,000  
42591 Collingham Ct \$215,000  
7139 Copper Creek Cir \$151,000  
7708 Corbin Dr \$195,000  
44610 Cranbrook Ct \$181,000  
1680 Dunston Rd \$275,000  
4157 Elizabeth Ave \$144,000  
7484 Green Meadow Ln \$198,000  
42659 Hanford Rd \$185,000  
45377 Horseshoe Cir \$151,000  
4672 Hunters Cir W \$117,000  
47784 Lindenhurst Blvd \$260,000  
42974 Lombardy Dr \$206,000  
43608 Lombardy Dr \$271,000  
1625 Longfellow Ln \$176,000  
39858 Lynn St \$144,000

### CLARKSTON

6489 Marshall St \$262,000  
739 Meadowlake Rd \$145,000  
2054 Midwood Ct \$503,000  
837 Morning Dove Ct \$265,000  
50830 Murray Hill Dr \$360,000  
47286 Northgate Dr \$254,000  
41084 Northwind Dr \$85,000  
47691 Ormskirk Dr \$145,000  
3957 Palace Ave \$217,000  
438 Patriot St \$350,000  
43292 Pepperwood St \$228,000  
7460 Pointe Dr \$220,000  
2171 Preserve Cir E \$165,000  
777 Prospect Hill St \$375,000  
42630 Redfern St \$189,000  
5860 River Run Ct \$325,000  
45639 Samantha Dr \$215,000

### CLARKSTON

43906 Southampton Dr \$214,000  
46712 Spinning Wheel Dr \$300,000  
**GARDEN CITY**  
28538 Bridge St \$93,000  
6524 Cardwell St \$90,000  
6639 Golfview Pl \$112,000  
482 Henry Ruff Rd \$104,000  
6126 Henry Ruff Rd \$109,000  
362 Lytle Pl \$75,000  
6610 Schaller St \$110,000

### LIVONIA

31100 7 Mile Rd \$275,000  
36903 7 Mile Rd \$310,000  
20007 Postgo St \$63,000  
11600 Boston Post St \$85,000  
31849 Bretton St \$136,000  
32961 Brier Ct \$190,000  
37333 Bristol St \$220,000  
9181 Cardwell St \$246,000  
11449 Cavell St \$110,000  
9824 Cranston St \$203,000  
30877 Dalhay St \$152,000  
17555 Dolores St \$133,000  
18828 Doris St \$119,000  
36205 Dover St \$162,000  
35810 Elmira St \$272,000  
35850 Elmira St \$240,000  
18650 Foch St \$140,000

29196 Grandon St \$136,000  
30027 Grandon St \$140,000  
39429 Springwater Dr \$183,000  
37732 Howell St \$182,000  
37934 Howell St \$218,000  
39080 Jamison St \$135,000  
38034 Joy Rd \$160,000  
17511 Lathers Ave \$128,000  
19243 Levan Ct \$369,000  
17726 Levan Rd \$232,000  
14341 Northville Rd \$182,000  
8883 Melvin St \$157,000  
33520 Michele St \$171,000  
16537 Middlebelt Rd \$40,000  
16563 Middlebelt Rd \$41,000  
29760 Minton St \$90,000  
31148 Olson St \$40,000  
20220 Parker St \$113,000  
19913 Parkville St \$128,000  
9129 Pere Ave \$168,000  
17360 Pershing St \$164,000  
11707 Roselinda Dr \$143,000  
32939 Scone St \$288,000  
32939 Scone St \$190,000

### REDFORD

32939 Scone St \$214,000  
14729 Stonehouse Ave \$300,000  
38427 Summers St \$93,000  
14347 Sunbury St \$90,000  
14196 Susanna St \$112,000  
28855 Vassar St \$104,000  
33024 Vermont St \$109,000  
8963 W Deborah Ct \$175,000  
30570 Wentworth St \$110,000  
18232 Whitby St \$110,000  
18651 Williams Ct \$275,000  
42381 Anchor Ct \$310,000  
20006 Bryn Mawr Ct \$63,000  
16500 Cottonwood Ct \$85,000  
18452 Donegal Ct \$136,000  
39661 Dun Rowin Dr \$190,000  
17438 Farmcrest Ln \$220,000  
48170 Manorwood Dr \$246,000  
16010 Morningside \$110,000  
39717 Muirfield Ln \$203,000  
19110 Northridge Dr \$152,000  
19611 Northridge Dr \$133,000  
19617 Northridge Dr \$119,000  
19610 Pierson Dr \$162,000  
46406 Pinehurst Cir \$272,000  
15718 Portis Rd \$240,000  
39702 Rockcrest Ln \$140,000  
17350 Rolling Woods Cir \$136,000  
39429 Springwater Dr \$140,000  
39617 Springwater Dr \$183,000  
39745 Village Run Dr \$182,000  
18273 Woodbury Ct \$218,000  
18273 Woodbury Ct \$135,000

