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Lost badge back with retired officer

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

After retiring as a Westland Police officer in 1986, Andy Spisak received the traditional retirement badge which he carried, like he did his duty badge, in his trousers pocket.

At some point during the early 1990s, Spisak lost his retirement badge. "I don't know where I lost it. I have no idea," Spisak said. "I bought a new one, but I never carried it."

So it was a big surprise for Spisak when he was reunited with his original retirement badge Friday at Westland City Hall.

A collector of public safety memorabilia, Westland City Clerk Richard

LeBlanc has a large collection of badges, many of which are on display in his office. Through another collector, Tom Herring, a former Westland resident who lives in Livonia, LeBlanc heard about a Westland Police retirement badge being offered for sale online in California.

The seller wanted \$300 for the badge, which had belonged to Spisak. "I don't usually collect retirement badges, but I wanted this one," LeBlanc said. "We couldn't come to a price. I began a quest because I wanted it for my badge case, but now I'd like it for Andy."

So LeBlanc told Spisak about his badge and sent the seller a photo of



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Andy Spisak got his lost Westland Police retiree badge back thanks to the efforts of Tom Herring (left) and Westland City Clerk Richard LeBlanc, who worked together after finding the badge for sale on eBay.

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PROJECT UPGRADES POLICE STATION



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The bright and airy lobby of the Westland Police Department features lots of glass, which was replaced as part of a renovation project. The ceramic tile floor is also new.

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

There were enough renovations needed at the Westland Police Department that the work was divided into

three phases — immediate needs, maintenance and a future third phase to focus on the roof, heating and cooling.

"A lot of the things were basic needs. We had to go outside to close

the windows," Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik said about the building, which hadn't been updated since it opened in 1975.

Some of the improvements through the \$2.2 million project are immedi-

ately noticeable — new windows, new tile floors in the lobby and hallways, new and more functional office spaces, no longer needed doorways

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Westland voters favor Trump, Clinton in presidential primary

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Coming out of the polls Tuesday afternoon at Edison Elementary School, Carol Cinderich speculated that she and her husband Thomas had canceled each other's votes.

"It (the campaign) is a zoo. I felt like voting for my cat Spiderman," said Thomas Cinderich, who offered that he had voted on the Republican ballot, supporting Ohio Gov. John Kasich.

While Carol Cinderich said she normally is a Republican voter, this time she went to the Democratic ballot to

support Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders.

"Bernie has really good ideas. We've got to clear up the mess there (in Washington, D.C.)," she said. "I don't like what she (Hillary Clinton) did to those people in Benghazi."

Turns out neither one followed the general trend in Michigan. After show-

ing well in polls, the best Kasich could do overall in Michigan was a tight battle for second place behind businessman Donald Trump, who carried the state.

Trump romped in Westland, getting

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It's the fifth annual Norway Children's Spring Festival. It's all free and everyone is welcome. The Norway Community Citizens Council is hosting the event.

There will be a hot turkey dinner and desserts, along with the activities. There will be open gym time and visits with a Westland police dog.

Stop in at Jefferson Barns Community Vitality, 32150 Dorsey, east of Venoy, in Westland.

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3,597 votes, more than double what Texas Sen. Ted Cruz (1,596) received. Kasich (1,544) was third, while Florida Sen. Marco Rubio was fourth (594).

Clinton edged Sanders by nearly 300 votes, 5,763-5,471.

In particular, Carol Cinderich said she likes Sanders' idea of putting banks under regulations that were enacted when Franklin D. Roosevelt was president.

"They keep getting fatter while we keep getting skinnier," she said.

Like her husband, Carol Cinderich isn't happy with how the presidential campaign is being conducted. "Oh, man! It's pitiful," she said. "I would vote more for Hillary (Clinton) than (Republican candidate



Michael Kowalczyk voted at Westland City Hall. Twelve-year-old Delaney Kowalczyk is too young to vote, but came for the experience.

Donald) Trump (if they were the nominees)."

At the Wayne Activities and Banquet Center, there was a steady stream of voters, many taking advantage of an unseasonably mild day by walking to polls, some with their dogs, or riding bicycles.

"I normally vote. The campaign has been interesting. I'm very against one of them,"

Wayne resident Tom Britz said, declining to identify the candidate. "I did watch the debates that I could. I got what I wanted out of them; my candidate didn't buckle."

When it came to voting, Britz said that he voted for Sanders on the Democratic ballot.

"I'm a Democrat all the way. I don't want to say who I voted for; I voted for someone I said

I didn't support," Wayne resident Louise Pettaway said. "I feel some of the candidates are capable, some are not. I only did what I thought was best for the country."

Leading up to the primary election, Pettaway said she had watched the debates. "I'll not name names, but some of the candidates acted up. I'll be interested in seeing the person who is elected," she said.

In his first election as city clerk, Richard LeBlanc posted the number of voters turning out on Facebook periodically throughout Election Day. At 6 p.m., he said the turnout was double the number of voters who voted in the last presidential primary.

"We significantly underestimated the anticipated voting turnout during this election. There were several difficulties, challenges and problems," LeBlanc said. "I spoke with and ex-

changed text messages with several residents. It was not as pretty as I had hoped, but I've learned from this process."

As happened with voters before the election, he said there were numerous complaints regarding the state requirement involving the selection of a political party. Dictated by state law, many voters objected, but most of them did choose to vote, LeBlanc said.

"We will use feedback from the electorate and our election workers to modify existing training elements and, in a few instances, election worker reassignments will be necessary," he said.

LeBlanc thanked all of those who voted, the election staff and workers, several volunteers and, most especially, his three clerk staff members, Deputy Clerk Sue Hoff and retired Clerk Eileen DeHart.

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off the main hallway transformed into show-cases and new glass in the lobby atrium.

"There are two key improvements. Certainly there is the ability to process evidence," Jedrusik said. "We have guys who are trained to process crime scenes, but they had no space to do it."

As part of the renovations, there is now an evidence processing area, including ventilation to take away fingerprint powder.

"Second is the building security with new entrance lights and key scans throughout the building," Jedrusik said.

There was a total reconstruction of the department's Traffic Bureau and the Special Investigations Unit, plus a revamping of the Detective Bureau and Spe-

cial Operations. For the lock-up facilities, new corridor security barriers, ceilings and lighting were installed.

The staff locker area was redone and a new fire alarm system installed, along with added security devices installed throughout the building.

"Morale-wise for the officers, the big thing was the locker room," Jedrusik said. "There were high school-sized lockers; they were all rusted and broken. They weren't big enough for police equipment storage."

The spruced-up locker room includes double-wide lockers, which allow plenty of storage by the officers.

"The employees here have pride to be Westland police officers. With the modernized building, it gives them more pride," Jedrusik said. "They are proud to be able to bring officers from other departments here. Their jaws drop at

how much better our station looks."

And thanks to a remodeling and upgrade of the department training room, more visitors to the station are anticipated.

"We have an area to repair and clean firearms. It also allows us to host training," Jedrusik said. "We used to have to go elsewhere for training. We can get training for less by hosting the training. My officers are certified firearms and field training officers."

Westland officers always had the expertise to train other officers, he said, but the department just didn't have the space to host those kinds of events.

An old kitchen in the building was removed to accommodate a locker room for the 12-member SWAT team. "So when there is a call out, the gear is ready for them," Jedrusik said. "They can respond to an emergency

situation much quicker."

The department expanded into the adjoining space that was vacated when Westland Youth Assistance moved into city hall. In part, that resulted in a workout room for officers.

Unlike some operations, the police department had to continue its 24/7 operation despite the construction over several months.

"We couldn't shut down and we had to have all the construction around us," Jedrusik said. "The bureaus did move to city hall from July to November. Really, we just finished up at the beginning of February. The employees worked around the construction project and did a great job."

At one point during the construction, the front lobby wasn't accessible to the public, so an officer was stationed in a patrol car out front to take reports and handle other issues.

BADGE

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Spisak holding his police retiree identification. It worked and the seller sent the badge back for Spisak at no cost.

"It's not worth \$300," said Spisak, who was invited to lunch by two of his sons, along with a visit to LeBlanc's office to look at his badge collection.

"My office has a bathroom and there were about 25 people jammed inside it to hide, including three judges," LeBlanc said. "There were about 60 people (total) in here. With the angular shape (of the office), when Andy first walked in, he didn't see everyone."

When he saw his wife Lee Ann, children and grandchildren, along with a crowd of friends and co-workers, Spisak

was puzzled.

"We yelled surprise and started singing 'Happy Birthday,' Andy said, 'Hey, it's not my birthday,'" said LeBlanc, who steered him to look at a particular area of the badge display.

Spisak took a closer look, commenting that it looked like the badge he had carried. "His jaw dropped. It was really good," LeBlanc said.

Celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, Westland's incorporation as a city in 1966 meant hiring staff, including the 33 original members of the police department.

A Garden City native and member of the second graduating class of Garden City High School in 1953, Spisak, 81, was born at home, delivered by Dr. Hyman Vogel, namesake of a now demolished junior high school. Spisak worked at different jobs, including selling Kirby vacuum

cleaners door to door, before getting drafted into the military.

"Mostly I was playing cards or something stupid. I worked for Duffy-Mott and sold Clapp's baby food," he said. "I had taken the test for the police department before I went into the service, but there was no deferment. I starting taking tests again when I got out of the military in July 1960."

Along with his wife, four of Spisak's five children were able to attend the surprise badge presentation. The couple, married in 1967, have 13 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

"Richard put a lot of effort into this. I give him a lot of credit. He's a hell of a guy," Spisak said.

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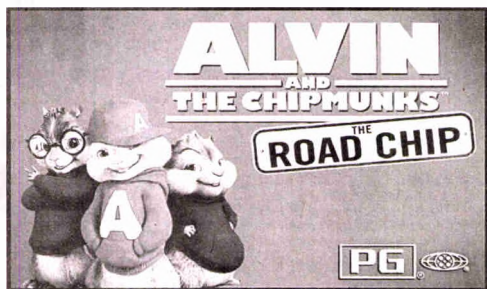


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Myrna Hathaway (left) is the high school's Key Club adviser, Taylor Rager, 17, a senior, its president.

GC Key Club 'Empty Bowls' helps to feed hungry, give hope

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

The Key Club at Garden City High School is full of caring kids. Many of them gathered the evening of Tuesday, March 8, at the school cafeteria to raise money for an anti-hunger initiative.

"It's our 14th annual" Empty Bowls supper, said Taylor Rager, 17, a senior and Key Club president. "We use this money for Kids Against Hunger. It costs \$2,800 to bring them each time."

Food packaging sessions are held through Kids Against Hunger, a nonprofit organization, helped by Key Club teens, Kiwanians (Key Club is the high school arm of Kiwanis), other school clubs and community members. A third such session is approaching at Garden City High School.

Myrna Hathaway, who teaches math at GCHS, is the group's adviser. She and Rager were pleased that well over 100 people attended Tuesday's Empty Bowls event, which included colorful ceramic bowls.

Soups served Tuesday included lentil, chili, cheeseburger soup and others. "A lot of the soup is donated by the high school staff and administration," as well as school moms, Hathaway said.

Bread and salad came



Joshua Pate, 16, a Garden City High junior, heads up the soup supper line Tuesday.



Garden City Mayor Randy Walker enjoys the Key Club's Empty Bowls fundraiser.

from DeLuca's, with Kroger, Jimmy John's and Amantea also donating bread.

"It's just really busy the day of," Rager said that evening as the cafeteria filled up. "It's cool to see it come together and see people support it."

Hathaway, who began in education in 1973, has been at Garden City 22 years. She's taught five years in Europe, as well as taking time to raise a family. She's retiring now and was praised Tuesday evening by current and former students.

"I can't even believe it," a surprised Hathaway said. "My family's here, it's great."

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Wayne JROTC heads to D.C. competition

After advancing through two phases of online competition, the Wayne Memorial High School JROTC Leadership Team will heading to Washington, D.C., to compete in person.

The event is the 2016 Army JROTC Leadership Bowl Championship, set for June 24-28 on the campus of the Catholic University of America.

The team members are: Coach SFC Stanley Lewis, along with cadets Makayla Carpenter, Ian Baker, Ryan Carney, Jeremy Harper, Denisia Thompson and Samantha Tillman. This event is sponsored by the Army JROTC and is conducted by the College Options Foundation.

The Wayne Memorial JROTC team earned top scores out of the 1,378 Army JROTC teams that competed from around the world and placed first in the Region of 7th Brigade consisting of Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee.

The team is one of only 40 Army JROTC Leadership Bowl teams in the nation to advance to the National Leadership Bowl competition, which includes an all-expense paid trip to the championship event. During the two fast-paced preliminary rounds, cadets were tested on their knowledge of current events, leadership values and leadership skills.

The JROTC Leadership & Academic Bowl is a nationally recognized competition created exclusively for JROTC students. By



Baker Carney



Carpenter Harper



Thompson Tillman

participating, cadets learn the values of citizenship, academic competition and college opportunity. The competition creates tremendous opportunities for JROTC cadets by allowing them to demonstrate leadership and academic abilities.

College Options Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to enriching the academic development of high school students and assisting them in their preparation for higher education. Using academic competitions, college exam study guides, college admissions tutorials and personalized counseling, College Options Foundation has assisted the nation's JROTC cadets worldwide for more than a decade.

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Buddy Up to get fitter for spring

It's the fourth annual Buddy Up health and fitness program, which returns Friday to Westland City Hall.

The fitness program, headed by former Biggest Loser contestant Buddy Shuh, is limited to the first 250 paid registrations. Online registration is available at www.cityofwestland.com.

Registration is limited to the first 250 paid registrations. The fee this year is \$30, which includes a free event T-shirt and a binder with five weeks of healthy meal plans, recipes and grocery lists.

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'Predator' gets prison for sex with underage girl

Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A 41-year-old Sterling Heights man will spend 8-15 years in prison for having sex with a girl, not yet 13, after he arranged to pick her up in Canton.

Joseph A. Apato is facing formal sentencing March 24 after he pleaded guilty Friday to two counts of second-degree criminal sexual conduct involving a girl he met through a social networking

app. "It's another predator off the street," Canton Special Services Lt. Craig Wilsher said. "We know he can't victimize anyone else."

Apato's plea agreement averted a jury trial and a potentially longer prison sentence. He remains jailed as he awaits his formal sentencing by Wayne County Circuit



Apato

Judge Cynthia Gray Hathaway.

Apato befriended the girl through a social media app, arranged to pick her up in Canton and took her back to Sterling Heights, police said. His guilty plea brings swift closure to charges that arose in December.

Wilsher said the case should serve as a reminder to parents to monitor their children's activity on the Internet, especially on social media, and to reinforce the danger of

meeting up with strangers.

"I hope this sends a message to parents that these kinds of (predatory) individuals are out there preying on young, innocent victims," he said.

Wilsher also said the case should send a message to predators that they will, if caught and convicted, face time behind bars.

Under the plea deal, Apato pleaded guilty to two counts of second-degree criminal sexual conduct and five other counts

were dismissed, including two counts of first-degree CSC; one count of child sexually abusive activity; one count of using a computer and the Internet to commit a crime; and one count of accosting children for immoral purposes.

His arrest came after Canton police led an investigation that began with reports of a missing girl.

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WAYNE COP CALLS

Fraud

A Wayne woman told police March 2 that she had received a past due notice from Verizon Wireless with a \$2,884, but she had not opened the account. She said the account had been opened in June 2015.

The resident said that she had called Verizon, but no action was taken when she refused to provide her Social Security number over the telephone.

On her credit report, the woman said she also found a balance of \$6,005 with a collection agency for Sprint. She said that account wasn't authorized and was placed into collection in August 2015.

The credit report showed a Tampa, Fla., address for the victim, who said she never lived at the address and doesn't know anyone in Florida.

Retail fraud

A clerk at CVS Pharmacy, 2950 S. Newburgh, told police March 6 that two women entered the store and she recognized them from some previous shoplifting incidents. As a result, she watched them and said they took two bottles of wine, which they hid in a purse before leaving.

The clerk told police she

followed the women outside to get license plate, but the car had backed out of the parking space and continue to back out of the lot. The wine was valued at \$14.

Larceny

A wooden patio chair, a patio chair with a heart on the back and two tomato plants with cages, valued at \$100, were reported stolen March 3 from the yard of a home in the 5000 block of Hubbard.

The officer noted the homeowner was intoxicated and having trouble answering questions. The resident apologized and suggested the officers come back later.

A neighbor told police a man, whose first name he provided, driving a white van with "Snow Removal" in green letters on the side had been at the home.

Vandalism

A man reported someone had broken into his vehicle March 3 while it was parked at Wayne Industries, 36253 Michigan Avenue. No other details were provided.

— By LeAnne Rogers

GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

Vehicle thefts

A representative of an attorney handling the estate of a Garden City man filed a police reported March 1 over two vehicles missing from the late man's home in the 29000 block of Beechwood.

The representative said a 1972 Chevrolet Corvette, which had been parked in the garage, and a 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air, which had been parked in the rear yard, both disappeared around the middle of December.

He said the deceased man's adult children were asked by letter and in person twice if they knew where the vehicles were. All three, accompanied by their attorneys, denied knowing anything about the cars.

The most recent meeting with the children was Feb. 13. As a result, the representative said he was filing the police report.

Larceny from a vehicle

A resident in the 29000 block of James told police that overnight March 3 someone had stolen two bags of clothing to be donated, two pairs of reading glasses, a pair of sunglasses, two pillows and an iPod with air buds valued \$1,025 from her vehicle. She said the locked vehicle was

parked in her driveway, which is off Brandt.

Stolen vehicle

Residents in the 400 block of Belton told police March 6 that their 2005 Chevrolet Venture was missing from the driveway overnight. One of the residents told police they had missed a payment on the loan the previous month, but had talked with the credit union.

Due to the small amount of the outstanding loan and payments, she said the credit union told the vehicle would be repossessed. She said that they had not received any paperwork or phone calls to indicate the vehicle was repossessed.

As the officer was leaving, he said he was flagged down by a neighbor who reported seeing a tow truck take the vehicle at about 2 a.m. She said the tow truck dragged the vehicle into the street and then hooked it up correctly to take it away.

The neighbor said she had called the owners about eight times, but there was no answer. She said she didn't want to go over to the home while the vehicle was being taken in case it was a repossession.

Larceny

On March 7, a resident of an apartment in the 31000 block of Krauter told police someone

had stolen the license plate from her vehicle sometime since Feb. 18.

A resident in the 30000 block of Pardo told police someone had stolen the license plate from his vehicle March 3-5. He said the vehicle had been parked in the street.

Vandalism

The rear and side windows were reported smashed on a vehicle parked March 6 in the 400 block of Cardwell. The owner told police that the vehicle was parked in front of his home as usual when a neighbor alerted him to the broken rear window.

Checking on the vehicle, the resident said he found the driver's side window smashed, but still intact.

Attempted vehicle theft

Two vehicles were reported to have damage to the ignitions while they were parked March 5 at Photo Den, 30709 Ford. The owner of one vehicle lives in an apartment above the business. The second vehicle had been parked in the lot with a for sale sign.

Both vehicles were reported to have been unlocked and nothing but the ignitions were damaged.

— By LeAnne Rogers

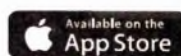


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The Von Trapp children — Liesl (Cara Forfinski), Friedrich (Nahum Young), Louisa (Maureen McGough), Kurt (Patrick Culliton), Brigitta (Adele Jones), Marta (Elisabeth Klawender) and Gretl (Ava Evangelista) — line up as Mercy High School's drama program goes through dress rehearsal of "The Sound of Music."

Mercy stage set to ring with 'Sound of Music'

Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Lucy Devine probably can't say how many times she watched "The Sound of Music" as a kid, but it was enough to absolutely fall in love with the main character, Maria Rainer.

Now the Mercy High School senior is bringing the part made famous by Julie Andrews to life this weekend when the high school drama program presents, "The Sound of Music."

And Devine, last seen in "The Night of Jan. 16" last fall, couldn't be happier.

