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Wayne proposed budget has cuts

Police positions, decrease in firefighter OT targeted

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Continuing to deal with a revenue shortfall, Wayne's proposed 2016-17 budget includes the elimination of two currently budgeted police officer positions, a large reduction in firefighter overtime and cuts in other jobs.

With those and other spending reductions, the city's projected \$15.7 million budget still relies on fund balance transfers to be balanced.

"We are using \$765,000 from OPEB (Other Post Em-

ployee Benefits), so it's not really a balanced budget," Wayne City Manager Lisa Nocerini said. "We will be balanced on paper."

Even with the transfer from OPEB, the budget includes a nearly \$700,000 transfer from balance to meet the city's financial obligations, Nocerini noted, as expenditures continue to exceed revenues.

"This is the first time the budget hasn't been balanced. It's the first real budget since (then-city manager) David Murphy started closing (excess) funds in the budget," she said. "You can't get blood from a rock. We can't cut our way out of this."

As the city was trying to get a handle on its finances, Plante Moran was hired as the city's finance director and streamlined the city budget by eliminating about a dozen funds. The money was then transferred to the remaining appropriate funds.

With a projected deficit at the end of the fiscal year June 30, Mayor Susan Rowe said the city is looking at revenues, as well as places to reduce spending. The city charter requires a city budget be adopted by May 17 annually.

"This budget is so we can keep the lights on and the doors open after July 1," Rowe said. "We have to look at things like the profit and

losses if we are contracting out EMS (emergency medical services). Health care for retirees is a big issue."

The budget doesn't include any revenue from the proposed 14-mill proposal to have Wayne join the South Macomb Oakland Regional Services Authority. The effort to generate revenue to pay for police and fire services goes before voters on the Aug. 2 primary ballot.

That proposal comes as the city's State Equalized Value has dropped, meaning the value of 1 mill in the city has dropped to \$356.4 million, down from \$362.6 million in 2015. Even if approved, the full 14 mills would generate

less than \$5 million.

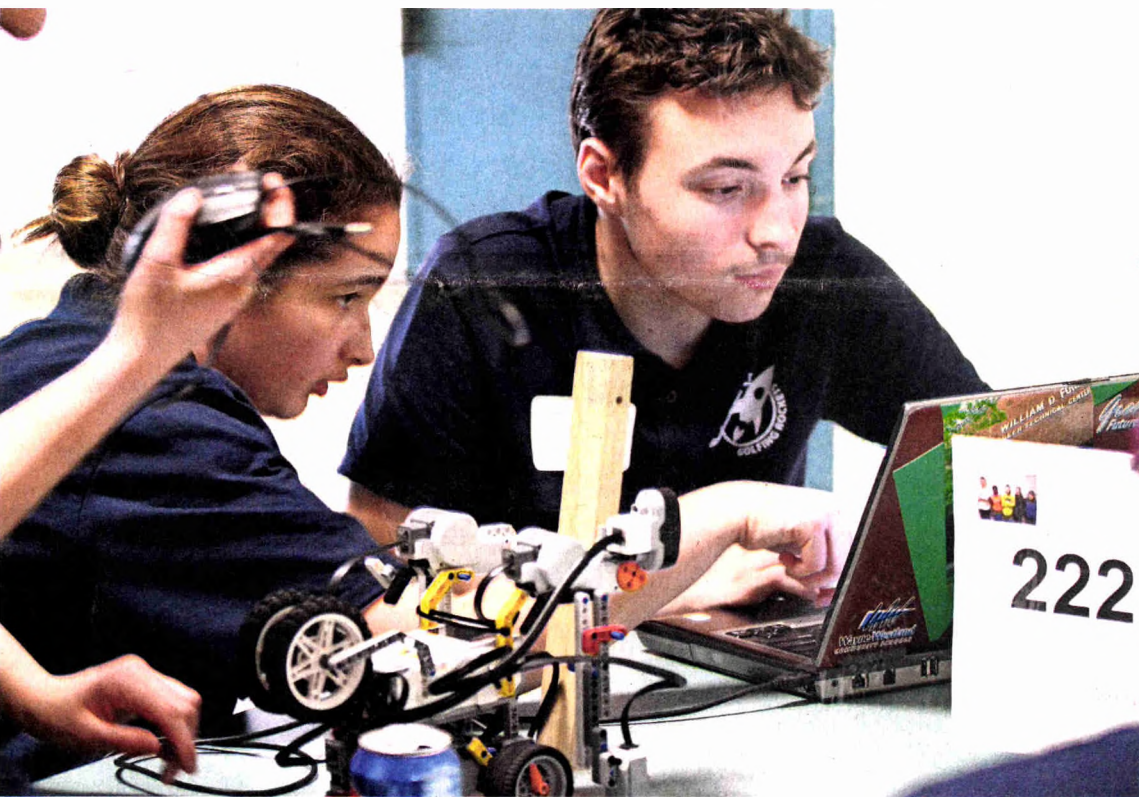
"Even if that millage passes, we will need employee concessions. We have \$14 million owed on buildings (such as the police station, fire station and community center aquatic center)," Nocerini said. "That was \$18 million debt to begin with and city kept refinancing pushing it out further."

Among proposals for the budget:

» Two budgeted vacant police positions to be eliminated from the budget for a savings of \$172,244. The city is seeking a COPS grant for one police officer not included in

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FORD CENTER HOSTS
ROBOFEST 2016



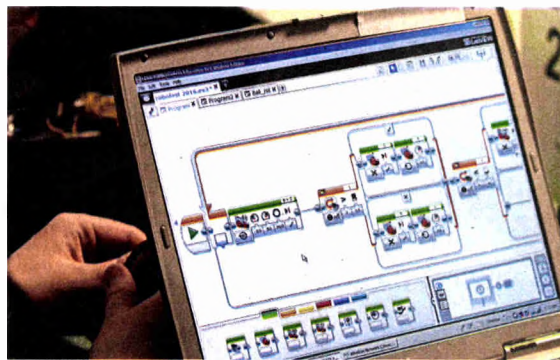
John Glenn students were among those competing in Robofest 2016 at the William Ford Center.

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The William D. Ford Career-Technical Center and Lawrence Technological University hosted Robofest 2016. Students teams from John Glenn and Wayne Memorial High School and the William D. Ford Career-Technical Center built and programmed fully autonomous robots and competed against each other and other schools in the area.

In the first round, each team used their fully autonomous robot to play RoboGolf. Armed with a wooden putter, the robots had to find and putt four gold balls into holes.

In round two, students were given a problem to solve and had 30 minutes to reprogram their robot.



COURTESY WAYNE-WESTLAND SCHOOLS
In the second round, students had to solve a problem and reprogram their robots.



Council
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meetings

Two councilmen couldn't attend Saturday meeting

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Some Wayne officials are upset that two councilmen who missed a Saturday budget session used the city charter to call another special meeting Wednesday to fill them in on what happened at the first meeting.

Councilmen Chris Sanders and Ryan Gabriel cited work commitments for missing the meeting Saturday, which had been scheduled from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. The meeting actually ran until 11:25 a.m.

However, council colleagues questioned whether Sanders and Gabriel could have attended the meeting. At 10:58 a.m., Sanders was shown on home security video taping a letter calling for the special meeting to Councilman Tom Porter's front door.

"I was sort of surprised when I saw Chris posting the notice during our meeting," Porter said. "I don't get it. My personal opinion is that he and Ryan (Gabriel) could have made an hour of the meeting."

That would have allowed the absent councilmen to hear

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For more information, contact Wayne-Westland Community Schools at 734-419-2083 or stop in at the administrative offices in the Instruction Department at 36745 Marquette in Westland.

'HAIRSPRAY' ON STAGE

Diane Gale Andreassi
Staff Writer

Audiences of the Broadway musical "Hairspray" at Garden City High School are guaranteed a high-energy performance with songs from the 1960s and a strong message about race relations.

The play is set in 1962 Baltimore, Maryland. Teenager Tracy Turnblad, played by sophomore Marianna Seal, wins a role on The Corny Collins Show, a local TV dance program. Turnblad becomes an overnight celebrity and she launches a campaign to integrate the show.

"One of the things I really like about 'Hairspray' is there's a strong female lead," GCHS Drama Director Greg Wiklanski said. "And the second thing is the civil rights message is still relevant. It reminds us of how far we have come and how far we still have to go."

A moment to shine

The cast includes 50 people, "so it means talented students with a ton of lead roles," Wiklanski said. "They deserve their moment to shine up there. The cast has done a great job making these roles their own."

It's Seal's first time working on a musical and she was nervous when she tried out, but the rehearsals three hours a day, five days a week since January have built her confidence.

"We've gone over it a lot and it's really fun doing it," Seal said.

Logan Phillips, a senior, landed the role of Edna, the wife of Wilbur Turnblad and the mother of Tracy Turnblad. Edna was played by Divine in the 1988 film, by John Travolta in the 2007 version and the character has been a drag role since the first film.



Edna (Logan Phillips) embraces Wilbur (Bailey Merritt).

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Garden City High School presents "Hairspray."

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"There's never a dull moment — you are always doing something," Phillips said of the rehearsals. "When you play a role you relate to the character and you really get connected to the character."

After senior Mariah Arnold graduates, she hopes to be "involved in any type of musical and play." Working as a drama director, like her mentor, Wiklanski, would be a dream come true. Her role is Motormouth and she says it's a perfect fit, because, "I'm not going to lie, I talk a lot."

Race relations revealed

Cast member Gabby Giangrande, a senior

playing Penny, says GCHS's production of "Hairspray" is "a phenomenal show with so many different topics with race and integration. It shows how big of a problem it was; and it's still a problem, but it shows how far we've come."

Wiklanski thinks "Hairspray" will be well attended.

"Garden City is a very tight knit community that really supports the performing arts," Wiklanski said. "'Hairspray' is a laugh-a-minute show, filled with one spectacular production number after another. It's the perfect balance of ridiculousness and heart."

He also commends

parent volunteers who helped build the set for the show.

"I've never seen such dedicated parent volunteers," Wiklanski said.

The performances are at 7 p.m. May 5-7 and at 2 p.m. May 7-8 at the O'Leary Performing Arts Center at the high school, 6500 Middlebelt Road. Tickets are available from 3-5 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and 90 minutes before each show. Reserved seating is also available online @gardencityschools.com.

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the budget.

» Overtime for the fire department was reduced by \$298,000, resulting in a projected savings of \$371,963. The city has applied for a SAFER grant to hire six additional firefighters.

» Three part-time

clerical positions are eliminated but offset by one part-time clerical position added to the city manager's department and to be shared by all of city hall. The resulting two positions eliminated result in a savings of \$48,408.

» The Wayne Police Department handles non-emergency calls for Garden City, which is part of a central emer-

gency dispatching through Westland Police. Garden City has agreed to pay an additional \$35,000 for the service in 2016-17.

» Hours were reduced for a part-time clerk in the fire department for a \$6,920 savings.

» Nocerini notes that the city has been notified that shared Fire Chief Michael Reddy will be leaving. With a new chief

to be an employee rather than a contractual employee, the city projects a \$25,000 cost increase.

» Capital outlay was removed from the budget with the exception of a state-mandated replacement of election equipment.

» The proposed budget calls for all retiree health care plans to have the city's contribution to be capped at 70 percent

of the current rate with future rate increases to be paid by the retiree. The city would eliminate payments in lieu of insurance, reimbursement of Medicare Part B and copays.

No dollar amount is included but Nocerini reports that the budget includes a wage reduction for all full-time employees effective Jan. 1, 2017 along with an in-

crease in the employees' contribution towards their health care.

Any of those changes, Nocerini said, would have to be negotiated with employee labor unions during upcoming contract talks.

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the Plante Moran budget presentation, he said, allowing them to develop any questions, even if they left early.

"I don't want to comment. Our only intention was to be brought up to speed on how we should proceed with the budget," Sanders said. "I have nothing but respect for the mayor and council."

A UAW committee-man at a Dearborn Ford plant, Sanders said he was unable to get the day off and delivered the letters to the homes of Mayor Susan Rowe and the other councilmen on his lunch break.

"He (Sanders) had to work but he was on our porches during the meeting," Councilman John Rhaesa said. "Ryan said during his interview (for council appointment) that his work schedule would be flexible. He got two weeks notice for the

meeting."

Porter noted he and his wife for 25 years annually have an engagement on the date of the meeting, April 23. He said his wife encouraged him to cancel their long-standing plans due to having accepted the city obligations.

"I feel it is important that all of the council come together on one of our most important budget sessions," said Gabriel, who was concerned that he'd be late for work in Detroit at noon if he

attended the session.

Sanders and Gabriel had requested that the meeting, scheduled two weeks in advance, be rescheduled, Rowe said.

"We had five council all set along with the city manager and Plante Moran," Rowe said. "I thought it was a very good meeting. We had a frank, open discussion. They (Sanders and Gabriel) missed a lot."

To allow Gabriel to attend the morning session before he went to work, Rowe said she

offered to move the start time to 8 a.m. instead of 9 a.m.

Like Porter, Rowe said she was surprised to find the letter calling for the special meeting left at her home Saturday.

"I'm really at a loss. Chris called me at 8 p.m. Sunday and was surprised I hadn't responded," Rowe said. "I just told him city hall wasn't open. I'm trying to work with him. We're spending too much time and energy dealing with his antics. It makes it bad

for all of us."

Council called for a Saturday meeting, Rhaesa said, so members would be fresh, able to concentrate and have a longer meeting, if needed.

"It's extremely disappointing. Wayne deserves better than these guys," Rhaesa said.

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Welday remembered as ‘great friend’

Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Paul Welday did a little bit of everything in politics.

He was on the Republican state committee and a former chairman of the Oakland County Republican Party. He ran for Congress and for the state House of Representatives out of Farmington Hills. And he had recently announced a bid for Oakland County water resources commissioner.

In addition to his own career, he mentored a number of Republicans as they pursued their careers.

Those people were among the many expressing their shock and grief over the passing of Welday, who died Monday night of a possible heart attack.

Farmington Hills Mayor Ken Massey is a family friend and serves on the city council with Welday's wife, Valerie Knol. He said Welday's sudden death makes one thing "very clear."

"This tragedy amplifies the point that we

need to live every single day to the fullest," Massey said Tuesday morning. "I feel for Val and for their young daughter and the rest of her family. It's more than being on council together. She's a friend and you hate to see a friend have to go through this."

Welday, a 1981 graduate of James Madison College at Michigan State University, was a political consultant as a former founder and partner of Strategic Public Affairs and former chief of staff to former U.S. Rep. Joe Knollenberg. He was also a partner in Renaissance Strategies, a marketing and communications firm. In 2011, he joined Watts Partners, a Washington, D.C.-based government affairs consulting firm, as senior counsel to the firm.

Welday had just attended a political fundraiser Monday night, at The Iroquois Club in Bloomfield Hills.

Knol works for state Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township, who said he counted Welday as part of his legislative team. Heise said he met



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Republican strategist Paul Welday died Monday.

Welday when Welday worked for former Knol-berg.

Heise said Welday ran

for public office "because he had a great sense of public service" and was one of those

"rare people who could make a living doing what he loved — politics."

"We are just devastated by the loss," Heise said. "Paul was a really terrific political strategist and a leader. He knew the issues without being overly partisan. We are just devastated by the loss."

Former Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox and his wife, current state Rep. Laura Cox, R-Livonia, have known Welday for years and counted him "as one of our great friends," Laura Cox said Tuesday.

"He was obviously a great political mind and a great friend to Mike and me," she said. "He fought for causes he believed in. We're praying for Valerie and her family."

State Rep. Christine Greig, D-Farmington Hills, lauded Welday for his commitment to the local community, acknowledging his work as treasurer of the Farmington Youth Assistance.

"I extend my deepest sympathy to Farmington Hills Mayor Pro Tem

Valerie Knol and her family on the passing of her husband, Paul Welday," Greig said. "Mr. Welday was an active community member. ... Our community mourns his passing."

Plymouth Township Supervisor Shannon Price, who used to work for Welday, took Tuesday to Facebook to express his sorrow.

"Jacki Warner Price (Price's wife) and I are so sad to hear about the passing of my friend and former boss Paul Welday," Price said. "I will never forget ... the awesome opportunity he and Robert Law gave me to work on statewide grassroots campaigns. Paul taught me so much, and I was looking forward to helping him this fall. Jacki and I will be praying for Val and the kids."

Welday is survived by his wife, Valerie Knol, former mayor Farmington, son Nicholas and daughter Natalie.

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Kid Rock ‘devastated’ over death of aide in crash

Sacha, 30, was native of Farmington Hills

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Kid Rock's personal assistant who was killed in an apparent ATV accident on the musician's Nashville, Tenn., estate was from metro Detroit, where he had previously worked in real estate management and advertising sales.

The body of 30-year-old Farmington Hills native Michael Sacha, a

Harrison High School graduate, was discovered by Rock and a friend at the sprawling estate about 11:36 a.m. Monday, according to a news release from the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department. According to police, Rock called 911 and officers responded to the scene and found Sacha on the embankment of the prop-



Michael Sacha

erty's long driveway.

Brian Haas, public information officer with the Nashville Fire Department, said firefighters responded to a call Monday morning on Knight Drive and found a man facedown on the side of a driveway. The man was already dead by the time the fire department arrived.

Detectives said they think Sacha drove two people, who had attended a cookout at the property the previous night, down the driveway to meet with an Uber driver at

midnight. While riding the ATV back toward the residence, Sacha lost control and crashed, police said.

Rock, whose real name is Robert Ritchie, began looking for Sacha late Monday morning when he couldn't find him at the residence. Nashville police said Sacha's death was determined to be an accident.

Rock released a statement late Monday, saying he was "beyond devastated" to confirm Sacha's death.

"He was a member of

our family and one of the greatest young men I have ever had the pleasure to not only work with, but also to become friends with," Rock said. "I know I speak for us all in sharing my deepest condolences to his family. I cannot imagine how they must feel. Myself, the band, our family, friends and coworkers are devastated over this loss."

Rock said he and Sacha were supposed to return to Michigan on Monday, but he decided to stay in Nashville until he

could "bring him home to his family."

"We've already been contacted by the press asking if it was me who was in the accident, so I want to stop any rumors before they spread," Rock said. "I'm asking everyone to please respect our and his families' privacy in this difficult time. RIP Mike. We will never forget you, my friend."

Tributes for Sacha were posted across social media Monday night into Tuesday morning after news of his death began to spread.

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GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

Items taken from stores

A 19-year-old Detroit man was arrested April 23 for reportedly stealing 16 Visa prepaid cards from the Kroger store on Middlebelt in Garden City.

Police were called to the store by loss prevention officers who detained the man after one of the officers said he saw him hide the cards in his pants.