### PLYMOUTH

40422 Cove Ct \$160,000  
15251 Fairbrook Dr \$128,000  
676 Lexington St \$369,000  
1655 Lexington St \$232,000  
14341 Northville Rd \$182,000  
9415 Oakview St \$157,000  
141 Pinewood Ct \$171,000  
49439 Plymouth Way \$40,000  
9183 Redbud Ave \$41,000  
671 S Harvey St \$90,000  
51245 W Hills Dr \$40,000  
19178 Hillside Dr \$113,000  
14328 Brook Dr \$128,000  
14132 Centralia \$168,000  
17233 Centralia \$164,000  
19313 Centralia \$143,000  
18218 Crosby \$288,000  
18218 Crosby \$190,000

### PLYMOUTH

32939 Scone St \$214,000  
14729 Stonehouse Ave \$300,000  
38427 Summers St \$93,000  
14347 Sunbury St \$90,000  
14196 Susanna St \$112,000  
28855 Vassar St \$104,000  
33024 Vermont St \$109,000  
8963 W Deborah Ct \$175,000  
30570 Wentworth St \$110,000  
18232 Whitby St \$110,000  
18651 Williams Ct \$275,000  
42381 Anchor Ct \$310,000  
20006 Bryn Mawr Ct \$63,000  
16500 Cottonwood Ct \$85,000  
18452 Donegal Ct \$136,000  
39661 Dun Rowin Dr \$190,000  
17438 Farmcrest Ln \$220,000  
48170 Manorwood Dr \$246,000  
16010 Morningside \$110,000  
39717 Muirfield Ln \$203,000  
19110 Northridge Dr \$152,000  
19611 Northridge Dr \$133,000  
19617 Northridge Dr \$119,000  
19610 Pierson Dr \$162,000  
46406 Pinehurst Cir \$272,000  
15718 Portis Rd \$240,000  
39702 Rockcrest Ln \$140,000  
17350 Rolling Woods Cir \$136,000  
39429 Springwater Dr \$140,000  
39617 Springwater Dr \$183,000  
39745 Village Run Dr \$182,000  
18273 Woodbury Ct \$218,000  
18273 Woodbury Ct \$135,000

### PLYMOUTH

40422 Cove Ct \$160,000  
15251 Fairbrook Dr \$128,000  
676 Lexington St \$369,000  
1655 Lexington St \$232,000  
14341 Northville Rd \$182,000  
9415 Oakview St \$157,000  
141 Pinewood Ct \$171,000  
49439 Plymouth Way \$40,000  
9183 Redbud Ave \$41,000  
671 S Harvey St \$90,000  
51245 W Hills Dr \$40,000  
19178 Hillside Dr \$113,000  
14328 Brook Dr \$128,000  
14132 Centralia \$168,000  
17233 Centralia \$164,000  
19313 Centralia \$143,000  
18218 Crosby \$288,000  
18218 Crosby \$190,000

### PLYMOUTH

32939 Scone St \$214,000  
14729 Stonehouse Ave \$300,000  
38427 Summers St \$93,000  
14347 Sunbury St \$90,000  
14196 Susanna St \$112,000  
28855 Vassar St \$104,000  
33024 Vermont St \$109,000  
8963 W Deborah Ct \$175,000  
30570 Wentworth St \$110,000  
18232 Whitby St \$110,000  
18651 Williams Ct \$275,000  
42381 Anchor Ct \$310,000  
20006 Bryn Mawr Ct \$63,000  
16500 Cottonwood Ct \$85,000  
18452 Donegal Ct \$136,000  
39661 Dun Rowin Dr \$190,000  
17438 Farmcrest Ln \$220,000  
48170 Manorwood Dr \$246,000  
16010 Morningside \$110,000  
39717 Muirfield Ln \$203,000  
19110 Northridge Dr \$152,000  
19611 Northridge Dr \$133,000  
19617 Northridge Dr \$119,000  
19610 Pierson Dr \$162,000  
46406 Pinehurst Cir \$272,000  
15718 Portis Rd \$240,000  
39702 Rockcrest Ln \$140,000  
17350 Rolling Woods Cir \$136,000  
39429 Springwater Dr \$140,000  
39617 Springwater Dr \$183,000  
39745 Village Run Dr \$182,000  
18273 Woodbury Ct \$218,000  
18273 Woodbury Ct \$135,000

### PLYMOUTH

40422 Cove Ct \$160,000  
15251 Fairbrook Dr \$128,000  
676 Lexington St \$369,000  
1655 Lexington St \$232,000  
14341 Northville Rd \$182,000  
9415 Oakview St \$157,000  
141 Pinewood Ct \$171,000  
49439 Plymouth Way \$40,000  
9183 Redbud Ave \$41,000  
671 S Harvey St \$90,000  
51245 W Hills Dr \$40,000  
19178 Hillside Dr \$113,000  
14328 Brook Dr \$128,000  
14132 Centralia \$168,000  
17233 Centralia \$164,000  
19313 Centralia \$143,000  
18218 Crosby \$288,000  
18218 Crosby \$190,000