"She's such a charismatic character," Devine said of Maria. "She has so much life in her. She's been one of my dream roles forever. I watched the movie all the time as a kid. To be up on stage as Maria is amazing."

She certainly won't be the only one up on stage. The cast has 49 actors and there are another 60 kids in the orchestra pit and working backstage. That number includes five kids playing the Von Trapp children — three from Our Lady of Sorrows and Our Lady of Victory, plus two boys from Frost Middle School in Livonia.

To augment the production, the all-girls school brought in actors from places like Detroit Catholic Central, Walled Lake Central and U-D Jesuit.

Director Kathy Sill, who has been directing musicals at Mercy since 1997 and has directed some 50 productions in her career, said "The Sound of Music" was chosen as the school celebrates its 70th year.

"We wanted a family show," Sill said. "It's about a young woman trying to find her way in life. It's about Maria trying to find her calling and it's not being a nun. She realizes her calling is to be a mother to those (Von Trapp) children."

The fall musical has its challenges. The large cast and crew is one. The music is another. Vocal teacher Rebekah Ferguson said the music isn't only challenging, it's voluminous. It's a lot for the 22 musicians in the orchestra pit to tackle.

"There's just so much music," she said with a smile. "It's a professional score, not a student score, so the kids have had to make some adjustments."

It's not the first time the Von Trapps have graced the Mercy stage. Sill said the last time the school presented "The Sound of Music" was 2004, but it seemed like a natural in conjunction with the all-girl school's 70th year.

"I like it because it features a lot of roles for women," Sill said. "It was time to bring it back."

Devine, in her fourth musical and seventh production, is glad they did. She said, though, that the popularity not only of the movie, but of Julie Andrews' performance, presents a kind of challenge all its own. Obviously she's not going to make anyone forget Andrews, but she doesn't want anyone thinking she's copying her, either.

"Everyone has seen the movie, so everyone knows Julie Andrews," Devine said. "I've been trying to do it my way, and give it my own twist."

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'SOUND' ON STAGE

What: Mercy High School production of "The Sound of Music"

When: 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday

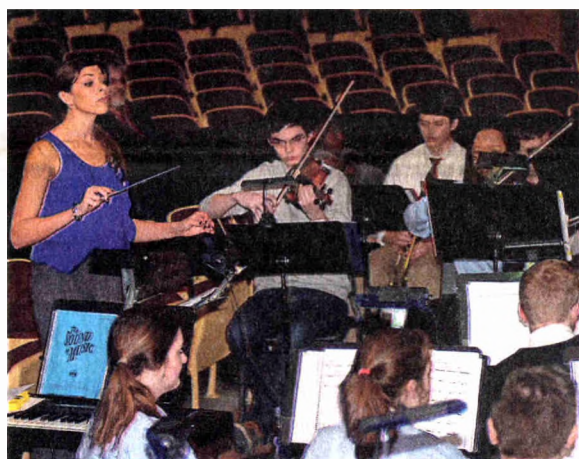
Where: Mercy High School is located at 11 Mile and Middlebelt in Farmington Hills

Tickets: Adults \$15; students and children, \$13



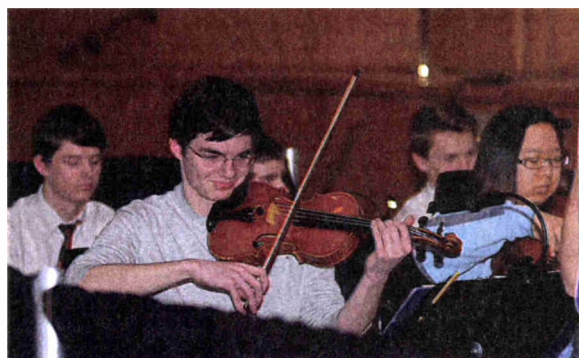
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The Mercy High School production of "The Sound of Music" features 49 actors and another 60 or so musicians and crew.



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Vocal teacher Rebekah Ferguson leads the 22-musician orchestra pit during dress rehearsal.



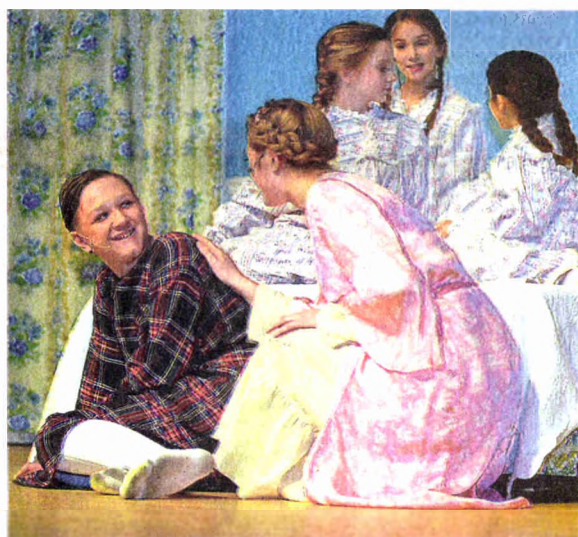
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More than 20 musicians play the music for Mercy High School's production of "The Sound of Music."



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Allison McMillan as Elsa Schrader and David Culliton as Captain Von Trapp.



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Maria (Lucy Devine) comforts Friedrich (Nahum Young) while his sisters gab on the bed.



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Jonathon Stecovic as Max.



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Patrick Culliton as Kurt, dancing with Maureen McGough as Louisa.



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Mercy High School senior Lucy Devine as Maria Rainer leads the Von Trapp children in song.

Committee, chamber partner on Spree info center

Organizers of Livonia Spree and the Livonia Chamber of Commerce have formed a new partnership to provide easier access to details for prospective vendors and supporters about the city's annual festival.

The Livonia Chamber of Commerce office will serve as an information center for all businesses and organizations interested in participating

in Spree 66, which takes place June 21-26 at Livonia's Ford Field.

"We've grown and we look forward to developing a good relationship with the chamber," said Rich Skaggs, president of the Livonia Anniversary Committee, the nonprofit group that manages Livonia Spree. "We are working together so we can continue organizing this great event that is impor-

tant to promoting our city."

During normal business hours, businesses and organizations looking to become a food vendor, provide a business promotional booth or become a sponsor of the event can get the information they need to apply at the Livonia Chamber of Commerce office, located in Suite 212 of the Civic Center Office Plaza

on the northeast corner of Five Mile and Farmington roads. The phone number is 734-427-2122.

"We've had our fair share of these types of inquiries about Spree through the years," said Dan West, president of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce. "This new partnership will make it easier for prospective vendors and sponsors to

get the information they need and provide new support to the Spree's volunteer committee that works an extraordinary amount of volunteer hours each year to organize Livonia's signature event."

The plans for band and entertainment are settled for Spree 66, but the committee continues to look for food vendors, business booths, sponsors

and volunteers.

The Livonia Spree attracts some 500,000 visitors during the annual six-day event, culminating with a premier fireworks show after dusk Sunday evening. Since its creation in the 1970s, funds raised from Spree have enabled the Livonia Anniversary Committee to donate more than \$1 million into many charitable community causes.

Filing for an extension is not difficult

The other day, I received a call from a client who was quite nervous. During these turbulent times, it's not unusual to talk with clients who are uneasy about the current market conditions. This call didn't deal with the market, rather it dealt with the caller's tax situation. Since the client retired about seven years ago, he and his wife spend from mid-March to early June in Arizona. What made the client nervous is the fact that he typically has his tax return done and filed before he leaves, but that's not the case now.

As the client informed me, he is leaving next week and he still does not have all his information. As a result, he cannot complete his tax return and that's what's causing his problem. I suggested that all he would need to do was to file for an extension. When I mentioned the word extension, he even got more concerned.

It's a myth that if you file for an extension it will open you up to more IRS scrutiny. For as long as I've been in the business, I've heard that urban legend. It's not



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

true. As I explained to the client, there is no evidence that filing for an extension increases your audit risk. What would increase his audit risk is to file an incorrect return. After having a discussion with the client, he agreed that filing for an extension would be the most appropriate course of action.

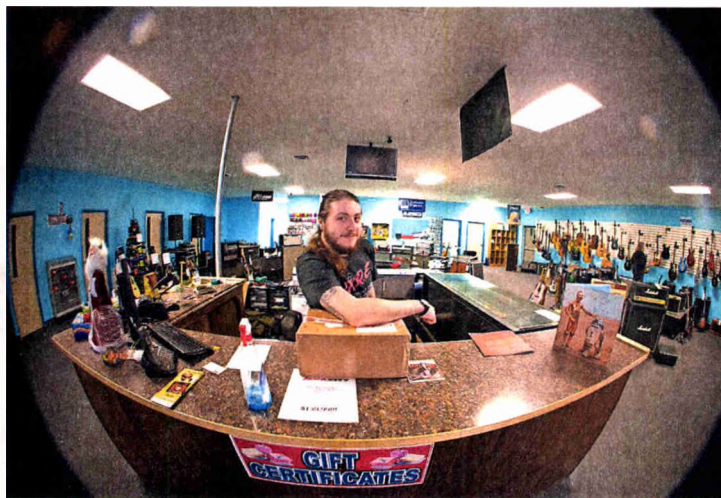
Filing for an extension to complete your tax return is not difficult and you would be surprised how many people do it. There are lots of reasons why people cannot complete their return by April 15 (April 18 this year). It could be that you don't have all the necessary information to complete your return, you're going to be out of the country or, plain and simple, you're too lazy to file by the deadline. The bottom line is, extensions are automatic and you don't need a reason. By filing IRS Form 4868, you receive an automatic six-month extension to file your return. It's auto-

matic; you don't have to worry about obtaining approval. As long as you file the form, you get the extension.

What confuses people about extensions is that it is not an extension of time to pay your taxes, but only to file your return. I recommended to the client that he estimate the missing information to determine whether money will be owed or he will receive a refund. If you're receiving a refund, all you need to do is file the extension form — that's it. If you are going to owe money, then you can make an estimated payment with your extension.

We still have a month before taxes are due and there is still plenty of time for people to complete their return. If you can't, don't panic. Good luck!

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



Owner Nick Marocco at the counter of Rock City Music Co. in Livonia.

Rock City Music is the place for music lovers

Observer: Tell us about your business, including the services and products you offer.

Rock City: Rock City Music Co. has anything a musician or music lover could want. We offer new and used guitars, amps, CDs and vinyl records. As well as being a full-service guitar and amp center, we also offer a wide variety of lessons.

Observer: How did you decide to open your business?

Rock City: I started working at Bluesairmen Guitars in Garden City when I was 16 years old. At age 20, I purchased the store. After many years of hard work and success, we had outgrown our location in Garden City, so I began looking for a larger retail space and a new beginning with a name that meant something to me. After putting the word out, a family member suggested taking a look at our current location (the old Virginia Farrell Beauty School). After the ink was dry on the lease, I decided if we were going to move here to Livonia, it was time for a new name and we landed at Rock City Music Co.

Observer: Why did you choose the Livonia area?

Rock City: Livonia just seemed like the best option. It's a beautiful community with great, supportive people, it was close enough to our old location that we wouldn't alienate



Rock City Music Co. offers new and used guitars, amps, CDs and vinyl records.

our old clientele and it was close to home.

Observer: What has been the biggest challenge?

Rock City: So far our biggest challenge has basically just spreading the word to the new community that we are here and all the different services we offer. Everyone that has come in so far has been pleasantly surprised and we want to keep doing that.

Observer: How has the economy affected your business?

Rock City: When I first took over Bluesairmen in 2011, the economy was not in a very good place, but we worked through it and survived; that's why we are here. So far, everything in Livonia has been great. It seems like people who live here really get off on supporting a local business rather than big box stores.

Observer: Do you have an amusing anecdote that shows what it's like to be a small business owner?

Rock City: AC/DC once said, "It's a long way to the top, if you wanna rock and roll!"

Observer: What advice would you give to other small business owners?

Rock City: I would just say, if you believe in yourself and your idea, go for it. There will always be naysayers and people who try and stand in your way, but if you have the drive and determination, you will make it.

Observer: What's in store for the future of your business?

Rock City: We are constantly working on improving the store and doing new things. We have recently brought in T-shirts, ukuleles and posters. But the thing I am most excited about is we are our working with our neighbors at O'Malley's bar to present a sort of summer concert music series here in our parking lot. We will have different themes/artists. We are still working on the details, but those we will be coming soon.



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Home show returns to rec center

A gymnasium full of home improvement ideas will be on display Saturday, March 19, for the annual Livonia Home Improvement Show at the Livonia Community Recreation Center.

Some 50 exhibitors will be featured in the MAC gym of the Rec Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission and parking is free. Bob Evans Restaurant will provide free coffee in the morning and several restaurants will provide food samples during the afternoon.

The sixth annual

home show is coordinated by the Livonia Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by Bright House Networks. The rec center is located on the corner of Five Mile and Hubbard.

"As spring's thaw kicks in this week, homeowners start thinking about improvement projects and this show is a great way to explore those ideas," said Dan West, president of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce. "We have a great variety of exhibitors, but it is a comfortable environment for

show visitors to spend time with experts and get their questions answered."

Experienced companies that work with landscaping, concrete, heating and cooling, roofing, carpeting and flooring, bathroom and kitchen remodels and general contractors are among the registered exhibitors.

There are a few spaces left for prospective exhibitors. For more details on the show, contact Laura Tahmouch at 734-427-2122 or Tahmouch@livonia.org.

Local churches help out in New Orleans

A group representing the Southeast Michigan Association of Congregational Churches recently returned from a week-long trip to New Orleans.

The 14 men and women included members from North Congregational Church in Farmington Hills, Meadowbrook Congregational Church in Novi, Pine Hill Congregational Church in West Bloomfield and First Congregational Church of Wayne.

This is the ninth year that congregationalists from Michigan have traveled to New Orleans to help with reconstruction efforts. Even though it has been more than 10 years since hurricane Katrina, many neighborhoods in the New Orleans area have yet to fully recover, particularly low-income wards that experienced significant flooding. Many displaced families have yet to return.

The group stayed at Camp Restore, a facility for volunteers that opened in 2006 on the once-flooded campus of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in New Orleans East.

The congregationalist volunteers worked with the St. Bernard Project, a long-term disaster recovery organization begun in 2006 in the wake of Katrina. Initially focused on helping to rebuild New Orleans, St. Bernard Project is now national in scope, helping with the



Members from North Congregational Church in Farmington Hills, Meadowbrook Congregational Church in Novi, Pine Hill Congregational Church in West Bloomfield and First Congregational Church of Wayne took part in the trip.



Volunteers mix joint compound for mudding the drywall.



Church volunteers install flooring in one of the two houses in which they worked during their trip.

East Coast recovery from Hurricane Sandy and other disasters. Members of AmeriCorps supervised the on-site work.

The St. Bernard Project organized the work sites. The Michigan volunteers worked on two houses during the week. Both are "opportunity homes" owned by St. Bernard Project that will become rental units for low-income families.

"We come back every year because the need is still here," said Liane Jensen, a member of North Church who served as one of the trip's organizers. "We take away more in gratification and fellowship than we give."

For more information, go to www.StBernard-Project.org or www.NorthCongregationalChurch.org.



Church volunteers paint the trim.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Robert John Scanlan, whose 40-year career has taken him from a high school job in a florist and garden center in Detroit to 13 years as assistant White House florist, will be the speaker March 16 for the Livonia Town Hall. The program begins at 10:30 a.m. at the St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman, in Livonia. Tickets are available for the Lecture and Lunch Series and can be purchased for \$55 by calling 734-420-0383.

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.

Dueling pianos

Wayne Rotary is hosting a St. Paddy's Dueling Pianos Party Friday, March 11, at the HYPE Recreation Center, 4635 Howe. The cost is \$20 per person or a table for 10 at \$180. 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.

Knezek hours

State Sen. David Knezek, D-Dearborn Heights, announced coffee hours in Redford and Garden City to be held Monday, March 14.

The Garden City coffee hour runs 10:30-11:30 a.m., at the Maplewood Center, 31735 Maplewood.

The Redford coffee hour takes place 1:30-2:30 p.m., at the Redford Township District Library, 25320 Six Mile.

Knezek's district includes the cities of Detroit, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster and Redford Township. For more information, contact Knezek by phone at 517-373-0994 or by email at sendknezek@senate.michigan.gov.

Colbeck hours

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, and District Manager Penny Crider will hold monthly office hours for March in Livonia on Friday, March 18, from 11 a.m. until noon. The office hours will be held at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center and will be open to the public.

Colbeck will be on hand to answer questions and respond to concerns any residents of his district may have. No appointment is necessary.

Colbeck represents the 7th Senate District, which encompasses the cities of Livonia, Northville, Plymouth and Wayne, as well as the townships of Canton, Northville and Plymouth.

For more information or to contact Colbeck, go to www.SenatorPatrick-Colbeck.com or call 517-373-5713.

Historical society meets

At 2 p.m. Monday, March 21, The Livonia

Historical Society presents "Old Stores a Downtown Detroit," a PowerPoint program by Mike Hauser. Hauser has served as guest curator for exhibits at the Detroit Historical Museum and co-authored five books including "49th Century Retailing in Downtown Detroit."

The meeting is at the Friend's Meeting House next to the General Store at Greenmead, Livonia's Historical Park. Park in front on the south side of the road. Enter Greenmead off Newburgh, just south of Eight Mile.

Public welcome. No charge. For information, call 734-416-3848.

Dr. Seuss selfie

The Redford Township District Library hosts a "Dr. Seuss Selfie Contest" during the month of March.

Kids can take a picture of themselves with something that represents the world of Dr. Seuss, perhaps a stuffed animal, a T-shirt they own, a drawing they did and have the picture on display in the library for the month of March.

The most creative entry will receive a prize chosen especially for them. For more information, contact the youth/teen services department at the library, 313-531-5960, ext. 117.

Maltese Bingo

The Maltese American Benevolent Society, Inc., presents "Shamrock Bingo" Mondays and Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m., at 33111 Plymouth Road in Livonia.

The MABSI is donating 50 percent of its proceeds from its fundraising bingo nights to help www.flintkids.org throughout March.

For more information, call 248-557-2000.

Maple sugaring

The Nankin Mills Interpretive Center hosts Maple Sugaring at Cass Benton Park in Northville 10 a.m. or noon, Saturday, March 12 or March 19.

We will share the history of maple sugaring and take a short hike into the woods for a tree-tapping demonstration. Enjoy pancakes with the "real thing" afterward. The Park is located off of Northville Road, north of Six Mile Road. Meet at the picnic shelter. The program is outdoors and the trails can be muddy,

so dress accordingly. All ages welcome, but the trail in the woods is not stroller friendly.

Pre-registration required for all programs (except Native Day), at the Park Office, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland, 48185.

Preschool open house

The Livonia Civic Center Library hosts a Preschool Open House from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 12. Area preschools will be on hand to discuss curriculum, tuition, and provide

other information. This is a free event. Livonia Civic Center Library is located at 32777 Five Mile Road (between Merriman and Farmington). For more information, call 734-466-2493.

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OUR VIEW

Motorcycle safety takes street smarts along with everybody sharing the road

As spring approaches, more motorcycles will take to Michigan roadways. All motorists, including truckers, need to keep an eye out for motorcyclists and their passengers to ensure their safety.

Motorcyclists, too, have a role to play in getting home safely. Their actions also determine how safely the road is shared.

Improving the safety of motorcyclists on our roads is the primary goal of motorcycle safety classes for all skill levels, the Schoolcraft College website of www.schoolcraft.edu notes. The Detroit Metro Motorcycle Safety Consortium, which includes Henry Ford Community College, Macomb Community College, Monroe Community College, Oakland Community College, Schoolcraft College and Wayne County Community College District, offers hands-on,

comprehensive motorcycle safety training.

The website adds that classes are taught by professional, certified instructors, who not only have a passion for riding, but riding safely. State funds from a motorcycle safety grant administered by the Michigan Department of State and federal funds from the Michigan Office Highway Safety and Planning support this program.