The man reportedly told the loss prevention officers that he steals Visa cards and sells them for \$2 a card to a Sunoco gas station in Detroit. Each card is \$4.95 when activated.

When police arrived the suspect was in the loss prevention office crying, a police report said.

When the man was asked if

he would work with the store's organized retail crime manager, he attempted to push his way past the loss prevention officers. However, he was stopped and secured with handcuffs until Garden City police officers arrived.

The man was issued a citation for retail fraud.

iPad stolen

Officers were called to the Family Dollar store on Middlebelt on April 22 by an employee who reported her iPad was stolen.

The 50-year-old Livonia woman told police she works occasionally at the store to help organize merchandise. She told police she keeps her purse in a shopping cart while she is working. The woman

said she was facing away from the cart for a short period of time and then noticed her iPad missing.

Copper taken

The most recent in a rash of copper stolen from Garden City residents was reported April 22 by a homeowner in the 32000 block of Marquette earlier this week. She said the copper was stolen from her sprinkler system, which she last checked in October 2015 when it was cleaned.

Both exterior leads were cut. The homeowner said the missing copper was brought to her attention by a neighbor. The copper section was on the west side of the house toward the front of the yard in clear view of anyone passing by.

More than seven residences reported similar copper thefts earlier this month.

Stolen gumballs

An employee of National Entertainment Network reported April 22 that gumball machines at Kroger on Middlebelt were broken and the money was taken. The man is responsible for emptying the gumball machines that were in the store vestibule.

He discovered the locks on three of the machines were damaged and quarters were missing. He said he repaired the locks and came to the Garden City police department to report the thefts.

The National Entertainment Network employee said he last emptied the machines on

March 22 and he believed, based on monthly averages, between \$60-\$85, was stolen.

Kroger management said they will review their security cameras and call the police department if the incident was captured.

Kmart thefts

A 42-year-old Detroit woman was arrested for larceny April 19 after Kmart loss prevention officers reported seeing the woman remove items from their packaging and conceal them in her clothing.

Garden City police recovered \$158.88 worth of miscellaneous merchandise from the woman.

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Teen killed following verbal altercation at Mayflower Lanes

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Staff Writer

An 18-year-old Farmington Hills woman was killed late Saturday night in Redford after shots were exchanged between two men inside Mayflower Lanes on Plymouth Road.

Bethany Walker was taken to a local hospital following the incident, but died from her injuries. Wayne County Medical Examiner's spokesperson Lloyd Jackson said Walker died from a gunshot wound to the neck.

A 33-year-old Redford man and a 19-year-old Detroit man were also shot in the incident, which occurred shortly after 11 p.m., according to township police. Both men were in critical condition as of Monday evening, police said.

A verbal argument between two groups led to the shooting. Police said the cause of the argument is unknown.

"This is still an active investigation," Redford Police Capt. James Turner wrote in an email to the Ob-

server. "I would expect criminal charges in regards to the shooting once the investigation is complete."

While responding to the shooting, township officers were approached by three women, who had fled the bowling alley after gunfire erupted. They told officers that they had been robbed while running away from the bowling alley.

Officers arrested a 24-year-old Farmington Hills man in connection with the robbery. Police said he was found in an area adjacent to the bowling alley. He is believed to have been involved in the verbal argument. Charges against him are being sought, police said.

WJBK-TV (Channel 2) reported that Walker was a student at Oakland County Community College. She would have turned 19 next month.

Anyone who witnessed these incidents is asked to call the Redford Township Police Department at 313-387-2551 or Crime Stoppers at 800-SPEAK-UP

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WESTLAND COP CALLS

Pipes missing

A resident in the 30000 block of Lacy told police April 22 that someone had stolen copper pipes from the exterior of her home April 10-17. The officer advised the resident to alert her neighbors due to this kind of theft being an ongoing problem.

Fraud

On April 23, a Westland woman told police she thought she had been a victim of fraud over the Internet. She said that on April 19 she received a call from someone claiming to be a Microsoft employee telling her that her computer needed to be fixed remotely. The resident said she provided the caller with a credit card number but subsequently canceled the card.

Taking her computer to be checked, she said she was told it was damaged due to whatever had been remotely downloaded by the caller.

Larceny

A Comcast line technician told police April 20 that the previous day he had discovered two marine batteries valued at \$230 from a cable box at the Birch Hill Apartments, 280 S. Hubbard. It was unclear when the batteries had been stolen. The cable boxes are secured by screws and the screws were had been tightened back in place.

Larceny from a vehicle

» A Magic Box Bluetooth speaker, a Sons of Anarchy lighter, a vape and a rechargeable vape with a tank, valued at \$280 were reported stolen from a vehicle parked in the 30000 block of Palmer overnight April 21. The owner said he thought the vehicle had been locked but due to the lack of damage it might have been unlocked.

» Also overnight April 21, a resident in the 1500 block of Bershire told police that someone had gone into her unlocked vehicle stealing drivers licenses belonging to her and her son, along with assorted coins from the center console.

Fraud

On April 20, a Westland woman told police that she was alerted April 14 about suspicious activity on her card at a Target store in Battle Creek. There was a \$318 charge. The woman said she had the card in her possession.

License plates stolen

» A resident in the 34000 block of John Hawk told police that overnight April 18 someone had stolen the license plate from his vehicle while it was parked in the driveway.

» The license plate was reported stolen overnight April 20 by a resident in the 36000 block of Manila.

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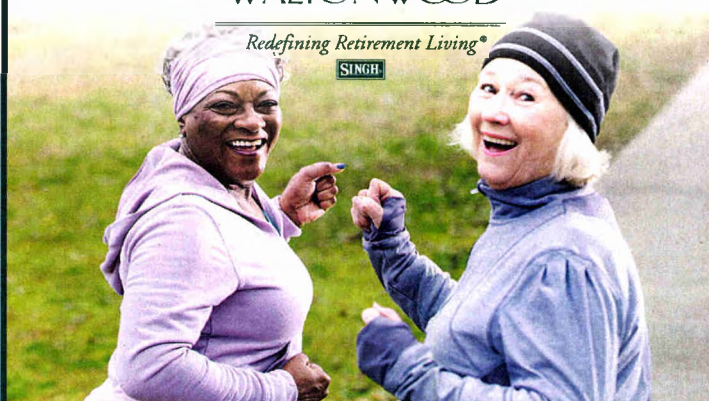
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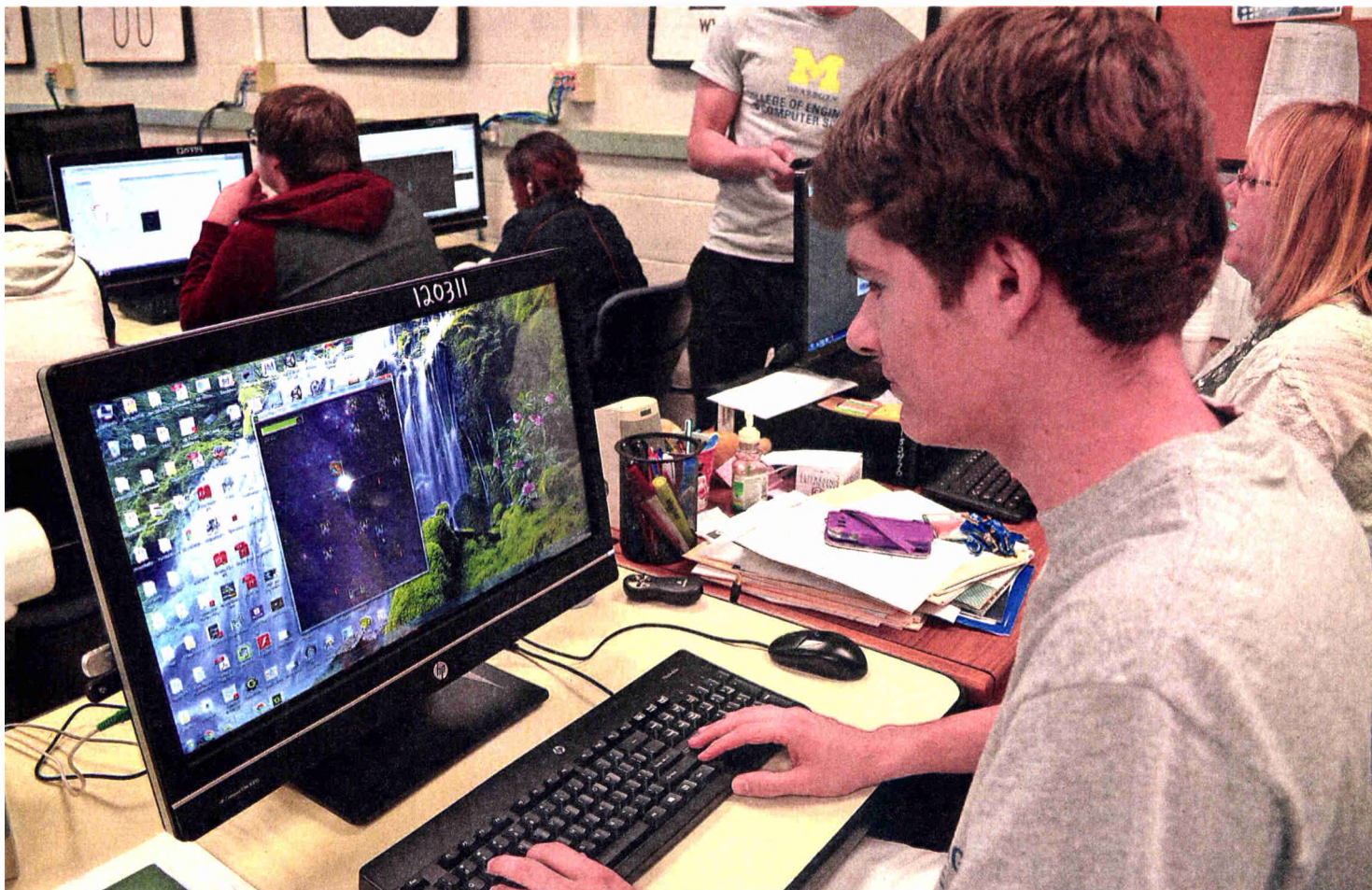
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Cameron Kozan tests out the video game he and classmate Brendan Lindlbauer created for a competition at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

AHEAD OF THE CURVE

Video game creators out in front in high-tech learning

These teens aren't your typical video gamers.

They're not just consumers in the video gaming industry, they're creators.

Churchill High School seniors Curtis Kargus and Aouni Halaweh took first place in the recent University of Michigan-Dearborn Computer Science and Engineering Game Design Competition with their Rainball video game.

The arcade-style game, now available as a free download on the Google Play Store, challenges the player to match a small colored bar to scrolling multi-colored bars that float down from the top of the screen.

Kargus and Halaweh created the game and practiced building it in their classes at the Livonia Career Technical Center, a two-year high school magnet center in which students gain practical skills and knowledge in career-path areas that now include the video gaming and mobile app industries.

Melinda Bush teaches website design and the gaming and mobile app design classes, which fall nicely into President Obama's initiative called "Computer Science for All," which empowers students by equipping them with the computer science skills they need to thrive in a digital economy.

Students in Bush's classes are writing code for video games and mobile apps, designing webpages, learning JavaScript, HTML and Adobe Flash.

"Our students are definitely getting a huge head start," Bush said. "We are fortunate to have such a specialized opportunity, not only in instruction, but through business partnerships as well."

Playing to win

Kargus and Halaweh have taken their interest in video game production to the next level by forming their own company called 2Volts. They work on projects after school and they hope to soon build a server they can work on.

Between Kargus, Halaweh and classmate Cameron Kozan, they've

created more than a dozen video games, both for class and just for fun.

At the competition, the judges said they liked their use of artwork, music, game style and how well the game fit the competition theme of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics). They had practiced creating the game, then easily recreated it during the competition.

"The judges liked it so much," Halaweh said.

Halaweh and Kargus hope to be able to make Rainball available on iOS Apple devices through the Apple Store, if they can raise the \$175 to do so.

They noted that they're "just high school kids," so they don't have the money to launch their game on the Apple Store, just yet.

A second team from Bush's class received Honorable Mention at the competition, with their game called Galactic Defenders.

Cameron Kozan and Brendan Lindlbauer's game is similar to the vintage arcade game, Galaga. The player shoots enemies and dodges bullets. They were able to design the game so that that player can shoot up to three bullets at a time. These "power ups" are not easy to code, they said.

Lindlbauer, who is a senior at Stevenson High School, said creating this game in a high-pressure situation was a good experience.

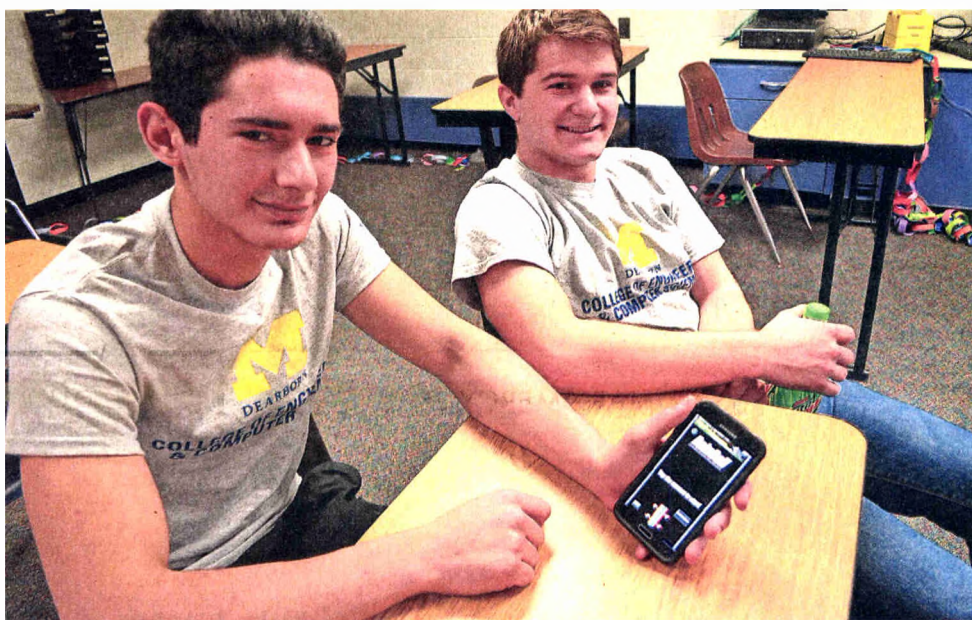
"It gave me the experience of making a game in a competitive situation and that's beneficial to anyone going into the game design field," he said.

Practical applications

The students said they are learning the practical skills they will need when they enter college and the workforce. Currently, Kargus is doing an internship at a Livonia web development company called Enable Point. He plans to attend the University of Michigan-Dearborn to major in computer science. He said the LTC classes and the internship helped him decide on a career path in computer programming or software development.

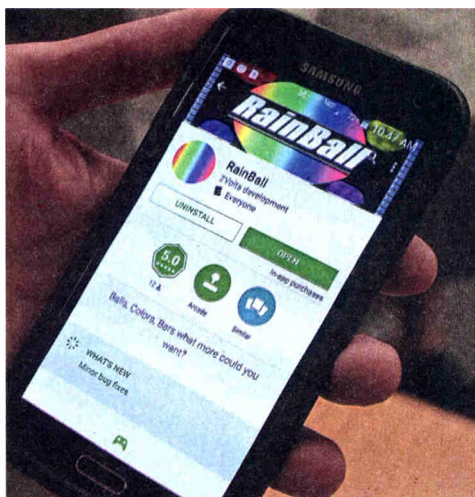
"This set me up and made me want to go into computer science," he said. "It kind of sent it home for me."

He said he's thankful for the courses that are



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Aouni Halaweh and Curtis Kargus talk about their new award-winning video game in class at the Livonia Career Technical Center.



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MELINDA BUSH, teacher

Computer Science for All

Last year, there were more than 600,000 high-paying tech jobs in the U.S. that were unfilled and by 2018, it's estimated that 51 percent of all STEM jobs are projected to be in computer science-related fields.

Computer science and data science are not only important in the technology sector, but in many industries, including transportation, healthcare, education and financial services, to name just a few.

Just one-quarter of all K-12 schools in the U.S. offer high-quality computer science with programming and coding and 22 states still do not allow it to count toward high school graduation.

"Our economy is rapidly shifting, and both educators and business leaders are increasingly recognizing that computer science is a 'new basic' skill necessary for economic opportunity and social mobility," Bush said.

The President's initiative calls for \$4 billion in funding for states and \$100 million directly for school districts in his

forthcoming budget to expand K-12 computer science by training teachers, expanding access to high-quality instructional materials, and building effective regional partnerships.

"Livonia is well ahead of the curve," Bush said.

Making connections

Students in Bush's classes have opportunities to see how the skills they're learning can be applied in the workplace. Each year, Bush takes her students to visit MC2, the General Dynamics facility, to learn about STEM careers and how virtual reality and game development are used to create tanks and prepare the U.S. military.

She also takes students to a company called Cengage Learning, to explore software development, mobile apps and web design.

"Several of my students' parents work there and were instrumental in arranging the trip," she said.

For more information about the Livonia Career Technical Center, visit livoniapublicschools.org and click on the Programs tab.

offered at the LTC, but he wishes more could be offered at his home school, Churchill, too.

"I hope this gets integrated more in the home schools," he said. "I wish I could have taken this class as a sophomore. Two years is nice, but it would've been nice if I could specialize in this."

Halaweh said he has always been interested in technology. He's grateful for what he has learned at the Career Center.

"This class gave me familiarity with Java and HTML. I also learned Adobe Flash here and I'm able to apply that now," he said.

Halaweh hopes to

attend the University of Michigan or Lawrence Tech.

Cameron Kozan is currently dual enrolled at Schoolcraft College, where he is taking an advanced HTML course and Java. He plans to take a few more classes at Schoolcraft before transferring to the University of Michigan-Dearborn to study software engineering.

Lindlbauer said taking the game design class was a good move on his part.

"Being able to learn game design as a high school student is a great opportunity and I'm glad I chose to take that opportunity when I had the chance," he said.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Chamber scholarships

The Livonia Chamber of Commerce plans to award several scholarships to seniors graduating this spring from Livonia's five high schools and pursuing post-secondary studies at a school that is member of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce.

Two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to two students planning to attend a university, and at least three scholarships will be awarded to students pursuing an associate's degree or skilled trades certificate.

Eligible high school seniors must graduate in 2016 from Livonia Franklin, Churchill, Stevenson, Clarenceville or Ladywood High School. This scholarship will be announced at an event to be named in spring 2016. This is an annual scholarship program authorized by the Livonia Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors funded by donations and proceeds from Chamber programming.