### PLYMOUTH

32939 Scone St \$214,000  
14729 Stonehouse Ave \$300,000  
38427 Summers St \$93,000  
14347 Sunbury St \$90,000  
14196 Susanna St \$112,000  
28855 Vassar St \$104,000  
33024 Vermont St \$109,000  
8963 W Deborah Ct \$175,000  
30570 Wentworth St \$110,000  
18232 Whitby St \$110,000  
18651 Williams Ct \$275,000  
42381 Anchor Ct \$310,000  
20006 Bryn Mawr Ct \$63,000  
16500 Cottonwood Ct \$85,000  
18452 Donegal Ct \$136,000  
39661 Dun Rowin Dr \$190,000  
17438 Farmcrest Ln \$220,000  
48170 Manorwood Dr \$246,000  
16010 Morningside \$110,000  
39717 Muirfield Ln \$203,000  
19110 Northridge Dr \$152,000  
19611 Northridge Dr \$133,000  
19617 Northridge Dr \$119,000  
19610 Pierson Dr \$162,000  
46406 Pinehurst Cir \$272,000  
15718 Portis Rd \$240,000  
39702 Rockcrest Ln \$140,000  
17350 Rolling Woods Cir \$136,000  
39429 Springwater Dr \$14

## RELIGION CALENDAR

## MARCH

## 24 HOURS FOR THE LORD

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Friday, March 4 through 8:30 a.m. closing Mass on Saturday, March 5

**Location:** St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia

**Details:** The event will feature several Masses, special Mercy Stations of the Cross, several opportunities for reconciliation, and 24 hours of Eucharistic Adoration. There will also be some special snacks, activities, and "time-outs" for families and children during the 24-hour period. The celebration is open to all area Catholics. A full schedule is listed at [livoniastmichael.org](http://livoniastmichael.org). Anyone interested in being part of the round-the-clock Adoration Team should call the parish office or visit the church website

**Contact:** 734-261-1455

## BUDDHISM CLASS

**Time/Date:** 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, March 24, April 14 and 28, and May 12 and 26

**Location:** The Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington, 25301 Halsted, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Free five-week secular practical Buddhism class will apply Buddhist teachings to daily life through meditation, reflection and discussion. Secular Buddhism emphasizes the teaching of Eastern philosophy practices in a way that allows each individual to become their own teacher. Ideas such as "awakening" and "enlightenment" are goals in which there is no "one true way"

**Contact:** 248-478-7272; [uufarmington.org](mailto:uufarmington.org)

## EGG HUNT

**Time/Date:** Noon-1 p.m. Sunday, March 20

**Location:** Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge Road, Canton

**Details:** Children may hunt for candy and small toys inside plastic eggs that will be hidden inside the church and have a photo taken with the Easter bunny. Free

**Contact:** 734-495-0035

## EASTER SERVICE

**Time/Date:** 7:15 a.m. Sunday, March 27

**Location:** Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia

**Details:** Service will be held outdoors except in extreme weather conditions. Coffee and refreshments will be served after the service. An Easter breakfast will start at 9 a.m.

**Contact:** Mary at 248-471-1322

## EASTER WEEK SERVICES

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. March 24-25 and 10:30 a.m. March 27

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

**Details:** Maundy Thursday service on March 24; Good Friday service is March 25 and Easter service on March 27. An Easter breakfast also will be held at 9 a.m., followed by an egg hunt at 9:30 a.m., March 27

**Contact:** 734-427-3660

## FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

**Time/Date:** 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 13-May 15; no class on March 27

**Location:** Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia

**Details:** Course consists of 9 video lessons with guided discussions and planning tools for people at all stages of life. The course teaches how to get out of debt, save for the future, plan for emergencies, and save for college and retirement. Cost is \$93. Scholarships can be arranged

**Contact:** Bruce Walrad at [bmwalrad@aol.com](mailto:bmwalrad@aol.com); 734-748-4427

## FISH FRY

**Time/Date:** 4:30-7 p.m. Friday, through March 18

**Location:** St. Michael the Archangel, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia

**Details:** All you can eat, \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, \$5 for kids, ages 3-13, free for kids under 3, carry outs, \$9 and \$10

**Contact:** 734-261-1455, ext. 200

## GRIEFSHARE

**Time/Date:** 6-8 p.m. Sunday, March 6-June 12

**Location:** Faith Community

Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia

**Details:** Non-denominational, Christian-based seminar support group is for individuals grieving the death of a loved one. The seminar consists of group discussions, DVDs and workbooks. The \$15 registration fee includes workbook journals and handouts