For your protection, all motorcycle courses require you to have a Department of Transportation-approved helmet (still required for all classes, even though the helmet law has changed). Also required are a long-sleeved jacket or heavy shirt, heavy-duty long pants, eye protection, full-fingered gloves, boots that cover ankles and have a hard sole (no high heels or high-top tennis shoes) and rain and cold weather

gear.

Reading through this list is a good reminder that despite the helmet law brouhaha that brewed a while ago in our state, safety is always the top priority. A motorcycle helmet and appropriate clothing will go a long way in keeping you safe as you enjoy your motorcycle, and reduce your risk in an accident.

Closed-head injuries are a sobering reminder of how the simple act of correct use of a motorcycle helmet is simply smart.

This is especially important with the number of distracted drivers on roadways today, who may fail to notice an approaching motorcycle. Invest in a good helmet (sound advice for bicyclists, as well) and clothing that will make your ride safer and more enjoyable.

LETTERS

Cruz or Rubio

Hillary Clinton is a liar. How can she say that the children of Flint are just as important as the children in the rest of the United States when she supports abortion, which is pro murder?

She calls it pro-choice, while we call it murder. She is no candidate for being the president. Bernie Sanders is a weakling and is no candidate for the presidency, either. Donald Trump has no respect for women; if he did, he would not be on his third wife. He is an adulterer, a con artist, a fake and a grown-up baby. How can he think he is

impressing anyone as he spends his time belittling everyone within earshot?

What a disgrace if one of these three get into the White House. We need someone who will represent America at her best, someone like Ted Cruz or Marco Rubio.

Dolores Kapanke
Garden City

Supports Mason

Thirty years ago, when I was general manager of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, a young reporter named Sue Mason joined our editorial staff. Over the years, she became the community editor of the Garden City Observer and the West-

land Observer.

I was glad to see that she is not really retiring, but only changing careers to run for Wayne County commissioner in the 12th District. Sue has years of experience dealing with local governments and citizens of the district. She also lives in the district.

She will bring a fresh perspective and energy to the position that has been represented the past several years by professional politicians.

Dick Isham
owner, C&M Printing
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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

Trump telling lies

This is in response to Leo Weber's letter, "GOP has Trump card." Mr. Trump is using the debates to malign the other candidates and brag about his business prowess, but if you check out the FactCheck website, he's telling many lies.

We start with his Nov. 21 claim to have watched

on television as "thousands and thousands" of Muslims in New Jersey were cheering the fall of the World Trade Center on 9/11. Multiple news organizations and the New Jersey attorney general's office searched for evidence of public celebrations at the time of 9/11 and found none.

He said Obama is thinking about signing an executive order to take your guns away. What Obama reportedly considered was requiring large-volume private gun dealers to conduct background checks, not confiscating firearms from those who own them.

He said he got to know Putin "very well" while the two were on CBS "60 Minutes." The two men were interviewed separately, in different countries thousands of mile apart. He claimed his campaign is 100-percent self-funded. At the time, more than 50 percent of his campaign funds had come from outside con-

tributors.

He claimed credit for getting Ford Motor Co. to move a plant from Mexico to Ohio. Ford says it made the decision years before Trump even announced his run for president. He denied that he ever called female adversaries some of these things: "fat pigs, dogs, slob and disgusting animals." He used all of these terms.

Now he's refusing to disclose his income tax returns. He says a lot about what he plans to do when president but never explains how he plans to accomplish them. The one that worries me most is his statement in Friday's debate about how he's going to get rid of ISIS. How? By sending our troops to the Middle East and have more of our young people killed and maimed?

In my opinion, Trump is the last person I would want to see on the ballot.

Jean Wrenbeck
Livonia

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Westland woman starts business to help seniors

Clinically licensed social worker and case manager Marcy West is now serving the senior population of Wayne County by providing in-home counseling through her company, Senior Hope Counseling PLLC.

Committed to providing seniors with quality care, West is available from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each weekday and weekends by appointment only. Seniors that are bed-bound or who have limited transportation resources can now schedule consultations, assess-

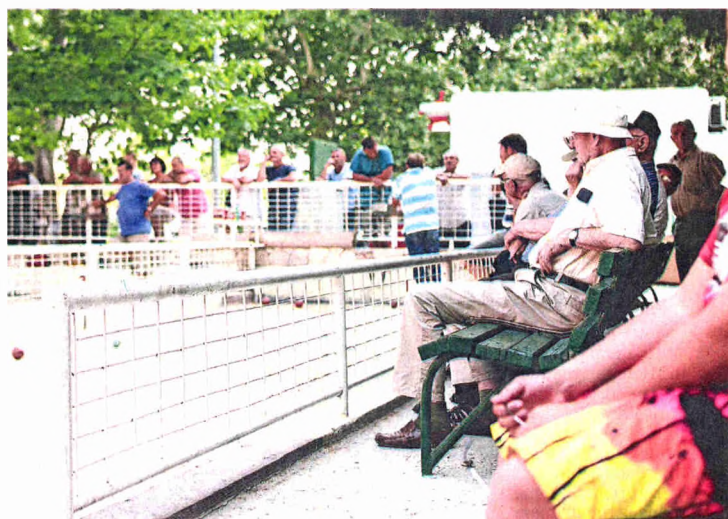
ments and appointments that suit their needs by calling 734-306-3653.

Senior Hope Counseling is a contracted Medicare provider that offers services which include grief and mental health counseling, coordination with community supports and long-term care planning.

"Over the years, my passion for the senior population has driven me to create ways to bridge the gaps in service our seniors face in regards to well-being and quality of life," said West, who has provided mental health

services for more than 20 years. "My ultimate goal is to help seniors function more effectively within their own environment."

Senior Hope Counseling PLLC is an in-home counseling service provider located in Westland. Staffed with compassionate and highly-trained social workers, the company focuses on providing optimal care and quality of life through in-home behavioral health services. For more information, go to www.seniorhopeservices.us.



Senior Hope assists the senior population by coordinating with community supports, in addition to providing advocacy and referrals.

SENIOR EVENTS

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** beginning Tuesday, March 22, through May 10, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. 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 on 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 on the second and fourth Thursday of the month for a potluck luncheon. Starts at 11 a.m. After the luncheon, cards/games and socializing takes place. Anyone 50 years

and better is welcome.

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.

Friendship Center

The Westland Friendship Center offers a variety of events and programs:

» **March Madness Bracket Challenge**, Monday, March 14, 10:30 a.m. Pre-register at Friendship Center.

» **Detroit Tigers Opening Day Party**, April 8, 12:30 p.m. Game starts at 1:08. Tickets on sale at Friendship Center.

» **Travel Program**: Day trips are planned by the department and accompanied by a staff member. Four professional tour companies highlight their day trips and preview extended trips at the monthly Travel Meetings held the second Friday of each month. Register in advance at the front desk; refreshments are served to attendees.

» **Exercise Programs**:

The exercise classes offered at the center are very diverse, from "Spinning" (instructor-led indoor cycling to music), Zumba and Jazzercise, to A Matter of Balance, Arthritis, Tai Chi and Yoga. The center/exercise room is open Monday and Wednesday until 9 p.m., and Tuesday and Thursdays until 7 p.m. Friday the exercise room closes at 5 p.m.; it's open Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon.

» The Friendship Center offers a Golf League and a Bowling League.

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» The Commission on Aging: The commission is a council of seniors appointed by Mayor William R. Wild, who work closely with the center director. Regular meetings ensure concerns of the community and members are addressed as well as new ideas discussed.

» **Meals**: For our adults in the community that can no longer get out, live alone, are unable to prepare meals for various reasons such as recovering from a surgery, we offer homebound meals. For adults who enjoy sharing meal time, we offer a congregate meal at the center daily. The meals are prepared by qualified culinary professionals. For more information call 734-727-7357.

ABSTRACT WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2016-08 March 1, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. at the Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Rd. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. Moment of Silence for Louise Steinhauer. APPROVED: minutes of reg. mtg. of Feb. 16; second reading of repeal of Chapter 246; resolution to join SMORSA; budget amendment of \$4,335.00 to Library; request to apply for SAFER Grant; Wayne County Parks millage allocation for FY '13-'14 & '15-'16; consent calendar. Received and filed Communications and Reports. Adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Matthew K. Miller
City Clerk

Published: March 10, 2016

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03-16-0077 Motion by Sanders, seconded by Porter and unanimously carried the, it was resolved to approve the Second Reading and adoption of an amendment to Ordinance No. 246.00: Economic Development Corporation.

CITY OF WAYNE PUBLIC NOTICE ORDINANCE NO. 2016-02

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYNE THE CITY OF WAYNE ORDAINS:

- Section 1. THAT THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYNE BE AMENDED BY CHANGES TO CHAPTER 246 - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
- The entire Chapter is repealed.
- Section 2. That this Ordinance shall be published as required by law.
- Section 3. That this Ordinance shall become effective ten days after enactment and upon publication thereof.

Matthew K. Miller
City Clerk

Adopted: March 1, 2016
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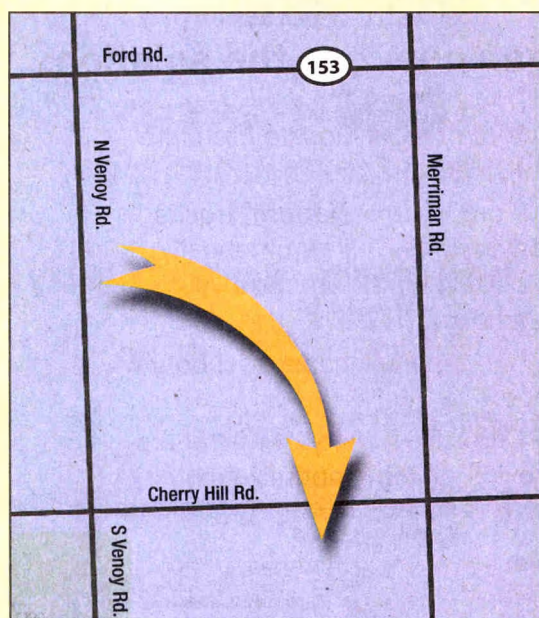


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DIVISION 1 INDIVIDUAL WRESTLING FINALS

Rockets' Mars wins second state title

Sophomore rolls to
112-pound championshipEd Wright
Staff Writer

Westland John Glenn sophomore Mike Mars' already out-of-this-world high school wrestling career was fortified once again Saturday at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

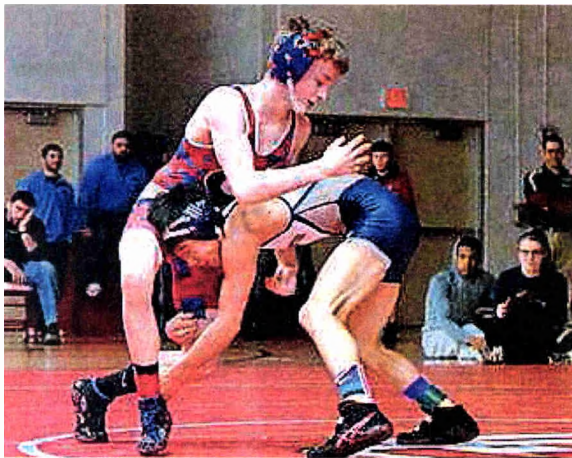
Mars won his second consecutive individual state title by posting three pins and a narrow decision in the 112-pound brackets.

Mars won the 103-pound division as a freshman.

The sensational sophomore opened last week's tournament on Thursday with a second-round pin of Waterford Mott's Leann Abad. Mars advanced to the semis by recording a second-period fall against Traverse City West's Vincent Priadi.

Mars' biggest test came in a final-four match against New Baltimore's Jack Medley, who kept it close against the Rocket before falling, 2-1.

Strangely enough, Mars' easiest match of the tourna-



Westland John Glenn's Mike Mars, pictured during action last year, won his second consecutive MHSAA individual state wrestling crown Saturday.

ment — at least in terms of the time of pin — was in the finals against Davison's Max Johnson, who was pinned by Mars in just 69 seconds.

The four-match sweep raised Mars' season record to 52-2.

John Glenn senior John Siemasz nearly matched Mars' accomplishment, as he advanced to the 135-pound final before getting pinned by White Lake's undefeated Ben Freeman.

Siemasz, who finished 52-4, yielded just one point in his three narrow pre-finals decisions.

John Glenn's third all-state grappler was 103-pounder Kyle Borthwell, who placed third in his first trip to the Palace. Borthwell won his opening match, 9-0, against Davison's Steven Garty before dropping a tough 13-11 verdict to Fraser's Nathan Hollifield.

He bounced back quickly, winning 7-0 and 9-2 decision to advance to the third-fourth match, where he suffered another setback to Hollifield.

Livonia Franklin senior Josh Retting (44-7) closed his career with a fourth-place finish at 215.

"Josh wrestled great over the weekend," said Franklin head coach Dave Chiola. "He had never been here before, and sometimes kids freeze up, or feel like they have to wrestle differently."

"Josh wrestled the way he has all year. He is very smart, listens extremely well, and keeps himself in good position. I was glad he placed. He's a great kid that always put the team over his personal goals."

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The Livonia Junior Athletic League baseball and softball program is looking for individuals who would like to work as an umpire this summer.

Interested participants will be trained and given excellent support. An understanding and appreciation of baseball and fast-pitch softball are appreciated.

The minimum age requirement for umpires is 14.

If interested, send an e-mail to info@ljal.com.

Churchill Hall
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The 14th Annual Churchill Athletic Patrons Hall of Fame banquet will be held Wednesday, March 23, at 6 p.m. at the Italian-American Hall in Livonia.

The Class of 2016 inductees includes Rachel McFarlane, Sara Kroll and the undefeated 1978 football team coached by Ken Kaestner.

Tickets are \$40 each and may be purchased in the Churchill athletic office or via check to CAP treasurer Lisa Hudy (10269 Stark Rd., Livonia, 48150).

For more information, contact Mark McCusker at mccusker357@att.net.

REGIONAL HOOPS

Talented
Lathrup
derails
Churchill'Twin' towers lead
Southfield team to winEd Wright
Staff Writer

Livonia Churchill faced an opponent Tuesday night that was a little too quick, a little too tall and way too determined to make sure the Class A regional semifinal would not be the final one in the history of its girls basketball program.

That opponent was Southfield Lathrup, which will be closing its doors for good in June.

Lathrup's girls hoops program still has life, however, thanks to its 70-43 triumph over Churchill in a game played at Dearborn Fordson.

Led by six-foot-plus senior sisters Taiye and Kehinde Bello — who are literally twin towers — the Chargers roared to a 30-7 lead just over 11 minutes into the game before rolling to a comfortable 27-point victory.

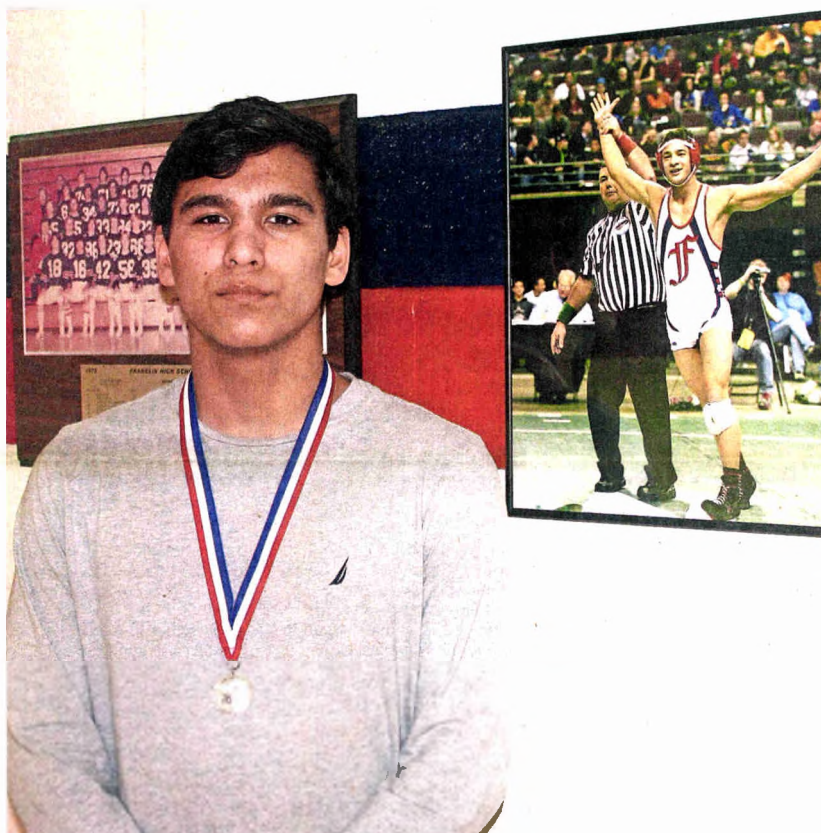
"We always want to get

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Churchill's Shae Smith drives to the basket during a game earlier this month.

MHSAA D1 INDIVIDUAL WRESTLING FINAL



With his state championship medal hanging around his neck Franklin junior Nathan Atienza stands next to a photo of his brother Jordan, who also earned wrestling gold at Franklin.

THE PERFECT SEASON

Franklin's Atienza mows down Palace foes

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Nathan Atienza's Twitter account was "blowing up" Saturday night, which is exactly what you'd expect to happen after a high school wrestler of Atienza's stature blew up his competition at the MHSAA Division 1 individual state championships.

With his dad, Armand, coaching him just a few feet away and a robust cheering section applauding his every technically-sound move, Atienza won his first individual state title and finished the season 58-0 by pinning Bloomfield Hills' Kajuan Caldwell in 42 seconds in the 145-pound title match.

Atienza steamrolled to the final with two first-round pins and a 6-4 triumph over Battle Creek Western's Coby Moore in a quarterfinal pairing.

"It felt great," Atienza said, talking about the moment the referee raised his arm after the win over Caldwell. "It's something I've been waiting for my entire life. It was a remarkable moment."

"I didn't really get emotional. I just felt rushed up, exhilarated. It was indescribable, really."

Even though Caldwell was 26-0 entering the tournament, Atienza was expecting to face

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REGIONAL BASKETBALL

Detroit Mumford derails Ladywood, 46-44

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Livonia Ladywood's girls basketball team nearly pulled off its second straight dramatic post-season victory Tuesday night in a Class B regional semifinal game held in the Blazers' gym.

Trailing 23-12 at the half, the Blazers stormed back to put a scare in Detroit Mumford before eventually dropping a 46-44 decision.

Ladywood scored five points in the final seconds in Friday's district championship to stun Detroit Henry Ford, 52-50.

Erika Selakowski delivered a huge performance for the Blazers, scoring 16 points while making five of six free-throw attempts.

Ally Audia contributed 14 points while Maggie Shirk scored nine.

Further details of the game were not available as of Tuesday night's print deadline.

Marian wins

After defeating Seaholm in last week's district championship game, Marian coach Mary Cicerone said the Mustangs played nearly a "perfect"



Ladywood's Ally Audia drives to the basket during Tuesday night's Class B regional semifinal game against Detroit Mumford.

game, especially on the shooting end.

The Mustangs were far from that Tuesday in a Class A regional semifinal at Roseville High School.

Marian had a sluggish first

half and shot just 28 percent from the floor in the game, but it found just enough second-half energy to register a 47-36 victory over St. Clair Shores Lakeview.

The victory sets up a re-

match with Warren Cousino in the regional championship game at 6 p.m. Thursday.

"I think (Lakeview) thought we don't normally shoot the ball as well as we did in the district final, and they're cor-

rect," Cicerone said. "So they sat back and said 'they're going to have to beat us from out there.' I didn't like that we weren't patient."

"We thought we were those spectacular shooters we were the other night and they didn't give us many offensive rebounds," she said. "They did a nice job of giving us one-shot-and-you're-out. We struggled, missing some easy shots. But they played some pretty good defense and put some pressure on us."

Marian and Lakeview, MAC Blue Division runner-up to Anchor Bay, went back-and-forth in the first half which featured seven lead changes. The Mustangs were up 11-10 after one quarter but the Huskies got their offense rolling in the second with a trey and a number of easy back-door layups to go on a 9-0 run en route to a 19-13 lead.