Scholarship proceeds must be used at a Livonia Chamber of Commerce member institution. (Those schools are: Schoolcraft College, Madonna University, Davenport University, Eastern Michigan University, University of Toledo, ITT-Technical Institute, Walsh College, Wayne State University, and Lawrence Technological University.) The award will be directly sent to the school of the winner's choice upon complete student enrollment in that institution.

Applications must submit paperwork by Friday, May 13, 2016 by 2 p.m. For more details



Recipients of the 2015 Livonia Chamber of Commerce scholarships.

and to apply, visit www.livonia.org.

Youth employment

Mayor William R. Wild is reaching out to Westland businesses to partner on a common goal of introducing Westland's young adults to the workforce. The "Wild About Youth Works!" Program aims to prepare Westland's young adults for the workforce by teaching them the virtue of a strong work ethic, good customer service skills and financial responsibility.

The Wild About Youth Works Program, in its sixth year, is geared toward youth ages 16-18. Participants will receive financial literacy training through the City's partnership in the program with Fifth Third Bank. Students will also be required to attend a "dress for success" event on Wednesday, May 4. The event will begin at 6 p.m. and will take place in the Grande Ballroom of Westland City Hall, located at 36300 Warren Road.

"Our goal is to equip Westland's youth with the skills and knowledge needed to be com-

petitive candidates for employment. Through the Wild About Youth Works Program, participants will make the investment into their future by taking the steps to learn what makes an individual employable," Wild said. "Our goal is to provide the students who take those steps with a list of 100 positions available with local businesses in various industries. As city leaders, educators and parents, it is important that collectively we all do as much as possible."

Businesses will benefit from participating in the program by attaining young, tech-savvy employees who have had initial general training and education. All that is required is a commitment to interviewing and hiring at least one student and providing them with at least 16 hours of work per week for six weeks or more at the minimum wage rate or higher.

Businesses who are willing to participate, as well as students interested in the program, should contact Paul Motz, the Director of Westland Youth Assistance, at 734-467-7904.



Mark Henderson photographs serial and model numbers of stock at the new store.

Bill and Rod's opening outlet store on Middlebelt

David Veselenak
Staff Writer

It almost came to be the new outlet for Bill and Rod's Appliance wasn't going to be in Livonia.

The company wanted to open a second shop to sell discounted appliances and other items, but had a hard time finding a place in a new market in southwest Oakland County.

"We were actually looking other places. We first were looking in the Novi/Wixom area, and that's where we thought we wanted to be," said Joe Legato with Bill and Rod's. "It just seemed that every place that we looked at fell through. And we're the type of people that, if it falls through, don't sweat it, because there's a reason you're not supposed to be there."

That led Legato and his parents, Milford residents Kim and Linda Legato, to look closer to the main Bill and Rod's shop on Middlebelt north of Five Mile. Lo and behold, they discovered the former Country Cupboard space was open and they signed a lease. Soon, they'll open the new outlet center at 15970 Middlebelt in Livonia.

There's no official opening date yet — the business is waiting on a few more approvals before setting a soft opening date — but the shop hopes to hold a grand opening sale May 26-28.

The outlet shop will sell washing machines, dishwashers, ranges, wall ovens and other kitchen appliances. The back of



Joe, Linda and Kim Legato will open a second store, just a few doors north of their current location, featuring closeouts, scratch and dent and used and repaired appliances.

the shop will also showcase some mattresses and other furniture. Items range from being new to being more than a decade old, though Joe Legato said they all go through an inspection process before being sold.

"We've kind of looked in that direction because there's great product you can get out there at a significant discount, if you buy right," said the South Lyon resident. "We can pass that savings along as a result."

'It's a vision that's always been here'

The main store will remain open and continue to service customers there as well.

"We've always sold used appliances. So here, the demand is up for used appliances," Linda Legato said.

The company hopes to hire more employees, including sales and technical workers for the new

outlet store as business increases. Anyone interested can apply through the company's main website, billandrodsappliance.com, by hitting the "contact us" button.

It's an expansion the small company, which has been around for 53 years, didn't expect would happen so quickly: Bill and Rod's moved to its current location more than three years ago. Now, it's looking to add even more space as they've run out of room for older and used models at their current shop.

"After 3.5 years of doing business, we get a collection and it's time to open up the doors," Kim Legato said. "It's a vision that's always been here and it's now finally showing its fruits from it."

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Loyalty has no place while making financial decisions

The other day I, was talking to a friend of mine and he started to complain about his auto insurance. He had just received his new premium and there was a substantial increase. As he was complaining, I asked him what he planned on doing about it. At that point, he looked at me with a blank stare and said, "What can I do?" I told him there are plenty of ways to reduce your auto insurance premiums. You must be proactive; you just can't sit back and complain.

The first question I asked my friend is when was the last time he sat down with his auto insurance agent to look for ways to reduce his premiums. For example, in many situations when you increase your deductible, the premiums go down considerably. In addition, during that conversation with the agent, you should make sure you're taking advantage of all the discounts available. Insurance companies offer all sorts of discounts, such as if you have your homeowners and auto insurance with the same company. In many situations, unless you ask for the discount, you're not going to get it. In addition, insurance companies will offer discounts for good driving records and also for children who have



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

good grades. The bottom line is, unless you ask, you're not going to receive. Some of the discounts may be automatic, but most aren't. It's always important to determine what discounts you qualify for.

I also asked my friend when was the last time he shopped around for auto insurance. He told me he has had the same insurance for more than 20 years and he feels some sort of loyalty. Loyalty is fine, it just doesn't apply when it comes to an insurance company. After all, do you think an insurance company is going to be loyal to you? I don't think so. As far as I'm concerned, good personal financial planning requires us to shop around our insurance coverages every so often. You would be surprised that in this competitive world in which we live, shopping around and receiving competitive bids can significantly lower your premiums.

In shopping for a new insurance policy, don't forget to once again look at the discounts involved. Not all insurance companies offer the same dis-

counts and, in shopping for a new policy, the discounts available can make a significant difference.


We all know life is complicated and busy; whenever we can put things on automatic pilot, we tend to do that. In many situations, that works, but in others, it doesn't. When it comes to personal financial planning, loyalty is not such a good thing. For example, when it comes to investing, loyalty shouldn't enter into the equation. If an investment no longer meets your goals and objectives or is underperforming for a period of time, why stay with it?

When it comes to personal financial planning, you should make decisions based upon what is good for you. Loyalty does not enter into the equation. Therefore, if you haven't shopped around your auto and homeowners insurance lately, now is the time to do it. As opposed to complaining about rising costs, the better alternative is to do something about it.

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American Legion honors Canton veteran

Stanley Truskowski, Vietnam War veteran of Canton, was honored as the April 2016 "Veteran of the Month" by the Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 32, of the Myron H. Beals American Legion Post 32 in Livonia.

Truskowski served in the Navy from 1965-1967. Raised on the west side of Detroit, he graduated from Wilbur Wright High School in 1963. Wilbur Wright School was the premier technical school in Detroit at the time and Truskowski specialized in electronics. Upon graduation he hired in to Ford Motor Company at the Parts Distribution Center in Livonia, then the Frame Plant in the Rouge Complex. After a year of working production he applied for and was accepted into the Ford Millwright apprenticeship program.

Lyndon Johnson was sworn in as President in January 1965 and the war in Vietnam was es-

calating rapidly. In March the first combat troops consisting of 3,500 Marines landed in Vietnam and by July the number of military in Vietnam had swollen to 125,000.

Monthly draft calls were doubled to 35,000 and in the late summer of 1965, just as Truskowski was settling down at his new career, he received his draft notice. He went downtown to the induction center and was told to fill out a questionnaire. He filled it out but was not expecting much to come of it as he assumed he would be inducted into the Army.

Then his name was called and he was sent into an adjoining room where he and 49 other draftees were asked to join the Navy. He was surprised but happy not to be assigned the Army and gladly accepted. In October 1965 he was inducted and was sent to the Great Lakes Naval training center near Chicago for boot camp.



Stanley Truskowski of Canton was honored by the American Legion in Livonia.

The Navy had a request for 650 new recruits at the time of which 50 were to come from Detroit and 600 from the West Coast but a large outbreak of spinal meningitis in the west left the Navy short of their quota.

Truskowski's boot camp training was then shortened to four weeks, and he was assigned as Communication Specialist due to his extensive knowledge of electronics and sent to Norfolk, Va. In December 1965 he was assigned to the

U.S.S. Shenandoah (AD-26) destroyer tender, whose function was to maintain and repair naval ships at sea. Truskowski's job was to repair internal communication systems on the ships and he was given a high security clearance due to the sophisticated and classified electronics he would repair.

Their first assignment at sea was to sail to Puerto Rico where they spent six weeks repairing ships. Their next assignment was to the Mediterranean Sea in May 1966. They went to Naples to service the 6th Fleet and then they spent six weeks at Malta before returning to Norfolk in December 1966. Truskowski said they serviced approximately 20 different ships during his time in service. Stan spent the rest of his time in the Norfolk shipyard repairing communications on various Navy ships including submarines.

After his discharge in

October 1967, he returned to Detroit and went back to Ford Motor Company where he completed his Millwright apprenticeship. Truskowski married his wife Rosemary in 1965; they have three sons and moved to Canton in 1974. He retired in 2000 after 36 years service with Ford and is a member of Post 32.

Truskowski was interviewed and presented a plaque with his picture and service information by members of the S.A.L. Veteran of the Month Committee. An additional plaque was also put on display in the vestibule of the American Legion Hall. Stan, Rosemary and his son Scott were present at the April S.A.L. membership meeting; a DVD of his interview was shown and he received a standing ovation for his service.

The S.A.L. invites local residents to attend their monthly meetings to listen to the Veteran of the Month.

Library trip like spending time with an old friend

My trip to the Redford Township Public Library was like spending time with a dear old friend.

On a sunny spring Saturday, I arrived with other early birds and waited for the doors to open at 10 a.m. By the time I left an hour later, the place buzzed with people.

Redford's library, located on Six Mile Road east of Beech Daly, is one of the township's jewels, offering enjoyment and education for people of all ages. Brochures outlining library services are available at the checkout desk or by logging on to the library's website at [www.red-](http://www.redfordlibrary.org)



Arlene Funke

fordlibrary.org.

Books? Of course. CDs. Classes, book clubs, crafts projects, toddler story time and access to computers are just a few library resources.

I headed for the magazine area, settled into a comfy chair and began reading cooking magazines. I love to read recipes, though I seldom prepare the foods. I just fantasize about how delectable the dishes will taste. I browsed through the current issue of

"Time."

I enjoy movies, and watch a lot of TV. But my enduring love is reading. I've had a library card since I could write my name. My tastes are eclectic. I recently read "The Nightingale," an engrossing novel by Kristin Hannah depicting the story of two sisters living under the brutal Nazi occupation of France during World War Two. When I want romantic escapism, Danielle Steel fits the bill. Other favorite authors are John Grisham, who exposes the underbelly of the legal profession, and Ken Follett, a master of the thriller. The novels of these writers are owned

by the Redford library.

During much of the year, the library is open seven days a week. The library will be closed Mother's Day, May 8, the entire Memorial Day weekend, and on Sundays during the summer.

Many staff members have been there for years and are very knowledgeable. I especially remember the late Frances Carpenter. I interviewed this remarkable Redford woman when she became a library employee in her 70s and stayed on for decades. She valued education, and working at the library was deeply fulfilling to her. She died in 2012 at age 96. An en-

dowment benefiting the library was established in her memory. The library's quiet study rooms are named in her memory.

The library is user-friendly under the leadership of Director Garrett Hungerford and the board of trustees: Fred Inman, president; Elizabeth Lepak, vice president; Michelle Baker, secretary; David Wirth, treasurer; and trustees Jann Dagg, Lonita Love and Reva Wujcik.

Friends of the Library members run the weekly used book sale, held from noon to 4 p.m. Saturdays on the library's second floor. Friends members are: Doris Hoenschel,

president; Diane Switalski, vice president; Catherine Plotts, treasurer; and Karen Hissong, treasurer. Proceeds of this popular library service fund many special programs. One can become a library friend for \$5 annually or a lifetime membership of \$100.

The library's mission statement speaks to me: "We connect you with the books you love, the information you need, and the world you live in." I love the library!

Arlene Funke is a regular Observer contributor and a longtime Redford resident.

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OUR VIEW

Local district courts carry a heavy load

Detroit Police Chief James Craig appeared Sunday, April 17, on a television broadcast in the morning, noting a disparity in bonds for two shooting suspects involving police.

In Livonia, bond was set at \$1 million cash for a suspect. A 23-year-old Livonia man was in the hospital and police custody after Livonia police say he pointed a gun at an officer during a traffic stop early Sunday morning, April 10.

Livonia police say the man was pulled over at about 2 a.m. that day near the intersection of Lyndon and Farmington roads after he was observed driving erratically near I-96 and Farmington by a caller who dialed 9-1-1.

In Detroit a few days later, a suspect shot at an officer with a semiautomatic weapon in that city — and received a \$3,000 bond. On the TV broadcast, Craig acknowledged he's unfamiliar with Livonia's district court, but wondered aloud about the great disparity.

That got us to thinking about our local district courts and the roles district court judges and magistrates play day in and day out in carrying out justice.

Have you ever been to a local district court for an afternoon and seen a judge handle the variety and complexity of cases that come before him or her? It takes knowledge of the law, sure, but also humanity and compassion to truly see the individuals before the bench and decide what's best for their futures.

Teen Courts, in which judges and support staff help as teens weigh in on peers who've committed less-serious infractions, are becoming more common. So, too, are Veterans Courts, to address some of the issues returning service men and women face in their adjustment to civilian life.

Novi's 52-1 District Court includes a Veterans Court, a specialty program that pairs defendants with a probation officer, an attorney, Veterans Administration representatives, a therapist and a judge. The goal is to help those charged with a crime conquer sobriety, anger problems and issues that led up to the criminal charges, a recent story in this newspaper noted.

The 52-1 court also operates a Sobriety Court and Drug Court and is among many regionally seeking new paths to rehabilitation that take teamwork and tenacity.

The city of Wayne's 29th District Court has a Mental Health Court, sometimes called MHC. Its website notes MHC "is designed for adult individuals with a severe mental illness, co-occurring disorder and/or a developmental disability who have been charged with one or more criminal offenses. The criminal offense must be a misdemeanor or ordinance violation or a felony charge which the prosecuting attorney is willing to reduce to a misdemeanor."

The website details the team, including the prosecutor, defense attorney, mental health coordinator/probation officer, Hegira Programs/case manager and Wayne Police Department.

Their collective goal is teamwork aimed at getting proper treatment to keep offenders with mental illnesses out of jail or the criminal justice system.

Agencies like Plymouth-based Growth Works have worked for decades on the issue of juvenile offenders and have had friends at district courts to help them get young people back on track to brighter futures.

Such efforts can help first-time offenders and those involved in minor infractions avoid a criminal record, which impedes employment and educational opportunities.

District court judges, magistrates and support staffers deserve a round of applause for their "outside the box" thinking on ways to balance legal realities with the needs of criminal defendants and their families, as well as victims of crime. Balancing the law with compassion takes thought, effort and local knowledge these courts can offer.

And if you have a free afternoon from work, consider stopping by your local district court to observe justice in action — at the local level. Chances are, you'll gain a new or renewed appreciation for the men and women who run and staff these courts and their day-to-day responsibilities.

LETTERS

Grade levels a problem

I'm writing regarding Senator Colbeck's column on third-grade reading readiness.

Our system of grade levels by age forces children to demonstrate certain skills at certain ages when in fact each child's intellectual and emotional maturation rates can vary wildly — especially at these young ages. I believe that our tight grade level system

of education is the root of the problem. This has been made even worse when Livonia separated lower and upper elementary schools.

As parents and adults we should know by simple observation how uneven a child's development occurs. Do you remember how one of your children took months and months to finally walk on his own? And then his little sister crawls for a week and gets up and starts walk-

ing in a day! The same kind of thing goes on with learning and we can't predict when these changes will take place.

I believe in the "Mastery Method" of education: lessons are broken down into small hunks and when the student "masters" the material and demonstrates skills and abilities for that lesson, she can move on to the next step, no matter what age. I didn't really understand the mathematics of fractions, ratios or slope until I was in my early 40s and went back to college.

Instead of legislating "teaching" from Lansing we need to do away with this tightly controlled grade structure where promotion by years-of-age is the only criteria for pass or fail. This will

require that we return to "One Room School House" buildings that are smaller in size with teams of teachers that have the authority to quickly change lessons, sometimes on a minute by minute basis. I've known several children that are ready to learn mathematics at the high school level yet can't spell or write simple words or sentences.

We need to understand the difference between "teaching" centered education and "learning" centered education.

Frank Kalinski
Livonia

Matter of judgment

Looking at the list of streets that are going to be paved it says that West Chicago is completed. If the way that pave-

ment is completed then Cavell is completed also.

When was the last time any one of you drove down West Chicago between Inkster Road and Harrison? If you have, you would realize the engineering department is missing something in saying West Chicago is completed.

I would guess that it is a matter of judgment but your car will hit holes in the pavement, and very many cracked and shifted slabs of pavement. But engineering says that West Chicago is done.

If it looks like a duck, walks like a duck, then it must be a duck. West Chicago is one half of a mile of a road that really needs replacement. The city is paying an engineering firm to draw up

prints. Who made the decision to say West Chicago is completed?

Many of the residents on Cavell have a least two and possibly four vehicles. That without a published and contracted completion date (do work on their own time schedule two days here then go somewhere else for four or five days) will work at their own speed and the residents can whistle dixie to get back into their property.

I know that this is the southeast end of the city and no politicians live here so who really cares? Get a published and contracted end of project DATE not one that says whenever. Let it out for bids.

Bernard A. Skotzke
Livonia

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Citizenship workshop

The Westland Library will host a Citizenship Workshop from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, May 15. Volunteer attorneys, accredited representatives and law students will be available to answer your questions, assist you in applying, and provide study materials so you can become a U.S. citizen. This workshop is presented by the Michigan Immigrant Rights Center. Registration is required for the workshop; call 734-239-6863 or go to <http://bit.ly/1lgFzNe>.

In addition to the workshop, a Citizenship Information Session is scheduled for at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 3. At this session, you can learn about the benefits, requirements and process of becoming a naturalized U.S. citizen. Afterward, an immigration attorney will be available to answer your U.S. citizenship questions for free.

Spring card party

SS Simon and Jude Church hosts the spring card party 6:30-10 p.m. Friday, May 6. Door, table prizes, 50-50 drawing. Light meal and snacks. Tickets, \$8, are available at the door.

SS Simon and Jude Church is located at 32500 Palmer in Westland. For more information, call 734 722-1343.

Historical society

At 6 p.m. Thursday, May 19, the Livonia Historical Society will have its annual banquet. A PowerPoint program on Willow Run and the Yankee Air Force Museum will follow, presented by Randy Horton.

