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Westland expecting lower revenue

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Lower than projected revenues and use of fund balance will be discussed as the Westland City Council begins work on the proposed two-year budget.

Budget study sessions have been scheduled for 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Saturdays, April 16

and 23. The city also has a five-year financial forecast.

"The first day we will go through most of the departments. The second day we will look at the bigger strategic items," Westland Mayor William Wild



Wild

said. "We will meet as many times as needed."

The city's property taxable value is increasing by .3 percent, which is the rate of inflation, rather than a projected increase of 2.5 percent. Even with the addition of uncapped sold properties and new construction, the overall taxable value is increasing .77 percent.

That means the expected

increase in property tax revenues will be \$75,000 in 2016-17. Based on a 1.5-percent taxable value increase for the remaining four years in financial forecast, the city is expecting \$400,000 total additional revenue over those years.

"We decided our 2.5 percent was too aggressive and lowered our projection to 1.5 percent," Wild said.

'Outside forces working against us'

The property tax structure in Michigan under Headlee and Proposal A, Wild noted, doesn't track the economy — the city being punished by economic declines but unable to benefit when the economy improves.

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Presenting accreditation to the Westland Police Department is Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies Executive Director W. Craig Hartley (left), Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik, Deputy Chief Brian Miller, Sgt. Nathan MacRae, and CALEA President and Commission Chairman Richard Myers.

Police earn national accreditation

The Westland Police Department has completed an extensive two-year project resulting in accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies.

During this two-year period, the department reviewed every one of its policies and procedures to assure that it's operating under the best known practices to deliver public safety service.

"This is a great accom-

plishment for the Westland Police Department, as only seven other agencies in the state of Michigan have been successful in obtaining CALEA accreditation for law enforcement," Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik said.

The commission, comprised of law enforcement experts from around the country, reviewed and observed the operations of the Westland Police Department and unanimously

decided to grant the accreditation. This review process included a review of building security, ride-alongs with officers and a public hearing that was conducted at Westland City Hall, among many other steps.

The program is designed to strengthen crime prevention and control, formalize management procedures, establish fair and nondiscriminatory personnel practices and

increase community and staff confidence in the department.

The CALEA association is endorsed by the International Chiefs of Police, the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, the National Sheriffs' Association and the Police Executive Research Forum. Receiving the coveted CALEA accreditation has been referred to as obtaining the gold star in public safety.

Two teens charged in Eloise fire

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Two teens have been charged with setting a fire that destroyed the former bakery building at the historic Eloise property.

Trevor Bauer, 18, of Wayne was arraigned in Westland 18th District Court on charges of third-degree arson and possession of burglary tools. A not-guilty plea was entered for him and his bond was set at \$10,000/ten percent.

A 16-year-old Westland boy was also charged in connection with the April 6 fire. Due to being charged as a juvenile, the teen's name isn't being released.

Wayne-Westland firefighters responded to the fire at the vacant building about 2 p.m. April 6. They were joined by firefighters from Garden City and Inkster.

Due to the fire coming through the roof of the two-story building, firefighters reported the fire likely started on the upper floor. Firefighters were not able to enter the building while battling the fire due to the second-level and third-level floors sagging.

The former bakery building is west of the Kay Beard Building and the Wayne County Family Center. It's expected that the burned building will need to be demolished.

Wayne County owns the Eloise property and has offered it for sale.

The Wayne County Family Center and a building with the Wayne County Sheriff's Office road patrol division and a county clerk satellite office are not part of the sale.

At various times, the property housed the county poor house, a hospital for tuberculosis patients, a mental institution and a general hospital. At its peak, Eloise was a self-contained community with barns, a greenhouse, cattle herds, a piggery, a bakery, a cannery, its own post office and fire department.

Bauer is scheduled for a probable cause conference in 18th District Court on April 14 with a preliminary examination set for April 21.



Bauer

Second man arrested in tools theft case

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A second man has been arraigned on charges of stealing tools from a vehicle parked at the Westland Lowe's store.

Mario Garza, 33, of New Boston, was arraigned in Westland 18th District Court on charges of fraud, larceny and receiving and concealing stolen property. A not-guilty plea

was entered and bond was set at \$7,500/ten percent. A pretrial hearing is set for Tuesday, April 12.

Garza was identified through tips obtained from social media after his picture, obtained from security cameras, was



Garza

released.

Earlier, the other suspect, Benjamin Lamerand, 27, of Livonia was arrested. He has been arraigned in Westland 18th District Court on one charge of receiving and concealing stolen property. A not-guilty plea was entered for him and he was released on personal bond.

Police had posted surveillance photos online of two men

wanted in connection with a March 10 incident at the Lowe's store. The victim arrived at the store, 6555 N. Newburgh, and went inside to shop. Upon returning to his vehicle, he told police that he had discovered that it had been broken into and many of his tools had been stolen.

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Donations needed for Jefferson Barns gardens

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Top soil, mulch, plastic or vinyl trellises, benches and bird feeders are on the wish list as a new butterfly refuge and children's fairy garden is being developed at the Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center.

"We're not as far along as we would like," said Annette Kutnick, who is co-chairing the garden effort which is relying on volunteers and donations.

The gardens will be located in a courtyard off the library at Jefferson Barns and have two focuses — providing a place for Monarchs and other butterflies, along with a fairy garden.

That means plants host plants where butterflies lay larvae and nectar plants for nourishment.

"The fairy garden is part of the greater butterfly area. The fairy garden is to draw children — they delight in that kind of thing," said Kutnick.

The gardens are a project of the Norwayne Community Citizens Council, the City of Westland and Wayne Metro Community Services. Kutnick and co-chair Dianne Richards both serve on the Wayne Metro advisory board.

So far, there have been fence donations from the Canton Home Depot, plants and fairy pieces from Barson's Greenhouse.

Erskine Wade of the Norwayne Boxing Gym, housed at Jefferson Barns, provided the rototilling to prepare the gardening for planing. Arthur Warren of the Southeast Westland Homeowners Association



Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center's sprucing up with gardens.

FILE PHOTO

has been donating his time working in the garden along with fixing and painting a donated arbor.

Teens from the Sts. Simon and Jude Catholic Church youth group have volunteered to work in the garden also.

"We're in the process of contacting all the former mayors. We're going to dedicate the Monarch refuge and fairy garden as the (city) first ladies garden," said Norwayne Community Citizens Council President Henry

Johnson.

An Arbor Day program at 10 a.m. Friday, April 22, will include a dedication of the gardens and a groundbreaking for new ballfields at Jefferson Barns.

The garden wish list

includes monetary donations. Make checks payable to the City of Westland and place Butterfly Garden in the memo section.

Mail checks to Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center, 32150 Dorsey Road, Westland, MI 48186.

Also needed are: three vinyl or plastic trellises; 10 yards of top soil; 10 yards of mulch; three bird feeders; three bird houses with poles; a hose; garden statues; plant signs; two round patio tables; eight patio chairs; stepping stones; two garden benches; and 10 medium boulders

For more information, call Johnson at 734-334-0042 or Kutnick at 734-673-8572.

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ARREST

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Lamerand turned himself into the police

department after seeing his picture posted on social media as being wanted for his involvement in the incident. He is scheduled to appear at the 18th District Court

for his pretrial hearing April 14.

Police had reported that the second suspect, later identified as Garza, was going to be picked up once he resolved some

unrelated legal issues.

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REVENUE

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"There are a lot of outside forces working against us — not just us but all cities," Wild said.

The second major funding source for the city, along with property taxes, is state shared revenues. That is expected to be \$300,000 less than projected for 2016-17.

"The funding method for cities is broken. We're putting serious pressure on Lansing (through the Michigan Municipal League)," Wild said. "The reduction in state shared revenue coincides with

"The funding method for cities is broken. We're putting serious pressure on Lansing (through the Michigan Municipal League)."

WILLIAM WILD

Westland mayor

the legislature funding Detroit Public Schools and money for Flint. The money is being raided right before our eyes."

With the cuts in state shared revenue and the impact of the Headlee Amendment, Wild said cities will be running out of money in the next

couple of years.

During the fiscal year beginning July 1, the proposed budget would use \$1.8 million from fund balance. That would leave \$5 million unassigned fund balance for the \$64.5 million general fund balance.

The city also has been informed to expect a lower refund from the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority — the city's indemnification group. During the current year, \$547,142 was refunded and in the next year it will be \$350,000.

Also impacting the budget are changes to the city's required contribution to the Michigan Em-

ployees Retirement System. At the end of the 2014-15 fiscal year, most employee groups and collective bargaining agreements closed the defined benefit pension plans to new hires, who will be covered under a defined contribution plan.

Although a long-term benefit, Wild noted that the closing shortens the funding window from 20 years to 10 years. This year, he said the contribution was \$300,000 higher than budgeted.

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MDOT hosts I-275 construction public meeting

David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Will motorists learn the start date for construction of one of the region's busiest freeways this Tuesday?

The Michigan Department of Transportation will hold a public meeting starting at 5 p.m. Tuesday at Davenport University, 19499 Victor Parkway in Livonia. That meeting will consist of an hour-long presentation done by MDOT and will consist of displaying project locations, types of work, and detours. Information on the project's schedule is also expected to be shared, according to a notice sent by MDOT Thursday. A repeat of the same presentation will be given at 6 p.m.

The I-275 project will consist of major repairs along the freeway from Five Mile in Wayne County to the I-96/I-696/M-5 interchange in Oakland County. The project will see the southbound lanes shut down for several months while crews work on them, followed by the northbound stretch, which will most likely begin in the middle of the summer.

The official shutdown date has not been announced and could be announced Tuesday. During a presentation to the Livonia Chamber of Commerce last month, MDOT said the earliest the freeway could shut down was April 15.

Some preliminary work was scheduled to begin this weekend, with



FILE PHOTO

Another public meeting will take place Tuesday in Livonia to discuss the I-275 construction project.

two lanes in both directions seeing closures over the weekend and at night. Eastbound Seven Mile will be closed over I-275 starting at 11 a.m. Monday for about a week. Those who exit at Seven Mile from southbound I-275 will only be able to

head westbound. Once the eastbound work is complete, westbound Seven Mile will then be closed in the same stretch.

Meadowbrook in Novi will be closed starting at 10 a.m. Monday for a week and a half, with

traffic being detoured at 12 Mile and Grand River Avenue.

After Meadowbrook reopens, Haggerty over I-96/I-696/I-275 will be closed from April 23 to May 1. Detours for that road will be posted.

The work will consist

of the replacement and repair of pavement along the stretch of road, as well as repairs done to concrete shoulders. Work on 16 bridges along the freeway will also take place.

Some work removing trees near the interchange in Farmington Hills and Novi has already begun in order to lay wires for the Intelligent Transit System work. MDOT has said it plans on planting replacement trees through that stretch.

For more information on the project, MDOT has set up an informational website, which can be reached at www.revive275.com.

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POLICE BRIEFS

Fraud reported

A 56-year-old Dearborn Heights man came into the Livonia police station Thursday to report he had been scammed out of more than \$1,500.

The man said he received word from a company called Speedycash-loans, saying he had been approved for and was being offered a loan. The man accepted the loan and was wired more than \$1,500 after giving them his bank account number. He was contacted by the agency, who told him they needed him to send the money back via Money Gram in order to send him a higher amount. He went to Walmart, 29555 Plymouth Road, and purchased a Money Gram and sent an identical amount of money to someone named Beau Castillo in Wisconsin, according to police. The victim was later contacted by his bank, who told him the money the loan

agency had deposited had been canceled, leaving him out more than \$1,500. The victim was told he would be held liable until an investigation could take place. He later canceled his checking account.

Livonia not testing sirens Wednesday

As a part of Severe Weather Awareness Week, several communities across the state are expected to sound their emergency sirens at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday for a statewide tornado drill, something being encouraged by the state. While some communities will sound their sirens, Livonia Emergency Preparedness Director Brian Kahn said while the city stands with the state in preparing residents for severe weather, Livonia's emergency sirens will not sound at that time. The city's emergency sirens will continue to be tested at 1 p.m. the first Saturday of every month. More in-

formation on emergency preparedness measures can be found at the Livonia Police Department website.

Identity theft reported

A resident who lives in the 34000 block of Pembroke came into the police station Thursday afternoon to report her identity had been stolen.

She said she received a phone call from the human resources department at her employer, saying someone had filed for unemployment benefits under her name. The HR worker called her, knowing she still worked for the company, to let her know. She did not know who would have acquired her information.

— Compiled by David Veselenak from reports filed with the Livonia Police Department.

REDFORD POLICE BRIEFS

Marijuana arrest

Redford police arrested a man for marijuana possession and several other offenses after a routine traffic stop on April 3.

Officers stopped the man, whom police reports indicated was driving a Chrysler vehicle, after he turned eastbound on Plymouth Road from Fordson Street without signaling at approximately 11:30 p.m. The man failed to produce a driver's license and was arrested.

Officers asked if he had anything illegal in the vehicle. The man initially answered that he didn't, but moments later admitted to having marijuana in a bag in his pants pocket. He was then taken to the Redford police station without incident. Besides possession, he was charged with operating a vehicle

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Local doctor brings THE Jaw Pain Solution to Livonia

As many as 30% of people will suffer with jaw pain at some point of their life. While the condition itself usually isn't serious or "life threatening" the symptoms which often include significant pain in the face and head as well as the jaw itself, popping or clicking when chewing or speaking and difficulty eating really can seriously affect your quality of life.

If you've ever had jaw pain you may have sought professional advice and you may have heard that the actual cause is called TMJD (Temporomandibular Joint Disorder), and the frustrating thing is that while it is an easily diagnosed condition most professionals are poorly educated about how to cure the problem and it can take months to get better by itself. In severe cases, you may not be able to eat solid food in that time period.

It's doubly frustrating because you look absolutely normal and healthy to anyone that looks at you, but it can be a very debilitating and embarrassing condition leaving you to order soups and soft foods when you go out with friends..!

When my husband suffered with the condition we found it very difficult in getting the right treatment because it is generally not fully understood why people get TMJD. We did a lot of research and saw many "experts" but most of their advice seemed to be totally useless for my husband, it just didn't get him better...

However, eventually after weeks of suffering we happened across an expert in TMJD that seemed to genuinely know what he was talking about. He assured us that with appropriate diagnostic testing and treatment it was possible to shorten the period of disability and pain significantly.

But for most people, all too often, the standard clinical tests ignore a vital potential cause of TMJD and the real cause of the problem may never be uncovered.

The consequence of being left with a non-specific diagnosis for TMJD is that you're left to struggle back to health painfully and very slowly...

With so many people, suffering from this debilitating condition, it is vital that we find the best solution; and this is where it can start to get complicated because TMJD can be caused by so many different things. It could be one of the tendons of the jaw muscles, damage to the cartilage or capsule of the joint, problems with the closely related nerves of the neck, even problems with the cranial bones surrounding the TMJ and a number of other things...

Perhaps most importantly it could be as a result of a problem that has developed with your cervical (neck) nerves. These nerves are very vulnerable and when something has gone wrong with the upper cervical nerves they usually also affect the

function of the jaw leading to TMJD.

This is the potential problem that is so poorly understood that it often remains completely undiagnosed as the cause of TMJD even in cases where it is the sole cause. The key to solving TMJD quickly is to either rule out or confirm nerve damage as primary or secondary cause; if not, you are going to be wasting a lot of your time waiting for it to heal.

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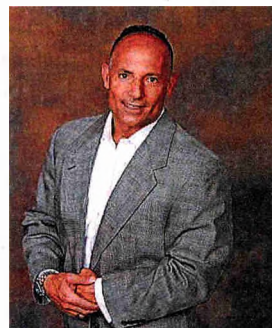
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years of practice and seeing 1000s of patients, I hadn't found a satisfactory way to deal with TMJD. So I searched out and found the best doctors around the world and learned their system for helping TMJD. In my clinical experience there is nothing better than the protocols I have learned for taking care of the jaw pain caused by TMJD."

Rosedale students walk the plank for reading month

The Rosedale Elementary School crew set sail on a pirate adventure for reading month.

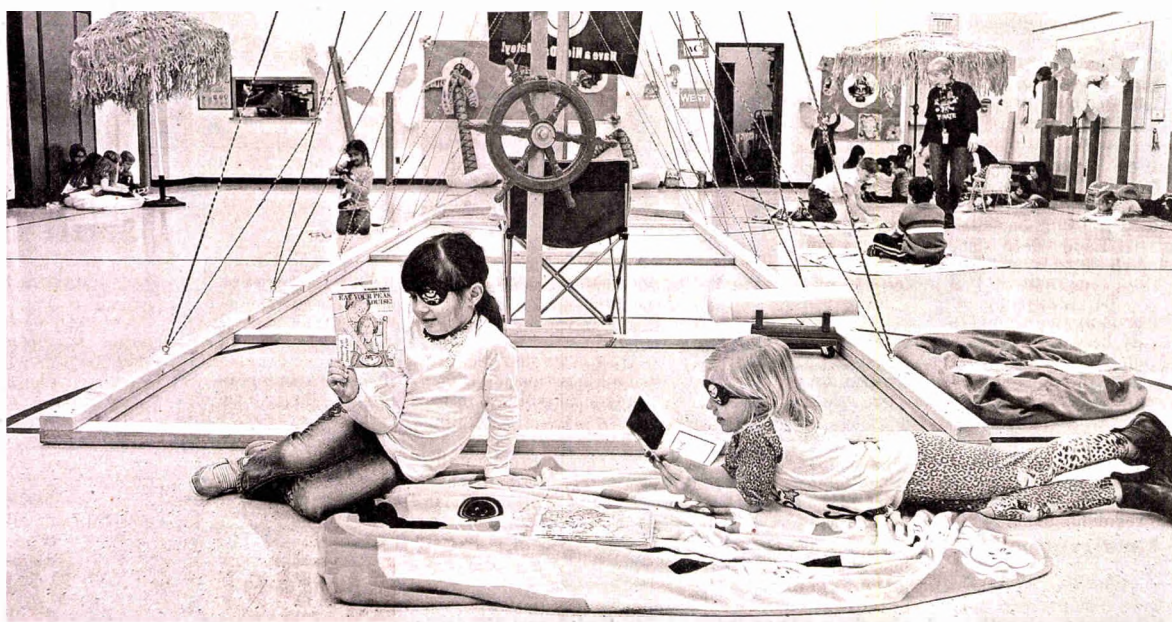
Throughout the month of March, Rosedale staff and students dove into the joys of reading with various pirate-themed activities. Students read in exchange for "pirate booty" snacks, went on treasure hunts in the school and huddled up under their desks for Read Below Deck Day.

The fun culminated with Dress like a Pirate Day. Staff and students came to school decked out in pirate gear and took turns reading in the gym, which was staged as a pirate ship.

Second-grade teachers Sandra Benson and Lynn Merchant worked tirelessly for months to bring the day to fruition. They enlisted the help of their husbands Dino Benson and Daniel Merchant for the grunt work and stayed at school late into the evening the night before, making sure everything was perfect.

"Reading month gives the students an end-of-the-year push," Benson said.