Marian countered by scoring eight of the next 10 points, including a pair of three-point baskets late in the quarter by junior guard Hannah Redoute, to tie the game at 21-all by halftime.

— Marty Budner

DIVISION 2 HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

Stevenson bounces Trenton, 2-1, in quarters

Mike Rosenbaum
Correspondent

The script was familiar, but the show was no less exciting for Livonia Stevenson Tuesday night, as the Spartans beat Trenton 2-1 in a Division 2 quarterfinal hockey contest, played at Ann Arbor's Yost Ice Arena.

This was the fourth consecutive year that the schools met in state tournament action – the previous three games were regional finals – and Stevenson prevailed for the third time.

"Trenton-Stevenson is such a good rivalry, they're always tight-checking, one- or two-goal games," said Stevenson coach Dave Mitchell. "We have so much respect for that program. They're always going to be battles."

Trenton, ranked sixth in the state in Division 2, finished the season 17-10-2. Second-ranked Stevenson improved to 19-7-1. The Spartans have defeated three consecutive top-10 teams in state tournament play, beginning with a 6-1 victory over No. 7 Livonia Churchill on March 2 and followed by a 2-1 triumph over eighth-ranked Salem in the regional final last Friday.

Stevenson carried the play for most of Tuesday's game, as its aggressive fore-checking style forced numerous turnovers and led to plenty of solid scoring chances. Nevertheless, the contest was knotted at 1-1 after two periods.

But Stevenson senior Shane Leonard said there was no panic or frustration in the Spartans' locker room.

"We had to keep doing what we were doing," Leonard explained. "We had good pressure down low. We were getting pucks to the net. We just had to finish our chances."

Early in the third period, Leonard's forechecking helped create the kind of opportunity he was looking for.

Operating in Trenton's zone, Leonard got "a little stick



BILL BRESLER
Nick Beers carries the puck into the offensive zone during last week's win against Salem.

check" on a Trenton puck carrier, and Stevenson captain Ben Kowalske – the lone Spartan remaining from the school's 2013 state championship squad – took possession. He got the puck to Joe Alcantara at the top of the left circle, and the senior snapped a shot on net. Trenton goalie Joe Sant'Angelo made the stop, but the puck rebounded to Leonard, who knocked it between the goalie's pads from point-blank range, for what proved to be the game-winning goal.

With 13:35 remaining after Leonard's goal, however, the Spartans refused to sit on the lead. Instead, their forwards continued to forecheck aggressively, while the Stevenson defensemen kept pinching in from the points and joining the offense.

"We had to keep going, we had to keep moving," Mitchell said. "We know Trenton, with their firepower – we wanted to try to get the next one."

The Spartans didn't get another one – although Nick Beers rang a shot off the inside of the right goalpost with 5:30 remaining – but their offense proved to be the best defense, as they kept the Trojans away from goalie Cullen Barber for most of the period.

Stevenson's puck control even prevented Trenton from pulling Sant'Angelo for an extra man until 55 seconds remained. The Trojans did manage a final, desperate push in the closing seconds, leading to a goalmouth scramble, but with several Spartans down on the ice in front of the crease to help protect Barber, the final buzzer sounded.

"It's a great feeling," Mitchell said. "Hats off to Trenton – such a quality, quality hockey team and such a well-coached team. Anytime you beat a team like Trenton it's nice and we're happy to be going back to the Final Four."

Leonard opened the scoring

for Stevenson with a power play goal 9:33 into the first period, also on a rebound. Beers got the puck to the net, where Leonard "saw the puck, kind of jabbed at it and saw it go in the net."

In the second period the Trojans, who lost to the Spartans 3-0 in January, finally managed to dent the scoreboard. Late in a Trenton power play, Grant McClellan had the puck along the right-wing boards and simply threw it on net, where it sailed through a screen and beat Barber to tie the game, with 3:36 remaining in the period.

Stevenson, which reached last year's Division 2 final before losing to Brother Rice, will play KLAA rival Hartland in this season's semifinal, at Plymouth's USA Hockey Arena at 5 p.m. Thursday.

"We had some unfinished business last year," said Leonard, of the Spartans' 2015 runner-up finish, "so we're looking to take care of it."

ATIENZA

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47-0 Owen Donovan in the final. However, Donovan got upset, 7-6, by Matthew Heaps before Caldwell nipped Heap, 4-3, in the semis.

"I knew I had to go after (Caldwell), I went on the attack," Atienza said. "I went at a different pace than I normally do; I knew I couldn't sit back and wait."

Atienza had to wait until close to 9 p.m. Saturday to wrestle his championship match as the finals started at 152 pounds.

"It was kind of tiring having to wait; I just wanted to get out there and wrestle," he said. "My brother (Jordan) knows the college nutrition rules, so he was telling me what to eat."

Jordan Atienza was an individual state champion at Franklin his senior year before moving on to wrestle for Central Michigan University.

Atienza, who finished runner-up at 140 pounds his sophomore season after placing eighth at the state tournament his freshman year, became the first three time all-state wrestler in Franklin history.

"Nathan has been pretty dominant all year, but we didn't expect three pins," said Franklin head coach Dave Chiola. "He finished second last year; coming all the way back to finish the job really shows a lot of determination. So many things can happen: a fluke loss, a tough opponent, an injury."

"His brother did the same thing (finishing second and then winning the next year), so resiliency must be in their blood. He really came back this year knowing he had to get better on his feet, and he almost tripled his take-down total. He also added a few new pinning combinations. He's very laid back off the mat, but all business once the whistle blows."

Since his monumental triumph, Atienza has been showered with a wave of congratulatory tweets and well-wishes from his friends.

"My Twitter account was blowing up," he said. "And people were stopping me in the hallway at school (on Monday) to say 'great job' and stuff like that. It feels good to have all the support I do."

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Franklin's Nathan Atienza's arm is raised for the 58th time this season following Saturday's 145-pound final match.

CLASS B DISTRICT BASKETBALL

Reppen's late heroics lift Ladywood to title

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

In a heart-pounding finish that exemplified the meaning of "March Madness", Livonia Ladywood scored five points in the final 15 seconds of Friday's Class B district championship game to pull out a 52-50 victory over Detroit Henry Ford.

The triumph earned the Blazers a spot in Tuesday's Class B regional semifinal game against Detroit Mumford at Ladywood.

Trailing 50-47 with 26 seconds to play against Henry Ford, Ladywood worked the ball around for several seconds until Ally Audia secured a pass from Erika Selakowski and drained a clutch corner three-point shot with a defender's hand flying toward her face, dead-locking the score at 50-all.

The Blazers' trapping, full-court press then forced an errant pass, which was in-

tercepted by Kate Roney, who dished a pass to Abbey Reppen, who delivered a return pass to Roney.

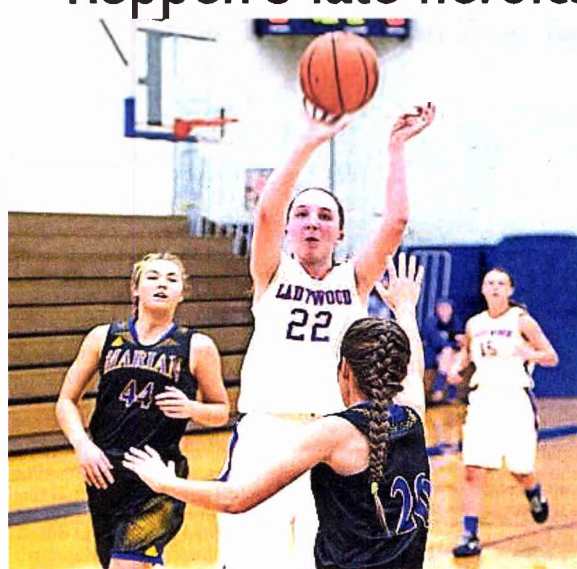
Roney's three was off the mark, but Reppen corralled the rebound near the free-throw line. She took one dribble before delivering the game-winning shot.

Reppen's shot erased what had been at one point an 11-point Henry Ford lead.

Audia and Selakowski turned in monumental performances for the Blazers. Audia finished with 17 points and 10 rebounds, while Selakowski contributed 16 points, 20 boards and four steals.

Also playing well for the winners were Maggie Shirk (10 points and three assists), Monica Rzepka (four points, four rebounds and two assists) and Reppen, whose stat line was highlighted by four points, three rebounds and one assist.

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Ladywood's Abbey Reppen, pictured during a game earlier this season, scored the game-winner in Friday's victory over Detroit Henry Ford.

CLASS A DISTRICT HOOPS

Under-manned Franklin sidelined by Crestwood

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Livonia Franklin's game plan was to slow down Dearborn Heights Crestwood during Monday night's Class A district boys basketball opener at Franklin.

However, the Patriots found out quickly that there's only so much you can do to stop a bunch of thoroughbreds from galloping.

Despite Franklin's best efforts to control the tempo, the Chargers sprinted to an early 18-7 lead before cruising to a 69-47 victory. Crestwood earned a berth in Wednesday's 7 p.m. semifinal contest against Livonia Churchill while the Patriots' season ended with a 2-18 record.

"Our goal tonight was to slow it down and limit their number of possessions, but we had too many early defensive break-downs," said Franklin head coach Jeremy Rheault. "You can't slow down the pace when you don't defend."

"Crestwood had far too much depth for us. Just looking at their stats coming in, we knew they were a talented team. They're a highly-skilled, high-scoring group."

As usual, the Patriots received a gritty, heart-felt ef-

fort from their group of seniors.

"I'm proud of the way our seniors battled through a lot of adversity the past two seasons," said Rheault. "Hopefully our young guys learned from some of the adversity this year."

One reason for optimism for the Franklin program is sophomore Mark Mettie, who led the Patriots with 11 points, seven rebounds and three blocked shots.

Final-year players Joe Chinavare (eight points), Jackie Hughes (seven points) and Bobby Mandrink (six points) all capped their high school careers with solid games.

Led by Charles Demings' 13 points, the Chargers had 13 players enter the scoring ledger. Malik Rogers added six points and eight rebounds for the winners.

Free-throw shooting proved to be a nemesis again for Franklin, which connected on just nine of 17 15-foot freebies.

The Patriots made 17 of 51 field-goal attempts, including two of 11 three-point shots.

After canning four of their first five triple tries, the Chargers did most of their late-game damage in the paint.

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Franklin's Jackie Hughes drives to the basket Monday night against Crestwood.

TOM BEAUDOIN

CLASS A DISTRICT BASKETBALL

Thurston rescued by senior dynamic duo

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

As the Redford Thurston boys basketball team's season teetered on the brink of elimination Monday night, the Eagles' dynamic duo came to the rescue — and not a minute too soon.

After Livonia Stevenson's Ian Knoph knocked down a floating 10-foot jumper from the baseline, Thurston trailed the Spartans, 58-51, with four minutes to play in a Class A district opener at Livonia Franklin.

That's when senior season-savers Brandon Marshall and D'eauntae Jackson went to work, combining to score 10 of the Eagles' final 12 points in Thurston's 69-64 victory.

Stymied by three missed free throws in the final two minutes, the Spartans trailed 67-64 with the ball and 10 seconds left, but an errant pass was scooped up by Thurston's Treven Gary, who was fouled while driving for a lay-up with one-tenth of a tick left on the clock.

Gary drained both free throws to cement the Eagles' five-point win.

Marshall, Thurston's hard-to-guard 5-foot-8 point guard, shrugged off a sluggish 1-for-5 first-quarter shooting slump to finish with a team-high 21 points.

After facing limited playing time in the first half due to two fouls, Jackson was a second-half beast for the Eagles, finishing with 17 points and seven rebounds.

"Brandon and D'eauntae willed us to win, just like they've been doing all season," said Thurston head coach Brian Bates. "The other kids on the team look up to them because they work so hard, play defense and rebound."

The entertaining game featured two teams who thrive at playing the same NASCAR-speedy pace.

"We like to do the same thing they do — play transition basketball," said Marshall. "We played team basketball at the end of the game; that's what it came down to."

Stevenson played with much more explosiveness than the team Jackson faced during a December match-up at Thurston.



Thurston's Brandon Marshall fires up a shot while being defended by Stevenson's Gino D'Agostino.

TOM BEAUDOIN



Stevenson's Kyle Malkowski puts up a shot against Thurston's D'eauntae Jackson.

TOM BEAUDOIN

"They didn't come out like this when we played them the first time," Jackson said. "We knew they were a good team. Our guards did a good job of finding the gaps on the drives, which opened things up for the big men."

Stevenson was powered by senior Kyle Malkowski, who scored 24 points (on 11-for-17 shooting) and grabbed eight rebounds.

Junior guards Ian Knoph (13 points) and Nader Kandalaft (12 points and nine rebounds), and sophomore guard Devin Dunn (12 points) also provided offensive punch for the Spartans, who season finished with a 10-11 record.

The Spartans received a blow when Kandalaft was sidelined for the entire fourth quarter after suffering a leg injury.

"I thought Kyle played really well tonight," observed Stevenson head coach Kareem Smartt. "We went inside more tonight than we usually do instead of taking threes, and we got some good looks."

"We were excited to play Thurston tonight. We knew they played like us, and I thought it would be a good game. Thurston's tough because they play hard right to the end."

Stevenson never trailed once during the game's first 30 minutes, running stride-for-stride with the Eagles at a break-neck pace.

The Spartans led 61-55 with 2:50 to play after an inside finish by Malkowski.

However the Eagles stormed back with an 8-0 surge on two buckets from Jackson and one each from Gary and Marshall to seize a 63-61 lead with 75 seconds to go.

After Stevenson's Gino D'Agostino split a

pair of free throws with 55.9 seconds left, Thurston led 63-62, but Jackson countered with a power drive to the rim to give the Eagles a 65-62 advantage.

Knoph filled the net with a put-back to bring the Spartans to within 65-64, but Marshall answered with a driving lay-up to extend his team's lead to 67-64.

Following a time-out with 11 seconds on the clock, Stevenson tried to free Knoph for a game-tying three, but the Eagles' defense stuck like velcro until Gary's game-clinching steal and free throws.

While Marshall and Jackson played huge for the winners, they didn't do it alone.

Senior guard Justin Cole scored added points and grabbed four offensive rebounds while junior forward Malik Hill netted six points and three rebounds in a reserve role.

While Gary scored a modest four points, his defense was a game-changer, Bates emphasized.

"We put Treven on Ian (Knoph) at the end and he did a great job of denying a shot," said Bates. "Malik played really well, too."

Hill's energized effort was highlighted by a second-quarter sequence when he followed up his own missed three-point shot by snatching the rebound and banking in a put-back.

Thurston made 27 of 63 field-goal attempts and 10 of 18 free throws. Stevenson shot a sizzling 29-for-56 from the field, but made just four of 10 free throws.

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off to a good start, and we like to play in the open court, and we were able to do both of those things tonight," said Lathrup head coach Michelle Marshall.

While the Bello twins didn't dominate on the stat sheet (Taiye was the winners' third-leading scorer with 13 points), they were a force in the defensive paint, making Churchill avoid the lane or alter shots on numerous occasions.

And even when the Chargers defended Taiye Bello with velcro like defense, she still managed to score, like on the reverse lay-up she banked in with two Chargers glued to her at the 2:39 mark of the third quarter.

"They look alike, but they don't play alike," Marshall said of the Bello twins. "Taiye is more of a scorer and Kehinde is better rebounder and defender."

In a pick-your-poison scenario, when Churchill did close down the lane with a sagging zone defense, back-court stars Antoinette Miller (21 points) and Deja Church (20 points) made them pay with dead-on perimeter daggers.

Lathrup's trapping defense was suffocating as it picked off a high percentage of passes by filling lanes that appeared for a brief instant to be open.

Many of the steals led to transition points, especially during the first half run.

Once the Churchill players got their bearings and settled down, they proved they could play with Lathrup, at least during spurts.

For instance, during the final four minutes of the second quarter, with Lathrup's starters still on the court, Churchill outscored their more-athletic foes 10-6, but still trailed 36-17 at the break.

Igniting the impressive run were freshman Maria Targosz, who drained a long three-point shot and a pair of free throws, and Kennedy Carrier, who contributed an old-fashioned three-point play.

The closest Churchill got to Lathrup in the second half was 40-25 with 4:50 to go in the third quarter after junior Collen McGowan netted back-to-back lay-ups, the second coming after she stole the ball from a Charger near mid-court.

But just when it looked like Churchill had a shot at reducing its deficit to single digits, Lathrup strung together a 15-4 run to regain its wide advantage.

Although Churchill didn't have a player reach the double-digit points plateau, it received solid outputs from several players, including senior Gabby Carter (seven points), McGowan (six points), Carrier (five points) and Targosz (five points).

Churchill's memorable, district-championship season ended with a 10-14 record. Lathrup improved to 21-3 heading into Thursday's regional final against Detroit King, which sidelined Dearborn in the night's second game at Fordson.

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MHSAA BOWLING FINALS

Glenn's Huren runner-up at D1 state meet

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Westland John Glenn senior Julia Huren was the state runner-up in the Division 1 girls individual bowling state tournament Saturday.

Huren lost to Davison junior Taylor Davis in the championship match at Sterling Lanes in Sterling Heights, 479-410.

Huren, who was first in the morning qualifying round with

1,336 pins, began the playoffs with a 445-366 win over Rockford junior Leah Murray.

She defeated Caledonia sophomore Macailin Rodriguez in a quarterfinal match, 463-386.

Huren advanced to the final round with a 430-361 win over St. Clair Shores freshman Stephanie Schalk, 430-361.

Farmington-Harrison junior Candyce Bradley was second in qualifying with 1,314 pins and went as far as the semi-

finals.

Bradley also lost to Davis, who helped Davison win the team championship Friday, 392-358.

Bradley defeated John Glenn senior Emily Dietz in the first round of the playoffs, 465-394, and she won her quarterfinal match over Brighton sophomore Natalie Klein, 397-347.

Davis was the No. 3 qualifier with a 1,277 score; Farmington-Harrison senior Katie

Worden was fourth with 1,229 pins, and Dietz was tied for 14th with 1,168.

Canton junior Meghan Macunovich, who was a state finalist last year, was 17th in qualifying and missed being in the playoffs by one place. She finished one pin behind Murray, who shot 1,162.

Huren lost to Davis in last year's tournament, too, by just four pins in the quarterfinal round, 382-378.

MHSAA DISTRICT BASKETBALL

Warriors wear down Greenhills

Detroit CMA knocks out Trojans

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

It was "21" the hard way for Lutheran Westland's boys basketball team Monday night.

Playing in the opening round of the Class C district tournament at Whitmore Lake, the Warriors survived a strong test from Ann Arbor Greenhills to win, 77-62, and improve to 21-0.

Lutheran Westland led 21-18 after one quarter and 35-33 at the half before outscoring the Gryphons 42-29 over the final 16 minutes.

"They gave us a battle all night, especially in the first half," said Warriors head coach Jim Hoeft. "We were a little sloppy in terms of ball protection in the first half, and our team defense wasn't where I wanted to be."

"We switched to a zone on defense, and we were able to limit their access to the run. I think we wore them out physically and mentally late in the game. We did what we needed to do — survive and advance."

The Warriors' balanced attack was led by Zach Burk, who posted 24 points and nine rebounds.

Senior guard Brent Croft contributed 21 points and four assists while Luke Smith filled up the stat sheet with 16 points, 10 rebounds, four blocked shots and two steals.

Jordan Williams and Kory

Barikmo scored six points each. Barikmo added 11 assists and seven rebounds.

Ramandeep Sahota led Greenhills with 20 points. Ola-dele Gaba also played well, scoring 17.

The Warriors advanced to Wednesday's 5:30 p.m. game against Canton Prep, which drew a first-round bye.

Trojans toppled

Clarenceville's season ended Monday with a 53-46 loss to Detroit Communication and Media Arts in the first round of the Class B boys district tournament at Clarenceville.

The Trojans played extremely hard in what was without a doubt the most physical game of the year, according to Clarenceville coach Tony Paciero.