Prepaid tickets are \$18. Make checks to the Livonia Historical Society and mail to B. Mansfield, 14342 Blue Skies St., Livonia, MI 48154. For more information, call 734-464-0450. Deadline is May 10.

Nankin Mills programs

The next couple of programs at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center: » Frog Call Rodeo, 6-8 p.m. Saturday, May 7 — Learn about the many different species of Michigan frogs and toads



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Art exhibited

Mary's Muses, some pictured here, are showing their art at Livonia City Hall. Visit their interpretations of models and other subjects May 2-28, weekdays (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.). See the art of Nina Ashraf Asmi, Kathleen Boettcher, Jayne Brophy, Daria Fileta, Sara Hadley, Janet Kondziela, Linda Logan, Barbara Mulcahy, Barbara Eko Murphy, Lynn Edwards Newman, Kathy O'Connell, Jane O' Dell, Susan Perrish, Mary Step and Soma Yapa.

Used book sale

The Friends of the Livonia Civic Center Library is sponsoring a three day Used Book Sale Friday and Saturday, May 13-14, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday May 15, from 1-5 p.m. There will be many books, including fiction, history, mystery, religious, cook books and special books.

On Sunday, May 15, a bag of books can be purchased for \$5. All proceeds go back into the libraries. The Civic Center library is located at 32777 Five Mile Road. For more information, call the library at 734-466-2495.

Democratic club

The Livonia Democratic Party has two major meeting events each month. Executive board officers (and members who wish to attend) meet on the first Wednesday of each month. Livonia Democratic Party membership meetings occur on the second Wednesday every month. The meetings occur at 7 p.m., and are located at the Livonia Quality Inn & Suites, 30375 Plymouth Road in Livonia.

Visit the group's website at www.livoniademocraticclub.com » LDCMABSI Bingo — Plan to join regular players at Shamrock

Bingo, 33111 Plymouth Road, in the eastern end of the Sheldon Center Mall, seven evenings each week (excluding some legal holidays) for a nice evening out, good company and a chance to win. Doors open at 4 p.m., Monday-Friday. Games begin at 6:30 p.m. Saturday games begin at 6 p.m., and Sunday at 5 p.m.

Genealogical meeting

Western Wayne County Genealogical Society meets Monday, May 16, at the Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road in Livonia. Please note the new format: 5:30 p.m., Bring your dinner and enjoy conversation with other members; 6 p.m., Q & A and announcements; 6:30 p.m., Alan Wakenhut, our President, will present "Using Google Earth for Genealogical Research." Wakenhut will also cover any Google topics that were not covered in the March meeting.

Meetings are open to the public. Guests are always welcome. For more information, visit www.wcgs.org.

Dinner/dance benefit

The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit sponsors its annual

Spring Dinner Dance to benefit retired Orthodox priests and priests' widows on Sunday, May 15, at the banquet hall of St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church, 26375 W. Chicago Road in Redford.

The event will begin with a social hour at 5 p.m., followed by a buffet dinner at 6 p.m. There will be live music by the Off Beats and entertainment for children.

Tickets including dinner and refreshments are \$40 per person, with children ages 12 and under admitted free. To order tickets or obtain more information, contact Mihaela Charlier at 313-595-7640 or coccdetroit@yahoo.com, or Richard Shebib at 248-345-9346 or pascha-books@sbcglobal.net.

Better Made brand

Metro Detroit author and longtime journalist Karen Dybis has the scoop on the history of Detroit-area chip companies. She spent years researching these "chippeneurs" to find out how companies such as Better Made, New Era, Krunchie, Mellow Crisp and Wolverine rose from one-man shops in many cases to become large manufacturing businesses.

Today, Better Made is the only big company of that era to still be around; the Detroit-based chipper celebrated its 85th anniversary last year. Dybis will discuss how these businesses came to compete against huge competitors such as Lay's Potato Chips, how the snack-food industry has changed over the decades, and how other Detroit brands such as Stroh's, Faygo, Sanders and others have built huge names within the

city, the state and beyond Michigan's borders.

The program takes place in the auditorium at Civic Center Library from 7-9 p.m., Tuesday, May 24. There is no fee to attend, and advance registration is not required. Books will be available for purchase and signing by the author. The library is at 32777 Five Mile Road in Livonia; call 734-466-2197 for general information.

Vaseline glass

Elmwood Station Chapter of Questers sponsors a program on Vaseline Glass given by Judith Coebly on Monday, May 9, at the Quaker Meeting House in Greenmead Historical Park.

This event is free and open to the public. A reservation must be made as space is limited. Greenmead Historical Park is located at Newburg road and Eight Mile. Contact Judi Fanco at 248-474-0158.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
22ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
WASHTENAW COUNTY
NOTICE OF HEARING AND MOTION
CASE NO. 15-240PP
Plaintiff Names: Siporin & Associates, Inc.
Guardian to Callie Tessanne
Plaintiff's Attorney: Steven Siporin, P-39391,
29488 Woodard Ave. #300, Royal Oak,
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Defendant Names: Stephen Rains aka
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Defendant's Attorney: Laura Dudley, P-63170,
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Michigan 48104, (734) 222-6970
NOTICE OF HEARING:
1. Motion title: Motion to Modify Personal
Protection Order/Motion to Show Cause
for Violating Personal Protection Order
2. Moving party: Siporin & Associates, Inc.
Guardian to Callie Tessanne
3. This matter has been placed on motion
calendar for Judge: Patrick J. Conlin, Jr., Date:
May 12, 2016 at 1:30pm
4. If you require special accommodations to use
the court, because of disabilities, please contact
the court immediately to make arrangements.
MOTION
Petitioner requests that "no third party
contact" be specifically included on the
Personal Protection Order due to the Ann
Arbor police department's refusal to respond
when Respondent used third parties to contact
Ms. Tessanne.
Respondent has continued to contact Ms.
Tessanne through telephone calls and using
his Mother's Facebook page to send private
messages. Ms. Tessanne attempted to utilize
Ann Arbor police to intervene, but was denied
assistance.
Publish: April 21,
28 & May 5, 2016 LC-0000270415 184

CITY OF WESTLAND
INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, MI 48185, on **May 10th, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.** (no exceptions will be made for late filings) for the following:

VOTING SIGNS

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

Devin J. Adams
City Controller

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ABSTRACT
WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NO. 2016-12
April 19, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. at the Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Rd. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. The City Council presented certificates to WMHS Band students; Crop Walk presentation was given by Linda Beasley from the First Cong. Church. APPROVED: minutes of reg. mtg. of Apr. 5, 2016 Assessment Roll; Arbor Day in Wayne; bid awards: Highland Land. \$28,850 streetscape maint., Highland Land. \$33,576 mowing, and Alan C. Young \$35,000-\$36,750 for audit; budget amendment 2016-11; call public hearing for 5/17/16 at 8:00 p.m. for 2016-17 Budget; IT/CLEMIS agreement; study session for 4/23/16 at 9:00 a.m., consent calendar. Received and filed Communications and Reports. Adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Matthew K. Miller
City Clerk

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CITY OF WESTLAND
SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES
MTG. 9 4/18/16

Presiding: President Godbout
Present: Cicirelli Bryant, Coleman, Hammons, Herzberg, Johnson, Kehrer
75: Art Van tent sale 5/17-6/1 & 7/26-8/17/2016.
- Kroger 691 "Garden Center" 4/19 - 7/3/16.
- Phantom Fireworks Tent at 38250 Ford Rd. 6/24-7/4/16.
- USA Fireworks Tent 34518-34794 Warren Rd. 6/16-7/7/16.
- Purchase of 624 recycling carts from Toter; \$43.95/cart not to exceed total of \$30,282.31.
- Contract ext. w/Community Media LLC for Cable Television/Community Relations 6/30/16-6/30/2020.
- Agrmnt. w/National Faith Homebuyers for Administration of Homebuyer Assistance Program; \$850 per closing.
- MI Land Bank Fast Track Authority Demolition Grant Agrmnt. & Resolution for 4 blighted structures in the Norwayne Sub.; amt. \$22,600.
- Memo of Agrmnt. w/Metro Wayne Community Action Agency for water bill payment assistance.
- MDOT Contract for Newburgh Road repair work; City's est. share \$264,760.
- Adopted Prepared Resolution re. transfer of Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate form Cobra Tool & Die Inc. to Link Tool LLC.
- Intro Ord. 248-A-81, rezone CB-3 to CB-1, PID #56-002-99-0014-000.
- Intro Ord. 29-W-49-1 to amend City Code & provisions of International Property Maintenance Code re. weed cutting.
76: Close Public Hearing on CDBG XLII.
77: Set 6/6/16 as PH date for vacation of 20' wide alley abutting Lots 1-41 & 42-61 Block E, Ford Warren Park Sub.
78: Rev. Site Plan for prop. ext. renovations for Marathon Station, 37402 Joy Rd. w/ contingencies.
79: Spec. Land Use for prop. Pharmacy, 2325 S. Venoy.
80: Spec. Land Use for prop. Pharmacy, 30785 Ann Arbor Trail.
81: Spec. Land Use for prop. Service Station Convenience Store, 110 S. Newburgh.
82: Site plan for prop. Nankin Mills Condominiums, NE Corner of Ann Arbor Trail & Hubbard w/contingencies.
83: Conf. re-appt of A. Martin to BRA for 3 yr. term to exp. 4/5/19.
84: Conf. re-appt. of J. Allen to TIFA/EDC for 4 yr. term to exp. 2/21/20.
85: Appr. checklist: \$ 2,451,283.63.
Mtg. adj. at 8:56 p.m.
Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.
James Godbout
Council President
Richard LeBlanc
City Clerk
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P-CEP culinary team heads to nationals

Team recently took first at state event

Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

This Saturday is the big moment — one not experienced since 2004 — when the five-member student Plymouth-Canton Educational Park culinary team shows its expertise at the national competition near Dallas.

Team members Taarika Singhal, Emma Stephens, Zachary Wolfiss, Patrick McKillen and alternate Cody Bates took first place recently in the Michigan ProStart Competition, hosted by the Michigan Restaurant Association. That means they are state champs and placed to compete in the national competition that draws 48 teams from

around the country and a few from outside the country.

"We are cautiously optimistic," said Diana Woodward, instructor/coach of the P-CEP Hospitality and Culinary Arts program. "We are probably the only high school not massively marketed or funded. We go against culinary schools. Some of these teams are trained by legendary chefs."

Nonetheless, the team is prepped and ready to go. The Michigan Restaurant Association has financed the team's air flight and hotel during the competition. Their equipment, plus all the ingredients they need to compete, are being driven by volunteer parents to the Dallas area.

"The kids are so excited. We've have been here

since 6 this morning," Woodward said Tuesday, referring to organizing and getting ready for the trip.

Judges at the national competition are influential chefs and business owners, Woodward added.

As first-place winners in the Michigan competition, team members were awarded some \$48,000 in scholarships. The team — if they cook the national competitors — could just come home with more.

"We are going to do our best and learn from it," Woodward said. "We have a 1 in 48 chance of winning."

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FILE PHOTO

The culinary team, Patrick McKillen, Emma Stephens, Zachary Wolfiss and Taarika Sinhal, practicing for competition. Alternate Cody Bates is not pictured.

Area graduate returns to find success in Detroit

Danielle Alexander
Staff Writer

After working in outdoor advertising for 10 years in Chicago, Candice Simons recognized a gap in the out-of-home industry and a strong need for independent sales representation nationally. In order to keep advertising dollars in her hometown as well as the local communities, she moved back to Northville in 2013 to start Brooklyn Outdoor, a Detroit-based outdoor advertising company with satellite offices in New York and Los Angeles.

"Northville is my happy place," Simons said.

While a student at Winchester Elementary, Simons showed up to Career Day dressed in a suit and carrying a briefcase (complete with



Northville High graduate Candice Simons owns Brooklyn Outdoor and J'adore Detroit.

tassels and a combination lock) with high hopes of becoming a lawyer in the future.

"You don't say to yourself, 'When I grow up, I want to sell billboards,'" Simons said, laughing. "It's not something you particularly think about, but you're always seeing outdoor advertising."

Simons graduated from Northville High School in 2002 and said her childhood and teen years were spent at Music in the Park, in downtown coffee shops and at the Mill Race Historical Village gazebo dancing with friends. She still keeps in touch with 15 girlfriends who she met

while students at Winchester.

"Two of them have bridal showers this weekend," Simons said.

After two years at Michigan State University and then finishing her degree in marketing with a concentration in sales at DePaul University in Chicago, Simons worked a variety of part-time jobs until she found a good career fit.

"When I graduated, the economy was booming and, unlike now, everyone was hiring, so I was fortunate to be able to be picky," Simons said. "I interviewed anywhere and everywhere because I wanted to find something that was right. I gave a lot of thought to what I wanted to do and, since I was making good money at a bar at the time, I didn't feel that same pressure that many graduates

today feel."

Eventually, she met a family member of one of her co-workers at the bar who owned a small advertising company. Simons said the company was just starting out and the owners were not particularly hands-on, so she had to "wear all of the hats."

"Chicago was an integral experience for me, because the knowledge I gained there has allowed me to come back and share it with Detroit," Simons said. "No other companies that do what I do are based in Michigan and, because of that, we have become a 'first call' for national companies looking for Detroit campaigns and events."

That Detroit status is a point of pride for Simons' company, which recently moved from Plymouth to its new loft

headquarters in Detroit's historic Eastern Market. Brooklyn Outdoor's name originated from one of Simons' rescue dogs who goes by Brooklyn, her grandma's cottage that is located outside of Brooklyn, Mich., and the fact that Simons views Detroit as the "new Brooklyn."

"Also, just like Brooklyn, I'm a little different about Simons and her companies, go to www.brooklynoutdoor.com and jadoret-detroit.com /#aboutjadore."

For more information about Simons and her companies, go to www.brooklynoutdoor.com and jadoret-detroit.com /#aboutjadore.

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By Brad Kachuk

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CARS FOR A CAUSE

The Lingenfelter Collection, owned by area residents Ken and Kristen Lingenfelter, opened its showroom, 7819 Lochlin Drive in Green Oak Township, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday in a benefit for the American Cancer Society.

The 250-car collection features Corvettes; American-made muscle cars; exotic, high-performance foreign models; and more — 180 of which were on display.

"We present two showings a year, with the fall reserved for our annual breast cancer benefit," Kristen Lingenfelter said. "In the spring, we

like to support other charities with a big impact locally and with so many of our family members, friends and co-workers affected by cancer, the American Cancer Society was a perfect partner."

Those who attended Saturday's show were asked to make a donation at the door to fight cancer.

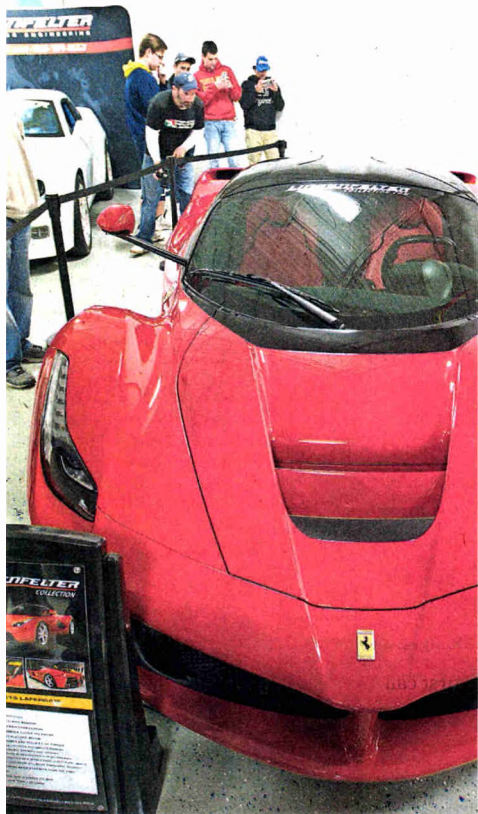
Money raised will support patients as well as cancer research initiatives, said Cheryl Donohoe, American Cancer Society senior corporate donations director.

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Inside the Lingenfelter Collection showroom, the emphasis was on Chevrolet products, with Ferraris and Lamborghinis mixed in. Outside, for the long line of eager attendees to enjoy as well were eye-catching examples from a number of car clubs spanning all manufacturers.



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The newly acquired 2015 LaFerrari had spectators mesmerized at the Lingenfelter Collection.



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Livonia resident Jan Fedor composes a shot of his wife Veronika, reflected in the side mirror of an early Corvette.

ABSTRACT WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2016-11 April 19, 2016

A Special Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Rd. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. Recess to Closed Session at 6:32 p.m.; returned in open session at 7:23 p.m. Adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Matthew K. Miller
City Clerk

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CITY OF WAYNE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED 2016-2017 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET, AND THE 2016 PROPERTY TAX RATES

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Wayne, Wayne County, Michigan will hold a public hearing to take testimony and discuss the City's Budget for July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 8:00 o'clock in the evening, at the City Council Chambers, 3355 South Wayne Road, Wayne, Michigan 48184. This hearing is being held pursuant to Section 16 of the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act (Truth in Budgeting, MCL 141.436).

Last Fiscal Year (July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016), the City of Wayne levied 15.0000 mills for operating purposes, .9620 mills for retirement, .9999 mills for recreation, 1.0000 mill for public safety, 1.0000 mill for police, .1322 mill for Act 359 (adver/promo), 1.0000 mill for the road program, .9999 mills for library purposes, and 2.9073 mills for Solid Waste. The proposed FY 2016-2017 Budget recommends 15.0000 mills for operating purposes, .9620 mills for retirement, .9999 mills for recreation, 1.0000 mill for public safety, 1.0000 mill for police, .1424 mill for Act 359 (adver/promo), 1.0000 mill for the road program, .9999 mills for library purposes, and 2.9073 mills for Solid Waste.

A copy of the proposed budget is available at: City Clerk's Office, Wayne City Hall, 3355 South Wayne Road, Wayne, Michigan 48184 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, Telephone: (734) 722-2000.

THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.

This Notice is given by order of the City Council for the City of Wayne, Michigan.

Matthew K. Miller
City Clerk

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PUBLIC MEETING LIVONIA BOARD OF ETHICS TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2016 6:30 P.M.

Livonia City Hall
4th Floor Conference Room
33000 Civic Center Drive
Livonia, MI 48154

BOARD MEMBERS: Richard W. McDowell, Chairperson
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THE FOLLOWING HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED AND ARE REQUESTED TO ATTEND: City Attorney

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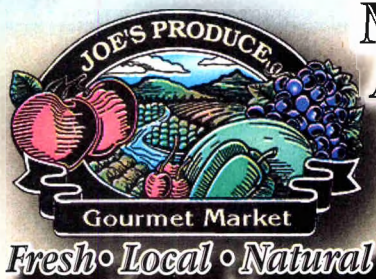
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COLLEGIATE SPORTS

Madonna's Rizzo new AD at Divine Child

Search underway
for successor

Timothy Johnston

Bryan Rizzo, Madonna University's long-time athletic director, has accepted the position of athletic director for Divine Child High School in

Dearborn.