**Contact:** Pastor Roger Wright at 313-682-7491

## GRIEFSHARE

**Time/Date:** 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, beginning March 14

**Location:** Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

**Details:** The group meets weekly for 13 weeks and will include a video and discussion each week. Participants will also have the opportunity to journal in a workbook. Free but registration is required at [christoursavior.org](http://christoursavior.org)

**Contact:** Mike McGrath at 734-459-1274 or Linda Hollman at 734-522-6830

## LENTEN DISCIPLINES

**Time/Date:** 10:10-11 a.m. Sunday, through March 20 and 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, through March 16

**Location:** Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. Sunday series is held in the refectory; Wednesdays in the St. Andrew's room

**Details:** Sunday morning series explores the meaning of Lent. Wednesday sessions focus on Richard Foster's Celebration of Discipline

**Contact:** 248-626-2515, ext. 117

## LIVING TRUST

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Monday, March 14

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

**Details:** Phil Beavers, vice president of Institutional Advancement at Great Lakes Christian College and Financial Planning Ministry present information about planning a living trust. Financial Planning Ministry assists individuals through the estate planning process for free, but encourages them to leave a gift for their local church after death

**Contact:** Rev. Todd Lackie at 248-476-8222

## PILGRIMAGE

**Time/Date:** 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday, March 30

**Location:** Carpool to the Divine Mercy Center in Clinton Township from St. John Neumann parish office, 44800 Warren Road, Canton.

**Details:** Cost is \$10 and includes tour and lunch. Deadline to register is March 23.

**Contact:** Janet Gilbo at [jgilbo@wowway.com](mailto:jgilbo@wowway.com) or Sharlene Burke at [sharleneb@gmail.com](mailto:sharleneb@gmail.com)

## SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

**Time/Date:** Noon-2 p.m. Sunday, March 6

**Location:** Divine Mercy Roman Catholic Regional School, at the current site of St. Raphael Catholic School, 31500 Beechwood, Garden City

**Details:** Preschool-eighth grade

**Contact:** 734-425-4420

## SOUP SUPPER, SPEAKER

**Time/Date:** 5:30 p.m. Friday, March 18

**Location:** Resurrection Catholic Parish, 48755 Warren Road, Canton

**Details:** A meatless meal of soup and bread is followed by Deacon Paul F. Lippard's discussion of "Living Lent with Mercy." Stations of the Cross will follow. RSVP to the parish office

**Contact:** 734-451-0444; [resofice@resurrectionparish.net](mailto:resofice@resurrectionparish.net)

## SPRING CARNIVAL, SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

**Time/Date:** 1-4 p.m. Saturday, March 12

**Location:** Concordia Lutheran School, 9500 Laverne, Redford

**Details:** Carnival games, book fair, food and open house for prospective students

**Contact:** 313-937-2233; [concordials.org](mailto:concordials.org)

## VESPERS

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. Sunday, March 20-April 17

**Location:** St. Lazarus Serbian Orthodox Cathedral Ravanica, 4575 E. Outer Drive, Detroit, March 20; St. Mary the Protectress Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral, 21931 Evergreen Road, Southfield, March 27; Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek

Orthodox Church, 39851 W. Five Mile, Plymouth, April 3; St. Michael Russian Orthodox Church, 26375 W. Chicago Road, Redford, April 10; and St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church, 2160 Maple, Troy, April 17

**Details:** Members of the Clergy Brotherhood of St. John Chrysostom of Metropolitan Detroit will conduct the services. An inter-Orthodox chorus will sing the responses

**Contact:** Olga Lisikowsky at 248-252-8184; [Olga-liss0910@gmail.com](mailto:Olga-liss0910@gmail.com)

## VIDEO SERIES

**Time/Date:** 7-8 p.m. Thursday, through March 10

**Location:** St. John's Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road, Westland

**Details:** "Sacred Conversations on Racial Justice"

**Contact:** 734-721-5023

## ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

## Our Lady of Loretto

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

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

**Details:** Scripture study

**Contact:** 313-534-9000

## St. Michael the Archangel Parish

**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursday, through May

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

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

**Contact:** 734-261-1455, ext. 200 or on line at [www.livoniastmichael.org](http://www.livoniastmichael.org)

## Faith Community Wesleyan

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

**Location:** 14560 Merriman, Livonia

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

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

## EXERCISE

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

**Location:** Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia

**Details:** Instructor Wendy Motta, a seven-year Zumba practitioner, teaches Zumba through drop-in classes. Each costs \$3. Participants should bring water, a towel and wear athletic shoes. For more information, email Motta through [zumba.com](mailto:zumba.com)

**Contact:** 313-408-3364

## FAMILY MEAL

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

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

**Details:** Free meal

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

## HEALING SERVICE

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

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

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

**Contact:** Rev. George Shalhoub at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey Badeen at [sbadeen@tbosm.com](mailto: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:** Ethan Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

## Dunning Park Bible Chapel

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

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

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

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

## PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

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

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

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

**Contact:** 313-563-0162

## PRAYER

## St. Edith Church

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

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

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

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

## St. Michael Lutheran Church

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

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

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

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

## RISEN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Time/Date:** 1-4 p.m. third Saturday of the month

**Location:** 46250 Ann Arbor Road, between Sheldon and Beck roads, Plymouth

**Details:** Recycle your cell phones, laser cartridges, inkjet cartridges, laptops, iPads, tablets, eReaders on the third Saturday of each month. Use the doors on east side of church.