The Trojans started slowly and went into halftime down 11. They made a furious comeback in the second half by upping their defensive pressure.

Led by Henrie Che, Quentin Banks and Ty Lakner, Clarenceville's defense brought the Trojans from down 18 to within six points with three minutes to go.

CMA made free throws down the stretch and to come out on top. Senior Mitch Kubiak led the Trojans with 21 points in his final game.

— Dan O'Meara



Lutheran Westland's Jordan Williams, pictured during a game earlier this season, scored six points in the Warriors' victory over Greenhills.

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ON TO NATIONALS

Ocelots get hot in nick of time

Late rally enables Schoolcraft men cagers to win District 10 title

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

After a torrid rally to erase a large first-half deficit and reach overtime Saturday, Schoolcraft College's men's basketball team closed out a stunning comeback to nip Macomb Community College 89-85 in the NJCAA District 10 championship game.

There were many heroes for the Ocelots, including sophomore forward and Canton alum Davon Taylor (19 points) and sophomore guard Dre Black, the Westland John Glenn product who registered 16 points — 10 from the free-throw line — as Schoolcraft (22-10) advanced to the national tourney for the second consecutive season.

"Our sophomores absolutely refused to lose and played their hearts out in the second half," Schoolcraft head coach Abe Mashhour said. "Fortunately, we were able to pull it out in the extra period."

Also stellar were sophomore guards Ja'Christian Biles (20 points) and Tyler Johnson (11 points).

Taylor and center R.J. Coil shared Schoolcraft rebounding honors with Black grabbing six boards.

Malcolm Cohen and Antonio Capaldi scored 21 and 20 points, respectively, for Macomb (18-13).

Schoolcraft fell behind by 18 points in the first half, trailing 43-27 at halftime. Mashhour said it had more to do with how well Macomb played early on.

"Although we were in a hole at the end of the half, I was not too disappointed with our defensive effort," Mashhour noted. "Offensively we were stagnant and that was a big issue. Consequently, we did not score but eight field goals in the first half and had a season low three assists."

"We have to give great credit to Macomb who did a fantastic job of guarding on defense and executing on offense; they were terrific."

But the Ocelots proved relentless, and in the second half knocked down 17 of 26 field-goal attempts (65.4 percent) including seven of 12 from behind the three-point arc. Regulation ended 74-74 and Schoolcraft carried the momentum into the extra session to close out the victory.

Now, Schoolcraft moves on to Danville, Ill., where the squad will compete beginning Monday in the NJCAA Division II tournament.

Mashhour followed up his earlier honors as Michigan Community College Athletic Association Coach of the Year by being named NJCAA District 10's top coach.

Women end season

Schoolcraft's women's basketball team ended another successful season with a disappointing 59-58 loss last Thursday to Macomb in the NJCAA District H tournament semifinals at Delta College.

A buzzer beater kept the Lady Ocelots from going for the district championship. They finished with a 26-5 record.

T'era Nesbitt and Wayne Memorial product Ashley Bland were top offensive performers for Schoolcraft, with 22 and 11 points, respectively.

Rikki Scherdt, named to the all-district team, was a catalyst with 16 rebounds (12 on the defensive end).

On March 2 at Schoolcraft, the Lady Ocelots trounced Mott 69-39. Bland (17 points), Nesbitt (16 points) and Jade Smith (14 points) keyed the Lady Ocelots' attack.

MHSAA GYMNASTICS REGIONAL

Canton repeats, Blue advances to state meet

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Another year, another regional title for Canton's varsity girls gymnastics team.

But Chiefs' veteran coach John Cunningham tipped his cap to the other strong squads competing in MHSAA Region 3 Saturday at Plymouth High School — including the other teams who will make the trip to Rockford next weekend, runner-up Plymouth and third-place Livonia Blue.

"It was a tough region," Cunningham said. "We actually had five teams coming in that had scored above 140. We were really disappointed for Livonia Red, because they had a 138.9, they would have had an opportunity to go."

"But I tell you what, Plymouth had a great meet, Canton had a great meet and Livonia Blue looked really good. So we're going to take probably the best three teams together up to Rockford."

Canton's outstanding depth, epitomized by having four of six in Division 1 all-around qualify for the state finals, led the way with 146.425.

In second with a 143.175 tally was Plymouth, followed by Livonia Blue (third, 141.575), Livonia Red (fourth, 138.825) and Northville (fifth, 137.450).

"That's one of the keys (depth)," Cunningham stressed. "A lot of teams live on one really, really good girl or two really, really girls."

"The problem other teams have with us is 'Oh, that girl fell on beam.' Yeah, but we still got three more girls to go. And that has happened."

Canton only had one individual regional champion all day, Kelsea Kernosek in D1 vault with a 9.5. But the Chiefs boasted a wealth of performers finishing in the top eight per event (good enough to qualify for the state finals).

Going for it

Plymouth head coach Pam Yockey said her team really got after it in practices leading up to the regional, knowing full well how tough it was going to be to advance.

"It was close, because we didn't know we could do it," Yockey said. "But today everybody just pulled it together. It was tough and go, because we had quite a few 140 teams in this area that you normally hit 140. We knew we were neck and neck with everybody."

"The kids just decided they were going to do it this week, practiced, very, very hard. I mean, they were really, really intense this week. And it really paid off."

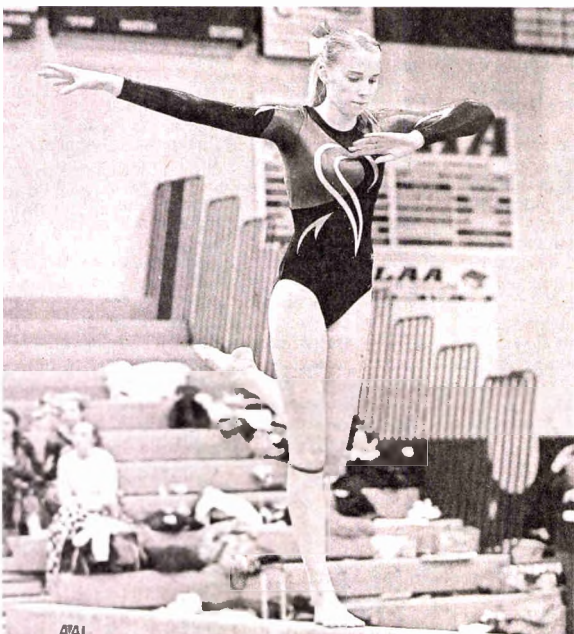
Spearheading the Wildcats was senior Haley Metz, who in D1 captured the top spot on bars (9.450), balance beam (9.375) and all-around (36.975).

"Just a very strong performance, with good consistency,"



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Livonia Red's Mikaela Hille is pictured performing on the balance beam during Saturday's Division 1 regional.



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Livonia Blue's Lindsey Dilworth is pictured competing on the balance beam during Saturday's Division 1 regional.

Yockey said. "She (Metz) was really just right on today. It was wonderful to see."

Livonia Blue head coach Lisa Broomfield, likewise, pointed to her team's work ethic during recent practices as one of the reasons it will compete at the finals.

"They came out, hit their 141 mark, which they needed to get there," Broomfield said. "I can't

be more proud of them."

"It's a very tough region. Knowing we had to come in strong and ready to hit our events, practice leading to this we worked really hard on hitting our routines. ... And a lot of these teams we see in our league as well, so we know what we're up against before we get here."

Brianna Rhoad and Jessica

Weak were outstanding for Livonia Blue, taking places 1-2 in Division 2 all-around results with tallies of 36.525 and 35.950, respectively.

Rhoad won on beam (9.250), floor exercise (9.675) and all-around (36.525); Weak was the top performer on bars (9.175).

"I had 1-2 in all-around in Division 2, my top girl (Rhoad) came out strong and took first on a couple events," she added. "For her senior year, it's great to come out strong like that."

Challenge ahead

Another outstanding performer was Salem sophomore Jordyn Williams, first in D1 on floor with a 9.850 — tying a school record.

For as good a day as Canton had, Cunningham said his team will need to match it to have any chance against Rockford in the state finals March 11.

"Rockford is a super team this year," Cunningham said. "But they've been scoring around 146, which coincidentally is what we had."

"I think the only way we're going to win is if they have a bad meet."

Individual state finals will be held on March 12.

MHSAA GYMNASTICS REGION 3 March 5 at Plymouth H.S.

TEAM RESULTS (top three qualify for state finals): 1. Canton, 146.425; 2. Plymouth, 143.175; 3. Livonia Blue, 141.575; 4. Livonia Red, 138.825; 5. Northville, 137.450; 6. Saline, 137.025; 7. Salem, 136.450; 8. Tecumseh, 135.650; 9. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 31.950.

DIVISION 1

Vault (top eight qualify for state finals): 1. Kelsea Kernosek (C), 9.5; 2. Katie Dickson (C), 9.350; 3. Erin McCallum (N), 9.2; 4. Jana Hilditch (C), 9.1; 5. (tie) Samantha Fontana (P), 9.050; Jordyn Williams (Salem), 9.050; 7. (tie) Stephanie Cox (C), 8.9; Julia Hattley (LR), 8.9; 9. Haley Metz (P), 8.8; 10. (tie) Rebecca Simu (P), 8.650; Ava Eliola (P), 8.650.

Uneven parallel bars (top eight qualify): 1. Metz (P), 9.450; 2. Hilditch (C), 9.0; 3. Dickson (C), 8.850; 4. Lewis (N), 8.675; 5. Cox (C), 8.6; 6. (tie) Eliola (P), 8.5; McCallum (N), 8.5; Kernosek (C), 8.475; 9. Hosmer (P), 8.250; 10. Hattley (LR), 8.025.

Balance beam (top eight qualify): 1. Metz (P), 9.375; 2. Cox (C), 9.325; 3. Dickson (C), 9.250; 4. (tie) McCallum (N), 9.2; Kernosek (C), 9.2; 6. Eliola (P), 8.950; 7. Simu (P), 8.925; 8. Hilditch (C), 8.650; 9. Willson (N), 8.575; 10. Hattley (LR), 8.4.

Floor exercise (top eight qualify): 1. Williams (Salem), 9.850; 2. Simu (P), 9.5; 3. Hilditch (C), 9.475; 4. Metz (P), 9.350; 5. Cox (C), 9.250; 6. Kernosek (C), 9.175; 7. Hattley (LR), 9.075; 8. Dickson (C), 9.050; 9. Wagner (Saline), 8.9; 10. Willson (N), 8.825.

All-around (top six qualify): 1. Metz (P), 36.975; 2. Dickson (C), 36.3; 3. Kernosek (C), 36.350; 4. Hilditch (C), 36.225; 5. Cox (C), 36.075; 6. McCallum (N), 35.650; 7. Eliola (P), 34.675; 8. Williams (Salem), 34.525; 9. Hattley (LR), 34.4; 10. Simu (P), 34.225.

DIVISION 2

Vault (top eight qualify for state finals): 1. Mikaela Hille (LR), 9.2; 2. Brianna Rhoad (LR), 9.175; 3. (tie) Jessica Weak (LR), 9.150; Emily Welch (P), 9.150; Mackenzie Borman (LR), 9.150; 5. Marissa McVey (LR), 9.125; 7. (tie) Katherine Najduk (C), 9.1; Hailey Hodgson (C), 9.1; Megan Waters (LR), 9.1; 10. Claire Chapski (LR), 9.050.

Uneven parallel bars (top eight qualify): 1. Weak (LR), 9.175; 2. Claire Amstutz (Saline), 8.850; 3. (tie) Emily Welch (P), 8.675; Lisa Heider (Saline), 8.675; 5. Emily Chatterjee (LR), 8.450; 6. Rhoad (LR), 8.425; 7. Cloe Longeway (Salem), 8.325; 8. McVey (LR), 8.3; 9. Kelsey Bogrow (T), 8.3; 10. (tie) Hille (LR), 8.175; Olivia Rykarsky (LR), 8.175.

Balance beam (top eight qualify): 1. Rhoad (LR), 9.250; 2. Rachel Socha (C), 9.2; 3. Hodgson (C), 9.150; 4. (tie) Riley Fisher (Salem), 8.850; Sarah Friedrichsen (Saline), 8.850; 6. Weak (LR), 8.775; 7. Longeway (Salem), 8.750; 8. (tie) Chatterjee (LR), 8.575; Heider (Saline), 8.575; 10. Borman (LR), 8.550.

Floor exercise (top eight qualify): 1. Rhoad (LR), 9.675; 2. Hodgson (C), 9.575; 3. (tie) Morgan Cadmus (T), 9.225; McVey (LR), 9.225; 5. Chatterjee (LR), 9.175; 6. (tie) Carlee Swan (T), 9.075; Katie Tapia (Saline), 9.075; 8. Alaina Carr (T), 9.050; 9. Victoria Silvester (P), 9.025; 10. Brianna Price (T), 9.0.

All-around (top six qualify): 1. Rhoad (LR), 36.525; 2. Weak (LR), 35.950; 3. Hodgson (C), 35.725; 4. McVey (LR), 34.725; 5. Socha (C), 34.675; 6. Welch (P), 34.525; 7. Fisher (Salem), 34.500; 8. Heider (Saline), 34.250; 9. Longeway (Salem), 33.950; 10. Amstutz (Saline), 33.900.

KLAA ALL-CONFERENCE HOOPS

Several local players earn post-season accolades

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Led by a pair of players from Wayne Memorial's resurgent program, several area athletes were recently named to the 2015-16 All-KLAA girls basketball teams.

Joining first-year Zebras Camree' Clegg and Amara Chikwe on the talented first-team roster are Anne Yost, a junior center from Livonia Churchill; Lexi Bryant, a junior guard from Livonia Franklin; Grace Lamerson, a junior guard from Livonia Stevenson; and Nadia Reed, a senior guard from Westland John Glenn.

A number of Livonia, John Glenn and Wayne players also earned KLAA honorable-mention laurels, including Alivia Kondrath, a senior guard from Churchill; Brooke Garbarino, a junior guard from Franklin; Diane Senkowski, a junior guard from Stevenson; Jeanae Terry, a freshman guard from Wayne; and Taylor Robinson, a senior center from John Glenn.

Yost was a scoring and rebounding machine for the Chargers, averaging 11.8 points per game and 10.4 rebounds. The agile 6-footer shot 56 percent from the floor and blocked an average of one shot per game.

"Anne is a class-act kid and a captain for our team," added Churchill first-year head coach K'Len Morris. "She comes to practice early every day to work on her game and the work shows come game time."

"Even with all the double- and triple-teams she has seen this year, she posted a season-high 22 points and 19 rebounds. Not only has Anne been a leader on the floor, she has been a leader in the classroom as well, carrying a 4.2 GPA. We are excited to have Anne be a part of our program for one more year."

Bryant served as a point guard for the Patriots this winter. A multi-talented threat, she also could play down low at both ends of the court, while bringing an A-plus attitude to the court.



Wayne's Camree' Clegg earned all-conference honors this winter.

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"Lexi has earned the all-conference honor not on her stats, but on her drive to be a leader and a player who is a big part of the team," said Franklin head coach Jim Milican. "Lexi has had some challenges this year with health. She continued to be part of the team by coming to games and practice and not being able to participate."

"Lexi finished this year strong, improving in every game. Lexi is a coach's player; she is willing to learn, listen and wants to continue to im-

prove with every practice and game."

Lamerson, a two-year varsity player, is a ball-hawking defender who spearheads the Spartans' pressure defense. Offensively, she is a stellar ball-handler and good finisher around the rim. A relentless competitor, she has started every game at point guard for the past two seasons.

"I would have loved to play Grace as the shooting guard this year, but she sacrificed stats to run both our offense and defense," noted Stevenson

head coach Tim Newman. "Grace has the ability to make everyone around her play at a higher level."

Clegg, a sophomore transfer from Detroit Country Day, had a remarkable season, averaging 23.8 points, 7.1 assists and 3.8 rebounds while making 46 percent from the field.

"Camree' has engineered Wayne Memorial from last place a year ago to second place in the KLAA South Division," said Wayne head coach Jarvis Mitchell. "On top of being a 4.0 student, Camree' also holds four Division 1 basketball scholarship offers (from St. Louis, Central Michigan, Eastern Michigan and Youngstown State)."

Chikwe, a junior transfer from Ann Arbor Huron, was a force in the paint, averaging 10.4 points, 13.7 rebounds, five blocked shots and 3.2 steals.

"Amara can guard any position from point guard to center," raved Mitchell. "She is accountable for over half of Wayne Memorial's rebounds, and she has changed many games by her defense."

"On top of carrying a 3.8 grade-point average, Amara holds Division 1 scholarship offers from Eastern Michigan, Youngstown State, Seton Hall, UTEP and Toledo."

Reed not only averaged seven points and eight rebounds a game for the Rockets, but she provided baseline-to-baseline hustle and energy.

"Nadia Reed has been the glue for our team this year," said John Glenn head coach Derrick Jordan. "Although her scoring and rebounds are listed, what she does for this team with her effort can't be measured. She is constantly asked to guard the best person on each team we play, she handles all of the responsibility of running our offense, she creates turnovers with her relentless efforts on defense, and she constantly motivates her teammates every day."

Honorable mention selections

Kondrath, a sharp-shooting senior guard, averaged 9.3

points per game. Her explosive scoring potential was on full display during last week's Class A district tournament game against Garden City when she scored 27 points, making seven three-point shots.

"Liv is a senior captain who has been moved around and played in numerous positions to help better the team," said Morris. "Even with the changes, she has been our second-leading scorer on the year, posting a season high of 27 points."

"Through her hard work, Liv has grown as a player and as a leader, and because of that she will have the opportunity to play at Adrian College next year."

Garbarino was among the Patriots' leading scorers and assist generators. She was also a threat to drain the three-point shot, making defenders respect the drive and jumper.

"Brooke is one of those players who gives it 100 percent on the court; her hustle is never-ending," said Milican. "Brooke is a team captain and has proven to be just that: a leader. Brooke's overall game has improved this year and we look forward to next year."

Fast and tireless, Senkowski was one of the most effective defenders in the KLAA for Stevenson. She turned a high percentage of her steals into offensive opportunities at the other end of the court.

Terry posted big numbers throughout her freshman season at Wayne, averaging 14.5 points, four rebounds, 3.6 assists and 4.8 steals.

"Jeanae is a tough kid who plays from her heart," said Mitchell. "Against Northville, which won the Central Division, she made eight threes in a one-point loss. She has also flourished on the defensive end, averaging close to five steals per game."

Robinson put up six points and nine rebounds per game.

"Taylor has been a blessing to our team this year," said Jordan. "She is definitely one of the most-athletic girls in our league."

USA HOCKEY

NTDP U17s lose to Cedar Rapids

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Big and bruising Cedar Rapids took advantage of a depleted U.S. NTDP Under-17 hockey team Saturday night, earning a 3-0 victory at USA Hockey Arena.

The Rough Riders, who are first in the United States Hockey League with a mark of 34-12-3, broke a scoreless tie early in the second period when Jack Ahcan tallied an unassisted goal.

Just over a minute later, at 2:25 of the frame, Matt Filipe also beat U17 goalie and Northville native Dylan St. Cyr to make it 2-0. Cedar Rapids scored again before the end of the period.

Then, with the home team already down to just 10 forwards for the back end of two weekend matchups against the Rough Riders, a 4-minute spearing penalty and game misconduct issued at the end of the middle stanza to Evan Barratt made the rest of the night a line-matching challenge for NTDP head coach Don Granato.

Yet, the U17s (17-25-7) came out in the third with plenty of jump, outshooting Cedar Rapids 12-2, but unable to solve goalie Ben Blacker (31 saves).