"I am so fortunate to have worked with Bryan during my first year at Madonna," said President Michael A. Grandillo, Ph.D. "He leaves some pretty big shoes to fill, but he has developed Crusader athletics into a highly-respected, fiercely-competitive, well-run organization."

"We will miss Bryan's leadership, his love of athletics and his passion for Madonna. Nancy and I also value his personal friendship. We wish him much success at Divine Child, where he can continue to recommend Madonna to student-athletes." Rizzo joined the Crusader athletics program nearly 22 years ago, and in 2002 took over

the athletic director position.

While at the helm, Rizzo launched men's and women's golf and cross country, and laid the foundation to add eight new men's and women's sports teams this fall: bowling, lacrosse, and indoor and outdoor track and field. He oversaw the construction of all of Madonna's fields, including University

Softball Field, Ilitch Ballpark and the Madonna University athletic complex.

Rizzo also established the annual Blue and Gold Awards program to recognize the accomplishments — academic and athletic — of Madonna student-athletes.

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HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER



Churchill's Lauren Wynns (left) advances the ball as Franklin's Morgan Justice moves in to defend.

ED WRIGHT

LATE SURGE LIFTS CHARGERS

Churchill scores four times in
final minutes against Patriots

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

With her bright-pink head band, rocket-launching right leg and multi-faceted skill set, Livonia Churchill's Lauren Wynns is hard to miss on a soccer pitch.

Monday night at Livonia Franklin, Wynns was also

hard to contain.

With the showdown featuring the Livonia soccer rivals scoreless and halftime rapidly approaching, Wynns out-dued a Franklin defender for an arcing pass delivered by teammate Hannah Damico 45 yards from the goal, and motored down the right sideline before angling

in and ripping a high and hard bender that deflected off Patriot goal-keeper Carolyn Lalonde's fingertips before settling into the net.

The score remained 1-0 until Churchill exploded for four goals — including Wynns' second net-filler of the night — over the final 8:36 to claim a 5-0 triumph.

Churchill improved to 2-0-2 in the KLAA South Division while the Patriots slipped to 2-2.

"The key for us is coming

out right away with intensity and using our chemistry, since we've all played together for a while," said Wynns. "Sometimes, we come out and walk through it. When our intensity is up and we're working well together is when we play our best."

As Churchill head coach Reid Friedrichs emphasized to his team during its post-game wrap, the difference between Monday's game

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HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Rudolph shines against Edsel Ford

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

They may name a month after Garden City pitcher April Rudolph if she continues to perform like she did Monday against Dearborn Edsel Ford.

Rudolph yielded just two runs, five hits and zero walks while striking out four T-Birds during the Cougars' mercy rule-shortened 12-2 victory.

Garden City scored four times in the first inning and eight in the third stanza while EF plated its only two runs in the first.

Swinging productive bats for the winners were Alicia Ascencio (3-for-3, two runs, double, home run, five RBI), Kaylen Glenfield (2-for-3, two runs, double, two RBI), Alecia Montgomery (2-for-2, two runs, double, RBI) and Mikaela Smolar, who contributed an RBI double.

Rudolph cruised after the first when she yielded three hits, including a double and two-run home run. She scattered just two hits the rest of the way.

"It was a very solid performance overall," said GC head coach Barry Patterson. "Edsel

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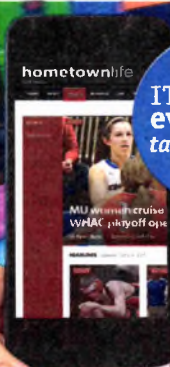
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Mikaela Smolar ripped an RBI double during Monday's victory over Edsel Ford.

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WWAC BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Clarenceville trounces Tractors, 15-0

Crestwood throttles
Thurston, 9-1

Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Junior Kam MacIver was the winning pitcher in Livonia Clarenceville's three-inning mercy-rule victory over visiting Dearborn Fordson in baseball Monday, 15-0.

Besides throwing a two-hit, two-walk shutout for his first pitching victory of the season, MacIver also drove in three runs.

"Kam pitched with confidence today," Clarenceville coach Craig Cotter said. "He had very good command of his curve ball, and he threw a lot of

ground-ball outs."

Offensively, the Trojans had 10 hits. Nick Bisaro and Mitch Kubiak had two apiece.

Nick Snage, Bobby Jaber, Zach Richards, Adam Sade, Manny Miranda and MacIver connected for one each.

The Trojans, who are 1-1 in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference, dropped a pair of non-league games Saturday.

St. Clair Shores Lakeview defeated Clarenceville in a four-inning mercy, 9-1.

"The bottom line in this game was the inability to catch fly balls in the outfield," Cotter said. "We took poor routes to the ball, which led to five extra-base hits for Lakeview."

Bisaro had two hits for the Trojans. Kubiak, Matt Drain

and Miranda also added to the hit total.

In the first game, Clarenceville lost to Royal Oak Shrine in another four-inning mercy, 11-3.

The Trojans took an early 3-0 lead that lasted until the third inning. Five walks, a wild pitch and two sacrifices later, Shrine took the lead, 5-3.

Clarenceville committed five errors, leading to five runs. The loan hit for the Trojans was by David Means.

Eagles clipped

Host Redford Thurston dropped a 9-1 decision to Dearborn Heights Crestwood Monday afternoon.

The Chargers held a slim 1-0 lead heading into the fifth inning before exploding for five

runs. Thurston scored one in the sixth, but the Chargers capitalized on four walks to stretch their cushion to 9-1.

Thurston lost despite turning in its best defensive effort of the season, according to head coach Bob Snell.

The wheels fell off the cart, however, in the fifth when the Eagles surrendered three walks and committed a pair of fielding miscues.

The Eagles' lone run materialized when Austin Benoit led off with a walk, Chalfontae Phillips and Joshua Jones both singled to load the bases, and pinch-runner Daemon Agee scored on a Charles Tarpley ground out.

Thurston loaded the bases in the fifth, but a line shot off

Donald Permy's bat was right at the Crestwood second baseman, ending the threat.

Permy worked five innings on the hill, allowing four earned runs on six hits and six walks. Ny'gel Beaman tossed the final inning-and-a-third and Tarpley record the final two outs.

Thurston's offense consisted of singles from Benoit, Phillips, Jones, Tarpley and Burch.

Permy worked 5 innings and took the loss, allowing 4 earned runs on six hits with one strikeout and six walks. Ny'gel Beaman went the next 1 and 1/3 innings but struggled with his control, allowing 3 runs on 5 walks and Tarpley finish the last 2/3 getting both batters he faced, one on a strikeout.



Members of Livonia Churchill's tennis team pose with their championship hardware following Saturday's tournament at Wayne Memorial.

HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

Chargers earn 'Spring Fling' championship

Stevenson out-swings Lions; Wayne upends Rockets

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Livonia Churchill's girls tennis team was the king of the "Spring Fling" Saturday at host Wayne Memorial.

Powered by flight champions Katelyn Rogosch (No. 1 singles), Triveni Arvikar (No. 2 singles) and Francesca Spallari (No. 4 singles), the Chargers out-pointed seven other teams, including runner-up South Lyon and third-place Pinckney.

Churchill compiled 21 points to edge the Lions by a single point. Pinckney scored 18 points followed by Dearborn Divine Child (14), Milford (13), Carleton Airport (10), Wayne (eight) and Westland John Glenn (two).

Rogosch, a sophomore, defeated Airport's Gail Lawson, 6-0, 6-1, Milford's McKenzie Dopierala, 6-1, 6-1, to advance to the final, where she upended Divine Child's Samantha Kohn, 6-1, 6-7, 10-8, in a down-to-the-wire nail-biter.

Arvikar wasn't in danger of losing a set all day. She knocked off South Lyon's Megan DeLuca, 6-0, 6-0, and Airport's Danielle Lawson, 6-1, 6-1, before dominating Pinckney's Zoe Hicks, 6-1, 6-0, in the title match.

Spallari's path to the final was paved with straight-set triumphs over Divine Child's Reem Fawaz (6-3, 6-0) and Wayne's Karla Strong (6-1, 6-1). She then outlasted Pinckney's Rachel Flickema, 3-6, 6-4, 10-6, in the exciting championship encounter.

Spartans victorious

On Friday, Livonia Stevenson defeated host South Lyon, 7-2, in a KLAAs Central Division match.

Led by Sam Cyrus' victory over Sarah Uratchko, 6-1, 5-7, 6-3, at No. 1 singles, the Spartans captured all four singles matches.

Other solo victories came from No. 2 player Jill Weiland, who defeated Meagan DeLuca, 6-1, 6-0; No. 3 swinger Molly Cormier, who was too much for Delaney Mcrell, 6-0, 6-0; and No. 4 player Noelle Hillert, who dominated Zereth



Stevenson's Sam Cyrus won her match against South Lyon.

TOM BEAUDOIN

Bustamante, 6-2, 6-0.

Doubles winners for Stevenson were the No. 1 duo of Natalie Hay and Allison Malkowski, who trumped Colleen Barba and Bria Spalding; the No. 2 team of Natalia Roznowski and Julia Seychel, who swept Jade Wells and Rachel Millis, 6-2, 6-3; and the No. 4 tandem of Kayla Parker and Hanna Kliza, who triumphed over Rachel Becker and Erin Vincek, 6-3, 7-5.

Zebras stampede Rockets

Wayne Memorial defeated Westland John Glenn, 8-1, on Monday.

The Zebras won all four singles matches. No. 1 Ciara Casey defeated Gifty Tawiah, 7-6, 6-1; No. 2 Savannah Mowry swept Torrianah Miller, 6-1, 6-0; No. 3 Sara Hively won by

default over Megan Bjerk; and Karla Strong blanked Amanda Canales, 6-0, 6-0, at No. 4.

John Glenn's lone point was earned by its No. 1 doubles duo of Arianna McElmeel and Bryanne Campbell, who outlasted Macey Wolf and Tirzah Ault, 6-1, 6-7, 10-7.

In other doubles action, Wayne's No. 2 team of Brittani Ricks and Audrey Sabiel defeated Andrew Edwards and Victoria Phillips, 6-0, 6-1; Kene' Nichols and Hannah Miller defeated Kayla Miles and Alia Mitchell, 6-2, 6-0; Alondra Lopez and Angela Winekoff defeated Brooke Yoshikawa and Regan Faulkner, 6-0, 6-1; and Madison Boettcher and Misty Tomlin upended Crystal Diete and Sydney Lowery, 6-0, 6-0.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Wilson named athlete of week

The hometownlife.com athlete of the week poll for the week of April 11-17 turned into a two-way race between softball players. Livonia Stevenson senior Cori Wilson received 27,394 votes to edge out Salem's Kristin Mihalic with 23,980 votes.

Wilson, a Schoolcraft College signee, hit over .700 to lead the Spartan's to a 4-0 start last week. Abby Krzywiecki (61), Olivia D'Angelo (60) and Sean Miles (60) rounded the voting.

Ladywood fundraiser

The 23rd annual Ladywood High School Golf Outing is set for June 20 at Fox Creek Golf Course at 3600 Seven Mile Road in Livonia.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. with a shotgun start for the four-person scramble format set for 10 a.m.

The cost for a single golfer is \$110, which includes two drink tickets, and \$440 for a foursome (eight drink tickets). Dinner-only tickets can be purchased for \$35.

For more information,

email committee chair Trish Murray at trishmurray1219@gmail.com.

Churchill girls hoops camp

The Livonia Churchill girls basketball camp will be held July 27-29 from 5-7 p.m. each night in the school's gymnasium.

Kids who will be entering first through ninth grades are invited to participate. The \$60 registration fee includes a T-shirt if the participant is registered prior to July 1.

All players will receive coaching from former college athletes (Michigan, Notre Dame, and Madonna) along with current Churchill varsity players.

The emphasis of the camp will be on developing the fundamentals of basketball.

Former Notre Dame player Ariel Braker, a former Fighting Irish team captain who started all 37 games her senior season, will be a guest speaker at the camp.

For more information, contact Churchill head coach K'Len Morris at Kmo2334@gmail.com or 810-874-8641.

Stevenson's Henzi signs with Saginaw Valley



Livonia Stevenson two-sport standout Ian Henzi recently signed a letter of intent to play football beginning this fall for Saginaw Valley State University. One of the top kickers in the area, Henzi drilled a 41-yard field goal this past season and was 40-for-40 on extra points. He holds the school record with a 42-yard field goal and averaged 37 yards per punt. He is also an accomplished soccer player.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL
Thursday, April 28
PCA at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 29
Luth. Westland at Liggett, 4:30 p.m.
Wayne at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
Harrison at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Wayne at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 30
Garden City at Wayne Memorial (DH), 11 a.m.
Churchill at Farmington (DH), 11 a.m.
Franklin at Bedford (DH), 11 a.m.
Det. Western at John Glenn (DH), 11 a.m.
Clarenceville at Edsel Ford (DH), 11 a.m.
Stevenson vs. W.L. Northern (DH), 11 a.m.
PREP SOFTBALL
Thursday, April 28
HVL at Luth. NW, 4 p.m.
Greenhills at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 29
Redford Union at John Glenn (DH), 4 p.m.
Marian at Ladywood (DH), 4 p.m.
Franklin at Garden City, 7:15 p.m.
Wayne at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 30
Annapolis at Clarenceville (DH), 10 a.m.
Salem Invitational, TBA
Crestwood at Wayne (DH), 11 a.m.

Stars Tournament, TBA
GIRLS SOCCER
Thursday, April 28
Plymouth at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Churchill, 7 p.m.
St. Catherine's at RU, 5:30 p.m.
Parkway at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 29
N. Farmington at Garden City, 6 p.m.
Saturday, April 30
Ladywood at Shingledale Invite, TBA
TRACK & FIELD
Friday, April 29
Livonia City Track Meet at Stevenson, 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 30
John Glenn at Brighton, 10 a.m.
Crestwood Invitational, 9 a.m.
BOYS GOLF
Thursday, April 28
Stevenson at S.L. East, 3 p.m.
Plymouth at Franklin, 3 p.m.
Churchill at Wayne, 3 p.m.
Saturday, April 30
Stevenson at Maples Invite, 8:30 a.m.
Thurston at Crestwood, TBA
Ladywood at Regina, 4:30 p.m.
Annapolis at RU, 4 p.m.

2016 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

FIRST TEAM



ERIN HULT, CANTON

The team co-captain and third-year varsity player took her game up a notch for the KLAA South Division champion Chiefs.

Hult averaged 14 points to lead the team and made 75 percent of her free throws to help Canton close out wins. The all-KLAA selection also led the Chiefs with two blocks per contest and was honored as the team's top offensive player.

"She possesses an outstanding shooting touch from anywhere on the court," coach Rob Heitmeyer said. "She could be counted on all year to do well in pressure moments such as hitting a buzzer-beater try against Grosse Pointe South or scoring 23 points in the district final against Northville."



CAMREE CLEGG, WAYNE

Clegg was a dynamic play-maker and scorer for the resurgent Zebras, who went from not winning a single game last year to posting a 16-5 record.

On the way to earning all-state and all-conference accolades, Clegg averaged 23.8 points and 7.1 assists per game.

"Camree has engineered Wayne Memorial from last place a year ago to second in the KLAA South Division," Wayne coach Jarvis Mitchell said. "She is also a 4.0 student."



KRISTEN NELSON, HARRISON

Nelson was a four-year starter for the Hawks and will play NCAA Division I basketball at Southern Illinois University.

Though she's a point guard, Nelson did it all for the Hawks and excelled in all areas of the games. She averaged 15.4 points, five assists, 4½ rebounds, 2½ steals and 1.1 blocks.

"Kris is a very good leader and floor general," coach Stefon Wilson said. "She's an excellent passer. If you back off her, she can shoot it; if you play her too tight, she can get to the rim. You really have to pick your poison against a player of her caliber."

"She makes her teammates better. When you can get to the paint as easily as Kris can, that's going to open up easy shots for your teammates."



AMBER STEPHENS, HARRISON

Stephens was a four-year starter for the Hawks and will play college basketball at Wayne State University after a brilliant prep career.

Stephens led the Hawks in scoring with 17.3 points per game. She also averaged five rebounds, 2.7 steals and 2.5 assists. Stephens plays at the front of the press and is a great defender.

"She has an unbelievable motor and never stops," Wilson said. "She has one gear, and it's Level 10 all the time. She plays with great energy and passion the entire game."

"She's a ball hawk on defense. She plays the passing lanes well and is a great on-ball defender. A lot of her points came because of her defense."



ANNE YOST, CHURCHILL

Yost was nearly unstoppable (despite double-teams) when she received the ball in the low post for the Chargers, who won their first district title in recent memory.

A relentless offensive rebounder, she averaged 11.8 points per game while shooting 56 percent from the field and pulling down 10.4 rebounds per contest.

"I am excited that Annie was selected to the all-Observer team," Churchill first-year coach K'Len Morris said. "She led our team in points and rebounds this past season, but she continues to work hard at her craft and get better."

"We are looking forward to having her back next season as she is one of the girls we will be leaning on to help push our program to the next level."

SECOND TEAM



BRIANNA FINN, CANTON

Finn's ability to connect from long range and grab important rebounds proved instrumental in the Chiefs' march to a 17-5 record.

She averaged 10 points per game, including a team-leading 26 treys and was rewarded for her efforts with selection to the all-conference team.

"She demonstrated excellent patience in our motion offense," Heitmeyer said. "And she had a knack for getting a number of key offensive fourth quarter rebounds in close games."



KIERRA CROCKETT, N. FARMINGTON

Crockett had an outstanding junior season and was the driving force in the Raiders winning the OAA White Division championship.

The 5-foot-11 forward averaged 14.6 points, seven rebounds, three steals and two blocks. She can score from the outside, too, and shot 40 percent from the floor overall.

"She had been our No. 2 or 3 scorer the last two years, and she had to be the go-to person this year," coach Jeff Simpson said. "I thought she responded really well to that role."

"Her shooting really improved. The ratio of shots to points was a lot better. She didn't force things; she played within the team concept."

"She has been getting better every year, and we look for her to continue to improve next year."



JACKIE BAUER, MERCY

The junior guard was the leading scorer on a well-balanced, successful team. A three-point shooting specialist, Bauer averaged 10.5 points per game.

She also averaged 2.3 rebounds, 1.3 assists and 1.3 steals as the Marlins won the Catholic League Central Division crown and a Class A district title.