"It helps get us through the winter slump," Merchant added. "It revitalizes both the teachers and the students and helps us recapture the excitement of learning."



Kindergartners Maria Awad and Shyla Bradley relax at the stern of the pirate ship.

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ment of learning."

Benson and Merchant said that teachers look forward to reading month just as much as

the students. Each year, a different theme is chosen and the activities get bigger and better every time.

"Our teachers are phenomenal," Principal Jon Wennstrom said. "The amount of effort they put into their work never

fails to blow me away. They give their best to the students and strive to impart a lasting love of reading and learning."

John Glenn High School grad earns \$10,000 scholarship

A 2013 Westland John Glenn High School graduate studying at Western Michigan University has received a scholarship through the Industrial Supply Association.

Currently a Kalamazoo resident, Aaron McClendon has been awarded the \$10,000 2016-17 Gary L. Buffington Memorial Scholarship.

Majoring in Integrated Supply Management, with a minor in Business Analytics, McClendon is scheduled to

graduate in April 2017.

McClendon is a member of WMU's Honors College and has participated in internships and co-ops, including logistics, warehousing, global purchasing/negotiations and operations.

McClendon is also involved with multiple student organizations, serving as vice president



McClendon

of FOCUS Kalamazoo, a student volunteer-based organization dedicated to educating, connecting and developing college students in volunteer experiences throughout the community. He was recently elected president of WMU's student chapter of APICs, the Association for Operations Management.

"Words cannot describe how honored and thankful I am to be recognized as the 2016 Gary L. Buffington Memorial Schol-

arship recipient," McClendon said.

The son of the Rev. Luke and Mary McClendon, he completed an internship program with General Motors in the summer of 2015 and was invited back for the summer of 2016.

"Aaron is an outstanding young man who exhibits the attributes that I believe will enable him to be a success in whatever field he may choose, including a career in industrial

distribution," said Dave Drouillard, executive director of Global Purchasing and Supply Chain Machinery & Equipment and Supplier Diversity for GM.

During his GM internship, McClendon led a project focused on plant conveyor systems where he made sourcing recommendations that saved General Motors more than \$3 million, while improving plant throughput and aligning supplier capacity.

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Three generations of tax preparers labor during tax season

David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Whether or not the Seykell family spends a lot of time together for Easter each year depends on whether it falls before or after tax day. That's because three generations of the family are busy preparing the tax returns for hundreds of customers at S&S Tax Service, the family's Livonia-based company that's been around for 25 years, spending a majority of their time working without time to celebrate. "We always go out to brunch, the whole family, because it only takes an hour, an hour-and-a-half," Michael Seykell Jr. said. "We then all come back to work." The family-run business has grown over the years, from doing fewer than 100 returns for area residents to doing more



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Mike Seykell Sr. (from left), Brian Seykell, Aaron Woodbury and Mike Seykell Jr. took a break from a busy tax season for a photograph celebrating 25 years in business.

than 1,000 each year, including this year as tax season comes to a close later this month. One hundred-hour weeks aren't unheard of leading up to the filing deadline for income taxes, which falls April

18, an extension because of an Emancipation Day (a federal holiday) in Washington, D.C., falling April 15 this year. There are four family members at the office: Seykell Jr., his son Brian Seykell and Seykell Jr.'s

son-in-law Aaron Woodbury. Michael Seykell Sr., who opened the business several decades ago, tends to only work during tax season. But even at 86 years old, it's not uncommon for him to work 8-10 hours a day on clients' returns. "People still get amazed at me that I'm still working," said Seykell Sr., who has lived in Livonia since 1954. Both Seykell Sr. and Seykell Jr. spent time working for the IRS during their careers. When Seykell Sr. left the IRS, he decided opening an office with his son was a great next step. "When I retired from the IRS, we decided to form our own tax practice," Seykell Sr. said. The office has changed locations several times, moving from places near Five Mile and Farmington and Six Mile and Laurel Park to

its current location at the Seven Mile Crossing office building at Seven Mile, west of I-275. Even with all that time together in the office during a stressful tax season, family members say they still work well together without any problems. "We all get along pretty well," Seykell Jr. said. "No arguments," Seykell Sr. added. **Well-deserved vacation** With all the changes in tax preparation in recent years, the independent office has had its challenges, but has held its own against bigger offices and online tax preparation software. They believe it's not only because of that personal service they deliver, but the intricacies of the tax returns that require a little more

work. "It just seems that people's lives are getting more complex in terms of investments and dividends and capital gains," Seykell Jr. said. It's grueling work, with numbers and figures even creeping into their dreams at night, Seykell Sr. said. But at the end of it, after tax season is all complete, many members of the family are going to get away to one of Michigan's more popular destinations for some rest and relaxation. "We're going to go to the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island for two or three days," Seykell Sr. said. "My son and my daughter and their spouses. It's quite a joint."

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WESTLAND COP CALLS

Larceny from a vehicle

» A Taylor man told police that someone had searched his unlocked truck while it was parked in front of a home in the 1400 block of Woodbourne overnight March 29. His wallet, hidden under a seat, was missing, the man said. The wallet contained \$200 in cash, a Social Security card and a debit card.

» On March 31, a resident in the 400 block of Apple told police that overnight someone had

stolen about 20 CDs from her unlocked vehicle. The CDs were valued at \$150. » A resident in the 34000 block of Florence told police that overnight March 27 someone had searched his unlocked vehicle. The man said several small items were missing, including jumper cables, a small roadside emergency kit, sunglasses and spare change.

Hit and run

A Westland woman told police April 1 that someone had struck her

vehicle while it was parked at Meijer, 37201 Warren Road. Unspecified damage resulted to the vehicle which was parked in a handicapped parking space. **Vandalism** The rear windshield of a car parked in the 31000 block of Mackenzie was reported smashed April 2. The officer noted a large rock or blunt object had been used. No other vandalism was reported in the area.

By LeAnne Rogers

POLICE

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without a license and failure to signal a turn.

Appliances stolen

A furnace and air conditioner were stolen from a home in the 12800 block of Salem Street on April 2. Police were called to the home shortly after noon. Upon investigation, police did not find any signs of forced entry and

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With its stylish cabin and respectable fuel economy ratings, the 2016 Nissan Pathfinder is a solid choice for a seven-passenger crossover SUV. You can check out the available models at Nissan of Canton located at 42175 Michigan Ave., just west of I-275.

Vehicle overview

The Nissan Pathfinder was redesigned for 2013 and switched to a unibody platform from a body-on-frame design to improve gas mileage and driving refinement. The seven-seat Pathfinder is powered by a 3.5-liter V-6 engine and comes with front- or four-wheel drive.

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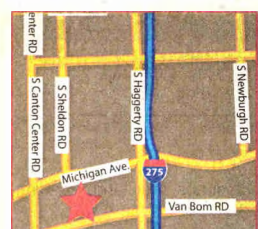
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Madonna students explore entertainment careers in L.A. trek

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Madonna University students visited Los Angeles over spring break to learn about careers in film, TV and more. Meghan Griesbeck, 20, a Highland Township resident, was among them.

"I loved L.A.," said Griesbeck, a junior in broadcast and cinema arts. "I thought it was amazing. We were meeting with people in the industry."

She liked meeting directors, producers and a writer. "So we were really able to completely delve into the whole experience of Hollywood," said Griesbeck, a Western Michigan University transfer who graduated from Milford High School in 2013.

A total of 21 undergraduates and two Madonna faculty members headed to Hollywood for spring break, said Sue Boyd, a faculty member in broadcast and cinema arts from Highland. "We've been going out to Hollywood for probably 10 years," Boyd said. "We've made such great connections."

'A giving community'

Added Boyd, on the faculty 35 years and also a Madonna staffer, "It's pretty amazing the people they get to meet. The arts seems to be such a giving community."

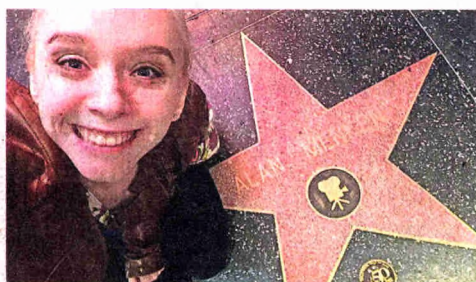
In past years, Madonna students had gone to Los Angeles in October and participated in a Project Accessible Hollywood that included a film festival. This year's focus was on tours and meeting industry pros.

"Spring break is a perfect fit for us," Boyd said. "They feel like they're getting a little break, too," she added of students.

Griesbeck liked the Sunset Gower Studios visit, where a lot of ABC



Madonna University students Nancy Boyd and Meghan Griesbeck are startled to "meet" famed director Alfred Hitchcock during their L.A. trek.



Madonna University's Nancy Boyd on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.



Madonna University students toured studios and met industry pros during their spring break trip to Los Angeles.

and HBO shows are made, including "How To Get Away With Murder," for which they visited the set.

She liked an on-location lunch there, too. She's unsure of post-graduation plans, and is interested in TV or film producing.

"Michigan doesn't have a huge incentive anymore," she noted of

filmmaking, although many Madonna alumni work in the industry here. "It depends on what kind of opportunities."

'Great opportunity'

Kara Kwiecinski, 19, of Plymouth Township is a Madonna sophomore in broadcast and cinema arts. She graduated from Plymouth Salem High School in 2014 and has a

Madonna marketing minor.

"I thought it was a great opportunity," Kwiecinski said of the trip. "They were just so willing to talk to us. It was really cool."

Like Griesbeck, this was Kwiecinski's first Madonna L.A. trip, although she's visited with family. Kwiecinski had been planning on direct-

ing, and found her West Coast trek opened her mind to other options.

Kwiecinski met a makeup artist she liked, as well as an actor/director who's close to students' age. He has done a lot of work with Disney.

"They're pursuing their dreams already," Kwiecinski said. "We can do that, too."

Of the trip, she said

laughingly, "Since we come from Michigan, the weather. Seeing what we're doing in Michigan really comes into play. That was the best part just knowing what we're doing is worth it."

Kwiecinski plans to return her senior year. "It was very educational. It was also very fun, too," she said. "It was a great trip."

Nancy Boyd, 20, is a Madonna junior with a double major in music as well as broadcast and cinema arts. She's from Highland and a 2013 Milford High School graduate.

"Oh, I loved it," said Nancy Boyd, who also visited L.A. as a Madonna freshman. "It was really great. We had so many opportunities. We actually reach out to people who work in the industry and get an inside look."

She noted Madonna's student visit goes beyond a standard Universal Studios tour. "I really enjoyed talking to the script analyst," Boyd said. "It was great talking to him about what makes a compelling story."

He's also a screenwriter who reads a lot of scripts; he recommends some be made, others considered with changes. "He definitely encouraged all of us to read scripts," to improve their own writing, student Boyd said.

She hopes to become a screenwriter and director. "I would love to hear an audience react to a film I've made," Boyd said. She recommends Madonna for film, radio and TV students, noting its hands-on approach.

Sue Boyd added, "We never know what's going to happen, which is good. We try to give them a range of things. You don't learn those things in a book. You need to go out and talk to people."

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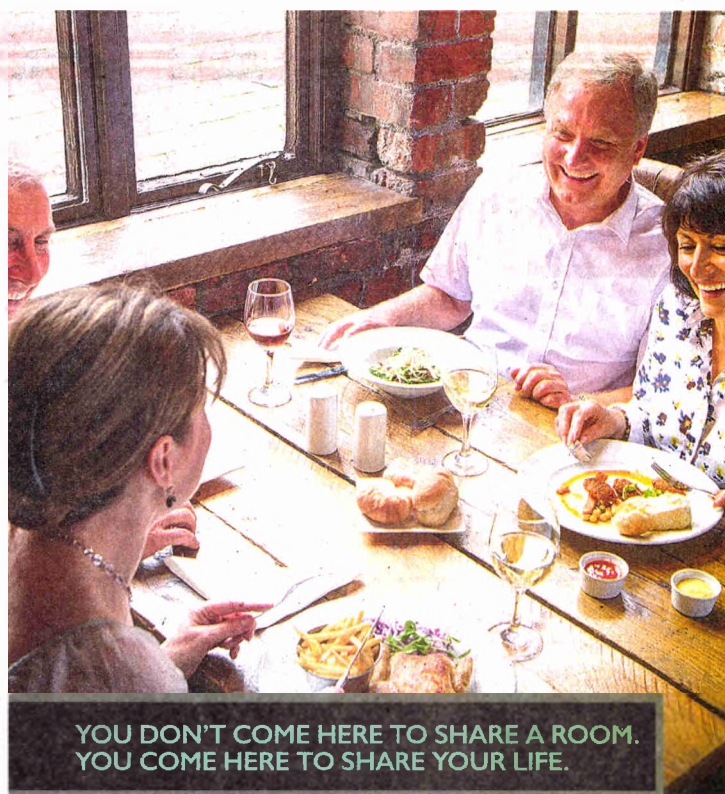
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Estate planning questions answered

Last week, I had the privilege to speak to a standing-room-only crowd at the Observer & Eccentric Senior Spring Expo. My topic was "Estate Planning and What Everyone Needs to Know." I thought I would answer some of the questions I received during and after my talk.

One gentleman mentioned to me that, about 20 years ago, he did a living will and wanted to know if that was sufficient or whether he needed a medical durable power of attorney. My answer to him was that without question he needs a medical durable power of attorney. Living wills were popular 30 years ago, but in today's world they are no longer effective. A living will basically deals with end-of-life decisions; the simple interpretation of them is if I don't have a quality of life, I don't want to be around. The problem with that is, who determines what quality of life is? In addition, it doesn't deal with medical situations where you may not be able to make a decision, but it's not an end-of-life call. A medical durable power of



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

attorney basically says, if I don't have a quality of life, I don't want to be around and this is the person I want to determine what quality of life is. In addition, a medical durable power of attorney is much broader in scope and thus deals with potentially non-life threatening situations. Therefore, my advice to him is that without question he needs a new medical durable power of attorney.

A woman told me that she had children from two different marriages. Because she had no relationship whatsoever to the children from her first marriage, she wanted to know if she could disinherit them without affecting her child from the second marriage. My answer to her was without question she could disinherit some children without disinheriting the other. The key for her is to make sure that her estate planning documents are clear as to whom she wants to dis-

inherit. The key in disinheriting the child is you need to mention the child in the estate planning document. If you ignore the child, then the presumption is the child was forgotten and they would have rights. When someone wants to disinherit a child, it doesn't only have to be because of a lack of relationship; it may be that they just don't need the inheritance. Either way, I generally recommend you have a professional draft your document so you be sure all the I's are dotted and the T's are crossed.

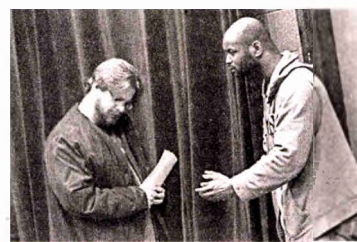
An elderly gentleman came up to me and mentioned that basically he has no surviving family and no one to leave his money to. He wanted to know what would happen to his money if he died without doing anything. My answer to him would be that if there were no surviving relatives or children of relatives, the money would basically go to the state of Michigan. My recommendation to him was that he should look for a charitable organization to leave his money to. He mentioned to me that he was passionate about animals and therefore I told him

he should look for some sort of animal charity, whether it's the Humane Society or some other organization, and work with them. This way he can be assured that his money would go to a cause he believes in as opposed to giving it to the state of Michigan.

One last question I was asked was how often someone should update their estate plan. My answer was I don't think there's a magic number, but I certainly believe that we should re-look at our documents every two to three years to make sure they're current. Family situations change and so do the laws. In addition, whenever there is a change in the family such as a birth, death or divorce, it's not a bad idea to also review your estate planning documents.

Good luck!

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"The Sunset Limited" is directed by Eastern Michigan University graduate student Anthony Petrucci, who is preparing to graduate with a master's of arts degree in interpretation/perfor-

mance studies.

Petrucci has been in the last two plays at Inspire Theatre.

"I am thrilled to be able to bring this play to Inspire," he said. "I enjoy working there and like what they do. And this allows this show to be seen by a wider audience. Not a lot of people know about it. It's rarely done and I think that's a shame."

The show opens Friday, April 15, and runs through Sunday, April 17. Show times are 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are available at inspiretheatre.com. For more information, call 734-751-7057. Inspire Theatre is in the Westland Center for the Arts at 33455 Warren Road.

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All Addendums will be posted on the MITN website. Any information not obtained from the MITN website should not be relied upon. Each response to the bid must be provided to the City of Livonia electronically in Adobe (PDF) format. Faxed bids in response to this request will not be accepted.

All bids shall be sealed in envelopes, plainly marked with: **CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN 2016 OVERHEAD DOOR REPLACEMENT, name of vendor** and shall be addressed to the **City Clerk, City of Livonia, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154.**

No vendor may withdraw their bid within 120 calendar days after the date set for opening thereof.

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

Douglas Moore
Superintendent, DPW

Dennis K. Wright
Mayor

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CITY OF LIVONIA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR RICHFIELD PARK ESTATES SITE CONDOMINIUMS LED STREET LIGHTING PROJECT

TO ALL PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the proposed **ASSESSMENT ROLL for the RICHFIELD PARK ESTATES SITE CONDOMINIUMS LED STREET LIGHTING PROJECT**, for the installation of two (2) new LED street lights, located west of Newburgh Road, between Ann Arbor Trail and Joy Road, in the Southeast ¼ of Section 31, has been duly filed in the Office of the City Clerk and is now open for public examination and inspection.

The City Council has adopted a resolution setting the evening of **MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2016, AT 7:00 P.M.** in the auditorium at Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan as the time and place for reviewing the said Roll and hearing all objections or suggestions relative thereto.

At this meeting any persons deeming themselves aggrieved by the Special Assessment Roll, may file their objections thereto in writing with the City Clerk prior to the close of such hearing, which written objections shall specify in what respect they deem themselves aggrieved.

The amount of the assessment of any individual property owner may be determined prior to the hearing by inquiry at the Office of the City Clerk, where such Roll may be personally examined.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that appearance and protest at this hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the State Tax Tribunal if an appeal should be desired. A property owner or party of interest, or his or her agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment or may file his or her appearance by letter delivered to the City Clerk by the time and date of the hearing and his or her personal appearance shall not be required. The property owner or any person having an interest in the property subject to the proposed special assessments may file written appeal of the special assessment with the State Tax Tribunal within thirty-five days after confirmation of the special assessment roll if that special assessment was protested at this hearing.

SUSAN M. NASH, CITY CLERK

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LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS 15125 FARMINGTON ROAD LIVONIA, MI 48154-5474 (734) 744-2500

The Livonia Public Schools Board of Education, Livonia, Michigan, hereby invites the submission of **sealed bids** for the purchase of:

Upright Acoustic Pianos (27) Bid for the 2015-2016 School Year (See Attached Specifications)

Request for Proposal (RFP) documents can be obtained at the Livonia Public School Website, www.livoniapublicschools.org under the section titled DISTRICT, Purchasing Bids, 2015-2016 school year, open bids OR Buy4Michigan Website, www.buy4michigan.com. Please feel free to include additional pages of information if necessary. For bids to be considered they must meet or exceed all specifications herein.