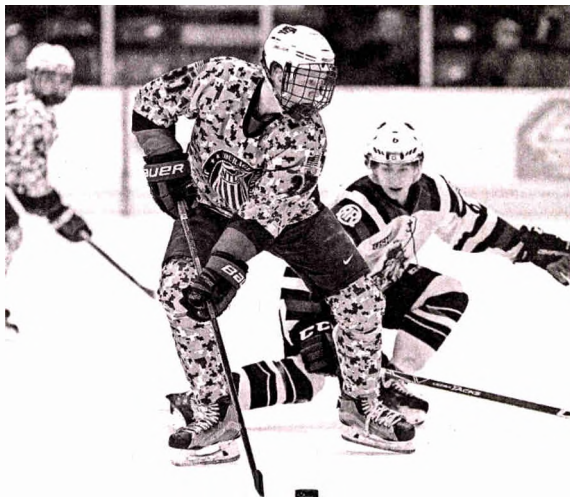
"Our most competitive period was the last one," Granato said. "In my opinion we were more aggressive in the third today, progressively we played more competitive."

Granato stressed that his players need to sharpen up their scoring touch, something that he is optimistic will happen with additional practice time.

"That bore itself out as we created chances and couldn't finish," Granato said. "We didn't look comfortable around the net and that's a byproduct of we need to shoot more pucks (in practice)."

"Get more reps of shooting, shooting and shooting because we don't have the confidence around the net to score."

According to Granato, a bright spot was the performance turned in by right wing Matt Miller, who was brought in for the Cedar Rapids games from Canton's Victory Honda



Brady Tkachuk (front) of the U.S. NTDP Under-17 team looks to dish a pass Saturday night, while Cedar Rapids' Taylor Brierley attempts to deny the opportunity.

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team.

"We were down to nine forwards and Matty Miller filled in for us today, a local kid," Granato said. "He did a great job the last two nights to help us out."

Miller, who also filled in for the U17s earlier this season and is committed to play NCAA Division I hockey at Michigan State University, said he thought he had some success over the weekend.

"The pace of the game is a lot faster (in the USHL) and the guys are much more skilled," Miller said. "You have to bring it every game, every shift. I did pretty good, worked when I had to."

He is hopeful that he will get into more games this season for the NTDP. "(Granato) said I could practice with them and he'll get in touch with me later on."

St. Cyr stopped 26 of 29 shots for Team USA.

Saying thanks

The contest marked the second of two Military Appreciation Weekend games between the rival teams, with Cedar Rapids also winning on Friday by a 4-2 score. Just over

1,200 fans came out to the arena each night.

For the games, the NTDP U17s wore camouflage jerseys and socks, which will be auctioned off to benefit Ann Arbor VA Healthcare Systems.

"It's more than a promotion, it's more of a gesture of thanks," Granato said. "Hopefully it was received that way. A big part of life for all of us is the sacrifice that other people make to keep this country what it is."

"We're a bit more sensitive to that because we travel to Europe, and we're pretty proud to wear our USA jersey. Hopefully, the military personnel that were in here enjoyed it."

With the MHSAA boys hockey semifinals and finals taking place this week at USA Hockey Arena, both NTDP will be on the road. The next home games are scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday, March 18 (U17s vs. Sioux Falls) and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 20 (U18s vs. Youngstown).

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GIRLS HOCKEY PLAYOFFS

Blazers' top line scorches Penguins

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Livonia Ladywood's top line of Katie Hayward, Sydney Malek and Cristina Rotondo put too much heat on the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins Tuesday night at Arctic Edge Arena.

Led by Hayward's three-goal performance, the Blazers defeated PCS 6-2 in a Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League Division 1 girls hockey quarterfinal.

"We've always worked pretty well together, we're just really coming together for states," said Hayward, who now has 17 goals. "It was just not to give up, always putting in the effort and always trying to put the puck in the net."

Although there was a flood of late goals, the game did not start as though it would be high scoring.

Yet Ladywood head coach Ron Predmesky's team, 16-6-1 overall and 13-1-1 in the league, finally were able to get a puck past PCS senior goalie Natalie Nowicki with 3:52 left in the opening stanza to go up 1-0.

Nowicki made a handful of stellar stops when the contest was scoreless, but Hayward dished a pass in front that Malek chipped high into the net.

The Penguins kept charging, having an edge in territorial play for a segment of the middle stanza thanks to three power plays.

Still, PCS could not find the range against Ladywood goalie Samantha Erickson and subsequently forward Brooke Spiegel hammered a centering pass by linemate Cecilia Werner behind Nowicki at 13:50 to take a 2-0 edge into the third.

Breathing room

In the blink of an eye, that lead doubled when Spiegel (from Werner and Jill Jacobs) and Hayward (unassisted) beat Nowicki by the time just 70 seconds had been played in the third.

"We spent a lot of time in their zone, we just couldn't get shots on net," Donnelly lamented. "After everything, they

were gassed. They put everything out that they had in the first and second and we came out real flat in the third, they were just tired. There was nothing we could do."

Then with 10:28 left, Hayward buried the rebound of a slapshot taken by Malek, with Victoria Pilut also earning a helper to pad the lead to 5-0.

"I don't think we skated well (in the first period), we didn't pass well, we didn't have our head up," Predmesky said. "We came out in the second period and played a little better and scoring the two goals early in the third period, they came together and played well."

Not her fault

With the score 6-1 and 7:13 to play, Donnelly pulled Nowicki and put in freshman goalie Savina Osann.

"We wanted the team to settle down, they were frazzled, they were all over the place," Donnelly said.

A few minutes later, however, Nowicki returned to play the final 3:39 of her high school hockey career. (The game also marked the end of prep careers for Brace and two other seniors, senior defensemen Gabrielle Godre and Reagan Liberator).

"We wanted her (Nowicki) to finish ... in the net, not on the bench," Donnelly said. "It wasn't her fault, this game. So she deserved to be out there for her last game."

The Penguins then capped the game's scoring just 19 seconds after Nowicki's return when sophomore defenseman Morgan Gagnon's slapshot from the right point got past a screened Erickson. Assisting was VandenBosch.

While the Blazers gear up for Thursday's D1 semifinal against Catholic League rival Farmington Hills Mercy, 8 p.m. at Arctic Edge, the relatively young Penguins will clear out their locker room one last time after a promising season.

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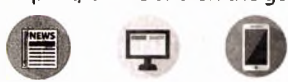
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Study the decision to go back to school

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When is it worthwhile for individuals looking for a job or seeking career advancement to go back for more schooling, and when does it not make sense to pursue higher education?

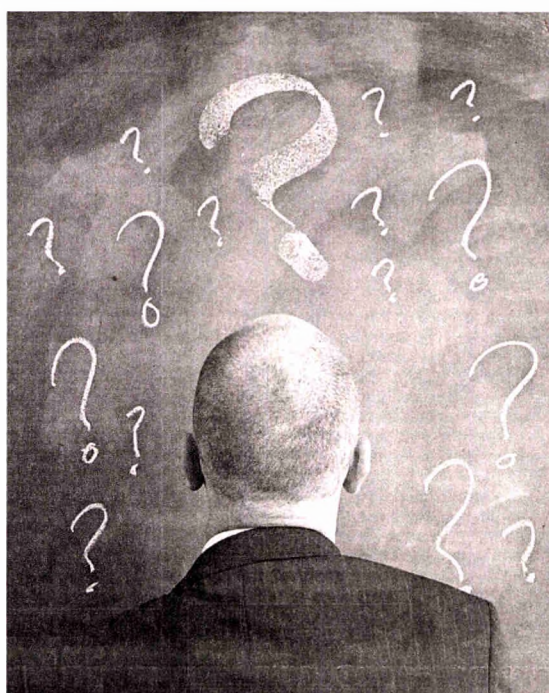
Going back to school is a big decision, so take some time to evaluate your options first.

"Certain situations, careers and jobs warrant additional education, but extensive research, self-reflection, financial evaluation and planning should come first," says Kaitlyn Riley, assistant director of the Starr Career Development Center at Baruch College of the City University of New York.

Ask yourself these questions if you're considering pursuing further education.

Are you making a career transition? "The top reason these days is to help facilitate a career transition for which an educational degree is required," says Steve Bohler, founder of the Oxford Program, a career guidance program. "Going back to school can improve your situation by redirecting the skills and experience you already have with new knowledge and a degree."

Joni Holderman, a professional résumé writer who



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founded Thrive! Resumes, echoes that advice. "The best time to go back to school is when it is directly related to a career goal, especially a major transition — (for example) an accountant who wants to become an RN will need additional education to achieve that."

What are others in your industry doing? "It makes

sense to go back to school if your industry is especially technologically fast-moving, because it's easy for a candidate to be ignored due to not knowing the correct software packages," says Joe Flanagan, a career adviser at VelvetJobs.

In some cases, however, returning to school may not be the most viable option. "It doesn't make sense to go back

to school if the job progression is transparent, linear and you see many of your other colleagues who are above you in the company hierarchy getting promoted without going to school," Flanagan says.

Is a degree essential to advance your career or earning potential?

"Your ability to advance in your career may depend on your educational level," says Cheryl E. Palmer, owner of Call to Career and a certified career coach. "You may be in IT, for example, but to move into senior-level management, an MBA may be the best route. That way, you can demonstrate to employers that you have the technical skills as well as leadership skills."

Sometimes, there's the additional financial incentive as well. "Generally speaking, more education usually equals more money," Palmer explains. "There are exceptions to this, of course, but this generally is the case. An additional degree or certification will usually give you more income because of the additional credentials."

Is your degree related to your long-term career goals?

"The worst time to go back to school is when you quit your job to pursue a degree that's not related to your career goals," Holderman says.

"There is significant prejudice in the recruiting world against candidates who are unemployed, and many employers see full-time school attendance by adults over 25 as unemployment, no matter how many degrees they earn."

The notion that you are earning a degree in an unrelated field often perpetuates the stigma that you are unfocused and unreliable, she says.

Do you have compelling internal motivation?

Carolyn Edwards, a career and life coach and graduate professor, explains that individuals should have a strong reason for going back to school before they make that level of financial and time investment.

"There are no guarantees that once you complete your training, degree or certification that you will make more money, get a promotion or successfully change jobs immediately or ever," she says. "Find a clear motivation that will provide joy, fulfillment or a sense of accomplishment that will meet an internal or personal goal."

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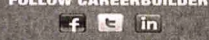
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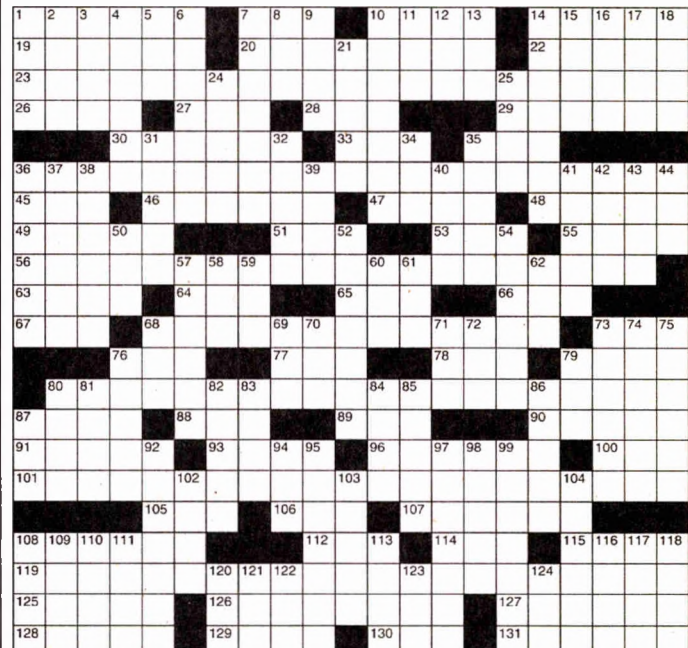
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56 Riddle, part 3
63 Within: Prefix
64 Weapon
65 Special span
66 Lang. of the U.S.A.
67 IRA options
68 Riddle, answer
73 "Mac — PC?"
76 Buddhist discipline
77 Letter after pi
78 Pass along, as an email: Abbr.
79 Male deer
80 Riddle, part 5
87 Minestrone, e.g.
88 Moo — pork
89 Pewter metal
90 Reformer Sinclair
91 Wide open, as a mouth
93 Wide-mouthed fish
96 Lassos
100 Co. name
101 End of the riddle
105 Imitate a wolf

106 "— haw!"
107 Morally base
108 Lipstick messes
112 "Evil Woman" gp.
114 Riddle-me—
115 Actress Rowlands
119 Riddle's answer
125 Lopez of pop music
126 More smart
127 Straight, as an arm or leg
128 Praise
129 Tng calculation
130 Gridiron pls.
131 When wages are given

10 Phrase on a thin coin
11 New Deal prez
12 Add: — (extras)
13 Wildlife park
14 Incarnations of deities
15 Jazz great Puente
16 Very dry
17 Advance, as money
18 Captains' journals
21 More fitting
24 "For want of —, the shoe was lost"
25 Hall of Mont's sign-off
31 Poker stakes
32 Feel likewise
34 Insect snare
35 Be part of, as a film
36 Montreal's province
37 Elevated region
38 Puts into law
39 Tobaccoless smoke
40 Silant Shankar
41 Like a child
42 Toad feature
43 Jason's ship
44 Reverse of NNW

50 Boxing ref's ruling
52 Be sure the job is done
54 Docket
57 Spoils
58 "— longa, vita brevis"
59 Big maker of SUVs
60 Mr. Capote, to pals
61 Tartan cap
62 Neither Rep. nor Dem.
68 "I'm talkin' to you!"
69 Munic. law
70 "Quiet down!"
71 Little newt
72 "So adorable!"
73 Ear malady
74 Kid-lit "pest"
75 Part of NSA
76 With 109-Down, one of five famed comedics
79 Big name in fuel additives
80 For takeover
81 Red Scare gp.
82 "Hot dog!"
83 Oahu feast
84 Savino of Hollywood

85 Monogram, e.g.: Abbr.
86 Japanese fish dish
87 Used a bench
92 Involve in conflict
94 Pig's place
95 Honey
97 Loving ones
98 Drowsy
99 Made sense
102 Part of 44-Down
103 Trojan beauty
104 Move past carefully
108 Place
109 See
110 Send forth
111 Latin "year"
113 "Think nothing —"
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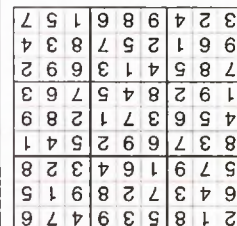


For assistance or suggestions on the Puzzle Corner, contact Steve McClellan at (517) 702/4247 or smcclellan@michigan.com. Want more puzzles? Check out the "Just Right Crossword Puzzles" books at QuillDriverBooks.com

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!

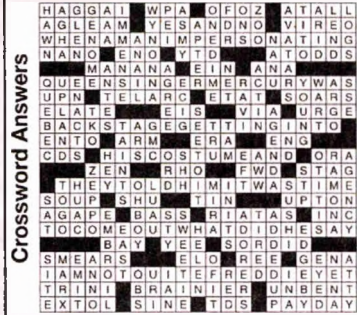


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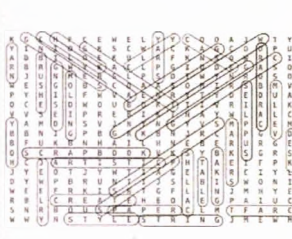
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Some 70 vendors were featured at the Canton Home Improvement Expo March 5-6 at the Summit on the Park.

JULIE BROWN

Canton Home Expo: Focus on local real estate, building, home upgrades

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Realtor Desiree Heck, with Century 21 Premier on Ford Road in Canton, was busy Saturday, March 5, at Canton's Home Improvement Expo.

"This is my first year doing it and I'm very excited," said Heck, who's been in her field since 2001. "People have been coming through nonstop. It's a great way to get to know your neighbors and network with other business professionals."

She works with husband Scott Heck, a mortgage loan officer, and notes that husband-and-wife Realtor teams are common but their arrangement less so. "We're always on top of everyone's deals and loan processes," she said.

Heck agreed with other Realtors the market's strong. "Amazing," she said. "I'm swamped. Homes are selling in two to three weeks when they're priced properly and staged right." Market analysts tell her the market should be strong in the coming years, she said, helped by low interest rates.

"Events happen that affect everything. I'm thinking positive and see nothing but a bright horizon for home buyers and sellers. And inventory is low," she said. "Canton is extremely popular. Plymouth, Northville. Right now, there really isn't a bad area in western Wayne County and south Oakland."

Heck said people getting back to work impacts home sales. "Definitely the economy and the employment level affects people's ability to buy a home. We're seeing people moving into the area," she said.

She gives people she works with at least three recommendations on a lender, and doesn't always work with her husband on that. "It works out well. We like it a lot," she said of their work.

Toll Brothers, based in Horsham, Pa., also had a booth at the Expo. "We're premiering two new locations for Toll Brothers" in Canton, said Kendall Henaughen, sales manager for one of those, Hamlet Pointe.

She works with Nadia Mekled, senior sales manager for the other Canton site, Westridge Estates. Henaughen, who grew up in Plymouth and lives now out of the area, said, "We're super-excited to be in the market."

The Canton luxury home sites have a couple hundred lots between them, she said, with a handful of spec houses. Most people will buy and build themselves through Toll Brothers.

"We've been wanting to come to the area for a long time. Canton is booming. So we wanted to become part of the market," said Henaughen. Toll Brothers is now in Northville, Novi and Ann Arbor



Realtor Desiree Heck of Century 21 Premier in Canton works with husband Scott Heck, a mortgage loan officer. They were among some 70 vendors at the Canton Home Improvement Expo.

JULIE BROWN

"and then many more coming," she said.

"What's great is we have just about every product you're looking for," Henaughen said. Hamlet Meadows will come to Canton soon. "That's going to be even more affordable," she noted.

The Home Expo is offered by Canton Township's Building and Inspection Services Division the first weekend of March. Partners include the Canton Chamber of Commerce and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Joe Gagnon, "The Appliance Doctor," also participated in the Saturday and Sunday, March 5-6, event at Summit on the Park.

Some 70 vendors were present, along with a steady stream of visitors including Mary Smith of Canton with her daughter, Lauren.

"Oh, I like it," said Mary Smith, who also attended a few years ago. "We're looking for new countertops for our kitchen. There are a lot of vendors to get information from."

Smith agreed the annual event's a good reminder spring is approaching. "I just wish spring was here," she said, noting the snowfall outside the nearby window. "Next week, it'll be 60s."

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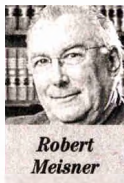
Home Depot offered fun building projects for kids, a popular part of the Canton Home Improvement Expo.

JULIE BROWN

Eminent domain: Due process due to all

Q: I hear the politicians talking about eminent domain, something they seem to be arguing over. What exactly is it?

A: Eminent domain is a legal concept whereby a public authority, normally a governmental agency, can condemn or take property from a private individual under the authority vested in the public authority but can only do so if the recipient receives due process and just compensation under the Fifth Amendment to the United States Constitution.



Robert Meisner

Frequently eminent domain is used to condemn property for highways and governmental buildings but the controversy arises when the governmental entity condemns the property for utilization by a private industry, which was the case in Michigan regarding the GM Hamtramck auto factory. There are various types of what is called a "taking" by the government of one's private property which has resulted in volumes in legislation and cases.

Q: I understand that there has been a bill introduced into the Michigan House, Bill 4919, dealing with the issue of abrogating the requirement of a two-thirds vote of co-owners before litigation can be commenced by a condominium association. What is the basis for this type of legislation?

A: Many community association documents contain provisions drafted by developers attorneys which make it next to impossible for a condominium association to bring a lawsuit against anyone other than for non-payment of assessments and bylaw enforcement without obtaining a two-thirds vote of the co-owners and jumping through a number of other generally unreasonable hoops imposed upon the association and its retained counsel. This legislation is an attempt to circumvent a Court of Appeals decision which supported this type of requirement. If you are interested in the particular rights of a community condominium association, you will seek to have this bill brought before the Legislature, passed and signed by the governor.

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

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

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 for your reservation or additional information.