"Jackie meant a lot to our team," coach Gary Morris said.

"We came to really rely on her to score for us. Jackie has a great competitive spirit that's evident both at practice and in games."

"She's constantly striving to get better. I look at the improvement she's made, going from a sophomore barely making the varsity team to a junior making the all-Catholic team and the all-area second team. It's a credit to her and her work ethic."



AMARA CHIKWE, WAYNE

Chikwe was "Ms. Inside" to Clegg's "Ms. Outside" for the resurgent Zebras. A non-stop battler in the paint, Chikwe averaged 10.4 points, 13.7 points and five blocks per game throughout her first season with Wayne.

"Amara can guard any position, from point guard to center," Mitchell said. "She was accountable for over half of our rebounds and she changed many games with her defense."



SAM GOLCHUK, H.V. LUTHERAN

Golchuk was a whirlwind of production for the Hawks, averaging 23 points, 6.7 rebounds (despite her modest size) and an astounding 7.4 steals per game. Among her several post-season awards was the MIAC Most Valuable Player.

"Sam brings tremendous speed and energy to the game," HVL head coach Kris Ruth said. "Her great court awareness allows her to read players well on defense and to attack the basket on offense. Often times, her defensive abilities allow her to get quick, easy lay-ups on the offensive end."

"Despite her small stature, she also rebounds very well. She works very hard on and off the court, and pushes herself to always be better."

THIRD TEAM



SAM CHERNEY, N. FARMINGTON

The 6-foot-1 sophomore and two-year starter was a force on the glass for the Raiders, both as a rebounder and a scorer.

Cherney had a lot of double-double games while averaging 9.3 points, eight rebounds, 2.3 steals and one block.

"Sam really stepped up her game from her freshman year," Simpson said. "She's kind of where Kierra was as a sophomore. She did a good job of being that second option for us."

"She led us in rebounding and had a lot of them at the offensive end. That's where she got a little stronger and got some putbacks. She's driven to get better, and we look for continued improvement from her."



CASSIDY LEWIS, PLYMOUTH

The senior was a standout in all phases of the game for the Wildcats, averaging 10.4 points, 4.5 rebounds and 1.8 steals.

Lewis, who will play collegiately at Siena Heights, also altered many opponents' shots with 19 deflections. She was named team MVP and earned selection to the all-KLAA team.

"Cassidy can do it all," coach Ryan Ballard said. "We asked her to score, rebound and guard the other team's best player all year. She is such a well-rounded player."



NATALIE WINTERS, CANTON

Winters was a steady influence in her fourth season on the varsity, providing leadership as team co-captain and point guard.

She averaged five assists and three steals per game and made 38 percent of her shots en route to five points per contest. Her efforts led to an all-KLAA selection and team MVP honors.

"Most importantly, her defensive presence on the court was essential to the Chiefs success this year," Heitmeyer said. "Her quick set of feet and decision-making skills set the example and tempo for our team next year."



ALLY AUDIA, LADYWOOD

Audia was the catalyst for a Blazers team that won a Class B district tournament. She averaged 12 points and five rebounds for the season.

She stepped up her game even more in the post-season when she tossed in 16 points per game in the district-championship run, including two double-doubles.

Her season highlights were punctuated by single-game scoring highs of 25 and 23 points, and she tallied 17 points or more five times. Clutch at the end of games, Audia connect on 74 percent of her free-throw attempts.



ZORA PULLEN, MERCY

Pullen's senior season was delayed until January as she recovered from knee surgery. Once she did that, Pullen was a big factor in Mercy going 16-7 and being the runner-up in the Catholic League tournament and Class A regional at Novi.

She averaged 7.7 points, nearly five rebounds, 1.2 steals and one assist per game. Pullen will play for Lake Forest (Ill.) College.

"Zora deserves high marks for the resolve she showed in coming back from that injury," Morris said. "There were a lot of mornings she'd get up at 5 o'clock to go to PT before school. That speaks to her determination to come back and be a part of the basketball team her senior year."

"She certainly was a key player for us last year. That's why we were so happy to get her back this year."

HONORABLE MENTION

Mercy: Katie Coe, Jordyn Schluter, Jenna Schluter; **North Farmington:** Alexa Cherney, Karlie Cummins; **Farmington:** Abbey Powell; **Harrison:** Nyia Warren, Olivia Perkins; **Canton:** Madison Archibald, Madison Wolfbauer; **Plymouth:** Hannah Badger, Jordyn Chouinard; **Salem:** Jayna Lenders, Marisa Martin; **Ply. Christian:** Lydia Chapel; **Ladywood:** Erica Selakowski, Maggie Shirik; **Luth. Westland:** Taylor Jones, Rachel Reddeman; **Churchill:** Alivia Kondrath; **Franklin:** Lexi Bryant; **Stevenson:** Grace Lamerson; Diane Senkowski; **Wayne:** Jeanae Terry; **John Glenn:** Nadia Reed, Taylor Robinson; **Redford Union:** Cassidy Sandelin; **Redford Thurston:** Kianna Shepard.

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

Patriots out-perform Zebras in the long run

Much-improved Wayne battles to the final race

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Livonia Franklin's girls track-and-field team proved resilient Tuesday in its KLAA South Division dual meet against Wayne Memorial.

The Patriots used solid performances across the board to out-point the Zebras, 79-58. Franklin improved to 3-0 in the division while Wayne slipped to 1-2.

"We had some kids step up and get the job done today," said Franklin head coach Dave Bjorklund. "Wayne is a well-coached and much-improved team from previous years. We had to bring our 'A' game in several events to come out on top in the points. Our distance runners and field events carried the load today."

Among the highlights for Wayne were Ashley Micheaux's personal record heave (88 feet, 6 inches) in the discus and Chanel Khan's pair

of victories in the hurdles events.

Franklin senior Natalie Douglas won the 1,600 and 3,200, while long-distance comrade Erin Seibert turned in a golden performance in the 800.

FRANKLIN 79 WAYNE 58

Tuesday at Franklin

Pole vault: 1. Rachel Domzalski (F), 7 feet, 0 inches; 2. Lily Moore (F), 5-6; 3. Neveah Skalski (F), 5-0.

High jump: 1. Breanna Thompson (F), 4-6; 2. Julie Wonch (F), 4-6; 3. Sarah Channey (F), 4-3.

Long jump: 1. Mikaela Hille (F), 15-2; 2. Deniesia Thompson (W), 14-3; 3. Sarah Channey (F), 12-9.

Shot put: 1. Robinson (W), 32-2; 2. Alexis Brown-ing (F), 30-9; 3. Johnson (W), 30-7.

Discus: 1. Alexis Brownling (F), 97-0; 2. Johnson (W), 88-11; 3. Ashley Micheaux (W), 88-6.5.

3,200-meter relay: 1. Franklin (Natalie Douglas, Erin Seibert, Camryn Zurawski, Patsy Santti), 10 minutes, 28.0 seconds; 2. Wayne, 10:52.9.

100 hurdles: 1. Chanel Khan (W), 17.4; 2. Nikke Hawthorne (F), 19.5; 3. Breanna Thompson (F), 19.8.

100 dash: 1. Reama Brown (W), 13.6; 2. Morgan Eveslage (F), 13.9; 3. Deniesia Thompson (W), 13.9.

800 relay: 1. Wayne, 1:49.4.

1,600 run: 1. Natalie Douglas (F), 5:28.6; 2. Erin Seibert (F), 5:32.9; 3. Jessica Leigh (W), 5:44.5.

400-meter relay: 1. Wayne, 55.4.

400 dash: 1. Julie Wonch (F), 1:01.0; 2. Anavia Battle (W), 1:02.7; 3. Christianna Benson (F), 1:12.4.

300 hurdles: 1. Chanel Khan (W), 51.1; 2. Breanna Thompson (F), 53.8; 3. Mikaela Hille (F), 55.0.

800 run: 1. Erin Seibert (F), 2:31.2; 2. Jessica Leigh (F), 2:34.2; 3. Rimaya White (W), 2:48.4.

200 dash: 1. Anavia Battle (W), 26.5; 2. Julie Wonch (F), 27.4; 3. Erica Robinson (W), 27.9.

3,200 run: 1. Natalie Douglas (F), 11:42.2; 2. Allison Stable (F), 13:18.9; 3. Emma Devine (F), 13:24.8.

1,600 relay: 1. Wayne, 4:22.2.



TOM BEAUDOIN

Natalie Douglas piled up a mountain of points for Livonia Franklin during Tuesday's victory over Wayne.

BOYS TRACK & FIELD

Patriots out-stride Zebras in South Division duel

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Wayne Memorial's boys track-and-field team had its share of moments during Tuesday's dual meet at Livonia Franklin, but it was the Patriots who were enjoying the fruits of their labor after the tape had been broken in the meet-ending 1,600-meter relay.

Fueled by a strong performance from its hurdler named Hogg and a distance runner who always seems to be setting the pace, Franklin sprinted to a 78.5-58-5 triumph over the Zebras.

Ian Hogg was a beast for the Patriots in the hurdles, winning the 110 highs in 17.1 seconds before taking the 300 intermediates in 43.6.

Franklin swept the shorter hurdles race as Hogg was followed closely by runner-up Cory Linsner (17.9) and Hunter Klotz (18.2).

The consistently breath-taking 100-meter dash was won by Brandon Smiley, who earned a post-race grin after sprinting to a time of 11.6 seconds. Franklin's Christian Bagnall ran stride-for-stride with his teammate before finishing second in 11.8. Wayne's Javon Johnson was third in 11.9.

Patriot senior Tony Floyd — the man who rarely loses — captured both the 1,600 (4:59.9) and 3,200 (10:17.1) in convincing fashion.

Zebra senior Montel Hood lived up to his national billing by taking the 400 in 50.2 and the 800 in 2:08.3.

Franklin's Bobby Madley and Wayne's Reggie Michaeux took turns placing 1-2 in the throwing events. The Patriot won the shot put with a toss of 44 feet, 3 inches while Michaeux was 10 feet better in the discus with a launch of 115-1.

Senior Andrew Chant led a Zebra sweep in the 200, outstriking runner-up Kyle Osborne and third-place Danny Delleh.



TOM BEAUDOIN

Tony Floyd enjoyed another spectacular day on the oval for Franklin's track-and-field team.

FRANKLIN 78.5

WAYNE 58.5

Tuesday at Franklin

Shot put: 1. Bobby Madley (F), 44 feet, 3 inches; 2. Reggie Michaeux (W), 39-6; 3. Xavier Sanchez (F), 38-0.

Discus: Reggie Michaeux (W), 115-1; 2. Bobby Madley (F), 105-5; 3. Xavier Sanchez (F), 99-1.

Pole vault: 1. (tie) Matt Lepper (F) and Kalin Brown (F), 8-6; 3. Zach Young (F), 8-0.

Long jump: 1. Denzel Adams (F), 19-3; 2. Danny Delleh (W), 19-0; 3. Tyrese Billingslea (W), 17-0.

High jump: 1. Denzel Adams (F), 5-3; 2. Bruce Lewis (W), 5-0; 3. (tie) Austin Cross (W) and Izaak Pope (F), 5-0.

3,200-meter relay: 1. Franklin (Greg Thaxton, Matt Lepper, Brendan Whitney, Tony Floyd), 9 minutes, 35 seconds; 2. Wayne, 9:07.6.

110 hurdles: 1. Ian Hogg (F), 17.1; 2. Cory Linsner (F), 17.9; 3. Hunter Klotz (F), 18.2.

100 dash: 1. Brandon Smiley (F), 11.6; 2. Christian Bagnall (F), 11.8; 3. Javon Johnson (W), 11.9.

800 relay: 1. Wayne (Danny Delleh, Andrew Chant, Tyrese Billingslea, Montel Hood), 1:34.5; 2. Franklin

(Ian Hogg, Shawn Plocharczyk, Hunter Klotz, Khalil Pasha), 1:39.7.

1,600 run: 1. Tony Floyd (F), 4:59.9; 2. Grant Rudd (F), 5:00.4; 3. Blake Barber (W), 5:09.5.

400 relay: 1. Franklin (Christian Bagnall, Brandon Smiley, Denzel Adams, Khalil Pasha), 44.7; 2. Wayne, 45.0.

400 dash: 1. Montel Hood (W), 50.2; 2. Andrew Chant (W), 51.9; 3. Christian Bagnall (F), 54.4.

300 hurdles: 1. Ian Hogg (F), 43.6; 2. Khalil Burks (W), 44.4; 3. Cory Linsner (F), 44.4.

800 run: 1. Montel Hood (W), 2:08.3; 2. Jon Rivera (W), 2:10.4; 3. Greg Thaxton (F), 2:14.1.

200 dash: 1. Andrew Chant (W), 23.6; 2. Kyle Osborne (W), 24.6; 3. Danny Delleh (F), 25.7.

3,200 run: 1. Tony Floyd (F), 10:17.1; 2. Jakob Khalaf (W), 10:59.4; 3. Jackson Nordbeck (F), 11:08.8.

1,600 relay: 1. Wayne (Andrew Chant, Javon Johnson, Khalil Burks, Montel Hood), 3:35.8; 2. Franklin (Christian Bagnall, Brandon Smiley, Ian Hogg, Khalil Pasha), 3:46.6.

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Mercy sweeps doubleheader from Ladywood

Elmore stars on mound in game-one win

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Farmington Mercy's softball team used a couple different power points during Tuesday's sweep of host Livonia Ladywood.

In their 3-1 game-one victory, the Marlins' pressure point was the pitching circle, where Andrea Elmore sparked, scattering six hits and six walks while striking out nine.

The points of interest for the Marlins during their 9-5 triumph in game two were the two rectangular batting boxes located on either side of home plate.

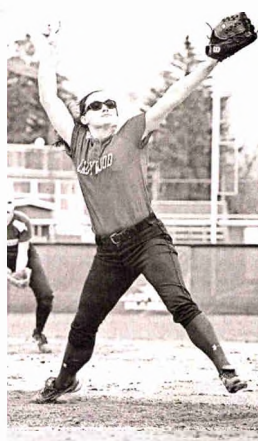
Mercy scored two runs in second on a two-run single delivered by Mary Reeber, scoring Elmore and Shannon Gibbons. Megan Satawa was the unsung hero of the uprising as she laid down a sacrifice bunt that moved the two base-runners into scoring position.

Ladywood sliced its deficit in half, 2-1, in the bottom of the second when Jamie Gietl was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded, scoring Michaela Warner, who had also been plunked while leading off the frame.

Game one's final run came in the top of the sixth when Gibbons reached on an error before ultimately scoring on a passed ball.

Roz Price suffered the opening-game loss for Ladywood after giving up two runs on three hits and four walks over the first two stanzas.

Blazer Alexa Flores was stellar in relief, striking out three while giving up just three hits (and zero earned runs) over the final five in-



TOM BEAUDOIN

Ladywood's Roz Price delivers a pitch during Tuesday's double-header against visiting Farmington Hills Mercy.

nings.

Mercy needed just two innings — the third and fourth — to amass its nine runs in the second game. The big hit in the four-run third was a triple off the bat of Cari Padula, who also ripped a pair of hits in the first game.

The winners' five-run fourth was sparked by extra-base hits from Anna Dixon (double), Nicole Belans (double), Sophia Van Acker (triple) and Padula (double).

Ladywood owned a semi-comfortable 5-0 lead after two innings, scoring four in the second thanks to singles from Erika Selakowski, Liz Kemp, Flores and Katie Connolly.

Elmore struck out six and yielded three earned runs to earn the game-two victory.

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MADONNA

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"It has been an honor to serve this great university and its amazing student-athletes," Rizzo said. "I really appreciate the opportunity Sr. Rose Marie Kujawa gave me to be athletic director. I feel the new direction Dr. Grandillo has charted shows the commitment to, and guaranteed future success of, Madonna University athletics.

"I am sure the professional

staff in the athletics department will continue to achieve great things, not only in competitions, but also and more importantly, in the classroom and in the lives of our student-athletes. I look forward to remaining a Crusader fan as my wife, soon-to-be-born son and I begin our new adventure."

Madonna University administrators will begin a search for a successor immediately, and Rizzo, whose last day is June 30, has committed to facilitating a smooth transition.

KLAA BASEBALL

Seven-run frame lifts Patriots over 'Cats

Canton edges Stevenson; Rocks bump Chargers

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Livonia Franklin senior first baseman Ryan Prohaska organized his own fireworks show Monday afternoon against visiting Novi in a KLAA Kensington Conference cross-over contest.

Prohaska launched a two-run home run among his three hits and finished with four RBI as the Patriots improved to 14-2 with a 13-3 six-inning rout of the Wildcats.

Bolstered by the pin-point command of starting pitcher Adrian Reed, Franklin led 4-0 heading into the top of the fifth before Novi rallied for three runs to cut its deficit to 4-3.

The Patriots erupted in the bottom of the fifth for seven runs before invoking the 10-run mercy rule with a pair of runs in the bottom of the sixth.

Franklin outthit their visitors, 17-6.

Reed picked up the win after scattering six hits and a walk, while striking out seven, over the first five innings.

Collin Metzler pitched a perfect sixth for Franklin.

Jay Hopson (3-for-4) and Jake Giacobbi (3-for-5, four RBI, two runs) led the Patriots' hitting attack.

Rocks blank Chargers

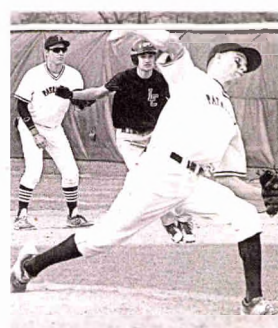
Sophomore southpaw Adam Pitcole scattered five hits over six innings to lead Salem to a 3-0 victory over Churchill Monday afternoon in a KLAA Kensington Conference cross-over game.

Pitcole struck out two and didn't walk a batter.

Churchill, which slipped to 6-7 overall and 2-6 in the conference, received a strong start from senior Jon Hovermale, who yielded just one unearned run and seven hits over the first six innings.

Matt Smith and James Rintala both went 2-for-3 for the Chargers.

Alex Nicholson led the Rocks with three hits (includ-



ED WRIGHT

Livonia Franklin's Kyle Wollam earned the win against Livonia Stevenson.

ing a double) and an RBI. Gage Moyers and Shane Prevo both contributed two hits for the visiting Rocks.

Salem broke open a scoreless game in the top of the sixth when, with one out, Moyers singled and advance to second on a ground-out. Prevo then plated Moyers with a two-out double.

The Rocks added two insurance runs in the seventh when Elijah Peppers reached on an error, advanced to third on an errant pick-off throw and scored on Nicholson's double. Daniel Diaz then singled home Nicholson.

Churchill put two runners on in the seventh thanks to singles from Drew Alsobrooks and Evan Cummins, but the next batter grounded out to end the threat.