**Contact:** Lynn Hapman at 734-466-9023

## SINGLES

## Detroit World Outreach

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

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

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

**Contact:** The facilitator at 313-283-8200; [left@dw.org](mailto:left@dw.org)

## Steve's Family Restaurant

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

**Location:** 15800 Middlebelt, 14 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia

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

**Contact:** 313-534-0399

## SONG CIRCLE

## Congregation Beth Ahm

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

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

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

**Contact:** 248-737-1931 or email [nancyellen879@att.net](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.firesidechog.org); or email to [adm@firesidechog.org](mailto:adm@firesidechog.org)

## St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

**Time/Date:** 10-11 a.m. Saturday

**Location:** 16360 Hubbard, Livonia

**Details:** A twice-monthly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available

**Contact:** 734-421-8451

## St. Thomas a' Becket Church

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

## 'Freezer Jam' kicks off fife, drum season

The Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps will perform at the annual music conference, Freezer Jam, on March 5 at Siena Heights University in Adrian.

In its 21st year, Freezer Jam brings together fife and drum corps from the Midwest for a day of learning, sharing, and community.

A free concert will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the University. This will be the first performance of The Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps' 2016 season.

Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps is made up of students age 12–18 from Plymouth and surrounding communities. Its members are dedicated to preserving the ancient arts of color guard, fife, and drumming. They average 40-50 live performances including parades, patriotic celebrations, civic events throughout Michigan, Ohio, and Canada. They also take a week-long summer tour.

To find out more about the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps' performance season, or to inquire about booking a performance, visit [pfdc.us](http://pfdc.us). Or, call Robin Hawman at 734-983-8804 or email [pfdcpublicrelations@gmail.com](mailto:pfdcpublicrelations@gmail.com).



Members of the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps rehearse for Freezer Jam in Adrian.

# CANTON GROUP GATHERS MONTHLY TO SING BOLLYWOOD TUNES

Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

If you love the music of Bollywood films Dhvani Desai and Gayatri Mehta want to sing with you.

The two Canton women are the organizers of a monthly song night for fans of Hindi cinema, its songs and dances. Members come together to sing their favorite tunes from Indian musicals, as a group, individually, or karaoke-style.

"I love to sing and used to do stage performances when I was in college," said Desai, a single mom who works as a pharmacist. "One night she (Mehta) and I were hanging out. She always has music on. I started humming and then we were singing. She said, wouldn't it be fun if we could go to different locations and have everyone sing together?"

They set up a meetup.com page in November last year and dubbed their monthly meeting Bollywood Unplugged Nights. The first session brought singers together at a karaoke club in Ann Arbor. Desai had her iPad with its Bollywood song app — "it has Bollywood songs from all eras" — on hand and an acoustic guitarist also joined in.

The second meeting included a Bollywood movie and dinner. Desai said the group this month either will sing karaoke or may separate into teams for a musical battle, singing "back and forth" between singers.

The group drew singers from Birmingham, Troy, Walled Lake, Farmington Hills and other communities last month.

"I did attend both meetings and I loved them," said Alison



A member belts out a song with the help of a guitarist during Bollywood Unplugged Nights, a local group for Bollywood music fans.



Members of Bollywood Unplugged Nights love to sing songs from Hindi cinema.



Members of a Canton-based club love the music and dance from Hindi cinema and stage, such as this production, "The Merchants of Bollywood."

Tinsley, a Michigan native who has been living in Helsinki, Finland for her job. She returns to Michigan frequently.

"I happen to love Indian culture and always have, so I joined the Bollywood unplugged group. I met great people and we shared a lot of laughs," she said, in an email. "The karaoke was fun because it was our first time meeting and we could see everyone loosen up. The second event was dinner and a movie and it was also fun. I really enjoy the people in the group and look forward to another meet up."

Desai said the group is open to all, although the last two sessions drew singers in the 25-45 age range.

"We had a good mix. Even non-Indian people showed up," said Desai, who grew up in the United States. Mehta left Mumbai for the U.S. seven years ago.

Most of the songs are in Hindi, but Desai said sometimes, if they are sung karaoke-style, the lyrics are written in the English alphabet. Singers also can hum along. She said the group also has sung a few popular tunes for those not fluent in Hindi.