RELIGION CALENDAR

MARCH

BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, March 20

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

Details: French toast, ham, pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, milk, juice. Cost is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children, 2-10

Contact: 734-425-4421

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

EASTER FUN

Time/Date: 3-5 p.m. Saturday, March 26

Location: InsideOut Church, 1075 Venoy, Garden City

Details: The event will include carnival games, photos with the Easter Bunny, Easter candy and chances to win a prize package worth \$100, for families with children, fifth grade and younger

Contact: 734-983-8376

EASTER FUN

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Saturday, March 26

Location: Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Details: Family-friendly event with crafts, egg hunt, and presentation of the Easter story. Bring a basket for the egg hunt, which is for ages 12 and under

Contact: Melissa at 734-765-1827

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

EGG DROP

Time/Date: 1:30 p.m. Sunday, March 20

Location: Orchard Grove Community Church, 850 Ladd Road, Building C, Walled Lake

Details: More than 12,000 eggs filled with candy will be dropped from a helicopter for children through fifth grade to collect. Children will be grouped by age

Contact: Shawna Schwaninger at 248-926-6584 or email shawna.schwaninger@orchard-grove.org

EGG HUNT

Time/Date: 1:230 p.m. Sunday, March 13

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

Details: Children will hunt for plastic eggs filled with small, wrapped candy. There will also be cookie decorating and crafts. Free.

Contact: 734-422-6038

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

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 bwalrad@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

GRIEF SHARE

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

Contact: Mike McGrath at 734-459-1274 or Linda Hollman at 734-522-6830

JEWS FOR JESUS

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 16

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

Details: Alexander Adelson presents "Christ in the Passover." Free will offerings will be accepted

Contact: 734-459-3333

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 or Sharlene Borke at sharborke@gmail.com

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Time/Date: Registration deadline is March 23

Location: Turn in registrations at St. Raphael, 31500 Beechwood, Garden City

Details: Divine Mercy Roman Catholic Regional School is accepting registration for preschool through eighth grade. Registration forms are available at St. Raphael and St. Genevieve School, 28933 Jamison, Livonia

Contact: 734-425-4420; divine-mercyschoolschoollin-fo@gmail.com

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; resoffice@resurrectionparish.net

SPRING CARNIVAL, SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Saturday, March 12

Location: Concordia Lutheran School, 9500 Leverne, Redford

Details: Carnival games, book fair, food and open house for prospective students

Contact: 313-937-2233; concordials.org

SUNRISE 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

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 Liskivsky at 248-252-8184; Olga-liskivsky@gmail.com

WHY BE CATHOLIC?

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Monday, March 14

Location: St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: Kim Steelman tells her personal story about moving from a life shaken to its core by abuse and widowhood to a new life founded on the teachings and social justice doctrine of the Catholic Church

Contact: livoniastmichael.org

WIDOWED FRIENDS

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 22

Location: AMC Livonia 20, 19500 Haggerty, Livonia

Details: Movie and lunch at Bahama Breeze. RSVP by March 20

Contact: Elaine at 734-717-0303

APRIL CONCERT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Sunday, April 3

Location: Trinity Episcopal Church, 28660 LaMuera, Farmington Hills

Details: Benefit concert for Farmington Neighborhood House features Wayne State University's Motor City Cabaret. A free will offering and canned goods will be collected

Contact: 248-474-2860; trinityfarmingtonhills.org

DEVOTIONS, SWIECONKA

Time/Date: Starting at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, April 3

Location: St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh, just north of Six Mile, Livonia

Details: 12:30 p.m. Mass, 1:20 p.m. exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 1:45-3 p.m. silent adoration and Sacrament of Reconciliation, 3 p.m. praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet and a spiritual talk, 3:30 p.m. benediction; followed by Swieconka Polish Easter meal at 4 p.m.

Menu includes ham, kielbasa, potato salad, blessed hard-boiled eggs, beet horseradish, rye bread, butter lamb, salad, babka, lazy perogi, beets, cheesecake and beverages. Cost is \$15 per person. Meals must be paid in advance. Send a check or money order payable to

WSDPAHS, to Laurie A. Gommula, 32040 Grand River Ave., Unit #47, Farmington, MI 48336. Include number of attendees. Must be received by March 26. Sponsored by the West Side Detroit Polish American Historical Society

Contact: 855-POLONIA; detroit-polonia.org

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.

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 in-

formation, email Motta through zumba.com

Contact: 313-408-3364

FAMILY MEAL

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

Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

Details: Free meal

Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

HEALING SERVICE

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

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

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

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

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DAUZET-MILLER



LEIS M. March 1, 2016, age 52 of Plymouth. Beloved wife of Greg. Cherished mother of Ava, and Nickias Miller. Loving daughter of Ronald (the late Maryann) Dauzet, and Julie Patschler-Dauzet. Dear sister of Jodi (Jeff) Jones, and Beth Ann (William) O'Connell. Family and friends are invited to gather Monday March 14 11 a.m. for a luncheon at the Italian American Banquet and Conference Center, 39200 5 Mile Rd (East of I-275) Livonia MI 48154, followed by a Celebration of Life in honor of Leis. A private interment was held at Michigan Memorial Park. To share memories, please visit

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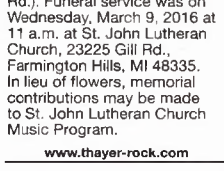
FOX



REV. CHARLES FOX, JR. Age 85. March 5, 2016. Loving husband of Barbara Fox. Cherished father of Brenda (Eric) Lampela, Mark Fox, and Bethany (Curtis) Kalina. Dearest grandfather to seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Visitation was Tuesday, March 8, 2016, 4-8 p.m. at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., downtown Farmington (1 block W. of Farmington Rd.). Funeral service was on Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at 11 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48335. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. John Lutheran Church Music Program.

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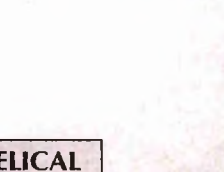
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HELEN March 5, 2016. Age 77 of Livonia. Loving wife of Orville. Dear mother of Karen (Joe Chase) Kappen, Kathleen (Mike) Vaughn, Kurt (Noelle), and Kari (Roger) Berrey. Sister to John (Kay) Sterbling and Nancy (Tom) George. Also survived by nine grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Visitation Friday at 10 a.m. from Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 6 Mile Road (W. of Haggerty) until time of Service at 1 p.m. Care and services entrusted to L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, 734-522-6200. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at

griffinfuneralhome.com

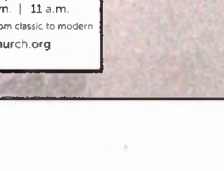
MCLEAN



NORMAN age 87 formerly of South Lyon and Dearborn. Cherished husband of the late Virginia. Loving father of Michael (Monica), Thomas (Kerry) and Jerry (Lori). Proud grandpa of eight and great-grandpa of four. Also survived by many other loving family and friends. Funeral Mass was held Wednesday. Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice. Please visit online guestbook

fredwoodfuneralhome.com

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Dialing in a passion for coffee



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The aroma of fresh ground coffee, the whirling buzz of a grinder, the swooshing sound of steaming milk ... ah. The familiar sights, sounds and smells of the local coffee shop? Not anymore. Welcome to my house.

There is plenty written about brewing espresso at home. And most of those doing the writing will tell you it is expensive and difficult to achieve this elusive elixir anywhere other than a fancy third-wave, hipster-loving coffee shop. I was in agreement before.

That is, until I recently discovered a couple of buddies from an online running community, who also happen to be self-acclaimed coffee geeks. Both also own home espresso machines. Neither one paid anywhere near the \$1,000 I had thought was required to achieve success at home. I had my doubts. I freely admit I am a true snob when it comes to espresso. I take only a smidgen of milk (macchiato), if any, no sugar or any flavoring. If you are going to serve me espresso, well, it damn well better taste really good.

Seeing is believing

I had to give one of these machines a try, so we set up an in-home coffee play date (seriously, what else can you call it?). With his eBay-found \$200 Gaggia Classic in tow, Steve arrived and, within minutes, we had brewed a tasty shot of espresso. Here in my basement, with an inexpensive home espresso machine, we brewed a better espresso than what is served at most coffee shops – at least franchise giants and independents not served by bow-tie and vest-wearing geeks. I was amazed. This machine new is only about \$380 and is made with some pretty hefty components usually found in commercial machines.

I prepared for the arrival of my own Gaggia Classic found in the Amazon warehouse site by rearranging the basement counter. I polished and I cleaned. I found a new home for the Chemex and found a new spot for the Hario ceramic dripper. I put the AeroPress on display and dug out the old La Pavoni espresso grinder from storage. I was like a collector waiting to add the final piece to a long-sought collection. Oh, I also roasted three pounds of coffee, but that is another column – stay tuned.

When my Gaggia Classic finally arrived, I was in coffee-geek heaven. While I prefer sweatpants over skinny jeans, and slippers instead of Converse sneakers, I did weigh beans by the gram. I adjusted the grind and tamp pressure. I timed and weighed each shot, taking notes. I tasted sour shots and flat shots. Shots that dripped a couple of grams and shots that gushed way too fast. I tasted them all. And it wasn't too long before I was hitting a sweet spot that I liked.

The journey continues

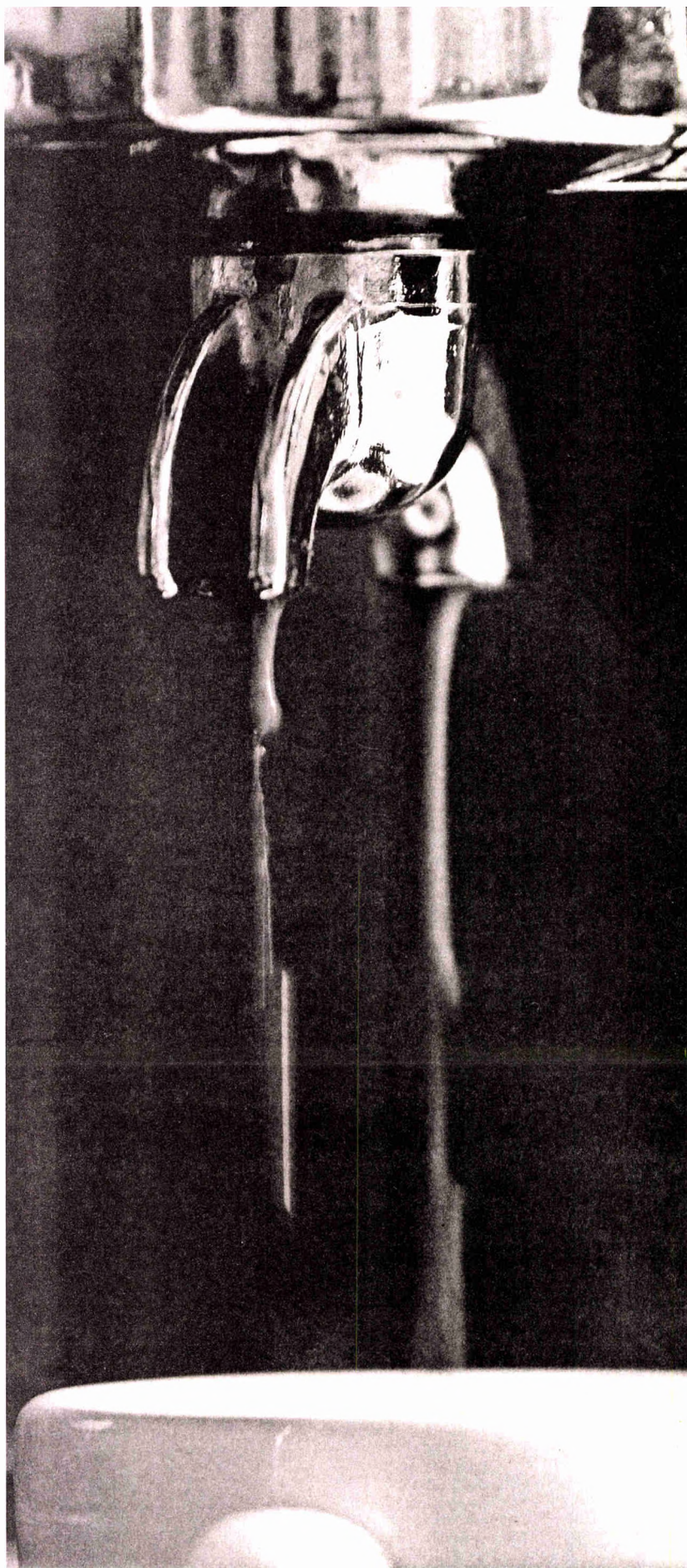
This was definitely a hallelujah moment in my coffee journey.

Is the machine perfect? No. At this price range, steaming milk and brewing have to be done separately. But the machine quickly heated up to steaming temperature. The supplied "Panarello" milk frother does not do milk justice and really needs to be replaced with a Rancilio Silvia steam wand. There are plenty of discussions online about how to do this. For me, steaming milk is of little concern, except I will need to be able to do so for friends and family.

For one who works mostly from home, having the ability to walk a few steps and brew a shot of espresso – one that is arguably better than I can get at all but the best third-wave shops – makes sitting in front of this computer at all hours of the day just that much more rewarding.

My coffee journey is dialed into a new milestone, but in no way is complete.

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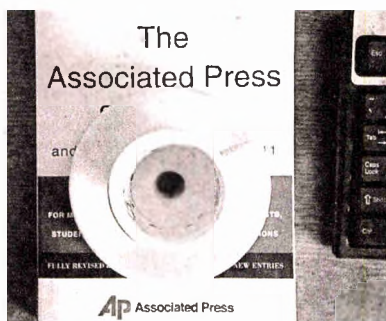


Espresso brewing on the Gaggia Classic.

PHOTOS BY DAN DEAN



It did not take long to dial in a tasty espresso, here served with a little steamed almond milk.



A worn AP Stylebook doubles as a coaster.



A shiny new 58 mm tamper.

GEEK NOTES

The machine: Gaggia Classic, \$380 from various online retailers

The grinder: La Pavoni espresso grinder, but any quality burr coffee grinder will do. Various models and makes from \$80 and up.

The water: Brita Water Pitcher for removing chlorine taste from tap water.

Accessories: Nice 58 mm tamper, cleaning brush, 58 mm blind filter for back-flushing, Rancilio Silvia version 1 or 2 steam wand.

More information: gaggiausersgroup.com, sweetmarias.com, seattlecoffeegeek.com and wholelattelove.com



Spent pucks of coffee after many attempts to dial in espresso on the new Gaggia Classic home espresso machine.

MILESTONES IN A COFFEE JOURNEY

- » Tasting fresh-roasted, freshly ground coffee for the first time.
- » Learning the story of coffee, how it grows on trees as cherries, and learning to appreciate the manual labor required to get coffee from the tree to cup.
- » Tasting great coffee directly sourced based on its quality.
- » Going from drinking coffee as a required caffeine fix to enjoying and appreciating nuances and flavors of different beans based on terroir aspects.
- » Dropping half & half.
- » Learning to brew quality sourced beans, freshly ground and weighed to specific parameters.
- » Learning to brew a good shot of espresso.
- » Buying a roaster and roasting quality coffee at home.
- » Buying a home espresso machine and brewing espresso with home-roasted beans.



The Gaggia Classic does an admirable job of brewing espresso for a machine costing less than \$400, even if its ability to steam milk is limited with the supplied "Panarello" milk frother.

Milford entrepreneur offers 'Abundance' to community

Laura Colvin
Staff Writer

Linda Skemp believes good bread begins with wholesome, natural ingredients that grow from the ground up.

A Village of Milford resident, Skemp founded Abundance Breads out of her home kitchen after deciding it was time to break away from a long

career in business.

On Saturday, March 12, she'll be at Acorn Farm – the popular kitchen and gift store in downtown Milford where it all began – offering several varieties of her bread for sampling or purchase.

Beginnings

Abundance Breads got its start with an experimental

recipe – carrot quinoa bread – after Skemp attended an artisan bread-making demonstration at Acorn Farm in 2013.

"I just really connected with the method," she said, noting she was in a transitional period in her life at the time, but, while she'd long been thinking about starting her own business, wasn't actively pursuing specific entrepreneurial oppor-

tunities. "I'd never found a method of making bread that I really liked; other recipes I'd tried seemed more fussy. But after seeing the demo, I went home and tried a recipe or two."

The carrot quinoa bread, she explains, is based on a carrot salad recipe containing fresh organic carrots, along with organic red and black

quinoa, to provide a vegan source of complete protein and beta carotene.

"I got this crazy idea," she said. "What would happen if I put that in the bread?" So I tried it, and it was really good."

Today, Skemp offers 14 varieties of Abundance Breads, which she bills as

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What's on the menu from Chef Oppat? Seafood

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

If you love coastal cuisine check out Andiamo corporate executive Chef Jim Oppat's recipe for Hazelnut Crusted Scottish Salmon with Tomato Pineapple Relish.

Don't feel like cooking? You'll find the dish on a limited-time menu of Italian-inspired seafood appetizers and entrees at Andiamo restaurants.

The special menu is available through March 26. Appetizers range from \$5.95-\$13 and include duck fat seared sea scallops with sweet corn coulis, Meyer lemon oil and braised greens; lump crab cakes crabmeat with sweet corn, tomato aioli and micro greens; and calamari fritti served with banana peppers and three dipping sauces.

Entrees range from \$26.95-\$54. In addition to the Scottish

salmon, the menu includes Georges Bank sea scallops, char-grilled Acadian red fish, pan-roasted fillet of open blue cobia, a half-pound of Canadian lobster tail, and a surf and turf selection with filet mignon and split lobster tail.

Oppat is a graduate of Schoolcraft College. He joined the Joe Vican Restaurant Group in 2007 at its Andiamo Dearborn location and two years later was promoted to corporate chef. In addition to daily operations, he has developed menus for many promotions and offsite catering events, including Detroit Grand Prix and created the Andiamo Lean, a gluten free, allergen free, low calorie menu.

For Andiamo restaurant locations and full menu, visit andiamoitalia.com

Here's Oppat's salmon recipe:

HAZELNUT CRUSTED SCOTTISH SALMON WITH TOMATO PINEAPPLE RELISH

Recipes courtesy of Andiamo Chef Jim Oppat. The item is featured on the Coastal Cuisine menu
Serves: 4

Hazelnut Crusted Scottish Salmon:
4 ounces of cooking oil
1½ pounds salmon
4 ounces ground hazelnuts
8 ounces wild mushrooms
4 tablespoons unsalted butter
8 ounces chicken stock
1 cup heavy cream
2 tablespoons fresh basil chiffonade
2 tablespoons Italian parsley chopped
8 ounces acini de pepe pasta pre-cooked
2 teaspoons salt and pepper
8 ounces Tomato Relish
4 ounces arugula

Portion the salmon at 6 ounces. Season and dust with ground hazelnuts to sear until golden and crisp,



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Hazelnut Crust Scottish Salmon served with wild mushroom-pasta ragu, tomato-pineapple relish and arugula slaw.

finish in oven until medium-medium well doneness.

In same hot pan, add the butter and wild mushrooms, cook until just tender. Add the chicken stock and the creme, herbs and salt/pepper. Cook until reduced.

Toss with the pre-cooked pepe pasta to make a ragu. Plate with mushroom-pasta ragu on bottom and top with the salmon fillet, garnish cross-wise with the pineapple relish tossed with arugula.

Tomato Pineapple Relish:
1 pound bulk tomatoes diced
½ pineapple diced
2 ounces lime juice juiced
1 ½ ounces fresh basil chiffonade
1 teaspoon cracked black pepper fresh milled
2 tablespoons Italian parsley
¼cup olive oil
2 tablespoons basil pesto
salt and pepper to taste
honey to taste

Dice the tomatoes and place in large mixing bowl. Add the diced pineapple, lime juice, herbs and spices.

Add the liquids to form a relish and season as needed. Season the relish with salt and pepper and a small amount of honey if the pineapple is not real sweet or fully ripe. Toss with arugula just before serving, about 3:1 relish to arugula.

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"unique specialty breads loaded with healthful and delicious ingredients."

While carrot quinoa is consistently her best seller, other popular selections include her zucchini Parmesan bread, made with zucchini with garlic, herbs and Parmesan, as well as the French onion bread, made with caramelized onion and Gruyere cheese combination.

"Everything in the soup is in the bread," she said. "It's like turning the soup inside out."