Canton upends Stevenson

Canton defeated Livonia Stevenson, 5-2, Monday afternoon in a KLAA Kensington Conference cross-over game on the Chiefs' field.

All of the game's runs were scored in the second inning.

Leading the Stevenson hitting attack were Chris Tanderys (2-for-3, two RBI), Frank Carlin (1-for-3) and Mark Pettersson (1-for-3).

The Spartans' runs were scored by Danny Morris and

Bobby Cavin.

Canton outthit Stevenson, 8-4.

Patriots nip Spartans

On Friday, in a Kensington Conference make-up game, Franklin outlasted Stevenson, 5-3, in a game played on the Patriots' field.

The result left Franklin with an 11-1 record. Stevenson slipped to 4-6.

The game scoreless until the top of the fifth when plated one run. Franklin countered quickly, scoring a three-spot in the bottom of the frame.

The Spartans scored single runs in the sixth and seventh, but Franklin's two-run sixth proved to be the difference.

Stevenson outthit Franklin, 11-4.

Giacobbi led the Patriots with two hits, two RBI and a run scored. Collin Metzler had a huge game, contributing a double, two walks and two runs.

Dunn, Joe Dupuie, Morris and Ferguson all laced two hits for the Spartans. Tanderys, Carlin and Nick Beers added one hit a piece.

Kyle Wollam earned the mound victory over Franklin after scattering eight hits and three walks over the first five-and-a-third innings. Metzler saved the game with one-and-two-thirds innings of solid relief.

Branden Posky suffered the setback on the hill for Stevenson. He yielded three runs (only one earned) over four-and-a-third frames.

Rockets blast Crestwood

Trevor Smith struck out 10 batters over seven innings to lead Westland John Glenn to a 7-1 victory over Dearborn Heights Crestwood in a non-conference game played Friday at John Glenn.

Smith gave up just two hits and a pair of walks.

Reid Zielinski paced the Rockets' offense with two hits and two RBI. River Turek walked twice and had an RBI for the winners.

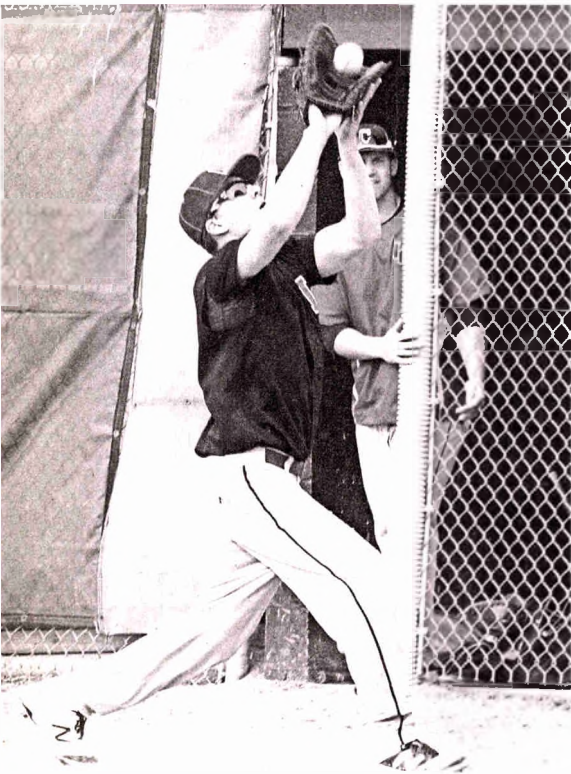
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Chargers edge Panthers



TOM BEAUDOIN

Redford Union's Ryan Randall shot a 46 for the Panthers during Monday's 177-196 loss to Dearborn Heights Crestwood. Junior Evan Albright's score of 44 led the way for RU. Junior Ben Hawn contributed a 48.



Churchill first baseman Joe Wozniak squeezes a foul pop-up during a game earlier this spring. ED WRIGHT

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Chargers turn amazing triple play in 7-2 victory

John Glenn downs South Lyon

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Livonia Churchill's baseball team got three for the price of one, as Ernie Harwell would say, and it couldn't have come at a better time.

Leading visiting Dearborn, 7-2, in the top of the sixth inning, the Chargers turned a triple play when — with the bases loaded with Pioneers — Roger Richardson lined out to shortstop Tim Ohtake, who stepped on second base before firing the ball to first baseman Joe Targosz to complete the rare defensive gem.

Freshman lefty Drew Alsobrooks earned the win for Churchill after working six innings and yielding five hits, two earned runs and five walks, while striking out sev-

en.

Noah Cross was sharp in his one inning of relief.

Dearborn starter Mark Lynch took the loss after giving up six runs (three earned), three hits and three walks over the first three frames. Steve Landrum pitched the final three innings for the Pioneers.

Among the offensive standouts for Churchill were Jake Osen (two walks, two runs scored), Alsobrooks (1-for-2, two runs, two RBI, walk), Brandon Campbell (two walks, two runs) and Ohtake, who finished 2-for-3 with three ribbies.

Churchill scored all the runs its would need in the first when it manufactured a four spot. Matt Smith opened the inning by reaching on an error. Osen walked and both advanced a base on a wild pitch.

Joe Wozniak then delivered an RBI ground-out, scoring Smith, before Alsobrooks laced a two-out single, plating

Osen.

Ohtake later ripped a two-run single to right.

Rockets cage Lions

Jordan Fuchs pitched a complete-game six-hitter to lift Westland John Glenn's baseball team to a 7-2 victory over visiting South Lyon Tuesday afternoon.

Fuchs struck out five and walked just one.

John Glenn scored twice in the first inning, one in the second and four in the fifth.

The Rockets' standout hitters included Noah Damien (2-for-2), Brian Martin (2-for-4, two RBI), River Turek (2-for-3, RBI), Fuchs (1-for-2, RBI), and Reed Zeilinski, who wnet 2-for-4.

"The kids played good defense and put the ball in play at the plate," said John Glenn head coach Lawrence Scheffler.

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LIVONIA INVITATIONAL

Host teams thrive in annual Livonia diamond tournament

Stevenson, Franklin both go 2-1

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Livonia Stevenson sophomore pitcher Josh Marquedant made his first varsity start a memorable one Saturday as he tossed a five-inning four-hitter (with zero walks) during the Spartans' 12-1 triumph over Detroit Martin Luther King in the opening game of the Livonia Invitational.

The Spartans' bats generated a ton of support for their first-time starter by scoring three times in the first inning, seven in the second and two in the third. Three of King's four hits came in the first inning before Marquedant had a chance to settle down.

The game ended after five innings due to the 10-run mercy rule.

Pacing the Spartans offense were Chris Tanderys (1-for-2, two runs), Joe Dupuie (two runs), Frank Carlin (1-for-2, two runs), Mark Pettersson (2-for-2, run, three RBI), Gordon Ferguson (run), Danny Morris (1-for-2, RBI, run), Bobby Cavin (1-for-2, two RBI, run) and Michael DiPonio, who went 1-for-1 with an RBI and a run.

Jerman Brown, Ashanti Whitt, Dione Fasset and Tyreese Woods all had hits for the Crusaders.

Stevenson outthit MLK, 8-4.

For an encore, the Spartans thumped Southfield Lathrup, 10-3, in the second game of the round-robin tournament. Nate Leach earned his first varsity win after yielding just one run, two hits and one walk over five innings in relief of starter Frank Carlin.

The Spartans jumped on Lathrup early, plating six runs in the second frame before tacking on four more in the fourth.

Stevenson's top plate performers were Tanderys (1-for-3, RBI, run), Dupuie (1-for-2, RBI, two runs), Carlin (2-for-2, RBI, run), Devin Dunn (1-for-3, RBI, run), Nick Beers (run), Dan Bos (1-for-3) and Nick Cotter (1-for-3, RBI, run).



Stevenson's Mark Pettersson slides safely into third base during a game earlier this spring. ED WRIGHT

Lathrup was led by Xavier Jefferson (1-for-2), Kevin Smith (run), Evan Echols (1-for-3, run), Ronald Carr (2-for-3, RBI), and Keith Powe, who had a hit and a run.

Stevenson suffered a 6-0 setback to eventual tournament champs Birmingham Groves in the final game of the day.

Groves' Noah Zachabias limited the Spartans to just one hit, which was delivered by Pettersson. The loss dropped the Spartans' record to 6-7.

Groves tallied single runs in the first and second frames before adding three in the fifth and one in the sixth.

Franklin goes 2-1, too

The Patriots' only loss on Saturday came in their opener against Groves, which won a thrilling 4-3 decision.

Franklin starting pitcher Harrison Merrill suffered the loss after giving up four runs over four-and-a-third innings. Merrill struck out five.

The Patriots trailed 4-0 before mounting a serious rally that fell just short. The hosts'

final run came on Ryan Prohaska's solo home run, his first of the season.

Jay Hopson contributed two hits to the Patriots' offense.

Mark Smart tossed a two-hit, complete-game gem in the Patriots' second game of the day — a 7-3 triumph over MLK.

Smart struck out nine Crusaders and walked just two.

Among the hitting stars for the Patriots were Nate Binkiewicz (2-for-2, two RBI), Nick Hoyer (1-for-2, run) and Alec Gorman, whose lone hit was a two-run double.

The Patriots captured their final game of the day in convincing fashion, 6-0, over Lathrup.

Senior Bobby Mandrink was sensational on the hill, striking out four and walking two to register his first shutout of the season.

Big hitters for the winners included Hopson (2-for-2, run, RBI), Prohaska (2-for-3, RBI) and Jake Giacobbi, who went 2-for-3 with two runs and an RBI.

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SHOWDOWN

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ending in a 1-1 draw or finishing in mercy-rule fashion was a fine line.

"This game is who we are; we're capable of beating anyone and we're capable of losing to almost anyone," he said. "We're a little up and down. We need to be more consistent. I mean, we scored four goals in about two minutes in the second half tonight and only one goal in 40 minutes in the first half. A lot of it comes down to moving off the ball and our attitude."

Friedrichs said Wynns is the total soccer package.

"She's just good at the game," he said, smiling.

"She's a dynamic player who is able to win a lot of one-on-one battles."

Wynns maximized her one-on-one arsenal on the first goal when she out-manuevered a Patriot defender before exploding into space and beating Lalonde, who is a first-year keeper.

"We've been working a lot on moving off the ball, before it's played," Wynns recounted. "Hannah played it on a line to me and I just kind of got under the ball, won it and hit my shot with a lot of force to the far side of the net."

Although the final score may not reflect it, Lalonde turned in a brilliant effort between the pipes for Franklin, especially considering she was a full-time defender prior to this spring.

"She's getting better and more confident every game," said Franklin head coach Dean Kowalski. "As a former defensive player, she has a natural instinct about where to go to get the ball."

Kowalski was highly complimentary of his entire team, but pointed to forward Rachel Salisbury and midfielder/defender Bailey Elliott for their exemplary efforts.

"Rachel did an excellent job of stretching the field with her effort," said Kowalski, "and I thought Bailey dominated at times defensively. I loved the way the entire team kept grinding and working hard tonight. We exerted so much effort throughout the game, I think we just ran out of gas the last few minutes. I love our effort, though."

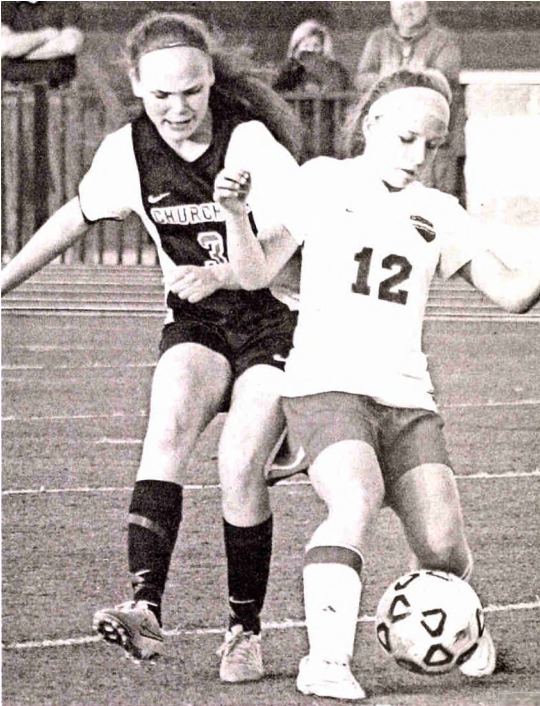
The action that unfolded leading up to the Chargers' second goal was spectacular. With just under nine minutes to play and the result still in doubt, Lalonde somehow denied a Churchill break-away from just 15 yards out. After the Chargers' rebound shot rammed into the cross-bar, Lalonde appeared to smother the ball while still on the ground; however, she was whistled for grabbing the leg of a Churchill defender, setting up Ashley Slaviero's perfectly-struck penalty kick which doubled the visitors' lead to 2-0.

Churchill extended its lead to 3-0 with 3:09 left when Kaci Pampreen-Lohman and Wynns pumped in goals. Megan Castleberry capped the scoring with a last-minute scoreboard-changer for the winners.

Sophomore Katherine Ristola was solid in goal for the Chargers, turning away the handful of serious threats the Patriots mounted.

Churchill defenders Liz Rubenson, Sylvia Cervantes and Loren Kruger were at their lock-down, clear-the-ball best.

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Franklin's Katelin Miller (12) shields Churchill's Liz Rubenson from the ball Monday night. ED WRIGHT

SOFTBALL

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made a couple mistakes that led to a couple runs in the first, then the bats exploded in the third."

GC improved to 6-3 overall and 2-0 in the WWAC Blue.

Eagles soaring

Redford Thurston's softball team has suddenly emerged as a force to be reckoned with in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference's Red Division.

On Monday, Thurston edged former nemesis Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 6-5, in sev-

en innings. The Eagles improved to 3-0 overall and 2-0 in the division.

Mound ace Rachel Pegouske ran her record to 3-0 as she gave up five runs, five hits and five walks while striking out three over seven frames.

Thurston center-fielder Ronay Peguies ignited the Eagles' offense with two hits, including a triple, and two RBI.

Other key contributors were Gillian Drake (two hits, RBI), Ivory Mamo (1-for-3, double, sacrifice, two RBI) and Chelsea Williams, who was 1-for-2 with a walk.

Panthers toppled

Dearborn Heights Crest-

wood defeated Redford Union, 12-0, Monday afternoon. No details were available.

Trojans are no-hit

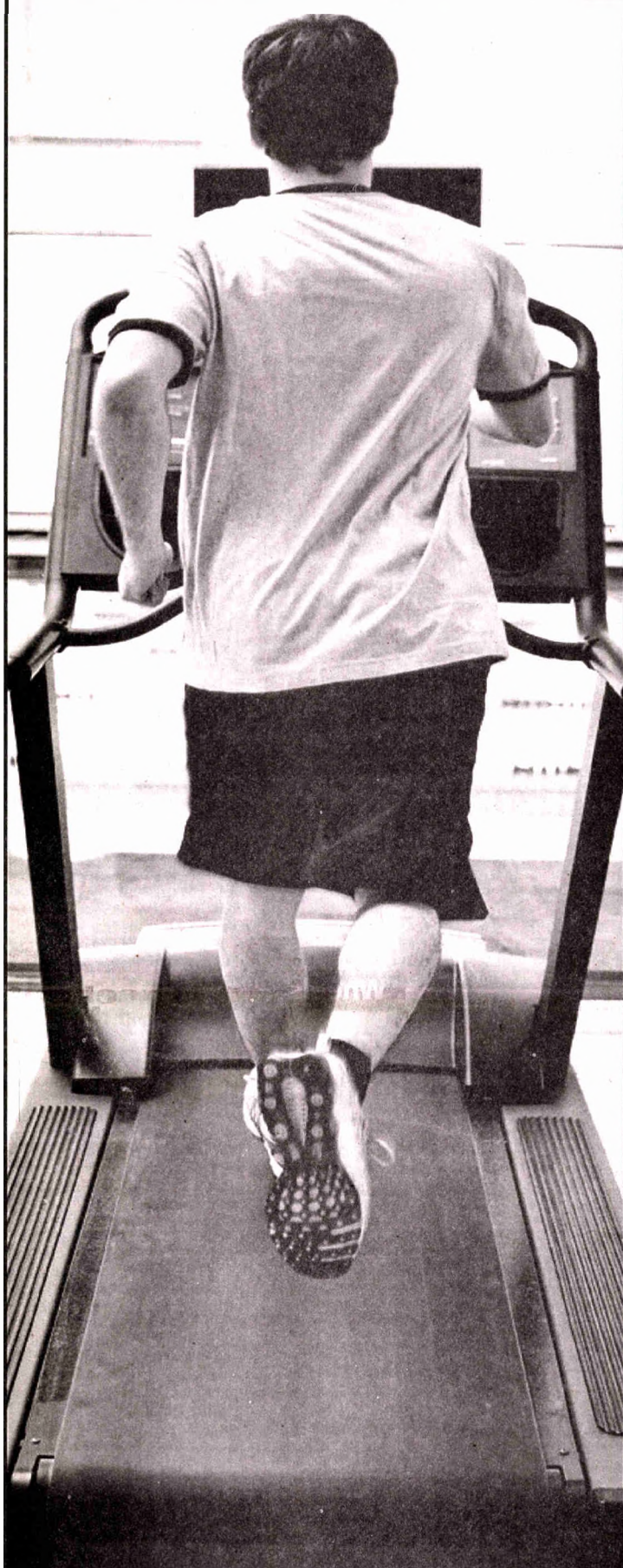
Clarenceville managed to score seven runs Monday despite going hitless in a 10-7 loss to visiting Dearborn Fordson in softball.

The Lady Trojans were walked six times and were hit by a pitch eight times.

Freshman Shelby Smith scored a pair of runs for Clarenceville, which is 0-2 in conference play and 1-5 overall.

After a rough start, freshman pitcher Emily Schmidt (0-1) settled down, striking out 13 batters and walking four.