Sealed bids marked Upright Acoustic Pianos (27) will be received until 12:30 p.m. on the 19th day April, 2016, in the Business Office at the Board of Education complex, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan. Mailed bids should be sent to the attention of Nick Armelagos, Administrator of Finance, Livonia Public Schools, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan, 48154. **Livonia Public Schools is not liable for any delivery or postal delays.**

The Bid Opening will take place at **12:30 p.m. on the 19th day of April, 2016**, at the Livonia Public School Board of Education Complex, at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read. No bids will be accepted after the date and time specified and will not be opened. Oral, telephone, fax or electronic mail bids are invalid and will not receive consideration.

All bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement of disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner and any employee of the bidder and any member of the Livonia Board of Education, the Livonia Public Schools Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, any member of the Wayne RESA Board of Education or the Superintendent of Wayne RESA. **No bid shall be accepted that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.**

All bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized Affidavit of Compliance – Iran Economic Sanctions Act. **No bid shall be accepted that does not include this sworn and notarized statement.**

All bids must be accompanied by the Equal Opportunity Statement. **No bid shall be accepted that does not include this statement.**

All bids must include a Treasury listed bid bond or certified check made payable to Livonia Public Schools for not less than five percent (5%) of the contract for each bid over \$23,230.00 and must be submitted with the bid forms furnished with specification.

All bids must be submitted on the forms provided in the bid packet and all sheets must be returned for the bid. All proposals shall remain firm for a period of ninety (90) days.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, either in whole or in part: to award to other than the low bidder: to waive any irregularities and/or informalities; and in general to make awards in any manner deemed to be in the best interests of the district, including awarding by line item, with rationale to support such a decision. Livonia Public Schools local preference resolution will be followed for all proposals.

Prices bid are to be **F.O.B Destination**. All purchases are to be exempt from all taxes, including state and federal taxes. Exemption certificates will be furnished upon request.

Any bid submitted will be binding for ninety (90) days subsequent to the date of the bid submission. All bids must be submitted on the attached bid form and signed by the bidder. Two (2) signed copies of the bid package are to be addressed to the attention of:

Nick Armelagos

Administrator of Finance
Livonia Public Schools
15125 Farmington Road
Livonia, MI 48154-5474

"Upright Acoustic Pianos (27)"

One (1) copy of the bid package should be retained for your files. Any questions **regarding bid specifications** should be referred to Harry Lau, Administrator of Facilities and Operations, hlaui@livoniapublicschools.org, 734.744.2511, between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. EST.

LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

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LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS 15125 FARMINGTON ROAD LIVONIA, MI 48154-5474 (734) 744-2500

The Livonia Public Schools Board of Education, Livonia, Michigan, hereby invites the submission of **sealed bids** for the purchase of:

Baby Grand Pianos (3) Bid for the 2015-2016 School Year (See Attached Specifications)

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Sealed bids marked Baby Grand Pianos (3) will be received until 1:00 p.m. on the 19th day April, 2016, in the Business Office at the Board of Education complex, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan. Mailed bids should be sent to the attention of Nick Armelagos, Administrator of Finance, Livonia Public Schools, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan, 48154. **Livonia Public Schools is not liable for any delivery or postal delays.**

The Bid Opening will take place at **1:00 p.m. on the 19th day of April, 2016**, at the Livonia Public School Board of Education Complex, at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read. No bids will be accepted after the date and time specified and will not be opened. Oral, telephone, fax or electronic mail bids are invalid and will not receive consideration.

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Any bid submitted will be binding for ninety (90) days subsequent to the date of the bid submission. All bids must be submitted on the attached bid form and signed by the bidder. Two (2) signed copies of the bid package are to be addressed to the attention of:

Nick Armelagos

Administrator of Finance
Livonia Public Schools
15125 Farmington Road
Livonia, MI 48154-5474

"Baby Grand Pianos (3)"

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LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

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Tigers fan beats brain cancer, gets mural near Comerica

Robert Allen
Michigan.com

She saw the Detroit Tigers play in the 2012 World Series, and a short time later, she was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor.

Friday, as fans arrive in downtown for the Tigers home opener, they'll see Nestelynn Gay's brightly smiling face on a 105-foot-by-90-foot mural facing Comerica Park from a building at Woodward and West Elizabeth Street.

"It's like a full circle. Very cool," said Gay, 40, of Southfield, who wore a Miguel Cabrera jersey as she saw the mural for the first time Wednesday afternoon. "Awesome, for a few reasons: I am the Tigers' No. 1 fan. Miggy's my Tiger. So very, very awesome to be here in front of Comerica Park."

When she awoke from brain surgery in January 2013, she couldn't walk and she couldn't use the left side of her body. But by July of that year, she returned to work. And on Wednesday, Gay was cheerful, on her feet and appeared to be doing well.

"You wouldn't know it, but Nestelynn has been through ups and downs," Dr. Tobias Walbert, neuro-oncologist and co-director of the Hermelin Brain Tumor Center at Henry Ford Hospital. "But (through) her spirit, and with a good team, we stand here today."

The massive portrait was put up by Henry Ford Health System as part of its "All For You" advertising campaign to emphasize a focus on the people it treats. Matt Zelle, group creative director with Campbell Ewald and the artist who designed the mural, said the piece shows a more personal approach than other hospitals have used in advertising.

"They could have used it for (promoting) doctors or the latest technology, and instead, they're celebrating how it's all about the patients," he said.

Gay's mother, Willie Gay of Southfield, said she had to take care of her daughter "like a baby" shortly after surgery. She said it's great to see how well she has recovered, and she joined her daughter Wednesday to see the mural for the first time.



ROBERT ALLEN | MICHIGAN.COM
Nestelynn Gay and Dr. Tobias Walbert admire the mural.

"It's awesome," Willie Gay said. "The artist did a great job."

For Nestelynn Gay, the process of the past few years started with a headache.

"And it wasn't a hard headache. It wasn't the worst headache ever. It just felt weird," she said. "And I hadn't felt anything like that before. And I was at work, and I was stressed, and I said, 'Oh my gosh, did these people just make me have a stroke?'"

She went to a doctor and was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor. She said genetic testing showed positive signs for recovery, and she was

able to have surgery without any chemotherapy treatments.

"She's a very good example to show that a diagnosis that feels very daunting in the first moment actually can be ... overcome," Walbert said.

On Wednesday, she thanked her doctors. "Awesome team," she said. "They take really good care of me."

Gay will be out of town and won't make Friday's home opener against the New York Yankees, but the hospital says it is going to give her tickets for a game later this month.

ralen@gannett.com



ROBERT ALLEN | MICHIGAN.COM
Nestelynn Gay, 40, of Southfield stands with one of her doctors, Dr. Tobias Walbert of the Henry Ford Health System, near her mural.

NOTICE OF BIDS

The City of Southfield will receive proposals for the following item(s) until the time and date indicated: **Demolition and Site Clearance of 20766 Van Buren @ 11:30 am on April 20, 2016. Local Time.** Specifications are available at the Purchasing Department, Municipal Building, 26000 Evergreen Road, Southfield, MI 48076 or at www.mtn.info. Questions contact Purchasing at 248-796-5250.

Nancy L.M. Banks, City Clerk

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR REQUEST FOR BIDS

CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN 3 YEAR PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE, INSPECTION AND REPAIR OF OVERHEAD DOORS

Sealed bids will be received at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154 until 2:00 P.M., local time on Tuesday, April 26th, 2016 at which time the RFB's will be secured by the City Clerk. Each bid shall be recorded together with the name of the vendor. Bids shall be in accordance with the requirements of this notice in order to be deemed "responsive." Late bids will be returned unopened.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held in the West Conference Room at the Department of Public Works Building, 12973 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan (734) 466-2655 at 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, April 12th, 2016. Bids will not be accepted from those firms who do not attend.

Instructions and specifications may be obtained by registering with the Michigan Inter-Governmental Trade Network (MITN) at www.mtn.info

All Addendums will be posted on the MITN website. Any information not obtained from the MITN website should not be relied upon. Each response to the bid must be provided to the City of Livonia electronically in Adobe (PDF) format. Faxed bids in response to this request will not be accepted.

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Douglas Moore
Superintendent, DPW

Dennis K. Wright
Mayor

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Livonia Housing Commission
19300 Purlingbrook Road.
Livonia, MI 48152
(248) 477-7086

On or about May 20, 2016 the City of Livonia-Housing Commission will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for release of the 2016 Capital Fund (CFP) grant proceeds under Title I, Section 26 of the Housing Act of 1937, as amended, to undertake a project for the purpose of improving public housing apartments, common areas for the McNamara Towers #1 and #2. The amount of CFP funding award for these activities is \$135,333.00

Site Locations: McNamara Towers #1 and #2 (19300-19500 Purlingbrook. Livonia, 48152) is a public housing community that benefits low income senior citizens and persons with disabilities. The property is located in the Southeast 1/4 of Section 2, Purlingbrook Road is between Merriman and Middlebelt Roads.

Project Descriptions

McNamara Towers #1 & #2: Replacement of existing (2) building entry/security systems, replacement of store-front building entry doors (5), replace outdoor patio screening fences, transfer of funds to property operations and debt service payments under the Capital Fund Bond Financing program. The modernization activities shall provide greater operating efficiencies and will ensure more reliable operations and the long term viability of the public housing community.

Project Timeline and Funding:

Project Timeline: All funds (except debt service) shall be expended prior to March, 2020. This project is currently in the planning/design phase.

Project Funding: Capital Fund Program:	\$135,333.00
Dwelling Structures:	\$50,000.88
Site Improvements	\$5,000.00
Capital Fund Financing Debt Service	\$52,689.12
Operations	\$27,643.88

The Environmental Review Record (ERR) documents the environmental determinations for this project which are on file at the Livonia Housing Commission in the McNamara Tower #2 building (19300 Purlingbrook Road, Livonia, MI 48152) and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:30 AM to 5:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Livonia Housing Commission at the address listed above. All comments received by May 15, 2016 will be considered by the Livonia Housing Commission prior to authorizing submission of the request for release of funds.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Livonia-Housing Commission certifies to HUD that Dennis K. Wright in his capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City of Livonia Housing Commission to use program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and the Livonia Housing Commission's certification for a period of fifteen (15) days (May 20, 2016 to June 5, 2016) following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following basis: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Livonia; (b) the City of Livonia-Housing Commission has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to the HUD Grant Administration Office at Patrick V. McNamara Federal Building, 477 Michigan Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48226. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

James M. Inglis, Housing Director
Dennis K. Wright, Mayor

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City of Livonia Public Notice Agenda Zoning Board of Appeals

April 26, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.
Livonia City Hall - Auditorium (1st Floor)
33000 Civic Center Drive
Livonia, MI
(734) 466 2259

APPEAL CASE 2016-02-10 (Tabled on March 22, 2016): Michael R. Michalski, west side of Wayne (18311) between Curtis and Pickford Court, seeking to maintain a privacy fence, erected without a permit, and such fence placed within the side yard, which is not allowed. Privacy fences cannot extend from the rear line of the home toward the front lot line.

APPEAL CASE 2016-02-11 (Tabled on March 22, 2016): Michael R. Michalski, west side of Wayne (18311) between Curtis and Pickford Court, seeking to store a recreational vehicle (i.e. boat and trailer) within the side yard, which is not allowed. Recreational vehicles must be stored in the rear yard, which is to the rear of the back line of the dwelling.

APPEAL CASE 2016-03-20 (Tabled on March 1, 2016): Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia, MI 48152, on behalf of Lessee Trinity Home Health Care, north side of College Parkway (17410) between Haggerty and East End, seeking to erect a second wall sign, resulting in excess number of signs and sign area.

APPEAL CASE 2016-04-24: Bruce Breisch, north side of Ann Arbor Trail (36550) between Angeline Circle and Levan, seeking to construct a detached garage while maintaining an attached garage, resulting in excess number of garages, garage area, excess garage height and excess wall height. All existing accessory buildings are being removed pending approval of this variance.

APPEAL CASE 2016-04-29: Craig and Rosellen Miller, west side of Penn (16783) between Meetinghouse and Swathmore, seeking to erect a four (4) foot tall open picket fence on a corner - double frontage lot, resulting in deficient rear yard setback.

APPEAL CASE 2016-04-31: Edward Lesnau IV, west side of Fairway (14663) between Lyndon and Meadowbrook, seeking to erect a four (4) foot tall chain link style fence on a corner lot, resulting in the fence not aligning with the fence on the adjoining property.

Public Comments may be sent to the Zoning Board of Appeals Office at 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, MI 48154 - all comments must include name, address and signature.

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Digital Pianos (26) Bid for the 2015-2016 School Year (See Attached Specifications)

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Sealed bids marked **Digital Pianos (26)** will be received until 12:00 p.m. on the 19th day April, 2016, in the Business Office at the Board of Education complex, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan. Mailed bids should be sent to the attention of Nick Armelagos, Administrator of Finance, Livonia Public Schools, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan, 48154. **Livonia Public Schools is not liable for any delivery or postal delays.**

The Bid Opening will take place at 12:00 p.m. on the 19th day of April, 2016, at the Livonia Public School Board of Education Complex, at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read. No bids will be accepted after the date and time specified and will not be opened. Oral, telephone, fax or electronic mail bids are invalid and will not receive consideration.

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Nick Armelagos

Administrator of Finance
Livonia Public Schools
15125 Farmington Road
Livonia, MI 48154-5474
"Digital Pianos (26)"

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LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

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A BITE OUT OF HUNGER

Livonia group providing weekend food for at-risk kids

Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Monica Love is an at-home mom (though she's studying to be a nurse) who knows she's been blessed with the kind of lifestyle that allows her to feed her children well.

She also knows not everyone is that lucky, so she's doing something to help.

Love, a Livonia resident whose children attend Livonia Public Schools, is part of Blessings in a Backpack-Livonia, the local chapter of the national organization whose aim is to address childhood hunger.

"I'm a mom, and I'm blessed enough to feed my children," said Love, who serves as the group's packing coordinator. "If I can help other moms do that, I'm happy to do it. I get complete satisfaction out of it."

Sluggish and tired

Blessings in a Backpack is a national group that started in 2005 in Louisville, Ky., after a teacher noticed her students who were on a free-or-reduced lunch program would come to school on Monday tired, hungry and sluggish.

The idea is to provide those students with

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MONICA LOVE

enough food for three meals per day over the weekends. Every Thursday, the group sends food home with some 175 students considered "food insecure" in five LPS schools.

Backpacks sent home with the kids contain six meals consisting of such foods as tuna, chicken, peanut butter, macaroni and cheese, oatmeal, fruit juices, soup, beef ravioli, canned fruit and fruit granola bars.

"Hunger doesn't stop at the weekend," said Suzanne Baker, outreach captain for Blessings in a Backpack-Livonia.

"When kids go home on Friday, they often don't have enough food for the weekend. We provide easily made meals so kids don't have to come



Blessings in a Backpack-Livonia packing coordinator Monica Love and part of her band of volunteers packing backpacks.

back to school hungry on Monday."

Well-rounded students

Paula Kohler, the principal at Garfield Elementary School in Livonia, said the efficient program is "a blessing" to work with, and that the benefits are many. With nearly 80 students partic-

ipating, Garfield is Blessings in a Backpack-Livonia's biggest school.

"Knowing our kids have a pack of food (for the weekends) is reassuring," Kohler said. "We know that's an important component to a well-rounded student. The child can concentrate on school instead of sitting there hungry and worrying about what he's going to eat."

Blessings in a Backpack-Livonia started its fundraising efforts in April 2014, and handed out its first meals in January 2015. The national organization partners with Meijer Inc. to provide food, purchased with funds raised by the local chapters.

The cost to feed a student for the entire school year is about \$100. Blessings in a Backpack-Livonia, which doesn't have nonprofit status, works with the North Woodward Community

Foundation, which does. The chapter does its own fundraising (there's a trivia night fundraiser scheduled for April 28), and the foundation orders the food.

Representatives from Two Men and a Truck-Livonia pick the food up at Meijer. Once volunteers have packed the bags, they're divided into plastic bins and delivered to the participating schools (Rosedale, Kennedy, Webster and Gar-

See HUNGER, Page A11

CITY OF LIVONIA LIVONIA HOUSING COMMISSION ADVERTISEMENT/REQUEST FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Livonia-Housing Commission, Michigan as Owners, until the hour of 2:00 p.m. (Local Time) on Tuesday, April 26, 2016, at the offices of the Livonia City Clerk, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, MI 48154, at which time said proposals will be opened and publicly read.

DISPOSAL OF TWO VACANT CITY OWNED PARCELS: 8875 MIDDLEBELT ROAD, LIVONIA, 48150. MINIMUM BID AMOUNT IS \$34,200.00 AND 15175 SANTA ANITA, LIVONIA, 48154. MINIMUM BID AMOUNT IS \$34,000.00

The proposal package, bid requirements, bid form and certified site survey will be available beginning Monday, April 11, 2016 at the offices of the Livonia City Clerk, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, MI 48154. All proposals are to be submitted on the forms furnished by the Director of Housing. All proposals shall be sealed in opaque envelopes, plainly marked with the name of the property bid upon, name of bidder, and shall be addressed to Susan Nash, City Clerk, City of Livonia, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154. Bids must be on the form provided in the proposal package accompanied by a non-collusion affidavit and bid bond. Interested parties that have questions regarding the city-owned property or bid requirements may contact James M. Inglis, Director of Housing at 248-477-7086 ext. 5.

The City of Livonia-Housing Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to award the bid to the responsive and responsible bidder and to waive any informalities in the bids received. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of the bids without the consent of the City of Livonia Housing Commission.

JAMES M. INGLIS, Director of Housing
DENNIS WRIGHT, Mayor
CITY OF LIVONIA

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The Livonia Public Schools Board of Education, Livonia, Michigan, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for the purchase of:

Grand Pianos (3) Bid for the 2015-2016 School Year (See Attached Specifications)

Request for Proposal (RFP) documents can be obtained at the Livonia Public School Website, www.livoniapublicschools.org under the section titled DISTRICT Purchasing Bids, 2015-2016 school year, open bids OR Buy4Michigan Website, www.buy4michigan.com. Please feel free to include additional pages of information if necessary. For bids to be considered they must meet or exceed all specifications herein.

Sealed bids marked **Grand Pianos (3)** will be received until 1:30 p.m. on the 19th day April, 2016, in the Business Office at the Board of Education complex, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan. Mailed bids should be sent to the attention of Nick Armelagos, Administrator of Finance, Livonia Public Schools, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan, 48154. **Livonia Public Schools is not liable for any delivery or postal delays.**

The Bid Opening will take place at 1:30 p.m. on the 19th day of April, 2016, at the Livonia Public Schools Board of Education Complex, at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read. No bids will be accepted after the date and time specified and will not be opened. Oral, telephone, fax or electronic mail bids are invalid and will not receive consideration.

All bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement of disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner and any employee of the bidder and any member of the Livonia Board of Education, the Livonia Public Schools Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, any member of the Wayne RESA Board of Education or the Superintendent of Wayne RESA. **No bid shall be accepted that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.**

All bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized Affidavit of Compliance – Iran Economic Sanctions Act. **No bid shall be accepted that does not include this sworn and notarized statement.**

All bids must be accompanied by the Equal Opportunity Statement. No bid shall be accepted that does not include this statement.

All bids must include a Treasury listed bid bond or certified check made payable to Livonia Public Schools for not less than five percent (5%) of the contract for each bid over \$23,230.00 and must be submitted with the bid forms furnished with specification.

All bids must be submitted on the forms provided in the bid packet and all sheets must be returned for the bid. All proposals shall remain firm for a period of ninety (90) days.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, either in whole or in part: to award to other than the low bidder; to waive any irregularities and/or informalities; and in general to make awards in any manner deemed to be in the best interests of the district, including awarding by line item, with rationale to support such a decision. Livonia Public Schools local preference resolution will be followed for all proposals.

Prices bid are to be **F.O.B. Destination**. All purchases are to be exempt from all taxes, including state and federal taxes. Exemption certificates will be furnished upon request.

Any bid submitted will be binding for ninety (90) days subsequent to the date of the bid submission. All bids must be submitted on the attached bid form and signed by the bidder. Two (2) signed copies of the bid package are to be addressed to the attention of:

Nick Armelagos
Administrator of Finance
Livonia Public Schools
15125 Farmington Road
Livonia, MI 48154-5474
"Grand Pianos (3)"

One (1) copy of the bid package should be retained for your files.

Any questions regarding bid specifications should be referred to Harry Lau, Administrator of Facilities and Operations, hlau@livoniapublicschools.org, 734.744.2511, between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. EST.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held in the auditorium at Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan on **MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2016, at 7:00 P.M.** on the **NECESSITY TO INCLUDE TWO (2) OUTLOTS TO THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT STREET LIGHTING PROJECT IN THE CHURCHILL MANOR SITE CONDOMINIUMS, SE ¼ of Section 31**, located west of Newburgh Road and north of Joy Road, in the City of Livonia, Wayne County, Michigan, pursuant to Chapter 08 of Title 3 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended, entitled "Special Assessment Procedure Ordinance."

You are further notified that the City Engineer has filed with the City Clerk plans and specifications for the proposed improvement, together with a statement showing a description of the proposed district, the estimated cost of the improvement, ownership of parcels within such district, the assessed valuation of such parcels, his recommendation as to assessment for such improvement and other information required by Section 3.08.060 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended, which statement is available for your examination in the office of the City Clerk.

SUSAN M. NASH, CITY CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD NOTICE OF PROPOSED STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES AND PROJECTED USE OF FUNDS

The Charter Township of Redford expects to receive \$818,153 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds during the 2016 federal fiscal year. It is anticipated that the Township will also receive an estimated \$249,847 in Program Income funds. Redford Township has a projected CDBG budget of \$1,068,000 during Fiscal Year 2016-2017. Said recommendations will be submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (D-HUD).

The Charter Township of Redford has published the Proposed Statement of Community Development Objectives and Projected Use of Funds in the Redford Observer on March 27, 2016. The statement gave notice of a public hearing on April 5, 2016 requesting written views and proposals from interested citizens unable to attend said public hearing. The public hearing was set in order to receive comments on the proposed recommendations for the Year XLII Submission of the One-Year Action Plan for FY 2016-2017 and the Five-Year Consolidated Plan for FY 2016-2021.

The Township is making available to the general public the draft of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan FY2016-2021 and One-Year Action Plan FY2016-2017. A copy is available for examination and comment for a 30-day period. Copies of the document will be available for review at the following locations:

- Redford Township Community Development Dept., 12121 Hemingway, Redford, MI 48239
- Redford Township Clerk's Office, 15145 Beech Daly, Redford, MI 48239
- Redford Township Website, www.redfordtwp.com

Comments from the public are welcome and may be submitted to the Community Development Department, 12121 Hemingway, Redford, MI 48239, throughout the thirty day public comment period, April 11, 2016 through May 10, 2016, until 4:30 P.M.

The Charter Township of Redford does not intend to voluntarily displace any persons as a direct or indirect result of the proposed CDBG funded activities. Notwithstanding the aforementioned statement, the Township has been required by Public Law 98-181 to prepare a Plan for minimizing the displacement of persons as a result of CDBG funded activities and for assisting persons involuntarily displaced as a result of said activities. A copy of this plan is on file and available for review at the Community Development Department, 12121 Hemingway, Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

It is anticipated the Redford Township Board of Trustees will take action on the Proposed Statement and Projected Use of Funds at the regular meeting scheduled for May 10, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. at Township Hall, 15145 Beech Daly, Redford, Michigan 48239.

Information concerning Community Development Block Grant expenditures is on file at the Community Development Department, 12121 Hemingway, Redford, Michigan 48239 and can be reviewed Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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

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field elementaries and Johnson Upper Elementary).

Company mantra

Helping out is part of the company's philosophy.

"It's one of our core values," Two Men and a Truck's Sean Habratowski said. "We can give back to the community. It's an opportunity for us to help families in need."

The program has grown to the point where Blessings in a Backpack-Livonia hopes to expand to a four-week summer program at Webster Elementary, as well.

"It's a very small program (now)," said Susan Swantick, Blessings' logistics coordinator. "Students who qualify will be able to get meals for those four weeks."

Blessings in a Backpack-Livonia works out of Bethel Community Church in Livonia. The church started by donating a small room downstairs where Blessings volunteers could store and pack the food.

The program quickly grew out of that space; now the church staff donates a large meeting room upstairs.

"We know there are kids and families in the community who are in need, and we wanted to provide a space where that team could do its blessing," said Jason Adams, lead pastor at Bethel Community Church. "It's a great opportunity for us to impact the community. Regardless of what community you're in, there are people in need, and we wanted to help."

While helping to coordinate such a large effort has its challenges, everyone involved believes it's well worth it.

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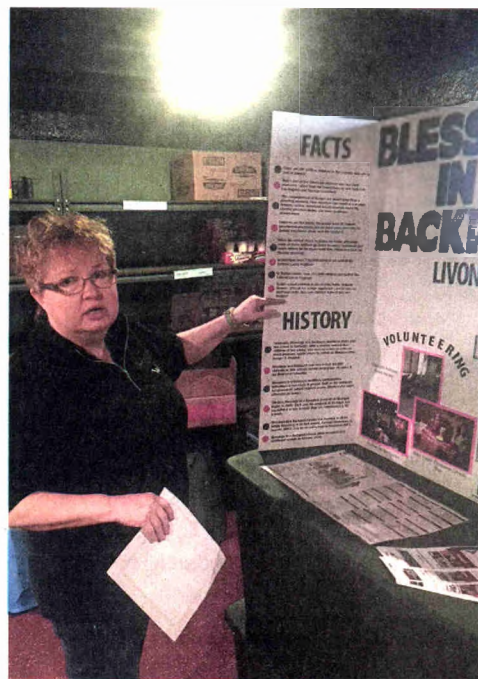


BRAD KADRICH

Monica Love, Blessings in a Backpack's packing coordinator, explains the menu for the food program.



BRAD KADRICH
Sean Habratowski of Two Men and a Truck loads bins of food onto a truck for delivery to the elementary schools.



BRAD KADRICH

Suzanne Baker is the outreach captain for Blessings in a Backpack-Livonia.

TRIVIA NIGHT

What: Blessings in a Backpack fundraiser

When: 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 28

Where: One Under Banquet Hall, 35780 Five Mile in Livonia

Why: Blessings in a Backpack-Livonia is the local chapter of a national organization whose mission is to make sure students in need have food to eat on weekends.

Cost: \$30 per person, includes participation in the trivia competition, pizza, salad and beverages. Six rounds of trivia with first-, second- and third-place prizes, door prizes and a raffle.

More details: www.biablivonia.org

CEREAL DRIVE

Blessings in a Backpack-Livonia is conducting a cereal drive for at-risk students in Livonia Public Schools. The drive runs through May 12.

They're looking for standard-size boxes (15-25 ounces) of cold, whole-grain cereal. Schools, churches, civic groups or individuals who collect cereal for the drive can drop them off at Bethel Community Church, 8900 Middlebelt Road, Livonia on Thursdays from 9-9:30 a.m.; contact Susan Swantick at enden5@aol.com or (313) 505-4336 to confirm that someone will be there.



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City's historical personalities to tell their stories

Personalities from Plymouth's past will walk again Saturday, April 23, during the Plymouth Historical Museum's Ghosts of Plymouth Walk in Kellogg Park.

The annual walk, typically one of the museum's biggest fundraisers, brings to life such early Plymouth characters as photographer Romeo Wood, Civil War soldier and shopkeeper Calvin Crosby, Eleanor Kellogg, whose husband John donated land for the park named for him, and Sarah Fuller Shattuck, daughter of Michigan Anti-Slavery Society leaders.

Even anti-saloon activist Carrie Nation, who visited the area, will make an appearance.

Walks begin at the downtown Plymouth park at 5 p.m. and one will leave every 15 minutes, circling the park to listen to the stories of the characters played by costumed actors.

Each walk will last approximately 90 minutes. Participants should meet for walks by the Kellogg Park fountain; the last walk will leave at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 a person (\$5 for children under age 10) and can be purchased through the museum's website (plymouthhistory.org) using PayPal or at the museum during open hours: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The museum is at 155 S. Main.

Tickets will be available at Kellogg Park on the day of the event for \$15 each (\$10 for children under 10).

For more information, go to the museum website or call 734-455-8940.

Robert Taylor portrays George Richwine, a harness maker in early Plymouth, in the 2015 Ghosts of Plymouth Walk.



PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM
Robert Taylor portrays George Richwine, a harness maker in early Plymouth, in the 2015 Ghosts of Plymouth Walk.



PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM
Megan Morgan plays Mary Conner, daughter of Michael Conner, in last year's Ghosts of Plymouth Walk. Michael Conner owned a hardware store at Main and Penniman; the building is still standing and houses Kilwin's.

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If you have a question about combating bad breath then contact Dr. James Stewart by calling 734-425-4400 or visiting jamesstewartdds.com.

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TRACK & FIELD PREVIEW



Senior Michael Licata will contribute to Livonia Stevenson's success in a number of events this spring.

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FULL SPEED AHEAD

Stevenson anxious to improve on last year's results

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

With a roster saturated with 90-plus athletes — many of whom are superb in their specialties — Livonia Stevenson's boys track-and-field team is in a position to pile up a ton of points this spring.

Head coach Scott Shaw is hoping the points are distributed in a way that will help the Spartans improve on last year's modest 2-3 dual-meet record. "We're still kind of finding our-



TOM BEAUDOIN

Junior Jack Balint was a member of the Spartans' state-qualifying 3,200-meter relay team last season.

elves," Shaw said Wednesday night. "We had one of our youngest teams in a while last year, which definitely was not one of our better years."

"We're still young this year, with a lot of young guys coming up, ready to show what they can do."

There is a batch of current Spartans who know what it takes to make it to the Division 1 state meet — namely junior pole-vaulter Logan Delonis and middle-distance standouts Alex Oquist, Andrew Bambach (both seniors) and Jack Balint, a junior.

The trio made up three-quarters of the Spartans' state-qualifying 3,200-meter relay contingent.

"Our group of middle-distance and distance guys will be one of our strengths," Shaw said.

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PREP PROFILE

Cancer can't keep Lazzarino down

Franklin senior in the swing of things again

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

With a million-dollar smile creasing her bright-eyed face, Livonia Franklin senior tennis player Maria Lazzarino admitted Wednesday afternoon that she probably should have been home taking a well-deserved nap.

"Hump" days for most people are like "Mt. Everest" days for Lazzarino, who leaves her Livonia home around 7 a.m. most Wednesday mornings for a trek to Detroit's Children's Hospital, where she endures six-hour chemotherapy treatments.

Late last summer, while anticipating a fun and eventful senior year at Franklin, Lazzarino experienced bouts of poor vision, black-outs and severe headaches, which necessitated a visit to an ophthalmologist.

"At first, they checked my eyes and told me I needed to start wearing glasses," she remembered. "When they took another look, the doctor saw that my optic nerves were swollen. He said, 'That's a problem,' and sent me to the hospital to get an MRI."

The more thorough tests of Lazzarino's brain revealed the presence of two astroblastoma tumors, one located near her brain stem.

"It's one of the smallest forms of cancer; it's almost benign, but it's not," she said. "The doctors aren't sure how long I had it, but they think they found it right away, which is good."

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ED WRIGHT

Livonia Franklin senior tennis player Maria Lazzarino has remained upbeat while battling a form of brain cancer.



ED WRIGHT

Garden City shortstop Kaylen Glenfield prepares to gun down a base-runner during a game last spring.

COLLEGIATE SIGNING

Cougars' Glenfield headed to the 'Western' front

Garden City star to extend softball career in K'zoo

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

When you're a high school softball shortstop who can chew up grounders like they are sunflower seeds and launch hanging rise balls like NASA launches satellites, your mailbox is going to be stuffed with more than a few recruiting letters.

Garden City senior Kaylen Glenfield knows this better than most.

On Wednesday, the Cougars' all-state senior shortstop officially committed to extend her next-level diamond career at Western Michigan University, which edged out Eastern Michigan University in Glenfield's one-person exit poll.

"I attended a prospect camp at Western and loved it right away," said Glenfield, who has played high-level softball for the Finesse fast-

pitch organization since she was 9. "It came down to Eastern and Western, because those were the two Division 1 programs that were recruiting me, but it was always in the back of my mind to pick Western."

The Broncos coaching staff made it a point to watch Glenfield during a summer tournament, and she made their trip worthwhile.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL PREVIEW

Hard-working Rockets ready to launch

Returning nucleus makes John Glenn contender in KLAA South

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Intangibles that don't have a category on the stat sheet will serve as Rocket fuel for Westland John Glenn's baseball team this spring.

"This is a hard-working, scrappy group of players," raved John Glenn head coach Lawrence Scheffer, when asked about his team's qualities. "We have six returning starters and a senior catcher in Noah Damian who is vocal and leads by example with his hustle."

The Rockets soared to a deceptive 19-17 record last season. Several of the team's losses were by one or two runs, including the 2-1 district-championship setback to Plymouth.

Despite the loss to graduation of thoroughbred pitcher/center fielder Brendan Wetmore, who now plays baseball for Wayne State University, the Rockets figure to be a contender in the talent-stocked KLAA South Division, which also features the Wildcats, Canton, Livonia Franklin, Livo-

nia Churchill and Wayne Memorial.

"The division is going to be a battle, just like it always is," Scheffer said.

Helping fill the void left by Wetmore will be sophomore Brian Martin, who enjoyed a phenomenal freshman season, both at the plate and on the mound.

Undaunted by facing opponents with much more seasoning than himself, Martin struck out 60 batters in 55 innings while carving out a solid 2.80 earned run average. He hit a robust .342 at the plate while excelling in the No. 3 slot in the Rockets batting order.

"Brian is a special talent," Scheffer said. "Even though he is extremely talented and has the skills of an upperclassman, he remains very humble. He works hard and is a good leader. It's never about him."

Scheffer welcomes the return of senior Conner Gawne, who missed all but the first game of the season last year after a foul ball on a bunt attempt broke a bone near his eye.



Sophomore third baseman Brian Martin will take over as the team's No. 1 pitcher in the wake of Brendan Wetmore's graduation.

ED WRIGHT

"We missed Conner last year," Scheffer said. "He will contribute a lot this year, mostly at catcher and third base."

Additional seniors who will be counted on to fill pivotal

roles are third-year varsity player Reed Zielinski, the Rockets' starting shortstop, pitcher/first baseman Kyle Richards, outfielder/pitcher Jordan Fuchs, second baseman

Kevin Brewer, outfielder/pitcher Stephen Hegenauer, first baseman River Turek, pitcher Andrew Whicker and middle infielder Justin Stepchuk.

"Kyle is fighting for the number two or three spot in our rotation," Scheffer said. "He throws a heavy ball. We're expecting a lot from him."

"Jordan was 4-1 last year. He has a nice breaking ball and he mixes speeds well. He's one of our hardest workers."

"Justin is one of my all-time favorite players. He loves the game and will do anything to help the team."

Sophomore Matt Nutt will try to replace Wetmore in center field. Nutt will also pitch.

"Matt covers a lot of ground out there," Scheffer said. "He's one of those kids pitchers love because he takes away hits."

Other key players for John Glenn this spring will be junior Jered Stephens, who can play outfield and pitch; junior third baseman/pitcher Trevor Smith, versatile utility-man Aaron Puich, Austin Jackson, Jacob Tuttle, Race Loving, Kyle McCarthy and Malik Andrews-Holt.

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Stevenson's Paige Ackman is guarded tightly by Franklin's Rachel Dudek during the first half of Wednesday night's game.

ED WRIGHT

HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

Stevenson topples Franklin, 6-0

Spartans spoil Patriots' first home game

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The timing system on the Livonia Franklin varsity stadium scoreboard wasn't working Wednesday night, but the scoring system was — at least for the side keeping track of the Livonia Stevenson girls soccer team's goals.

The Spartans stamped to a 4-0 halftime lead and never looked back in their 6-0 triumph over the Patriots, who were playing their first game of the spring.

Stevenson upped its record to 1-0-1 one night after battling Livonia Churchill to a 1-1 draw.

"It was a nice team effort to-night," Stevenson head coach Ken Shingledecker said. "We received quality contributions from our entire roster."

The Spartans' offense performed like clockwork, creating 13 shots on goal — almost half of which ended up in the back of the net.

Alia Basierbe got things rolling for Stevenson when she buried a shot after settling a pass from Megan Verant five minutes in.

Eight minutes later, Paige Ackman ripped home a penalty kick to



Franklin's Madison Kean gains a step on Stevenson's Samantha Dickson during the first half of Wednesday's game.

ED WRIGHT

double the Spartans' advantage to 2-0.

Stevenson carried a hefty 4-0 lead at the half thanks to goals from Sarah Monte, who headed in a textbook corner from Kennedy Thurlow in the 26th minute; and Verant, whose net-finder was assisted by Audrey Kopitz.

The Spartans capped their victory

with second-half goals from Kopitz, who torpedoed in a penalty kick; and Ackman, whose goal was assisted by Jessica Wagner.

Stevenson's defense was anchored by goalkeepers Haley Demers and Jess Schoenfeldt, who made three saves a piece to share the shutout.

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HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

Cougars' offense clicks in 7-3 triumph

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Garden City's girls soccer team scored early and often during Wednesday's 7-3 conquest of visiting Westland John Glenn.

The Cougars' primary net-filler was junior Brooke Collins, who scored three goals while assisting on a fourth Garden City tally.

Although Collins was the headliner, Garden City head coach Jeff Szygula pointed to the entire roster when asked about his team's impressive victory, which improved the Cougars to 1-0-1.

"The thing I was impressed with the most tonight was our teamwork," said Szygula, whose team led 2-0 at the half. "It was a solid performance all around. Our game plan was to put a lot of pressure on their defense right away and we were effective at doing that throughout the game."