Other savory varieties of her dense, hearty breads include, for example, harvest, green goodness, pumpkin kalamata rosemary, lentil coconut curry and cucumber yogurt dill.

No matter the variety, Skemp says she uses Michigan-sourced organic non-GMO whole wheat flour, in addition to whole food ingredients – organic whenever possible – and no added sweeteners, eggs, milk or preservatives.

Breakfast bread-type selections include banana muesli, cherry millet and blueberry cinnamon oatmeal.

Abundance

While she contemplated making the switch from the nine-to-five business world, Skemp knew whatever direction she chose had to be something she could connect with; something with a deeper, personal meaning. Something she could believe in.



LAURA COLVIN

Linda Skemp of Milford founded Abundance Breads in 2013.

When she started using wholesome ingredients to create recipes and make artisan breads, she found that connection, and Abundance Breads was born.

"After spending my whole career in business, it felt really good to get out of my head and do something with my hands," she said.

"I want to uplift and inspire others to appreciate and share the abundance in their lives through the breaking of bread, noting every loaf includes a quote about abundance. "We tend to focus on obstacles and problems and all the stressful things going on

and we forget to tap into abundance that's all around us."

As she began bringing her breads to local farmers markets early – she regularly appears at the Milford Farmers Market – Skemp found herself reaching out to educate customers about her product.

"A lot of people are afraid of bread," she said. "I want them to know they can eat it."

"I wanted to create something people can feel good about," she added. "Not only something that tastes good while you're eating it, but something you can feel good about later, knowing

you ate something healthful."

Growing business

In the beginning, Skemp was working under cottage law out of her own home kitchen.

As the business grew she began using the kitchen at a local church, but found the space wasn't quite meeting her needs.

Last year, she obtained a license and began working in a commercial kitchen, which allows her to distribute her breads to stores and shops. Beginning in mid-March, local residents can find Abundance Breads at Veggie Pails market in Highland.

She is also involved with FoodLab Detroit, a diverse group of local food business owners who support one another in the process of growing and improving our individual businesses.

Through the group, Skemp has endeavored to become a "triple bottom-line business," with a goal of sourcing ingredients locally, partnering and doing businesses with other like-minded businesses and co-marketing where mutually beneficial.

Currently, she is in the early stages of seeking out other distributors. For more information about upcoming events or to place an order, contact Linda Skemp at abundance-breads@aol.com or follow Abundance Breads on Facebook.

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CITY OF LIVONIA NOTICE OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE NOXIOUS WEED AND REFUSE ORDINANCE

TO: All owners, occupants or possessors of subdivided lands or lots:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with Title 8, Chapter 40 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended, of the City of Livonia, all noxious weeds, or other weeds, grass, brush or deleterious, unhealthful growths exceeding a height of nine (9) inches, or any refuse or debris growing, standing or lying upon any property in the City of Livonia, shall be cut down, destroyed or removed as the case may be, by May 1 of each year and as many times thereafter as may be necessary. If any noxious weeds or other weeds, grass, brush or deleterious, unhealthful growths exceeding a height of nine (9) inches, or any refuse or debris, growing, standing or lying upon any property in the City so ordered to be cut down, destroyed or removed by May 1, as aforesaid, have not been removed by the owner or occupant of the premises, then the City of Livonia is hereby authorized to enter upon the land and destroy, cut down or remove said noxious weeds, grass, brush or deleterious, unhealthful growths exceeding a height of (9) inches, or any refuse or debris growing, standing or lying upon any property in the City at the expense of the owner or occupant of said land. The City may cut down, destroy or remove noxious weeds, or other weeds, grass, brush or deleterious, unhealthful growths exceeding a height of nine (9) inches or any refuse or debris, growing, standing or lying upon any property in the City as many times as is necessary and charge the costs to the property owner.

In the event the owner or occupant, or any person or persons, agent, firm or corporation having control or management of any subdivided land in any subdivision in which buildings have been erected on sixty percent (60%) of the lots included in that subdivision and where such subdivision has a residential zoning classification of R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4, R-5, R-6 or R-U-F, or the owners or occupants, or any person or persons, agent, firm or corporation having control or management of any property, regardless of zoning classification, which abuts or is adjacent to the aforementioned subdivisions for a depth of two hundred (200) feet, or the owners or occupants, or person or persons, agent, firm or corporation, having control or management of any property, regardless of zoning classification, which abuts or is adjacent to any developed public park or any developed school or college grounds, whether public, private or parochial, for a depth of two hundred (200) feet, or the owners or occupants, or person or persons, agent, firm or corporation having control or management of any property, regardless of zoning classification, along all improved streets in common usage for a depth of two hundred (200) feet or the depth of the property, whichever is less, shall fail, refuse or neglect to comply with the above mentioned ordinance, the City shall cause said noxious weeds, grass, brush, or deleterious, unhealthful growths exceeding a height of nine (9) inches, or any refuse or debris growing, standing or lying upon any property in the City to be cut down, destroyed or removed. Provided, further, that any lands which are situated within the floodplains of any natural streams or watercourses, or any area between the lower or upper banks of such streams or watercourses, shall be exempted from the provisions of this ordinance. All expenses incurred by the City in the cutting, destruction or removal of same will be levied and collected against such property in the manner provided by law. The expenses incurred in cutting, destruction, or removal of all noxious weeds, or other weeds, grass, brush or deleterious, unhealthful growths exceeding a height of nine (9) inches, or any refuse or debris growing, standing or lying upon any property shall include, but are not limited to, an administrative charge of seventy-five (\$75.00) dollars for each of the first two instances in a calendar year of cutting, destruction, or removal, which administrative charge shall increase to one hundred twenty-five (\$125.00) dollars for the third and each subsequent instance of cutting, destruction, or removal required in the same calendar year.

Failure to comply with the requirements set forth in Title 8, Chapter 40 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended, may also result in the prosecution for same, and liability to the extent of the penalty therein provided.

A. Alexander Bishop, CBO
Director of Inspection
City of Livonia

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On March 15, 2016 the Westland Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin promptly at 11:00 am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

2003	saturm	4 door
2004	FORD	FREESTAR
2010	CHRYSLER	SEBRING
2003	GMC	YUKON
2008	CHEVROLET	COBALT
1999	PONTIAC	BONNEVILLE
2001	DODGE	STRATUS
2003	FORD	EXPLORER
2000	GMC	JIMMY
2007	FORD	EXPLORER
2001	FORD	TAURUS
2006	FORD	CROWN VIC
1991	FORD	F150
2004	MERCURY	MARQUIS
2000	DODGE	DAKOTA
1998	LINCOLN	CONTINENTAL
2000	PONTIAC	GRAND AM
1994	FORD	THUNDERBIRD
1998	CHEVROLET	BLAZER
2010	GMC	TERRAIN
2002	NISSAN	PATHFINDER
2004	MERCURY	SABLE
2002	FORD	E150
1999	HONDA	CIVIC

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

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CITY OF WAYNE PUBLIC NOTICE 2016 BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Board of Review for the City of Wayne will meet in the Council Chambers at City of Wayne, 3355 S. Wayne Road, Wayne, Michigan on the following dates and times for the purpose of reviewing the assessment roll:

Meeting dates are as follows:

Date	Day	Appointment Time	Petition
March 17, 2016	Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Organizational Meeting
March 21, 2016	Monday	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Commercial/Industrial Residential
March 22, 2016	Tuesday	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Poverty/Residential Residential
March 24, 2016	Thursday	1:00 p.m.	Wrap Up NO NEW APPTS

Your 2016 Notice of Assessment, Taxable Valuation and Property Classification will be mailed to you the first week of March 2016. The inflation rate, expressed as a multiplier, to be used in the 2016 Capped Value Formula is .3. The Inflation Rate Multiplier Calculation is outlined in Bulletin No. 13 of 2015 by the State Tax Commission on the State of Michigan website.

Letter appeals are to be accompanied by a completed Form 618 Petition to Board of Review L-4035. The Petition is available at www.michigan.gov/treasury - select Search Treasury - Forms [618]. Petitioner agents must submit, for each parcel individually, current letters with original signatures from your client properly authorizing you to appear for the property owner.

If you desire an appointment, please call the Finance Department at 734-722-2000 Monday through Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Matthew K. Miller
City Clerk

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Two Muses Theatre stages Pulitzer Prize-winner play

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Diane Hill promises the new play she's directing at Two Muses Theatre will make you laugh a lot and cringe at least a little.

"You'll laugh, but it also will make you uncomfortable. It will give you a lot to talk about when you leave the theater," Hill said. "It's a good, intelligent script."

"The main character is in her 30s and talks directly to the audience, telling the story, 'how I learned to drive.' But you discover there's an inappropriate relationship. Her uncle falls in love with her and she kind of falls in love with him."

In "How I Learned to Drive," the Pulitzer Prize-winning play by Paula Vogel, the main character, Li'l Bit, narrates her own memories. They include flashbacks to her teen years when she took driving lessons from Uncle Peck, with whom she also had an inappropriate relationship. Dani Cochrane of Detroit plays Li'l Bit and Dennis North of Grosse Pointe Farms is Uncle Peck in the Two Muses production, which runs April 1-17.

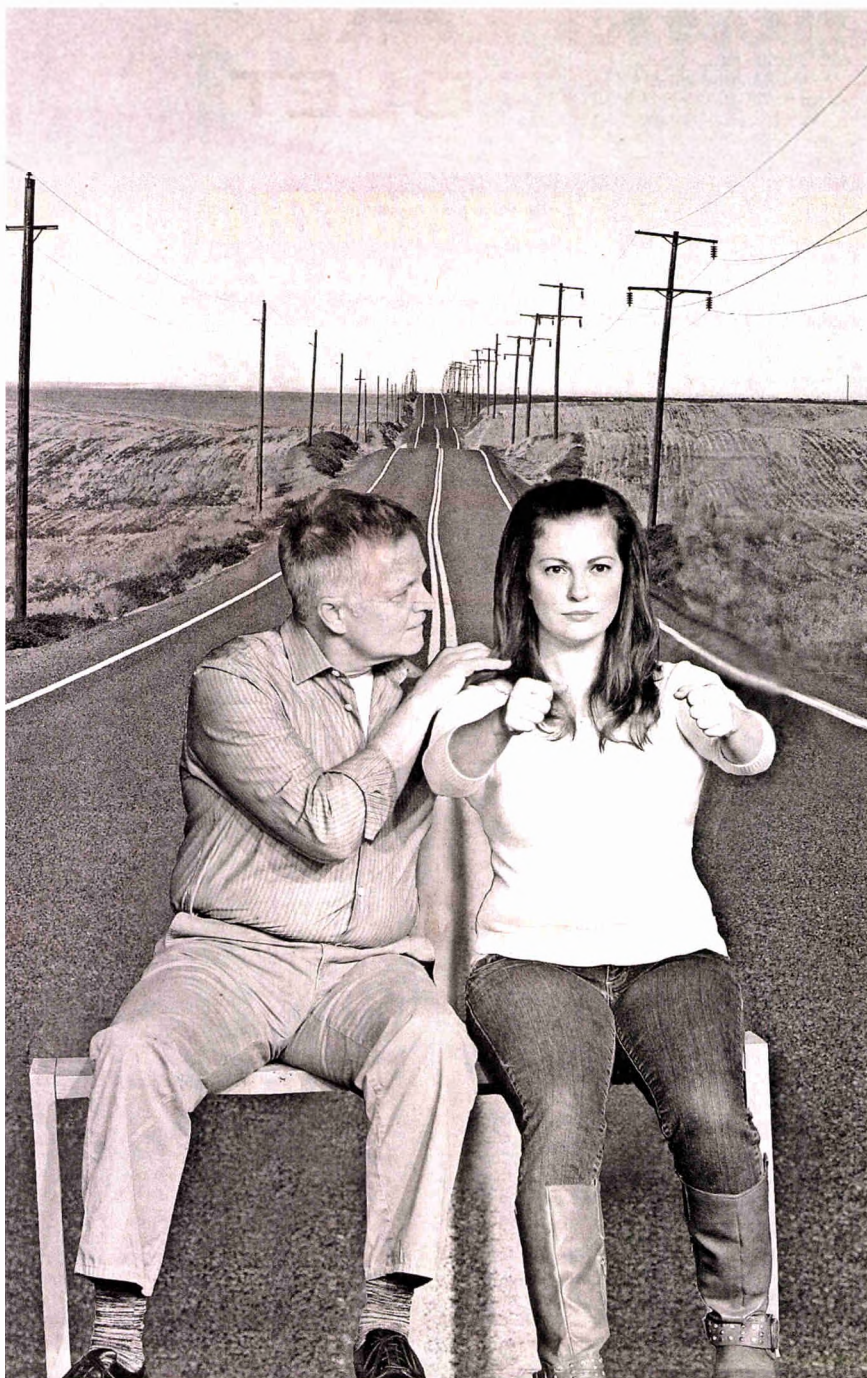
Quick changes

Sarah Burcon of Ann Arbor, Amy Morrissey of Northville and Melissa Beckwith of Farmington Hills portray the Greek chorus, with each taking on several characters, including Li'l Bit's dysfunctional family members and friends. Part of the humor is in watching the actresses change character.

"It's a one-act play and it goes quickly from one memory to another," Hill said. "I cast Uncle Peck and Li'l Bit with no auditions because I knew they two actors would be fantastic in the roles. Casting the Greek chorus was challenging because they have to play so many different roles. They don't change costumes. They change physicality and voices."

Hill plans to schedule a talk-back event after at least one of the performances to give audience members a chance to discuss the play and its subject matter. She believes the Li'l Bit character will resonate with audience members.

"You see her uncle teaching



Uncle Peck (played by Dennis North of Grosse Pointe Farms) gives Li'l Bit (Dani Cochrane of Detroit) a driving lesson on the complicated road of life in Two Muses Theatre's production of "How I Learned to Drive."

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her to drive and scenes at the kitchen table with her family talking about how she is developing too soon. She develops early. We were that girl or we remember that girl when we were in seventh or sixth grade," Hill said. "Examining how people treated her is part of this story."

New theater

"How I Learned to Drive" is Two Muses' first play in its new venue at Monster Box Theatre in Waterford. Midway through its fifth season at Barnes & Noble in West Bloomfield, the building owner terminated the book store's lease. The store closed at the end of December 2015 and Two Muses packed up at the end of its musical production in November 2015.

"It was hectic," Hill said. Monster Box Theatre offered space, which includes a much larger storage area than was available at the book store's theater. Hill hopes Two Muses will continue to draw its established audience, as well as new members from the Waterford area. Theater attendance went from 20-35 persons at each performance five years ago, to 100 or more the past few years.

Hill has returned money to a few season subscribers who decided not to follow Two Muses to its new location. The Monster Box Theatre is approximately 20 minutes north of the former Barnes & Noble site.

"I won't know until 'How I Learned to Drive' opens if this move will build more audience or if we'll be starting over," she said. "We had such great momentum. I don't want to start over."

Performances are at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday, for three weekends, April 1-17, at The Monster Box Theatre, 2529 Elizabeth Lake Road. The play is for mature audiences only. Advance general admission tickets are \$20 for adults and \$18 for students and senior citizens, 62 and over. Tickets are \$2 more at the door. Buy tickets at TwoMusesTheatre.org or call 248-850-9919.

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GET OUT!

O'Malley's remodel raises the bar on entertainment offerings

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

The recent remodel at O'Malley's - Supper, Spirits and Song Bar & Grill not only changed its look and menu, but raised the bar on entertainment offerings.

"We have been featuring music since before the remodel, but we've really kicked it up with a weekly Thursday night jazz event, open mic night on Wednesday and Saturday night blues on a semi-regular basis," said spokesman Mark Gaskill, in an email.

The Livonia restaurant was closed from mid-August and reopened Dec. 31, 2015. Since then the quantity and quality of shows has increased, according to Gaskill. He said the restaurant's mission is to bring "unique, high caliber artists of a wide variety of music styles" to the community. There's no cover charge for the performances.

The music schedule this month includes The RJ Spanner Quintet with blues and jazz at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 10, Jill Jack Band with American



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Members of The Flutter & Wow will perform a Patsy Cline tribute, along with special guests, Saturday, March 12 at O'Malley's - Supper, Spirits & Song Bar & Grill. For more Get Out! visit www.hometownlife.com.

cana at 9 p.m. March 19, Zap Toro, a "world groove project," 7 p.m. Thursday, March 24, The Sugaree's, with folk, rock, roots and Americana, 9 p.m. Saturday, March 26 and Meri Slaven Quintet with jazz, 7 p.m.

Thursday, March 31.

The St. Patrick's Day Celebration, beginning at 8 a.m. Thursday, March 17, will feature John Latini from 9 a.m.-noon, Jill Jack Band from noon-3 p.m., Shamus Whiskey

Celtic Band, from 4-8 p.m., and Twistin' Tarantulas from 9 p.m.-midnight.

Three members — Tasha Lord, Chris Brantley and Ken Pesick — of The Flutter & Wow band will take the stage at 9 p.m. Saturday, March 12 with special guests, Jimmy DeHeno on dobro and banjo, and Danny Kimosh on drums, for a Patsy Cline tribute. The group also will play a mix of its original songs and classic and modern Americana.

Gaskill said the restaurant changed half of its menu, adding Irish food items, such as bangers and mash and Shepherd's Pie, and tripling the number of craft beers on tap.

"The restaurant was completely redone, we removed everything from the inside except the four walls. Brand new kitchen, seating, stage, state-of-the-art sound and video systems, new bathrooms, chilled keg taps and exterior façade."

For more information about upcoming performances at O'Malley's visit its Facebook page. O'Malley's is located at 15231 Farmington Road.

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

Bunnyville: Egg hunts, Jelly Bean Jamboree, games, whisker painting, photos with the Easter Bunny, "The Bunny Follies" musical, treats and zookeeper talks, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 25-26. Visitors with canned or other non-perishable food donations for Gleaners Community Food Bank, will receive a reduced zoo admission price of \$9

Contact: 248-541-5717

ARTS AND CRAFTS CITY GALLERY

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, through April 8; reception 6-8 p.m. Friday, March 11

Location: Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: "Night and Day" exhibit features new work, including landscape and portraits of other local artists, by Taurus Burns

Contact: 248-473-1859

FARMINGTON HILLS CITY HALL

Time/Date: Through April 22; artist talk is 5:30-7 p.m. Monday, March 14

Location: 31555 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Works by local artists Pamela Alexander and Susan Warner

Contact: 248-473-1859

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

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: 10th Annual Member Exhibition

Contact: 248-344-0497 or www.northvillearthhouse.org

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

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

IRISH FEST

Time/Date: 3 p.m., Thursday, March 17

Location: Hellenic Center, 36375 Joy, Westland

Details: 32nd annual St. Patrick's Day celebration includes Irish food, music, song, and dance with the Ardan School of Irish Dance, Detroit Square Dance Society, Highland Pipes, Eddie McGlinchey, Ray Maguire, members of the

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Contact: 313-537-3489

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Location: Westland Grand Digital Cinema 16, 6800 N. Wayne Road, Westland, and other MJR theaters

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Contact: mjrtheatres.com

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Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 11-12, 4:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, March 13, and 7 p.m. Thursday, March 17

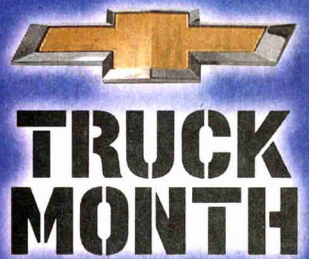
Location: 760 Penniman, Plymouth

Details: "Concussion," \$3

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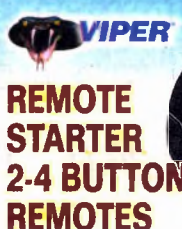


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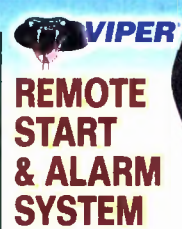


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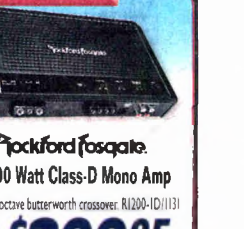
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