"We plan on doing some different things. We're looking at different venues around town. One night we might have it at a local club and hire a DJ and have a karaoke dance night where you can sing or dance," Desai said. A live Indian band is another possibility.

Dues are \$15 a year. Find out more about the group at [meetup.com/Bollywood-Unplugged-Nights/](http://meetup.com/Bollywood-Unplugged-Nights/).

[sdargay@hometownlife.com](mailto:sdargay@hometownlife.com)

## GET OUT!

### ANIMALS

#### DETROIT ZOO

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through March 31

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

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

**Contact:** 248-541-5717

### ARTS AND CRAFTS

#### HERITAGE PARK STABLES STUDIO

**Time/Date:** 1-4 p.m. Sunday, March 13

**Location:** Heritage Park, 24915 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Sue Majewski, a mosaic glass artist, will lead the workshop, which will focus on decorating three-dimensional letters. Participants will design their project, set colorful glass fragments, and will grout. All supplies will be included. Cost for each workshop is \$65 for non-residents and \$55 for residents.

**Contact:** <https://recreg.fhgov.com>; 248-473-1856

#### NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

**Time/Date:** Exhibit hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, through March 19; reception is 6-9 p.m. March 4

**Location:** 215 W. Cady, Northville

**Details:** 10th Annual Member Exhibition

**Contact:** 248-344-0497 or [www.NorthvilleArtHouse.org](http://www.NorthvilleArtHouse.org)

#### THREE CITIES ART CLUB

**Time/Date:** Deadline for submissions is March 4

**Location:** Download entry form at [threecitiesartclub.org](http://threecitiesartclub.org)

**Details:** The club seeks artists to submit original fine artwork, both 2-D and 3-D, for its spring art show, April 8-11 at the Westland Public Library. Submit up to three entries for \$30 on CD, flash drive or via email. Each additional piece is \$5. More than \$800 in prizes will be awarded

**Contact:** Marilyn Meredith at 313-231-3939; [marilynmeredith@wowway.com](mailto:marilynmeredith@wowway.com)

#### U-M MUSEUM OF ART

**Time/Date:** 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. through May 29

**Location:** 525 S. State Street, Ann Arbor

**Details:** First U.S. exhibition of Chinese artist Xu Weixin focuses on portraits of Chinese coal miners and of Chinese historical figures during the Cultural Revolution

**Contact:** 734-764-0395; [umma.umich.edu](http://umma.umich.edu)

### FESTIVAL

#### CHINESE SPRING FESTIVAL

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Saturday, March 12  
**Location:** The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

**Details:** Performances by Clivia Dance Group, Ann Arbor Jade Dance School, the Ann Hua Waist Drum Team, Michigan Chinese Choir, the Canton Philharmonic Choir, the March Wind Choir, the AM Choir and the New Century Chinese School youth chorus and more. Event includes Chinese Yo-yo, Tai Chi and a traditional Chinese instrumental performance by the Troy Chinese Classic Music Guzheng Team. Tickets are \$5

**Contact:** [cantonvillagetheater.org](http://cantonvillagetheater.org)

### FILM

#### MJR DIGITAL CINEMAS

**Time/Date:** Through March 20; check theaters for show times

**Location:** Westland Grand Digital Cinema 16, 6800 N. Wayne Road, Westland, and other MJR theaters

**Details:** Children's film festival features "Goosebumps," March 5-6; "The Peanuts Movie," March 12-13; "Alvin & Chipmunks Road Chip," March 19-20. Free for children, 12 and under; parents pay \$1. Tickets distributed on first-come, first-served basis at the door

**Contact:** [mjrtheatres.com](http://mjrtheatres.com)

#### PENN THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Friday, March 4 and 4:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, March 5-6

**Location:** 760 Penniman, Plymouth

**Details:** "The Big Short," \$3

**Contact:** 734-453-0870; [www.penntheatre.com](http://www.penntheatre.com)

#### REDFORD THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. March 4, and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. March 5

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

**Details:** "Goldfinger," featuring Sean Connery, \$5

**Contact:** 313-898-1481; [redfordtheatre.com](http://redfordtheatre.com)

#### FUNDRAISERS

### HISTORY

#### KELSEY MUSEUM

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

**Location:** 434 State St., Ann Arbor

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

**Contact:** 734-764-9304

#### PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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

**Location:** 155 S. Main, Plymouth

**Exhibit:** "It's a Downton Abbey Thing," looks at the PBS series "Downton Abbey" in relation to events from 1912-1930 in southeast Michigan and the U.S.

**Details:** Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for ages 6-17.

**Contact:** 734-455-8940



Kyle Mitchell of Ypsilanti is King Rudolph and Erin Phelps of Livonia is Queen Eleanor in Spotlight on Youth's production of "Enchanted Sleeping Beauty."