Junior goalkeeper Tatum Spears was solid most of the night, stopping five Rocket shots.

Sydney Baker staked the Cougars to a 1-0 lead 15 minutes into the contest. She was set up by an assist from Ashley Hahn.

Tracy June closed out the first-half in style with just 17 seconds on the clock, scoring a goal that was assisted by Alyssa Metcalf.

"That second goal was huge for us heading into halftime," said Szygula.

Collins netted the first of her three goals just a few moments into the second half. Picking up the assist was Alexis Horvath.

Also scoring (in addition to Collins' second and third net-finders) were Angie Dimopoulos, who buried a penalty kick, and Kaitlyn Bovenstep.

"All of our forwards did a great job to-night," Szygula concluded.

Tigers claw Zebras

Belleville defeated Wayne Memorial, 6-1, in a non-conference game played earlier this week.

Panthers triumph

Redord Union devoured Taylor Kennedy 7-3. Cassidy Sandelin and Maggie Osowski scored three goals a piece for the Panthers and Erin Sanchez netted a single goal.

STEVENSON

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Highlighting the Spartans' long-distance runners will be junior Nathan Ward, Alex Brauer and Nate Wilson, all of whom can set the pace in the 1,600- and 3,200-meter events.

Sprinting-wise, Stevenson is in good shape with speedsters Ladarius Sharpe, Tyler Hudson, Mike Jaffar and David Gasser all capable of clocking impressive times in the 100 and 200.

One of Stevenson's deepest specialties is the hurdles, where Nate Sudek, Evan Marini and Mike Grisa excel.

The Spartans' most versatile athlete may be senior Michael Licata, who can help out in the long jump, 400 and 200.

Among the top newcomers is senior Gino D'Agostino, a three-sport athlete who has shown potential in the high jump and sprints.

In the wake of state-qualifier Nick Hitchcock's graduation, Stevenson's throwing duties are in the air, so to speak.

"We're moderately young in the throwing events," Shaw said. "We have some guys who are looking good, but need to be more consistent."

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All-stars abound on Observerland hockey team

FIRST TEAM

Chase Wallis, F, Franklin:

Wallis closed out his high school career by piling up 34 goals and 25 assists and a plus-38 plus-minus mark — statistics that earned him Division 2 all-state and first team all-KLAA honors.



Chase Wallis
Franklin

"Chase has the skills, stride and strength to compete at the next level," said head coach Dennis Gagnon. "He went from being bored and burned out with hockey as a ninth-grader playing AAA, to one of the top goal scorers in the state in high school. He's had so much fun the past couple of seasons, he's planning on playing Juniors for a year or two before going to college, where he will be able to enjoy the college experience, considering he's a 3.5 GPA student, while playing the sport he's grown to love again."

Evan Newell, F, Salem: The senior forward closed out a stellar career for the Rocks with 16 goals and 29 assists for 45 points, spearheading Salem to the KLAA South Division championship.



Evan Newell
Salem

Newell, who scored the 11th-most points in team history, also proved to be a solid two-way performer and leader as Salem went on a late-season tear.

In addition to all-conference honors, he was named to the Division 2 all-state second team.

"His performance is the main reason we were able to beat 10 ranked teams this year, which is a school record," coach Ryan Ossennmacher said. "Not only is he tremendous in the offensive zone, Evan is also one of the best defensive players. When your top player is willing to block shots and sacrifice stats for team success, the other players have no choice but to buy in."

Brendan Whitney, F, Franklin: Whitney was a scoring machine the past two seasons for the Patriots, helping Franklin to a hockey resurgence. The sweet-skating forward racked up 22 goals and 38 assists this past winter with a plus-44 mark. He won 70 percent of his face-offs, ripped 161 shots on goal and earned Division 2 all-state accolades.



Brendan
Whitney
Franklin

"I can't say enough about the leadership and tenacity of this young man," said Gagnon. "Brendan made our job as coaches easier because of his maturity and desire to compete, which rubbed off on his team and helped to get the most out of his teammates, and, quite frankly, his coaches. I can't wait to follow his progression, because I know wherever he ends up, whether scholastically, hockey-wise or in the business world, he will be a leader and invaluable team member."

Adam Olson, D, Stevenson:

Olson bounced back from a scary season-ending cut to his leg last winter to post a spectacular senior year. The multi-talented skater registered six goals and 25 assists while earning Dream Team, first team all-state and all-KLAA accolades.



Adam Olson
Stevenson

Joe Wozniak, D, Churchill:

The junior captain helped spearhead a turnaround season for the Chargers by providing rock-solid leadership and recording two goals and a team-high 30 assists.



Joe Wozniak
Churchill

Cullen Barber, G, Stevenson: The senior followed up his spectacular junior season, during which he was named the state's best goalie, with a lock-down senior campaign. Playing against a high-level parade of opponents, Barber finished 16-6 with a 1.73 goals-against average and a .925 save percentage. He registered three shutouts and anchored the Spartans to their second straight run to the Division 2 title game. In addition to joining Olson on the Dream Team, he was voted first team all-state and all-KLAA.



Cullen Barber
Stevenson

SECOND TEAM

Joe Alcantara, F, Stevenson:

The instinctive senior was an offensive lightning bolt for the Spartans, netting 19 goals and 18 assists for Stevenson's incredibly-balanced attack. Alcantara scored several critical late-game goals and earned first team all-state honors.



Joe Alcantara
Stevenson

Jason Petras, F, Farmington: A four-year varsity player, the speedy center had his best season as a senior. He led the Falcons in goals scored (28) and points (47). He also had a career-high 19 assists.



Jason Petras
Farmington

When the Falcons won the Division 3 state championship two years ago, Petras scored both goals in the 2-1 win over Sault Ste. Marie in the final game.

In the last three seasons, the second-team all-state choice accumulated 118 points with 66 goals and 52 assists.

"He had a phenomenal year," coach Bill Newton said. "He worked so hard during the off season to make sure he was going to have a great year. When you work hard, you get the benefit from it, and he certainly did."

"He was the straw that stirred the drink for us. When he was on his game, which was

most nights, we were a hard team to play against. He came to play every game."

Nolan Cioch, F, Churchill: The senior was the offensive catalyst for Churchill's rebound season that led to 20 victories, many coming against state-ranked foes. He finished his final high school season with a robust stat line of 27 goals and 21 assists.



Nolan Cioch
Churchill

Cioch's list of accolades was deep, including team MVP, second team all-state all-KLAA. He was also a recipient of the distinguished Hobe Baker High School Character Award.

Alec Allen, D, Stevenson: Allen combined with Olson to give the Spartans one of the most-respected defense tandems in the state. Rarely caught out of position, Allen also proved to be a productive offensive player when the opportunity presented itself, netting three goals and 17 assists. Allen was a second team all-state honoree.



Alec Allen
Stevenson

Zack Weiner, D, Plymouth: He moved from forward to defense for his senior year and that proved to be a winning move as he scored seven goals and 20 assists while being named an all-KLAA and all-state honorable mention choice.



Zack Weiner
Plymouth

"He had a great ability to move the puck up ice and make a great first pass out of the zone," coach Gerry Vento said. "While Zack excelled in many aspects for us this season, his effect on the power play was crucial to our success."

"Putting up 27 points is an impressive number for any player, but when you take into account that it came from a defenseman playing his first year at the position is rather impressive."

Andrew Broyles, G, Churchill: Broyles had a brilliant junior season, carving out a 17-4-1 record with a 2.99 goals-against average and a .905 save percentage. Thanks to lightning-quick reflexes and stellar instincts, he was the backbone of the Chargers' air-tight defense.



Andrew
Broyles
Churchill

THIRD TEAM

Ben Kowalske, F, Stevenson:

The senior captain's impressive statistics — 11 goals and 21 assists — only scratched the surface as to what he provided to the Spartans during their Division 2 surge to the state title game. A two-year member of the MHSAA's



Ben Kowalske
Stevenson

Student Advisory Council, Kowalske's never-wavering leadership skills fueled his teammates during good times and adversity.

Shane Leonard, F, Stevenson:

Leonard proved to be a dangerous offensive threat during every shift, racking up 17 goals and 19 assists for the Spartans' balanced scoring unit. A second team all-state honoree, Leonard scored several key goals at clutch times and had a knack for dishing the puck to the open player when opposing defenses squeezed him.



Shane
Leonard
Stevenson

Joe Majoros, F, Farmington: A three-year varsity player, Majoros came into his own as a senior and skated on the top line with Jason Petras and Tanner Neill.



Joe Majoros
Farmington

He led the Falcons in assists (27) and was second in scoring with 42 points. He was second in goals scored (15).

"Joe is another young man who put hours in during the off season to make himself bigger and stronger, and he reaped the benefits of that," Newton said. "Joe was our best forward."

"You couldn't ask anything more of Joe. He just never took a shift off; he never took a practice off. He was 100 percent work ethic at all times."

"He's just a great, quality young man, and he's going to have a great future in whatever he decides to do."

James Baldwin, F, Plymouth:

One of the KLAA's all-around standouts, the senior center notched 16 goals and 22 assists (leading the Wildcats in both categories) and earning all-KLAA and honorable mention all-state honors.



James
Baldwin
Plymouth

"He played in all situations and was a player that we wanted on the ice whether we were up a goal or down a goal," Vento said. "It was obvious early on that James came into the season with the mindset of being an impact player for us and no doubt that he was."

Matt Schaumburger, F, Salem: The junior tallied a team-leading 17 goals and 19 assists for 36 points and played his best in big games.



Matt
Schaumburger
Salem

At the Traverse City tournament in late December, Schaumburger — an all-KLAA selection — garnered 12 points in three games and also scored two tourney goals for the Rocks as Salem came close to another regional title.

"Matt is one of the most skilled forwards in the area," Ossennmacher said. "He has a good blend of strength and skill that allows him the ability

ALL-AREA HOCKEY

FIRST TEAM

F Chase Wallis, sr., Franklin
F Evan Newell, sr., Salem
F Brendan Whitney, sr., Franklin
D Adam Olson, sr., Stevenson
D Joe Wozniak, jr., Churchill
G Cullen Barber, sr., Stevenson

SECOND TEAM

F Joe Alcantara, sr., Stevenson
F Jason Petras, sr., Farmington
F Nolan Cioch, sr., Churchill
D Alec Allen, sr., Stevenson
D Zack Weiner, sr., Plymouth
G Andrew Broyles, jr., Churchill

THIRD TEAM

F Ben Kowalske, sr., Stevenson
F Shane Leonard, sr., Stevenson
F Joe Majoros, sr., Farmington
F James Baldwin, sr., Plymouth
F Matt Schaumburger, jr., Salem
D Bailey Thompson, sr., Salem
D Jordan Hoke, sr., Farmington
D Kyle Kozler, sr., Plymouth

HONORABLE MENTION

Salem: Colin Goleniak, Nick Callegari, Austin Rehling, Zach Goleniak; Plymouth: Ricky Covault, Jake Silvestre; Canton: Brian Oldani, Isaac Salinas; North Farmington: Harrison: Andrew Nathan, Brandon Glasser, Tyler Maglich, Thomas Bacon, Jack Clik; Farmington: Cam Noseworthy; Franklin: Trevor Lassaline, Nick Salisbury; Stevenson: Nate Sudek, Nick Beers, Jake Beaune, Alex Siroky; Churchill: Tyler Haydu, Jordan Venegoni.

to create his own space."

Bailey Thompson, D, Salem: Thompson was a defensive standout during his senior year as the Rocks held the fort against numerous top-ranked teams.



Bailey
Thompson
Salem

He scored three goals and five assists for eight points, losing time to injury, but there was no doubt who was the team's No. 1 defenseman down the stretch, Ossennmacher said.

"He plays with tremendous energy and speed and was invaluable in all situations," Ossennmacher said. "At the end of the season, he was playing every other shift and logging almost 30 minutes of ice per game."

Jordan Hoke, D, Farmington: Hoke was a three-year varsity player who spent the first two seasons playing forward. At the request of his coach, Hoke moved to defense for his senior season to shore up that end of the ice.



Jordan Hoke
Farmington

Hoke added depth to the defense and helped Farmington win a share of the OAA Red Division championship. He also moved forward on the attack, scoring 13 goals and assisting on nine more.

A member of the school's state championship team in 2014, Hoke ended his prep career with 66 points, which included 25 goals.

Kyle Kozler, D, Plymouth: The senior captain had another excellent season on the blue line, earning team MVP honors while helping the cause with two goals and 16 assists.



Kyle Kozler
Plymouth

"He didn't have the numbers that jump out at you," Vento said. "But if you watched him play, you realized he was constantly on the ice against the opposition's top players, which took away from his offensive production."

"What made Kyle so special was his willingness to sacrifice personal glory for the benefit of the team."

NTDP HAS ONE MORE JOB TO DO

Under-18 team ready to close out two-year mission at World Championships

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Ever since they joined USA Hockey's National Team Development Program in 2014, Kieffer Bellows, Grant McPhee and Co. have kept their eye on the prize.

Namely, it's the chance to help Team USA win a gold medal at the 2016 International Ice Hockey Federation Under-18 Men's World Championship.

For them and their teammates, the U18 Worlds is the reason they have sacrificed on and off the ice over a two-year stint that included playing against bigger, stronger, older opponents from Division I colleges and the USHL.

And they can't wait for the puck to drop in Grand Forks, N.D.

"It's what you work for your whole entire two years here," said Bellows, a forward from Minnesota and son of former NHL great Brian Bellows. "I know these guys have and I

have. We're really excited for it. It's something you go into and you don't want nothing else other than a gold medal. That's our focus."

"But we have to take it game by game, day by day and, if we do that, I know we'll be successful."

All season with the U.S. NTDP Under-18 team, Bellows has wreaked havoc on opposing defenses along with high-flying linemates Clayton Keller and Joey Anderson.

The trio has the chance to finish with a flourish and then move on to their respective college career.

Bellows (Boston University) tallied 16 goals and 16 assists for 32 points in 23 USHL games this season, while Keller (BU) led all players on the team with 13 goals and 24 assists for 37 points. Anderson (Minnesota-Duluth) chipped in 10-10-20.

Just as pumped up for the tournament is forward Grant McPhee, who will play at Boston College next season.

"We're all very excited," McPhee said. "We put two years of really hard work into building up to something like this and everyone's starting to ramp it up."

"We're really excited to see what we can do over there."

Springboard

McPhee and Bellows each scored in the U18s' regular season finale at USA Hockey Arena, a 5-3 win March 31 over Muskegon.

"It was a pretty good springboard. We played really well," McPhee said about the win over the Lumberjacks. "We really want to bring that (kind of play) to North Dakota. Hopefully, we can."

In order for Team USA players to leave North Dakota with a medal, McPhee emphasized sticking to the basics.

"It's definitely playing as one and everyone taking advantage of their role and doing everything right," McPhee said. "And definitely (staying) focused. It's eight games, potentially eight games, so that's a big thing, staying focused throughout the tournament."

U18s head coach Danton Cole said the team's depth and uptempo style of play could be factors at Worlds. But he added that an intangible is players knowing the end of the NTDP road is in sight and that they want to go out in style.

"It's two years and a lot of



Grant McPhee (left) of the NTDP U18 team celebrates after scoring March 31 against Muskegon. He and his teammates are preparing for World Juniors in North Dakota.

physical and mental work," Cole said. "And a lot of sacrifice goes into it. These guys have done a heck of a job and now we go take our final exam."

Roster unveiled

Bellows and McPhee are among 22 players selected for the U18 Worlds as announced Tuesday.

Team USA was slated to play pre-tournament games at 8 p.m. Friday against Finland and 4 p.m. Sunday against Denmark. Preliminary-round games begin 8:30 p.m. Thurs-

day against Russia.

According to the NTDP website, 10 teams are split into two pools for preliminary round play. Group A includes the U.S., Switzerland, Russia, Sweden and Latvia; Group B has Finland, Canada, Czech Republic, Slovakia and Denmark.

Top teams will advance to the quarterfinals and semifinals bronze and gold medal games.

Additional event details will be announced and added to the event's website at www.GrandForks2016.com as confirmed.



Livonia Churchill outfielder Paige Hanson throws the ball into the infield during a game last spring. ED WRIGHT

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Patriots pound Dearborn in season opening game

Trujillo the catalyst of 11-hit explosion

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Believe it or not, the weather actually permitted high school softball games to be played this week — and Livonia Franklin took full advantage of the opportunity. In first-year head coach Brittany Grys' debut, the Patriots hammered out an 11-2 triumph over Dearborn in blustery conditions. Danielle Hoskins worked the first five innings on the mound for the winners before giving way to Kaeleigh Kerpet, who tossed the final two

frames. The Hoskins-Kerpet duo was effective, to say the least, limiting the Pioneers to just three hits. Sophomore second baseman Tara Trujillo was in mid-season form at the plate, ripping three hits. Miyah Smith and Ashley Olweean chalked up two hits a piece for Franklin, which received RBI from Brooke Garbarino, Melissa Ferrier and Makenna Dogonski. **Churchill toppled** Northville rallied from a 2-1 deficit Tuesday afternoon against Livonia Churchill to post an 8-2 triumph in the Chargers' season opener. Churchill led 2-1 until the

sixth inning when the Mustangs pushed two runs across the plate. Northville tacked on a five-spot in the top of the seventh to soften its cushion. The Mustangs outthit the Chargers, 13-3. Haley Bennett had the only extra-base hit for the Chargers (a double). She also scored a run and notched her team's lone RBI. The Chargers' other hits were delivered by Regan Peyton and Paige Hanson. Hanson suffered the loss on the mound after yielding five runs in five-and-a-third innings in relief of starter Madison Christensen.