### MUSIC

#### BLUES@THE ELKS

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

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

**Details:** Bring your dancing shoes. \$5 donation

**Contact:** 734-453-1780

#### JAZZ@THE ELKS

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

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

**Details:** A \$10 donation at the door includes hors d'oeuvres

**Contact:** 734-453-1780 or email [plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com](mailto:plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com)

#### MAMA'S COFFEEHOUSE

**Time/Date:** Doors at 7 p.m., concert starts at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 19

**Location:** Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills

**Details:** Finvarra's Wren; general admission is \$15, students and seniors pay \$13

**Contact:** [mamascoffeehouse.org](http://mamascoffeehouse.org)

#### MANRESA JESUIT RETREAT HOUSE

**Time/Date:** 3 p.m. Sunday, March 6

**Location:** 1390 Quanton, Bloomfield Hills

**Details:** Piano/Oboe will feature Sharon Sweet, piano, and Chris Wheeler, oboe, in a program that will include jazz and African-influenced sonatas through the Classical period to adapted familiar works. Afterglow follows. Tickets \$18 in advance, \$20 at the door

**Contact:** [manresa-sj.org](mailto:manresa-sj.org); 248-644-4933, ext. 10

#### MICHIGAN PHILHARMONIC

**Time/Date:** 2 p.m. Sunday, March 13

**Location:** First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth

**Details:** "An Accordion Affair," features Peter Sozve in a solo appearance with the orchestra, along with a side-by-side performance of Rimsky Korsikov's "Dance of the Buffoons," with the Michigan Philharmonic Youth Orchestra. Tickets are \$30 general admission, \$25 for seniors, 62 and up, and \$10 for students with ID

**Contact:** 734-451-2112; [michigan-phil.org](http://michigan-phil.org)

#### TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

**Time/Date:** Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

**Details:** Annie and Rod Capps with John Shain, March 4, Empty Chair Night with Annie and Rod Capps, Joel Palmer, and special guest, March 6; Peter Case, March 11, Julianne and the Rogues, March 12; Open Stage, March 15; Songwriters Anonymous Showcase, March 18, Maneli Jamal, March 19. Most tickets \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks accepted

**Contact:** 734-464-6302 for additional information

### SPOKEN WORD

#### DETROIT STORY LEAGUE

**Time/Date:** 2-4 p.m. March 5

**Location:** Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia

**Details:** 6th Annual Once Upon a Time storytelling concert for kids, ages 4-10 features La Ron Williams, Carolyn Grimes, Chrissy Begle, and Ami Jackson. Admission is \$3 per person. Each child will receive a special gift

**Contact:** Josie at 248-476-8515; [jflores-1234@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jflores-1234@sbcglobal.net)

#### MOTH STORY SLAM

**Time/Date:** Doors open 4:30 p.m.,

stories start 7 p.m. March 3, Detroit; doors open 6 p.m., stories start 7:30 p.m. Feb. 16, Ann Arbor

**Location:** Cliff Bell's, 2030 Park Ave., Detroit and Circus Bar, 210 S. First Ave., Ann Arbor

**Details:** Prepare a five-minute story on the theme, toss your name in the hat, and if your name is pulled, step up and tell your true personal story live without notes. Volunteers from the audience judge the stories. The theme at Cliff Bell's is "excuses," and the theme at Circus Bar is "the dark side." Admission is \$5 in Detroit, \$8 in Ann Arbor

**Contact:** [themoth.org](http://themoth.org)

### THEATER

#### BETTER THAN EVER PRODUCTIONS

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. March 31, April 1-2, 2 p.m. April 3

**Location:** Plymouth arts and Recreation Complex, 650 Church, Plymouth

**Details:** "Last roundup of the Guacamole Queens," is set in a small Texas town where three cousins are in charge of the last reunion at a high school slated for demolition. Everything that can go wrong does. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$17 at the door

**Contact:** [betterthaneverprod.wix.com/btep](http://betterthaneverprod.wix.com/btep); 734-306-7883

#### FARMINGTON PLAYERS

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 3-5

**Location:** Farmington Players Barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

**Details:** "The Diary Of Anne Frank" tells the story of the teenage writer, her family and others who struggled to hide from the Nazis in their attic. This version of the play weaves writings from Anne Frank's diary together with survivor accounts. Tickets are \$16 for adults, \$14 for students and seniors, age 62 and up. Admission on March 3 is \$14 for everyone

**Contact:** 248-553-2955, [farmington-players.org](http://farmington-players.org)

#### SPOTLIGHT ON YOUTH

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 17-18, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, March 19. and 2 p.m. March 20

**Location:** Inspire Theater, located in the Westland Performing Arts Center, 33455 Warren Road, Westland

**Details:** "Enchanted Sleeping Beauty" is a musical spin on the classic tale. Tickets are \$15

**Contact:** 734-751-7057; [spotlightyouth-mi.com](http://spotlightyouth-mi.com)

#### STILL GOT IT PLAYERS

**Time/Date:** 1 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, March 16-17; 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 18-19; 2 p.m. Sunday, March 20

**Location:** Biltmore Studio at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

**Details:** "Old Ringers" is about four senior women and one man who are strapped for funds and start a phone sex service to increase their incomes. Tickets are \$16-\$18

**Contact:** 734-594-5300; [cantonvillagetheater.org](http://cantonvillagetheater.org)



ADINA ST. JOHN

Colored shells and fillings give the macarons visual appeal and help to identify different flavors.