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K'ZOO

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Eastern, Grand Valley State University and Madonna University were in the mix for Glenfield's talents. "Kaylen is one of the premier hitters in our area, and she covers a lot of ground on the infield," Garden City head coach Barry Patterson said. "I believe she has the talent it takes to make an immediate impact at Western. "Playing top-level summer ball like she has — playing with and against the best players around — has helped make her the player she is. She is battle-tested and it shows." Glenfield is an extraordinary student, which is reflected by her north-of-4.0 grade-point average. "My dad (Ray) has always encouraged me to be a good

student," she said. "And then, eventually, I became self-motivated." Glenfield's initial plans are to pursue a business degree at Western and earn an advanced degree in law. A smooth and close-to-flawless defensive player, Glenfield is often a pitcher's best friend, ranging deep in the hole to rob batters of potential hits. "I've taken so many grounders over the years, a lot of it is just muscle memory now," she said. The right-handed slugger is menacing at the dish, using a powerful, compact stroke to inflate hurlers' earned-run averages. Among Glenfield's stack of career highlights at Garden City was a two-home run performance against Livonia Churchill one night last spring. ewright@hometownlife.com



Joining Kaylen Glenfield during Wednesday's signing ceremony were her dad Ray (seated) and (standing from left) Garden City athletic director Rob Phillips, head coach Barry Patterson and assistant coach Chris Griffith. ED WRIGHT

LAZZARINO

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"They kept me in the hospital for tests and for surgery — they biopsied it — and said it can't be removed, so they're treating it with chemo. It hasn't gotten any smaller, but it hasn't grown either. "I was shocked when I first found out. I've never really been sick, so I guess I just never thought it would be me getting something like this. The way I look at it, though, is I'm the type of person who can handle it; I really don't think about it that much." Despite the fatigue and nausea (among other devastating hardships) that go hand-in-hand with chemo and cancer, Lazzarino was polishing her strokes with her Patriot teammates Wednesday, deepening the respect and admiration Franklin tennis coach Rick Clack has developed for one of his No. 5 doubles players. "Maria is one of the most extraordinary girls I've ever coached," emphasized Clack. "Through the years, I've had players approach me and tell me they were going to miss practice for all kinds of reasons — getting fitted for a prom dress; things like that — but she's always here, even after going through chemo a few hours earlier. "She's really an amazing

person and her presence on the team will make this season even more special." Lazzarino's tennis skills have flourished at Franklin — even though she didn't pick up a racquet for the first time until her sophomore year. "I played softball through my freshman year, then decided to try tennis," she said. "I picked it up pretty quickly. The best part of my game is my serve, probably because the arm motion is a lot like throwing a softball." With the patience and perseverance that will serve as her allies as she conquers the cancer, Lazzarino steadily rose up the ranks of the Patriots' tennis line-up, peaking as a No. 6 doubles player her junior year. "I worked out a lot last summer and got in really good shape for this season, and then I found out (about the cancer)," she said. Lazzarino received homebound schooling throughout the first semester of her senior year due to an extended hospital stay, during which a shunt was surgically inserted to alleviate pressure on her brain from hydrocephalus, and the need to remain in a germ-free environment. "I try to stay positive, but it got pretty boring at home while all my friends were at school, enjoying their senior year," she said. "I'd pretty much just watch TV and do my homework. I missed homecom-

ing (in October), which I was looking forward to, and a lot of other stuff." Rock-solid support from her family and friends have lifted Lazzarino's spirit and determination, she said. "There would be so many people in my hospital room, the nurse would have to come in and say, 'You can only have so many visitors at a time'," Lazzarino recounted, smiling. "I mean, my parents, my aunts, my dad's friends, my neighbors — they've all been super supportive." Doctors finally gave Lazzarino the thumbs up to return to school full-time following the holiday break in January. Back to a regular routine, Lazzarino appreciated the normalcy that she used to take for granted. "Just being back with my friends and going to class, it was great to be back," she said. "I know I took my health for granted. I think everybody does until something like this happens." "When I talked to Maria in January, she wasn't sure whether or not she'd be able to play tennis this year," said Clack. "But she made an amazing turn-around and was here the first day of practice. She may have missed a couple of practices due to the chemo treatments, but not many." Playing on the tennis team has been an invaluable form of therapy — both mental and

physical — for Lazzarino, who on Tuesday teamed up with No. 5 doubles partner Ashley Jones to win a season-opening scrimmage match against Dearborn High. "Tennis has helped a lot because it helps me get my mind off the cancer," she said. "We were losing our match yesterday, but we came back and won, which felt amazing." Not surprisingly, Lazzarino's outlook on day-to-day life has been re-shaped by her cancer battle. "When I go in for treatments, I see a lot of people who are going through worse stuff than me," she said. "I definitely take better care of myself now and I try to do everything I can, because I never know when the next time will come when I can do something. "I am planning on going to Schoolcraft (College) in the fall, to get my pre-requisites out of the way. I'm not positive what kind of career I want to get into yet, but after going through what I'm going through, I think I want to work at a job where I can help people. "I don't like the sight of blood, so I don't think I could be a doctor or a nurse, but there is a lady who visits the patients at Children's Hospital and plans activities for them. I think that would be a nice job to have." ewright@hometownlife.com

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

PREP BASEBALL
Monday, April 11
Garden City at Divine Child (DH), 4 p.m.
U of D Jesuit at Franklin, 4:30 p.m.
Salem at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Dearborn at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
Thurston at Edsel Ford, 4 p.m.
Stevenson at Catholic Central, 4:30 p.m.
Novi at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Tuesday, April 12
Roeper at HVL, 4:30 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Southfield Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 13
Redford Union at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
Franklin at Wayne (DH), 4 p.m.
Stevenson vs. South Lyon (DH), 4 p.m.
Canton at John Glenn (DH), 4 p.m.
Churchill at Plymouth (DH), 4 p.m.
Thursday, April 14
Summit Academy at Garden City, 4 p.m.
Southfield Christian at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
HVL at Roeper, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 15
Franklin Road at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
South Lyon at Franklin, 4 p.m.
S.L. East at Churchill, 4 p.m.
Northville at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Stevenson at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 16
New Boston Huron at Garden City (DH), 11 a.m.
Franklin at W. Bloomfield, 11 a.m.
Stevenson vs. Harrison (DH), 11 a.m.
Annapolis at Thurston (DH), 11 a.m.
Franklin Road at Clarenceville (DH), 11 a.m.
Oxford at Churchill (DH), 11 a.m.
PREP SOFTBALL
Monday, April 11
John Glenn at Clawson, 4 p.m.
Salem at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Tuesday, April 12
Western Int. at Garden City, 4:30 p.m.
Southfield at Thurston, 4:30 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Greenhills, 4:30 p.m.
Clarenceville at HVL (DH), 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 13
Canton at John Glenn (DH), 4 p.m.
Franklin at Wayne (DH), 4 p.m.
Churchill at Plymouth (DH), 4 p.m.
Thursday, April 14
HVL at Oakland Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 15
Garden City at Truman, 4 p.m.
S.L. East at Churchill, 4 p.m.
Northville at Wayne, 4 p.m.
HVL at Inter-City(DH), 4 p.m.
Stevenson at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
South Lyon at Franklin, 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 16
Garden City at Milan Big Red Tournament, TBA
Clarenceville at Southfield Christian (DH), 11 a.m.
Wayne at A.A. Pioneer Tournament, TBA
GIRLS SOCCER
Monday, April 11
Redford Union at Thurston, 6 p.m.
Mercy at Garden City, 6 p.m.
Lakeland at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Mott at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Luth. NW at Clarenceville, 6 p.m.
Kettering at Wayne, 5:30 p.m.
W.L. Central at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, April 12
Marian at Ladywood, 6 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Parkway, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 13
John Glenn at Howell, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Milford, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Grand Blanc, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Pinckney, 7 p.m.
Redford Union at Clarenceville, 6 p.m.
Romulus at Garden City, 6 p.m.
Thurston at Edsel Ford, 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 14
Ladywood at Mercy, 6 p.m.
Friday, April 15
John Glenn at Wayne, 5:30 p.m.
Franklin at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Canton at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Clarenceville at Cabrin, 4:30 p.m.
Redford Union at Ferndale, 5 p.m.
Saturday, April 16
Bishop Foley at Ladywood, 1 p.m.
TRACK & FIELD
Tuesday, April 12
John Glenn at Franklin, 4 p.m.
Churchill at Plymouth, 3:30 p.m.
Wayne at Canton, 3:45 p.m.
Garden City at Bellevue, 3:30 p.m.
RU at Crestwood, 4 p.m.
Thursday, April 14
Thurston at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 16
Franklin Patriot Relays, 9 a.m.
John Glenn at Tiger Relays, 10 a.m.
BOYS GOLF
Tuesday, April 12
Wayne, Garden City at Ypsi Lincoln, 8:30 a.m.
Thursday, April 14
Garden City at Carlson, 3 p.m.
Franklin, Churchill at Farmington Invite, 8:30 a.m.
Friday, April 15
Livonia City Meet at Idyl Wyld, 10 a.m.
GIRLS TENNIS
Monday, April 11
Garden City at Robichaud, 4 p.m.
Thurston at Romulus, 4 p.m.
Ladywood at Everest Collegiate, 4 p.m.
Annapolis at RU, 4 p.m.
Tuesday, April 12
Churchill at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Plymouth at Franklin, 4 p.m.
Wednesday, April 13
W.L. Central at Churchill, 4 p.m.
Annapolis at Garden City, 4 p.m.
Robichaud at Thurston, 4 p.m.
Thursday, April 14
Ferndale at Garden City, 4:30 p.m.
John Glenn at Churchill, 4 p.m.
Franklin at Canton, 4 p.m.
Divine Child at Ladywood, 4 p.m.
Friday, April 15
RU at Ferndale, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 16
Livonia City Invitational at Stevenson, TBA
GIRLS LACROSSE
Tuesday, April 12
Livonia City Invitational at Stevenson, TBA
Wednesday, April 13
Mercy at Ladywood, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 15
W.L. Northern at Ladywood, 4:30 p.m.

SPORTS BRIEFS

St. Edith futsal

Livonia's St. Edith School will host an experimental futsal program later this spring. Futsal is a form of indoor soccer that's played in gym-sized area and requires 5-6 players per team. The program will provide youngsters with an opportunity to experience physical activity, teamwork, touches on the ball and socializing with kids in their age group. The program will run on Saturday mornings, beginning May 7 through June 11 (except for the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend). The sessions will run from 9-11 a.m. in the St. Edith gymnasium, which is located at 15089 Newburgh Road (just south of Five Mile Road) in Livonia.

Players will be divided into two tiers: kindergarten-third grade and fourth-eighth grade. Players are encouraged to wear shorts, a T-shirt, shin guards and gym shoes. The cost of participating in the program is \$30, which includes a program T-shirt. To register, visit www.stedithcyo.com, click on the "spring sports" tab at the top of the page and choose "futsal" from the drop-down offerings. The registration deadline is April 22. Questions can be directed to Rich Field at rpfield83@yahoo.com or 248-914-8620 or Bassel Atala at abouge-orge@gmail.com or 248-470-2664.

Senior golf

A registration and business meeting for the Livonia Senior Men's Golf Association will be held Saturday, April 23, at the Livonia Senior Center, which is located at 15218 Farmington Road in Livonia. Registration is set to begin at 8:30 a.m. with the meeting commencing at 9 a.m. Membership is open to all men aged 59 or older, regardless of residency. The registration fee is \$30, which includes a meal at the awards banquet and a gift. Questions can be directed to Tony Amadori, who can be reached at 734-261-4718; or you can visit golflivonia.com and click on the "senior men" golf tab.

GC volleyball coach needed

The Garden City High School volleyball program is searching for a junior varsity head coach. For more information or to submit a resume, contact Garden City High School athletic director Rob Phillips at 734-762-8363 or phillir@gardencityschools.com.

Reporting results

Local high school athletic coaches are encouraged to report results of their team's contests to Observer sports editor Ed Wright, who can be reached at 734-578-2767 or ewright@hometownlife.com. The deadline for Thursday editions is Tuesday at 10 p.m. The deadline for Sunday editions is Friday at 10 p.m.

GC Library offers 'Art Garden Is Coming!' presentation April 13

The Garden City Public Library, 31735 Maplewood, is offering Don Wakefield's Art Garden Is Coming! presentation and fun artistic activity at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 13, at the library. This free event is open to all ages and registration is requested by calling 734-793-1830.

Don Wakefield is an artist from California known for creations from large-scale art pieces to furniture to sculptures. Most recently, he petitioned Mayor William Wild and the Westland City Council to vote for the transformation of the unoccupied Hawthorne Valley Golf Course (near Hines Drive) into a year-round family and cultural art

center. Some of the highlights that he has envisioned include bonfire pits, cross country skiing and maintained paths through the 14-plus acres. He calls this creation The Art Garden.

Part of Wakefield's process to bring this vision into existence included creating a petition on the website Change.org. There he stated: "There are no art centers in the region and this project will benefit the citizens of Westland more than anything else at this site. We are starting this petition to encourage the mayor and council to work with our group on this project."

In June, the Westland City Council voted in favor of the art center

with Wakefield and publicly posted: "With a few more details to complete we should be on our way to having the most exciting art center in the state of Michigan."

The Garden City Public Library encourages all who are interested in this center to attend April 13.

The Garden City Public Library is available to answer inquiries during normal business hours in person or over the phone at 734-793-1830. When visiting, enter the Baltimore side of Maplewood Center located at 31735 Maplewood, Garden City. Library hours are Monday-Thursday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday-Saturday noon to 5 p.m.

As simple as black and white

The Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA) Founders Junior Council (FJC) knows how to throw a great soiree. And their recent Cirque 2016 was no exception. Inspired by New York's legendary Black and White Ball in 1966, the FJC's Masquerade Gala kicked off the



Julie Yolles

SOCIAL SCENE

DIA's spring season and the newest exhibition, Dance America Art: 1830-1960 that will run through June 12.

And downtown Detroit was certainly hopping on Friday with the Tigers season opener followed by a Speakeasy Dance Party at the DIA.

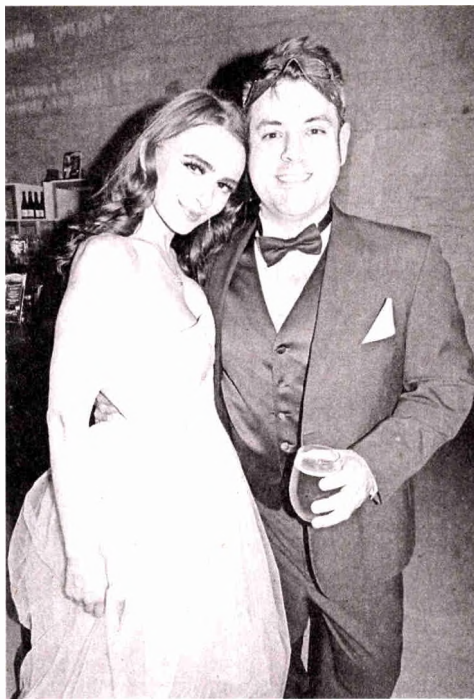
You have a chance to meet new DIA director Salvador Salort-Pons, unmasked, 7-9 p.m. April 11, at the Rochester Hills Public Library. Salort-Pons has been hosting a series of meet and greets throughout Metro Detroit to get some feedback from the community.

And next up for the family at the DIA is Sensory Friendly Saturday on April 16 and two puppet performances, Reverse Cascade, at 1 and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 24 in the First Level Lecture Hall.

And finally, and very appropriately, DIA goes have their last chance to see "Detroit Weather: 365 Days" which closes on April 16.

Contact Julie Yolles at socialscenejulie@gmail.com or leave a message at 248-645-3579.

JULIE YOLLES
Canton resident
Jade Sykes
and
Detroit resident
Joshua
Taylor at
the Cirque
Black and
White Ball.



Canton residents Emily Higgins and Christopher Garrett attend the DIA's Cirque Black and White Ball, presented by the DIA's Founders Junior Council.



Meghan Carey of McCann in Birmingham, John Rogers of Morgan Stanley in Farmington Hills and Nina Fabian of Michigan State University, enjoy the Cirque Black and White Ball.

WEDDING

O'BEIRNE-MONFETTE

Colleen O'Beirne and Nathan Monfette were married Saturday Sept. 12, 2015 at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church in Canton. Mass celebrant was the Rev. Christopher Maus.

Colleen is the daughter of Dennis and JoAnn O'Beirne of Canton. Nathan is the son of Richard and Donna Monfette of Fraser.

Colleen's sister, Kristen Naszradi, was matron of honor. Megan Monfette, sister of the groom, Pamela O'Beirne, sister-in-law of the bride, Charline Hunt, Rachel Thomas, Gwen Higgins, Siera Strickland, and Lisa Greger, all friends of the bride, were bridesmaids.

Nathan's friend, Cameron Hunt, was best man. Kevin O'Beirne, brother of the bride, Nicholas Naszradi, brother-in-law of the bride, Leo Russo, Matthew Everett, Aaron Hamel, and Justin Russo, all friends of the groom, were groomsmen.

Anna O'Beirne and Emma Naszradi, nieces of the bride,



Nathan Monfette and Colleen O'Beirne on their wedding day

were flower girls. Grant O'Beirne, nephew of the bride, was the ring bearer.

Colleen is a graduate of Salem High School and Madonna University. She graduated with a bachelor of art degree in communication in 2014. She works at Gift of Life as an administrative assistant.

Nathan is a graduate of Fraser High School

and Lawrence Technological University. He graduated with a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering in 2013. He works at Magna as an electrical engineer.

A dinner and dance reception was held at Cottonwood Barn in Dexter. Colleen and Nathan went to Turks and Caicos for their honeymoon and have made their home in Westland.

Passages

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GRAM



DR. CHRISTINE E. February 11, 2016 Beloved mother of six children, Bob Harris (Bridgette), Jeanne Harris (Robert Groth), John Harris (Holly Barrie, deceased), Jim Harris (Cindy), David Harris, and Greg Harris (April), and two stepchildren, Peter Gram (Harriet), and Steven Gram (deceased) (Cheri). Loving grandmother of fifteen grandchildren. Cherished aunt of ten nieces and nephews. A Celebration of Her Life will take place on April 16th, 2016, at the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48334. Visitation will be at 10:00 a.m. with the service at 11:00 a.m. followed by lunch at the church fellowship hall.
www.thayr-rock.com.

KOPP



THOMAS ANTHONY Died suddenly at the age of 46 on April 5, 2016. Loving father of Reanna Kopp. Son of Linda McKeown and the late Walter Kopp. Grandfather of Jaxton Martin. Brother of Kimberly Evans. Uncle of Niguel, Noah, and Nya Evans. Loved and adored by many family and friends. He is now at peace with his father, may they ride strong together. Visiting Saturday April 16, 10 a.m. until time of service 11:30 a.m. at MANNS-FERGUSON FUNERAL HOME 17000 Middlebelt (S. of 6 Mile). Share a memory at mannsfuneralhome.com.