## Tasty treats play starring role in Blu Kitchen's pop-up events

Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Adina St. John may open the Detroit area's first store dedicated to macarons.

But first, the Canton woman is testing the market with a series of pop-up events on Detroit's east side.

"If you go to some of the larger cities where they have the actual macaron stores, they'll have rows and rows of them like this," said St. John, placing the colorful pastries in a display case last month during her first pop-up sale. "Everyone is always asking where can they get them like that in Detroit. Well, you can't."

"So, the pop-ups...there is no commitment as far as having to lease a building. While everyone says they are interested in a macaron store, before I go any further, I'll know how feasible that is. Then we'll go from there."

French-style macarons look like colorful, light sandwich cookies. They consist of a filling between two meringue-like shells.

"Ninety-nine percent of the time the shells are going to be just almond, sugar and egg and the filling can be chocolate butter cream, caramel, pretty much anything you want," she said. "There is so much you can do with it."

She uses a food coloring in the shells to make the macarons visually interesting and to help identify the flavored fillings. The shells all taste the same. Macaron bakers use ganache, jam, preserves, buttercream — St. John even tried hummus — in between the cookies to add flavor.

She sells pre-packaged macarons at farmers markets, but at the pop-ups, customers can choose from a variety of flavors. Her business is called The Blu Kitchen and its pop-ups start at 10 a.m. the first and third Saturday of March and April, at The Detroit Marshmallow Co., 17215 Mack Ave, Detroit.

### First pop-up

More than two dozen shoppers waited for the door to open at St. John's first pop-up last month. They crowded into the tiny shop four and five at a time, eagerly handing over \$2.50 per macaron



SHARON DARGAY

Adina St. John of Canton carefully arranges her handmade macarons at a pop-up event in Detroit.



Adina St. John talks about her macarons while preparing for her twice-monthly pop-up sale.



SHARON DARGAY

Rows of macarons await customers at the pop-up event.

for a chance to taste flavors such as lemon, hot chocolate, coffee, and vanilla with sprinkles.

Chelsie Helderop of New Hudson was among the first to fill a box and admitted she'd likely taste her purchase on the ride home. She decided to give St. John's

macarons a try after learning about the pop-up on Facebook.

"I love Detroit, so I came down," she said. "I wouldn't miss it. It was worth the drive."

### First taste

St. John bought her first macaron from Pinwheel Bakery in Ferndale. Then her husband, Jason, brought home macarons from France while on a business trip.

"We had them and they were great," St. John re-

called. "And I said, I can do that."

She, her husband and their teenage daughters had moved from the suburbs of Milwaukee, Wisc., to Michigan in 2010 because of a job transfer. She discovered the area's farmers markets and looked into the Michigan's cottage food law.

"I started thinking, that is so cool. I'd love to work at the farmers market. So, we were tossing around ideas of what I could make."

She considered jam, and then soap, but decided those handmade products were easy to find at local markets.

"When I started with these, there was no one else. When I started it was me," St. John said. "Now there are a couple of other people."

### Getting started

St. John at first used six different recipes and now bakes a combination of the six. She tweaked flavors and shell recipes for about six months and then began selling her creations. Her first event during the summer in 2014 was at a market in Birmingham. She sold macarons at farmers markets, including Eastern Market in Detroit and Novi Farmers Market and has been a vendor at the Detroit Urban Craft Fair for two years.

Although she started producing her macarons in the kitchen at her home, she also wanted to sell in cafes and stores, which is not allowed under the cottage food law. Eli Tea in Birmingham and Socra Tea in Detroit began selling her macarons after she switched to a licensed commercial kitchen in Plymouth, a white and stainless steel environment, unlike any of her previous kitchens.

"My kitchen (at home) is blue. The kitchen in our last house was blue. My kitchen growing up was blue. My grandmother's kitchen is blue. It's always been blue," she said, with a laugh. "If we find a permanent space, I'll make sure it's blue."

Visit her website, theblukitchen.com for a full list of macaron flavors, or see The Blu Kitchen's Facebook page.

sdargay@hometownlife.com

# FINDING A CERTIFIED MECHANIC SHOULDN'T BE HARDER THAN A YEAR-LONG JUICE CLEANSE.

## *Cars.com Service & Repair.*

Know the cost for labor and parts in your area  
so you don't pay more than you should.

Research. Price. Find. Get the right service,  
without all the drama.