LANGE



GERALD J. age 84 longtime Birmingham resident passed away April 4, 2016 after a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's disease. Gerald graduated from Baldwin High School and attended Lawrence Institute of Technology. He also served in the Navy at Norfolk, Virginia. Gerald was an electrical engineer for General Motors Truck & Coach Division for 30 years. He is survived by his wife Arlynn (nee Bader) and daughter Lynn Christie Lange. Services will be held privately. Memorial tributes to the Alzheimer's Association. View obituary and share memories at AJDesmond.com

OSTLUND

ARNE OLOF JOHAN of Canton passed away March 26, 2016 at the age of 90. He is survived by his beloved wife, Anna Mae, which they recently celebrated 70 years of marriage. Arne was born in Sweden and came to the United States at the age of four through Ellis Island. He became an American citizen and proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He often shared many stories of adventures in the South Pacific during the war and attended many submarine reunions. He and Anna married in San Diego, CA and after a brief stay in Chicago, made Michigan their home. Arne started a plumbing business in 1959 and helped mentor many individuals who eventually learned the plumber's trade and opened their own businesses. He was a devoted Catholic man making sure his family attended weekly Mass. Arne was the life of the party and always made everyone feel welcome and part of the family and known for his quotes "you look good, how do I look?". He was a loving family man and enjoyed daily calls and visits from them. He is preceded in death by his son, Kevin, and daughter-in-law, Charlene. He is survived by his beloved wife, Anna; sons: Keith (Carla) Ostlund and Alan (Jacqueline) Ostlund; and daughter, Nancy Ostlund; as well as 12 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. He will be greatly missed though would want all to live life to the fullest in his memory. Visitation will be held on Thursday, April 14 from 1-4 & 6-8 P.M. and Friday, April 15 from 2-4 & 6-8 P.M. at the Keehn Funeral Home, Brighton. Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, April 16 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Hamburg at 11:30 A.M. with visitation beginning at the church at 10:30 A.M. on Saturday. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Wounded Warrior Project with envelopes available at the funeral home. Please visit Arne's Book of Memories at KEEHN FUNERAL HOME

www.keehnfuneralhome.com

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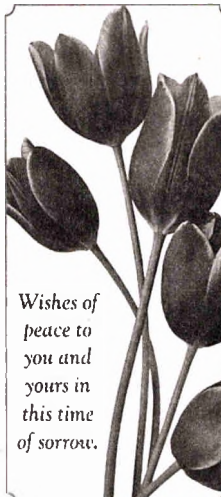
LOUIS WILFRID "FRED" 92, of Derry New Hampshire, died on April 7, 2016 surrounded by his daughters. He was born in Montreal, Quebec, Canada but was raised in Detroit, Michigan and lived most of his life in Livonia, MI. Fred was a US Army veteran of WWII and received the Bronze Star medal. Beloved husband of the late Mary Helen (Welsh). Father of Patricia, Christine, and Amy. Grandfather of Joslyn, Jaclyn, and Jeanette, and great-grandfather of Hunter, Hadley and Miriam. Preceded in death by his sister, Audrey (Koroly), and survived by his brother, Paul Pelchat, and many nieces and nephews. There will be no funeral service. Memorial donations may be made to the Disabled American Veterans, PO Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301 (https://www.dav.org/)

PETRASZEWSKY

JOHN Passed away, April 1, 2016, in Hillsboro Oregon, at the age of 90. Preceded in death by Norma, wife of 54 years. Survived by daughter Connie (Robert) Meier, granddaughter, Callie (Sean) Gearin, great-grandchildren, Emory and Shay; granddaughter Leah (Matthew) Cowen, great-grandchildren Louis and Olivia. Graveside burial, 11:00 a.m., April 13 at Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia.

SEOG

MARK A. 66 years old, formerly of Livonia, MI, passed away at his residence in Clearwater, Florida on March 17, 2016. He is preceded in death by his father, Joseph V. Seog; mother, Dorothy Belle Burk Seog; and brother, Bruce H. Seog all of Livonia, MI. Mark is survived by his son, Mark A. Seog of Leonard, MI; grandson, Zachary Seog; brother, William Seog (Wanda) of South Lyon, MI; brother Greg Seog of Tilton, New Hampshire; sister, Donna Clayton (Don) of New Bern, North Carolina; and sister, Lori Seog of Franklin, NH. Arrangements were handled by The Neptune Cremation Society, Clearwater, FL. Mark will be placed with his parents and brother at a future date. The family requests any memorial donations be made to a charitable organization of your choice.



Redford author says the 'new' old maid has fun, freedom

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

"You've NEVER been married? Never?"

Redford playwright and actress Maureen Paraventi has often tried to sidestep that question by steering the conversation in another direction.

Now she's responding with a Facebook page, Twitter account, blog and nearly-finished book about single, over age 40 women who are "new" old maids. She counts herself among them.

"I got the question just one too many times," she said, explaining why she embarked on her newest writing project. "The subtext always seems to be, what's the matter with you? And even if people follow it up, as they often do, by saying oh, but you are so attractive and you have such a great personality, how come some man didn't snap you up, there is still the implication that something's wrong with you."

"I love my life. I'm living a happy life. I think there is a perception out there that to be an old maid is to be unhappy ... or lonely or unfulfilled."

Paraventi saw other "never married" women her age and older, living "active, vibrant lives." She set out to document their stories and their views on relationships, marriage and the single lifestyle.

She interviewed women across the country, finding them mostly through referrals.

Lots of old maids

"I was actually worried I wouldn't find enough women to talk to. There must be so few old maids out there," she said. "It couldn't be farther from the truth. I think the results are going to surprise a lot of people."

She interviewed women age 42-68, including a corporate leader, ski bum, entrepreneurs, teachers, a psychic medium, nurse, fashion designer, house cleaner, former beauty queens, a retired firefighter, a stockbroker and others. Paraventi said they were forthcoming and willing to share "extraordinary stories."

One woman moved to Australia for a new job at age 60 and suggested that lifelong single women tend to live more adventurous lives.

Another woman said she travels alone to Stratford, Ont., every year to attend plays and eat in fine restaurants. She recalled encountering two couples at dinner who were surprised she was vacationing by herself.

Freedom

All of the women told Paraventi they relish their freedom and autonomy.

"What they said was I can do what I want, when I want to do it. I can spend my money anyway I want," Paraventi said. "I don't want to imply that being single is the best thing ever. There is a downside to it. But there is more of an upside than people have acknowledged. And one of the upsides is freedom."

She said most of the women she interviewed are open to the possibility of marriage on their own terms. A 68-year-old woman with a boyfriend said she wouldn't tie the knot if it meant giving up her condo and living with a husband 24/7.

A few women cited childhood experiences such as divorces, or relationships that compelled them to avoid marriage. None of the women she interviewed regretted never marrying. Some said they felt lonely occasionally, but the feelings didn't last.

"The other thing that may surprise people is that a lot of the women I talked to have had plenty of relationships, plenty of boyfriends. They didn't end up in marriage and often that was because the woman didn't want marriage."

Social media

Paraventi started interviewing women and writing the book more than a year ago. She recently signed with a literary agent and is in the process of finishing a book proposal. A "New" Old Maid Facebook page and Twitter account followed. She also blogs on the topic at maureenparaventi.com. The social media pages give her a platform to continue discussing the topic with others and shows publishers she has the digital goods to support a new book.

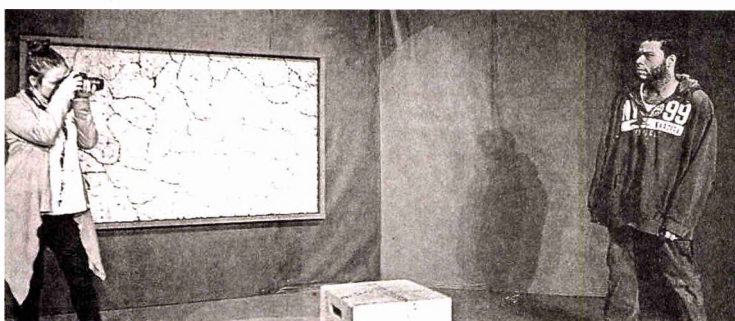
The social media and eventually the book are meant to counteract "that obnoxious question" she and other single women often hear. But she also hopes women embrace the equally negative term, "old maid."

"I think unmarried women should take that term and own it. And take the term spinster and own it in order to get rid of the negative associations," she said.

Paraventi wants the writing project to be seen as a "positive." She stresses that it's not meant to be anti-men nor anti-marriage.

"Someone on Twitter recently said 'I hesitate to ask about the inspiration for your current writing project ... I'm a little scared of this spinster army.'"

"There is nothing to fear."



A scene from Maureen Paraventi's play, "Ruin Porn."

OTHER MAUREEN PARAVENTI PROJECTS



Paraventi

» Paraventi portrays one of four characters in "Phillip Glass Buys a Loaf of Bread," a one-act play by David Ives that parodies the minimalist-style compositions of Phillip Glass with short phrases and repeated rhythms. See it April 22-May 5 at the Children's Creative Center, 1600 Pauline Blvd., in Ann Arbor. btensemble.org for more information.

» Her first full-length play, "The Bucket List of Booze Club," runs weekends, Oct. 21-30 at Barefoot Productions in Plymouth. Two long-time friends find themselves locked in a bitter competition that plays out during weekly gatherings of the "Club," which consists of friends who sample exotic liquors and talk about their problems. Jen is a successful lawyer; Collette, a divorced Mom. Collette's battle with cancer forces her to confront a lifetime's worth of regrets and face the fact that her smart, ambitious daughter takes after her "Aunt Jen," much more than herself. The four main characters are "50-something" women. justgobarefoot.com for more information.

» Paraventi has won awards for several of her plays, including third place audience favorite award for "Who Goes to Russia," at the 2013 Canton One Act Festival; first place audience favorite award at both the 2015 Canton One Act Festival and the 2015 West Coast Players One Act Festival for "Such a Small Word;" first place Michigan Playwright Award for "Ruin Porn," at Two Muses' 2015 Women's Playwriting Festival; and first place audience favorite award in 2015 for "Scene in Black and White," for Detroit Fringe Fest.

We're not taking over the world yet. You've got to have a sense of humor about these things."

Check out her Facebook page at [facebook.com/TheNewOldMaid/](https://www.facebook.com/TheNewOldMaid/)

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Maureen Paraventi may look like the classic "old maid," but she's in costume for a show that was staged previously at Barefoot Productions in Plymouth.

Local business helps animal shelter with van repairs

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Gail Montgomery wanted to hug Neil Adrian over the phone.

"It's so heartwarming for someone to approach you wanting to help you, rather than you having to beg," said Montgomery, co-founder and director of Almost Home Animal Rescue League and Haven, in Southfield. "It's very unusual and kind."

When two of her animal transport vans needed repairs recently, Adrian offered to help. He owns Adrian's Collision Centers, which has six locations, including Farmington Hills and Southfield. He heard about the shelter's needs from a new business acquaintance.

"I reached out and found out what was happening. When an opportunity presents itself, we try to help out when we can," said Adrian, who owns a soft-coated wheaten terrier and has been a lifelong dog owner. He paid the insurance deductible on one van and made extensive repairs for free on the other, enlisting the help of 1-800-Radiator, Autoglass Services in Redford, and PPG Industries for parts.

He's also brainstorming other ways he can help, including the possibility of playing a video about the shelter in his lobby or posting photos of adoptable animals on his business Facebook page.

"Almost Home is our neighbor. I'm sure though this we will end up saving a couple more animals, along with keeping their vehicles on the



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Marla Weingarten (left), Almost Home manager holds Taco; Lauren Montgomery Anchill, co-founder of Almost Home with Tula; Gail Montgomery-Schwartz, co-founder of Almost Home with Vaughn; Neil Adrian owner of Adrian's Collision Centers holds Moshie; and Karissa Parrin, assistant manager, with Biscotti.

road."

His generosity enables Montgomery to spend money — approximately \$2,500 — on animal care rather than vehicle repairs.

Making them adoptable

She estimates Almost Home's medical costs at approximately \$100,000 annually.

"The animals come to us in need of being rehabbed and most come in ill. We make them adoptable."

She said a trainer works with dogs that have behavioral problems every week, but the rehabbing process takes time and money. Animals with medical

problems also get a second chance. Montgomery describes Almost Home as a "never kill" facility that euthanizes only if an animal is so sick it will have no quality of life no matter how much medical treatment it receives.

Almost Home was granted the former City of Southfield animal control building in 2006. Montgomery said the rescue is required to take in all stray dogs and cats found by police or the animal warden within the city limits. It also takes owner surrenders from Southfield residents as well.

"We take everything in



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Cinder is in a foster home after spending two months in a hospital being treated for eye atrophy, swollen, infected gums, alopecia, a hernia, Cushings disease and mammary tumors. She was found lying on the side of a busy road by a police officer and brought to Almost Home.

Southfield," she said. "Bernard, (a dog), was found on the road. He couldn't gain weight. He couldn't lift his head or stand up. He had to be on supportive care. He had intravenous feeding, a million tests. He has to be on medication. "Cinder was lying on the road and a police officer stopped and brought her to Almost Home. One of her eyes was atrophied. She had mammary tumors, a hernia, Cushings disease. Her ears were messed up. She was a total mess."

After extensive treatment Cinder is in a foster home and will be ready for adoption

soon.

Go Fund Me

Almost Home posted stories of Cinder, Bernard and several other dogs and a cat with medical issues, along with photos of their progress, on the organization's Go Fund Me web page.

Montgomery hopes to raise \$35,000. As of April 8, the campaign had raised \$2,760. It's Almost Home's first Go Fund Me campaign. The organization often reaches out to its 65,000 Facebook followers for both donations and prayers.

"We thought we'd try something different because we're so desperate. Wally the cat, whose head was burned by cigarettes and his head was bashed in, is doing great now. But it cost us a fortune."

Bernard, who was in the hospital a month with a poor prospects for survival, is walking and "almost completely recovered," although his vet bill is \$6,000.

"I believe every life is precious," Montgomery said, explaining why she rarely gives up on a sick animal. "Our hearts bleed for them."

Visit adrianscollision.com for more information about Adrian's Collision Centers.

Visit Almost Home's Go Fund Me page at [gofundme.com/almosthomeanimals](https://www.gofundme.com/almosthomeanimals). Visit the organization's website at almosthomeanimals.org.

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Joe Gagnon dreams of a world with no junky appliances

not only live my life dwelling on major home appliances, I also dream about them a lot.

In columns written last September and December, I wrote that General Electric was bailing out of the appliance industry by selling to Electrolux, and then followed it up with a move in Washington to ban that particular sale. Now I find out that GE has successfully sold out to Haier, a Chinese major manufacturer of appliances. This sale is to be consummated by mid-June barring any hiccups from Washington.

And now, my dream: My darling Valorie had passed away and all I did was stick around the house feeling miserable for myself and waiting for the good Lord to take me so I could be with her again. One evening I received a phone call from China and this gentleman with a serious flaw in his English wanted me



Joe Gagnon
APPLIANCE
DOCTOR

to fly to Louisville, Ky., to meet with him at the GE factory. Greeting me as I got off the airplane was a group of Chinese men with big smiles. They escorted me to this huge office and sat me down on a chair fit for the Queen of England and offered me the office of president of GE and a salary big enough to exceed Trump's earnings. I quickly accepted the offer and immediately asked, why me? They replied that I was the only one who could gear Haier to the ultimate goal of customer satisfaction and my way would be etched in stone.

I wasted no time in setting up a meeting with the whole of the engineering staff. I pointed out that with all of the

secrets obtained with their purchase of GE, success could be a sure thing if they followed some new procedures in production of major home appliances. I started with the subject of JUNK. I told them their reputation in the United States of shipping nothing but junk into our country has been devastating and that consumers are angry at the lack of quality in their products and that I was tired of announcing so many recalls on Chinese products.

The first thing I wanted was a much smaller office and a salary no more than \$100,000 per year with no bonuses. With GE employing 12,000 workers I wanted no layoffs to occur and I wanted each employee to be satisfied with his or her yearly earnings. Any engineer who approved one component that proved to be junk would be sent to Japan for punishment or moved to the assembly line

for life.

Manufacturing quality

Knowing what the manufacturers had done just a few years ago by reducing the warranties to only one year on products, Haier would immediately offer a 10-year full warranty on their products only because we could now offer quality like never before. As an example, I wanted a clothes dryer that could last 30 to 40 years without fail. The engineers argued that we eventually would go downhill on dryer sales. I countered with the fact that for the next 10 years everyone in America would purchase a GE dryer and in 10 years we would have some sort of laser beam that dried the clothes in seconds.

I made it absolutely clear that I would walk the factory assembly line, talk to our parts suppliers and go out on service calls with technicians. I wanted opportunities for

Amish families to be employed at our factories so that the pride of workmanship would be second to none. It is surprising to see how well an Amish person can build a product. I wanted appliance service schools set up across America to teach a trade to young people that could assure them of work wherever they went. I wanted a sound money arrangement with Washington that would be agreeable to all parties and provide China with a great sense of pride in acquiring the great name of General Electric. Together we could turn the appliance industry into what it was in yesteryear compared to what it is today.

THEN I woke up and made sure Valorie didn't die on me and yelled, NO MORE JUNK.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@twml.rr.com

Seaholm High School hosts Women in Leadership conference

Jay Grossman
Staff Writer

It was a day of girl power. Seaholm High School students had the opportunity April 1 to meet with a distinguished panel of women who are in positions of leadership in the local community. Students had the chance to quiz the panel and learn from role models who have carved out successful careers.

"I really enjoyed it," Birmingham Police Sgt. Kate Long said. "We had a great group of students there with insightful questions and I thought it was a very positive experience for everyone involved."

Other members of the panel included Deborah Piesz, an assistant superintendent with Birmingham Public Schools; Kia Hagens, with the Michigan Education Association; and Baldwin Public Library Trustee Ashley Marie Aidenbaum, with the Skillman Foundation.

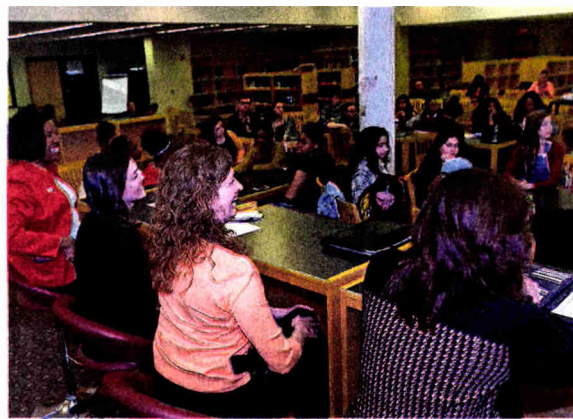
Aidenbaum applauded the school for bringing together various student groups (Black Student Union, Gender and



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Kia Hagens with the Michigan Education Association was one of several panelists who participated in a women in leadership conference at Seaholm High School.

Sexuality Alliance, Girls Promoting Positivity and Seaholm Girls Speak Up) to participate in the panel discussion.

"I truly enjoyed talking to



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
A distinguished panel of women met April 1 with students at Seaholm High School. The panel included Kia Hagens with the Michigan Education Association (far left); Baldwin Public Library Trustee Ashley Marie Aidenbaum; Birmingham Police Sgt. Kate Long; and Deborah Piesz, an assistant superintendent with Birmingham Public Schools.

these future leaders," Aidenbaum said. "They created a great space for all of us to reflect on issues around women in leadership and to learn from

one another. As women, we have accumulated insight through our experience over time, but youth have just as much to bring to the conversa-



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Seaholm High School student Hannah Shiner participates in a panel discussion.

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CITY OF LIVONIA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 4 of Act 207 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1921, as amended, the City Zoning Act (MSA 5.2934; MCLA 125.584) as well as Article XXIII of Ordinance No. 543, as amended, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Livonia, the Council has determined that a Public Hearing will take place before the Council of the City of Livonia on **Monday, April 25, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.** in the auditorium at City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, with respect to the following item:

Petition 2016-02-06-02 submitted by the City Planning Commission, pursuant to Section 23.01(b) of the Livonia Zoning Ordinance No. 543, as amended, proposing to remove Section 13.03(d) of Article XIII, P District Regulations, to eliminate confusion regarding the construction of parking decks and other structures designed for parking vehicles.

SUSAN M. NASH, CITY CLERK

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING April 18, 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on **Monday, April 18, 2016 at 7:00 pm.** regarding the proposed ordinance amendment below.

CITY OF GARDEN CITY STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF WAYNE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND §154.352, PERMITTED USES IN THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (CBD) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY.

§ 154.352 Permitted Uses and Structures

(A) Principal uses and structures. In all areas zoned CBD, Central Business District, no buildings shall be erected, used, or structurally altered, nor shall the land or premises be used in whole or in part, except for one or more of the following principal permitted uses. Other uses not specifically listed in this subchapter may be considered following a determination by the Planning Commission, with review and recommendation of the Downtown Development Authority, that such use is similar to other permitted uses in this district.

(1) Retail and office uses.

[(a)-(r) no change proposed.]

(s) Retail businesses which supply commodities on the premises, such as: antiques, resale, and consignment; automobile parts and supplies; baked goods; bikes; books (not including adult bookstores); camera; clothing; drugstores (excluding drive-through facilities, which may be permitted with special land use approval per § 154.352(B)(3)); electronics and appliances; florists; fruit and vegetable market; furniture; general merchandise; gift/novelty; groceries; hardware; hobby; jewelry; music (CDs, records, tapes); shoes; specialty meats/fish market; sporting goods; stationary; toys; variety stores; video rental and sales; and similar businesses.

[(t) - (u) no change proposed.]

No changes to the remainder of Section 154.352

REPEAL

All former ordinances or parts thereof conflicting or inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed. Except as herein modified, the said Code shall remain in full force and effect.

SEVERABILITY

The City of Garden City hereby declares that if any section, part, paragraph, sentence or work of this Ordinance hereby adopted is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, it is the intent of the City of Garden City that it would have passed all other portions of this Ordinance independent of the elimination here from any such portion as may be declared invalid.

SAVINGS CLAUSE

That nothing in this Ordinance hereby adopted shall be construed to effect any suit or proceeding pending in any court, or any rights acquired or liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or ordinance hereby repealed herein; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this Ordinance.

DATE OF EFFECT

This amendatory Ordinance is declared to be effective upon publication as required by law.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF WAYNE

MARCELINO GONZALES, III,
Plaintiff,

Case No. 15-016983-NI
Hon. Susan L. Hubbard

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STEPHANIE NICOLE TIEPPO and THE
AUTO CLUB GROUP, a Michigan Corporation,
Defendants.

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EX PARTE ORDER FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS BY SUBSTITUTED MEANS

At a session of said Court, held in the
City of Detroit, County of Wayne
State of Michigan on 4/1/2016

PRESENT: THE HONORABLE _____
Circuit Court Judge

This matter having come to be heard pursuant to Plaintiff's Ex-Parte Motion for Substituted Service, and the Court being fully advised in the premises;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that service of process in this action may be made upon Defendant, STEPHANIE NICOLE TIEPPO, by mailing a copy of the Complaint, Summons, Demand for Trial and this Order to Defendant, STEPHANIE NICOLE TIEPPO, at her last known address by way of regular mail and certified mail, return receipt requested, to wit: 33532 Avondale, Westland, Michigan 48186. Proof of Service for these mailings shall be filed with the court by The Sam Bernstein Law Firm.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that notice be given by posting, for a period of three weeks, this Order in the Wayne County Circuit Court by Plaintiff who shall file a proof of said posting with the Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT this Order shall be published in the Westland Observer newspaper once each week for a period of three consecutive weeks with proof of said publication to be filed with the Court by the Sam Bernstein Law Firm.

Notice is hereby given:

- That this matter is pending in the Wayne County Circuit Court before the Hon. Susan L. Hubbard.
- That the names of the parties to this litigation STEPHANIE NICOLE TIEPPO AND MARCELINO GONZALES, III.
- That the nature of these proceedings arise from the careless, reckless, and negligent driving by Defendant STEPHANIE NICOLE TIEPPO, on February 7, 2014, causing injuries and damages to Plaintiff MARCELINO GONZALES, III, and that Defendant STEPHANIE NICOLE TIEPPO was the owner and operator of the said vehicle.
- That Defendant STEPHANIE NICOLE TIEPPO, having been served by substituted means, as set forth in this Order, must file an Answer or an Appearance within twenty one (21) days of the service upon them with the Clerk of the Wayne County Circuit Court.
- If the Defendants served by substituted means fail to file an Answer or Appearance within twenty one (21) days a default may be entered with the court. A default is a legal document declaring that the facts alleged by Plaintiff in the Complaint are admitted. Defendants may not proceed in the action unless and until the Default is lifted or set aside. After the Entry of a Default the Court, upon the filing of a Motion by Plaintiffs' may assess and award damages for the Plaintiffs and against the Defendants.

/s/ Susan Hubbard 4/1/2016
Circuit Court Judge

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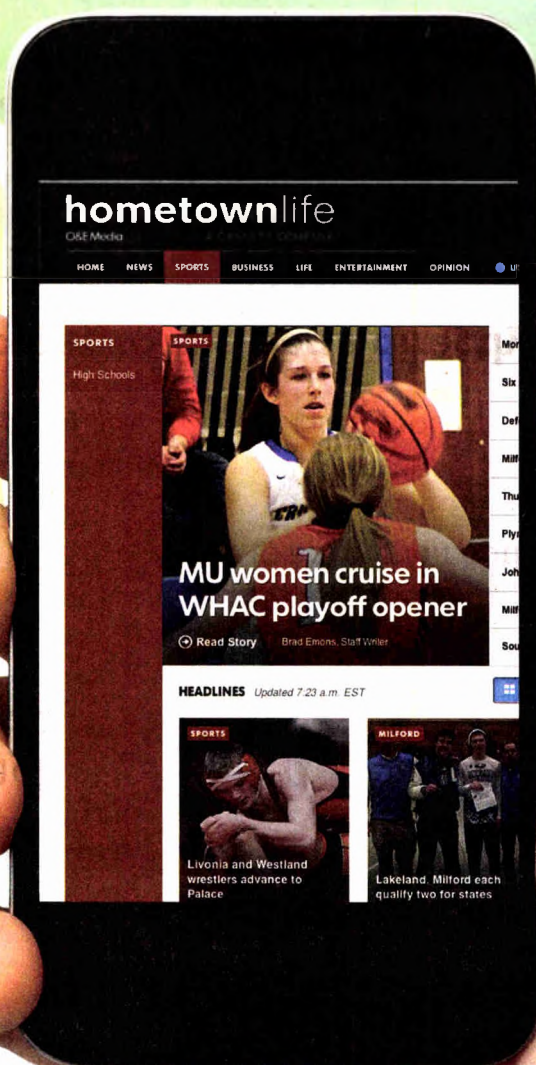
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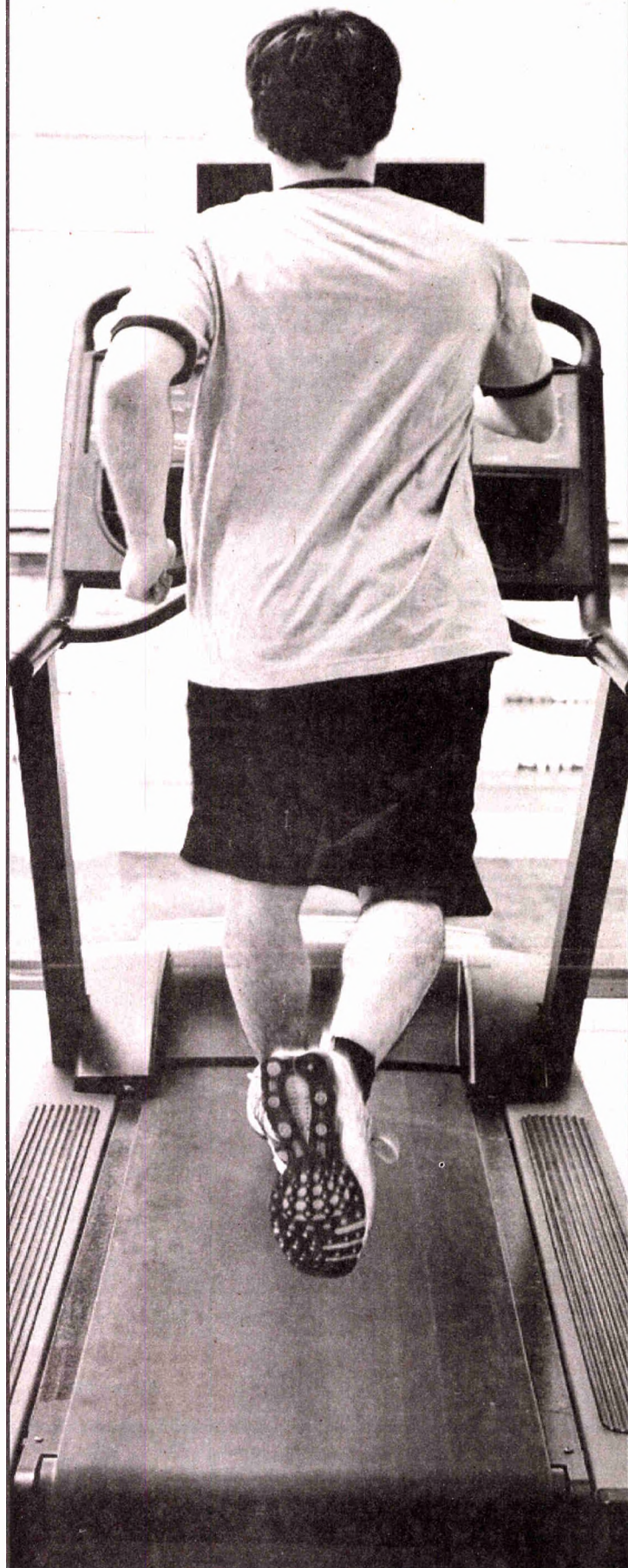
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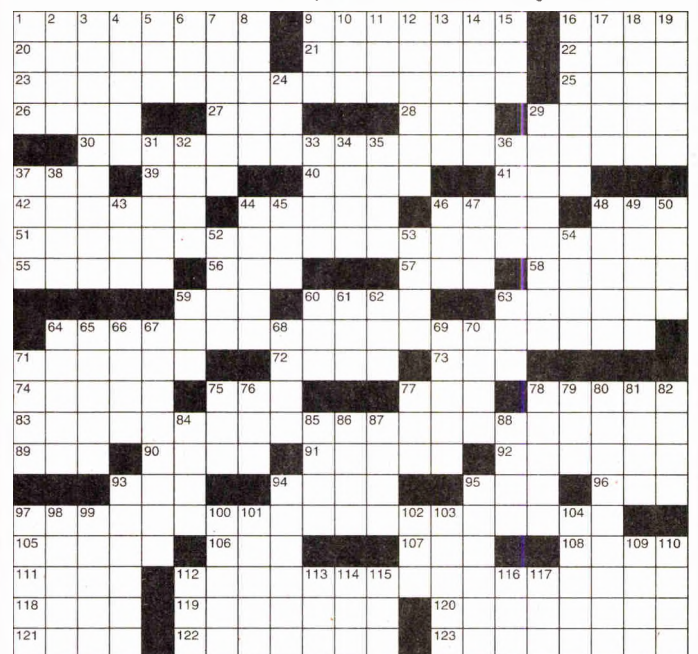
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21 Exposed to danger
22 Shift course
23 112-Across, #1
25 German river
26 Toothed tongs for pulling
27 Punkerfolk
28 French for "summer"
29 Trample (on)
30 112-Across, #2
37 Sidekick
39 Olds of old
40 Uplifting poems
41 "Go, treader!"
42 Ultimatum concluder
44 Inedible orange type
46 Son of Adam
48 Timber tree
51 112-Across, #3
- 55 Ruhr industrial city
56 Pro Bowl org.
57 Former GI
58 Spay, say
59 Bring to court
60 Lorain's lake
63 Paige of the stage
64 112-Across, #4
71 2006-12 Mexican President
72 Like seams
73 room (Ping-Pong place)
74 Make right
75 Nothing
77 Skull
78 Milk: Prefix
83 112-Across, #5
89 UV blockage stat
90 All 52 cards
91 Alarm
92 Turn around
93 Lemon
94 Be alarmed by
95 Tippler's
96 — Paulo
97 112-Across, #6
- 105 Tiny skin openings
106 Place to buy tks.
107 "Total Recall" director
108 "It happens to the best"
111 Be a drifter
112 This puzzle's theme
118 Price to play
119 1970s cop show
120 Mechanic's crowbar
121 Not brush off
122 Nothing-but-net sounds
123 Least lenient
- DOWN**
- 1 "Hold on —!"
2 Nevada city
3 Ones
4 — Croatian quivering
5 With 6-Down, Best Director of 2012
6 See 5-Down
7 Mississippi or Nueva York, por ejemplo
8 Wasp wound
9 N-R linkup
10 Modern, in Germany
11 Married Mex. woman
12 Bathroom floor installers, often
13 Supreme Court justice
14 "— while they're hot!"
15 Joseph who co-founded an ice cream company
16 Indisposed
17 Tabloid topic
18 Prohibit
19 Set of beliefs
24 Espionage org.
29 Fish story
31 Firing crime?
32 Bog plant
33 Kvetch
34 Chisel part
35 Tolls, e.g.
36 Garden implements
37 With 78-Down, seventh-century pontiff
38 Eros' father
43 Commit
44 Bid
45 Pine —
46 Log splitter
47 Comic stick
- 48 Ludicrous
49 Script unit
50 Present
52 "Move — a Little Higher"
53 Nigh's of anticipation
54 Verva
59 "Isn't — Lovely!"
60 Relative of "speak"
61 Sukiku part
62 Place to stay the night
63 And other things:
64 All upset
65 "Half — is better than none"
66 Skating area
67 Velocity
68 Kauri, e.g.
69 Obliterate
70 Lizardlike amphibian
71 Web pages for nwbies
75 "Siberia" network
76 Really pester
77 Shake up
78 See 37-Down
79 Singar
80 Truce
81 "So long!"
- 82 Spread in the dairy section
84 Start over on
85 Totally lost
86 Chrysler line of the 1980s
87 Do field work
88 Santa —
93 Viewed to be
94 Blaze features
95 "Shoot!"
97 Winfrey of "Beloved"
98 Not a soul
99 Packing box
100 "Hogwash!"
101 Fetal homes
102 1970s foe of Frazier
103 Chaps
104 "Baywatch" actress
109 Aliens' craft
110 Shipped off for nwbies
112 About half of a fluid oz.
113 Numerical suffix
114 Noshed
115 Repeated syllables in "Hey Jude"
116 Tantalite, e.g.
117 — de-lance



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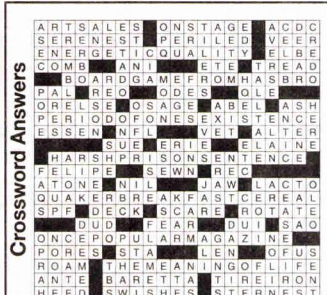
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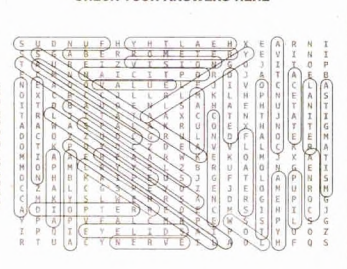
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Car Report

Buick's Growing Success Forces Rivals To Look at Another New Model: Its Winning Marketing Campaign



By Dale Buss

Every automaker can learn at least a couple of things from the ongoing success of Buick.

First, there's nothing like timing the right vehicle for the right segment to set off a sales explosion. And, second, a clever, relevant and consistent marketing campaign, executed with fidelity and determination, really can move the needle on brand perception.



The Buick brand is shining these days thanks to vehicles and marketing.

And now Buick is trying to pull off a third major feat: finally, decisively moving its demographics younger and more female. The brand has been making stabs at doing so for years, but now with the new 2017 Encore, the ongoing launch of the never-before-seen Cascada convertible, and the continued evolution of its marketing efforts,

success seems in the making.

Thus the Buick TV ad running during its sponsorship of NCAA March Madness creates no cognitive dissonance at all. Millennials are using the onboard 4G LTE WiFi in "Tina's new Buick," a spacious Enclave SUV, to drop in via teleconference on a meeting back in the office, whereupon their boss discovers that they're out getting smoothies.

It's only one of a handful of well-aimed spots, on TV and online video, that Buick hatched for the annual men's basketball tournament and its sponsorship of this demographically rich event.

"What we've done differently this year," Molly Peck, Buick's marketing director, told me, "is taken this whole kind of vernacular that goes with March Madness and created a 'game time glossary' which takes terms like 'Cinderella story' and 'underdog' and 'sleeper team' and created digital content with a Buick twist" which runs in pre-roll video on web sites that are streaming the games.

Buick was smart and fortunate to introduce Encore, an all-new nameplate, in 2014 just in time to benefit not only from Buick's improving brand vibe but also from the increasingly voracious appetite of American consumers for compact crossover vehicles.

Encore took the segment by storm, and this year, through March, it easily ranked as Buick's best-selling overall vehicle, with sales up again by 23 percent over 2015 levels for the year. And in March, Encore was the only one of Buick's nameplates that existed last year to register any sales gain at all over last year.

By contrast, of course, Buick's more-premium sibling brand, Cadillac, still lacks a compact CUV, and the GM luxury brand and its sales have suffered mightily for the deficit.

Which brings us to Buick's marketing. In 2014, it launched a completely new campaign and positioning under the rubric, "That's not a Buick," with a hit series of commercials showcasing the wonderful vehicles Buick was making and selling — and humorously underscoring that the typical consumer remained disbelieving that any of them could be a Buick.

After the campaign's initial success, Buick doubled down. "We started by asking that question, and piquing consumers' interest and curiosity," Peck said. "And then, last year, we started to tell people what they could expect from Buick, with built-in WiFi and our 24 Hours of Happiness test drives. We started to make a promise. And this year it's paying off."

Thus, with this March



Emily Ratajowski and Odell Beckham Jr. — and the Buick Cascada in the background — starred in a Super Bowl ad.

Madness season, Buick ads have pivoted to asking, "Is that a Buick?"

"It's making more of a declaration that, yes, this is what you can expect from Buick," Peck explained. "Great technology, a brand-new convertible called Cascada, and the Buick remote-link app."

Interestingly, Buick's attempt to redefine itself has been much more successful, at least in its consistency, than the "Find New Roads" tag line that Chevrolet unveiled three years ago. It never has been really clear what "Find New Roads" actually means, and Chevy has found itself just slapping the phrase on everything it does. What has worked for Chevrolet is its "Real People" ads

in which a host uses stunts with actual consumers to get them to conclude that the vehicle they really want is ... a Chevrolet. Chevrolet might as well jettison "Find New Roads" for the good it's doing.

At Buick, the theme they concocted two years ago just keeps working better. "It's taken a lot of discipline," Peck said. "It's tempting to go off-strategy and try new creative. But focus is something we're really committed to. Then you see it pay off, and it's easier to stick to it at that point."

As for millennials, a great Buick TV ad for Cascada called "Wedding," which ran during Super Bowl 50, made it clear that the brand is going hard after them with the new drop-top.

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