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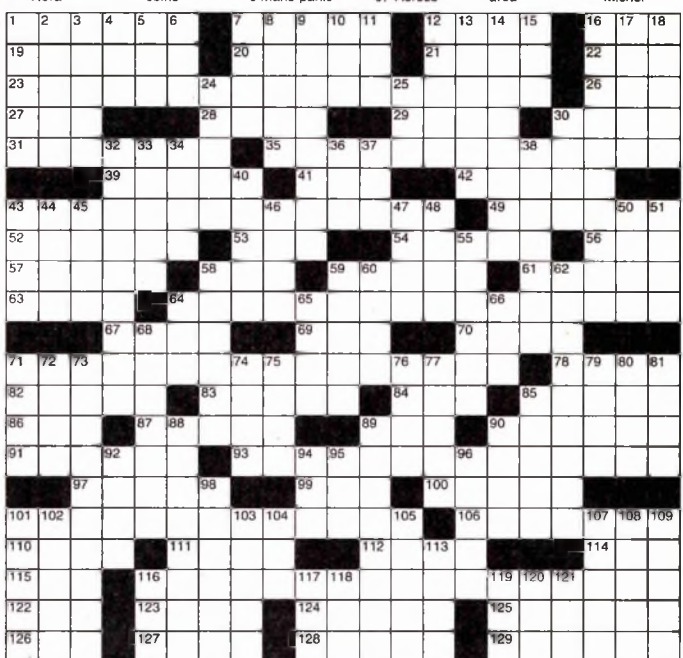
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56 Public radio host Glass
57 Of Laos, e.g.
58 Poddled plant
59 Inner beings
61 Land — (sleep state)
63 Gloater's syllable
64 Aioli
67 With 46-Down, genuine article
69 Prefix with refundable
70 Big brand of faucets
71 Hot dog in a classic jingle
78 Part of LSAT
82 Ruckus
83 Sleuth's jobs
84 Abbr. for the Blue Jays
85 Disorder
86 Tourist's aid
87 Asks for
89 — -jongg
90 Brandy's sitcom role
91 Downhill trail
93 Supreme Court appointee of 2009
97 Continental coins
- 99 French "here"
100 "Look — did!"
101 Best Actor of 2014
106 Inaction
110 12:00 p.m.
111 Injure badly
112 Sprint, e.g.
114 B&B, e.g.
115 Certain 4x4 syllable
116 Mansion House resident
122 Apply
123 "That hurt!"
124 Author Dahl
125 Skin and hair care brand
126 At all times, poetically
127 Tennis star Arthur
128 Full of foam
129 5/1 festival that's apt for this puzzle's eight longest answers
- DOWN**
- 1 Jewel
2 Bejewel, e.g.
3 Post-injury program
4 Mo. neighbor
5 24-hr. cash cache
6 Chai, e.g.
7 Hunger sign
8 Make panic
9 Enter like the sun's rays
10 Tiny little bit
11 Genesis boat
12 'Bye Bye Bye' band
13 Soup holder
14 Winner of six Super Bowls
15 Double-decker, e.g.
16 What "A.D." stands for
17 Gifted world traveler?
18 Javelin
24 Lit Abner's surname
25 Nighttime, poetically
30 Old Peru native
32 Three cheers?
33 NBAer Brand
34 Long time period
36 "Certainly" say
37 Elbow site
38 Zone between biomes
40 Actress Liv
43 Cruel
44 "— daisyl"
45 — Pet (novelty gift)
46 See 57-Across
47 Spanish "water"
48 Once every 12 mos.
50 Greek Cupid
51 Miami — County
55 Chemical relative
58 King's home
59 Garbage boats
60 1980s Dodge
62 Strike at something but not hit it
64 Shapely leg, informally
65 Regarding
66 Neither here — there
68 Effacement
71 Resistor units
72 Drench
73 Saved with the same filename, say
74 Tibetan oxen
75 Canadian gas name
76 Guesses at LAX
77 Not at all, in dialect
79 Effortless
80 Artsy NYC area
81 Old Russian bigwig
85 Title for a French nobleman
88 Immense
89 Major artery
90 Grumble
92 Botch up
94 Vandalos of Hollywood
95 Frigid
96 Larcenist
98 Look (for)
101 Happen next
102 Immerse
103 "Which way — go?"
104 "Delicious!"
105 Noble Brits
107 Supported temporarily, with "over"
108 Get — good thing
109 Peeve
113 Surname of Buffalo Bill
117 Mauna —
117 Ovid's "Amatoria"
118 "Says —"
119 Flee hastily
120 In vitro cells
121 Waterloo marshal Michel



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SUDOKU

Here's How It Works:

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

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6			2		9			1
			1		7			
	2						3	

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9	1	4	3	8	6	2	7	5
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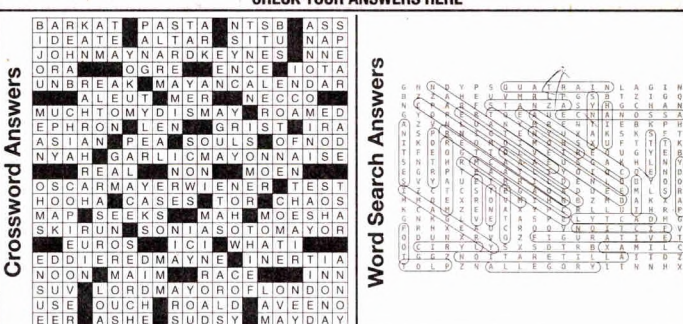
POETIC WORD SEARCH

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

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE





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Total housing inventory at the end of February was 1.88 million existing homes available for sale, 1.1 percent lower than last year.

Supply of homes down; Realtor designation touted by industry pros

With demand exceeding supply in markets across the U.S., home buyers may be facing an uphill battle to find the perfect home this spring. Total housing inventory at the end of February was 1.88 million existing homes available for sale, 1.1 percent lower than last year and at a 4.4-month supply at the current sales pace, which is below the roughly six-month supply level needed for a balanced market between buyers and sellers.

In competitive markets like this, it is important that home buyers work with a Realtor, the National Association of Realtors notes. Realtors who have the National Association of Realtors' Accredited Buyer's Representative designation are specialized practi-

tioners focused on working directly with buyer-clients and helping them through the challenges of finding the right home in a seller's market.

"When there is more demand than inventory, homes sell quickly, prices rise and bidding wars can start," said NAR President Tom Salomone, broker-owner of Real Estate II Inc. in Coral Springs, Fla. "A Realtor with an ABR designation is a home buyer's upper hand; they understand local markets and can negotiate on behalf of their buyer-clients."

Added Salomone, "Buying a home is often one of the biggest decisions of a person's life, and having a Realtor in their corner is the ultimate advantage. They are there to guide consumers through the

complexities of this life-changing transaction."

NAR's 2015 "Profile of Home Buyers and Sellers" asked recent home buyers what they look for when deciding on a real estate agent; 53 percent said they were looking for someone who could help them find the right home to purchase, and 12 percent said they wanted someone who can help them negotiate the terms of sale. The report also found that home buyers look at a median of 10 houses before deciding on one to purchase, and the typical search lasts for 10 weeks.

"Having a real estate expert with specific knowledge of the local market and purchase process can mean the difference between a home buyer

getting that 10th house and having to search for another," Salomone said.

In 2016, the ABR® designation celebrates its 20th anniversary, with over 28,000 ABR designees. Realtors with the designation are experienced real estate agents who have completed advanced training in representing the specific needs of buyers during a real estate transaction and have unique, up-to-date insights on the best way to approach their local market.

The designation is awarded by the Real Estate Buyer's Agent Council, a wholly-owned subsidiary of NAR and the world's largest association of real estate professionals focusing specifically on representing the real estate buyer.

Heed law firm conflict of interest in resolving disputes

Q: I noticed that buried in a law firm's fee proposal that was provided to us was a statement that they will not represent either us or the management company if there is a dispute between us, claiming that would pose a conflict of interest since they do business with many management companies. Where in your opinion is a conflict of interest?

A: You are very perceptive.

Obviously, because the law firm does business with many management companies, they do not want to bite the hand that feeds them. Accord-

ingly, how can they, in good conscience, represent your association where the management company may turn out to be at fault in regard to the handling of a collection or bylaw enforcement matter, mismanagement regarding contractors, obfuscation of mistakes made, and out-and-out fraud or embezzlement. The fact of the matter is that law firm is not in the position to independently represent the best interests of the association if they are beholden to more than one master, namely, the management company as well as the association. I would suggest that you advise that law firm that they either are willing to represent you 100 percent with respect to all issues that come before your association for which they have expertise or you go somewhere else.

Q: I am wondering whether there is any housing available for me and my extended family, and, whether a second kitchen for the adults living in a separate guest suite is available.

A: There was a recent article in the Wall Street Journal indicating that more than 18 percent of the U.S. population lives in a multi-generational household which is defined as having at least two adult generations or with a skipped generation such as a grandchild living with a grandparent.

However, there are obviously a multitude of restrictions placed upon this type of living arrangement by local municipalities. These restrictions have prompted some builders to offer scaled-down kitchens, and dream up alternative names for the forbidden amenities buyers crave. The bottom line, however, is that it is difficult for families to find workable living arrangements for multiple generations. The question is whether these are any different than homes in the much larger custom homes arena, which have two full kitchens in various locations of the home. You are best advised to consider going on the Internet to find a Realtor who specializes in this type of housing, although, I recognize that builders will be developing this type of housing in the near future subject to zoning requirements.

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REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Investors

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

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

For more information, call Bill Beddoes at 734-934-9091 or Wayne Koehler at 313-819-0919.

Regional properties lauded by Building Owners and Managers Association

The North Central Region of the Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) announced 12 properties winning in the regional level competition of The Outstanding Building of the Year (TOBY) Award. The North Central Region includes Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Kentucky.

The TOBY Awards is the most prestigious and comprehensive program of its kind in the commercial real estate industry, recognizing excellence in office building management and operations in specific categories of building size or type. To win the regional award, the office buildings first won at the local competition level. Twenty-two distinguished properties participated in the regional competition this year.

The regional winners will now proceed to international competition where winners will be announced live on June 28 at the TOBY reception and banquet at the BOMA International 2016 Every Building Conference and Expo in Washington, D.C.

"Recognition as a TOBY award winning property is the ultimate honor, it instills a sense of pride of ownership in the management team and extends financial and environmental benefit for our owners, clients and the community long into the future," said Paula Goldman-Spinner, RPA, president of BOMA North

Central Region.

The winners of the 2016 North Central Regional TOBY Awards:

» BOMA/Chicago
Under 100,000 Square Feet Category

Building Name: 564 W. Randolph - Chicago
Management Company: Sterling Bay Property Management

Owner: 564 W. Randolph, LLC

» BOMA/Columbus
100,000 - 249,999 Square Feet Category

Building Name: Town Center - Columbus, Ohio
Management Company: Continental Realty, Ltd.

Owner: The Ohio Police & Fire Pension Fund

» BOMA/Chicago
250,000 - 499,999 Square Feet Category

Building Name: 550 West Washington - Chicago
Management Company: JLL

Owner: MetLife

» BOMA/Chicago
500,000 - 1 Million Square Feet Category

Building Name: 200 West Madison - Chicago
Management Company: Transwestern

Owner: MEPT 200 West Madison LLC, advised by Bentall Kennedy (U.S.) Limited Partnership

» BOMA/Chicago
Over 1 Million Square Feet Category

Building Name: AMA Plaza

- Chicago

Management Company: Riverview Realty Property Management, Inc.

Owner: 330 N. Wabash Avenue, L.L.C.

» BOMA/Chicago
Corporate Facility Category

Building Name: 300 East Randolph - Chicago
Management Company: CBRE, Inc.

Owner: Health Care Service Corporation

» BOMA/Chicago
Earth Award Category

Building Name: 71 South Wacker - Chicago
Management Company: JLL

Owner: The Irvine Company

» BOMA/Indianapolis
Suburban Office Park, Low-Rise Category

Building Name: Castleton Park - Indianapolis, Ind.
Management Company: Cushman & Wakefield

Owner: NRFC Castleton Park Holdings, LLC

» BOMA/Suburban Chicago
Suburban Office Park, Mid-Rise Category

Building Name: The Corporate Center of Northbrook - Northbrook, Ill.
Management Company: JLL

Owner: CCH 1033 LLC

» BOMA/Chicago
Historical Building Category

Building Name: The Wrigley Building - Chicago

Management Company: Zeller Realty Group

Owner: BDT Capital Partners, LLC and Zeller Realty Group

» BOMA/Indianapolis
Medical Office Building

Building Name: IU Neuroscience Center - Indianapolis, Ind.

Management Company: Landmark Healthcare Facilities, LLC

Owner: Landmark Healthcare Facilities, LLC

» BOMA/Chicago
Renovated Building Category

Building Name: 111 North Canal - The Gogo Building - Chicago

Management Company: Sterling Bay

Owner: 111 N. Canal Realty Company LLC

Founded in 1907, the Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) International is an international federation of 93 local associations and affiliated organizations.

The nearly 18,000 members of BOMA International own or manage more than 9 billion square feet of commercial properties in North America and abroad.

BOMA's mission is to enhance the human, intellectual and physical assets of the commercial real estate industry through advocacy, education, research, standards and information. For more information, visit

www.boma.org.

RELIGION CALENDAR

APRIL

RUMMAGE, BAKE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday, April 29, 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, April 30

Location: Antioch Lutheran Church, 33360 W. 13 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: From 1-3 p.m. Friday all items will be half off; \$5 bag sale, along with 50 percent off in boutique on Saturday.

Contact: 248-626-7906; antiochelca@sbcglobal.net

MAY

CARD PARTY

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 6

Location: \$5 Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer, Westland

Details: Play cards and games of your choice. Admission is \$8. Door, table prizes, 50-50, light meal and snacks

Contact: 734-722-1343

CHARITY CRAFT & VENDOR SHOW

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, May 14

Location: St. Mel's Catholic Church, 7506 Inkster Road, north of Warren Road in Dearborn Heights.

Details: Admission is \$1 with all proceeds to help veterans and their families. Bake sale, food available.

Contact: AmericanLegionAux396craftshow@yahoo.com.

CONCERT

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. May 15

Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford

Details: The concert Choir of Michigan Lutheran Seminary of Saginaw performs. A free will offering will be accepted

Contact: 313-532-8655 or 734-968-3523

DANCE

Time/Date: 5 p.m. social hour, 6 p.m. buffet, May 15

Location: St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church, 26375 W. Chicago Road, Redford

Details: Music by the Off Beats and entertainment for children. Tickets, including dinner and refreshments, are \$40 per person; free for children, 12 and under. Sponsored by the Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit to benefit retired Orthodox priests and priests' widows.

Contact: Mihaela Charlier at 313-595-7640 or coccddetroit@yahoo.com

FOOD ASSISTANCE

Time/Date: Doors open at 9 a.m., Saturday, May 7

Location: Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Leverage, Redford

Details: S.H.A.R.E. program includes spending time "in God's word," followed by distribution of bagged groceries. Open to the first 40 families

Contact: Diane at 313-937-2424

MOM2MOM SALE

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, May 7

Location: St. Valentine School Gym, 25875 Hope, Redford

Details: Bake sale, refreshments. \$1admission, \$2 early bird. For table rental and contact visit stvalentineschool.com

Contact: Renee Williams at 313-931-2549, Renee3471@att.net; Jessica Wimmer at 734-223-3390, Jessica.wimmer@hotmail.com

PRAYER IN THE PARK

Time/Date: Prayer, 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; worship and prayer service, 6:30 p.m., Thursday, May 5

Location: Kellogg Park, downtown Plymouth

Details: Pastors from various churches will lead prayers throughout the day, coming together for the worship service in the evening. Sponsored by Heartbeat of Plymouth in celebration of National Day of Prayer

Contact: heartbeatofplymouth.com

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m. Thursday, May 5; 9 a.m.-noon Friday, May 6; 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, May 7

Location: Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Newburgh and Wayne Road, Livonia

Details: \$2 per adult Thursday only; free admission Friday-Saturday. Saturday half-price sale

Contact: 734-422-0149

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 6-8:30 p.m. May 5, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. May 6, 9:30 a.m.-noon, May 7

Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 S. W. Livonia

Details: Preview sale on Thursday is \$2 admission. \$3 bag sale (bags will be provided) and half-price sale on Saturday

Contact: 734-464-0211

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday, May 19, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday, May 20

Location: First Farmington United Methodist Church, 33112 Grand River Ave., at Warner Street, Farmington

Details: Bag sale will be Friday. Items that don't fit in the bag will be half off that day

Contact: 248-474-6573

RUMMAGE, BAKE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 13-14

Location: Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia

Details: Furniture, crafts, electronics, books, clothing, toys, kitchen items, small appliances, holiday decorations, jewelry, collectibles, gadgets, antiques, office items and more. \$3 bag sale begins at 12:30 p.m. Saturday. Cash only

Contact: 734-427-1414

ONGOING

CLASSES/STUDY

Our Lady of Loretto

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

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township

Details: Scripture study

Contact: 313-534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel Parish

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursday, through May

Location: 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Gary Michuta, author and Catholic apologist, leads a study of Isaiah. Bring your own Bible

Contact: 734-261-1455, ext 200 or on line at www.livoniast-michael.org.

Faith Community Wesleyan

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

Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia

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

Contact: pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

Exercise

Time/Date: 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday

Location: Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia

Details: Instructor Wendy Motta, a seven-year Zumba practitioner, teaches Zumba through drop-in classes. Each costs \$3. Participants should bring water, a towel and wear athletic shoes. For more information, email Motta through zumba.com

Contact: 313-408-3364

FAMILY MEAL

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

Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

Details: Free meal

Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

HEALING SERVICE

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

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

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

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

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

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

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

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

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

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

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

Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

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

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

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday

Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

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

Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

St. Edith Church

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

Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

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

Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1223

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St. Michael Lutheran Church

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

Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

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

Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

Recycling

RISEN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. third Saturday of the month

Location: 46250 Ann Arbor Road, between Sheldon and Beck roads, Plymouth

Details: Recycle your cell phones, laser cartridges, inkjet cartridges, laptops, iPods, iPads, tablets, eReaders on the third Saturday of each month. Use the doors on east side of church.

Contact: Lynn Hapman at 734-466-9023

SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach

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

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304

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

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

Steve's Family Restaurant

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

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

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

Contact: 313-534-0399

SONG CIRCLE

Congregation Beth Ahm

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

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

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

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

SUPPORT

Apostolic Christian Church

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

Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

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

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

Connection Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday

Location: 3855 Sheldon, Canton

Details: Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery for all hurts, habits and hang-ups. Child care is available for free

Contact: Jonathan@Connectionchurch.info or 248-787-5009

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202

Details: Addition No More offers support for addictive behavior problems

Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

Farmington Hills Baptist Church

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August

Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills

Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group

Contact: 248-433-1011

Merriman Road Baptist Church

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday

Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City

Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations

Contact: www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519

Fireside Church of God

Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Fireside Adult Day Ministry activity-based program for dependent adults, specializing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center

Contact: 734-855-4056 or 734-464-0990; www.firesidechgo.org; or email to adm@firesidechgo.org

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. Saturday

Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: A twice-monthly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available

Contact: 734-421-8451

St. Thomas a' Becket Church

Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton

Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly

Contact: Margaret at 734-838-0322

Unity of Livonia

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia

Details: Overeaters Anonymous

Contact: 248-559-7722; www.oa.org for additional information

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 6 p.m. dinner (optional); 7 p.m. worship; 8 p.m. small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/desserts), Thursday

Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township

Details: Celebrate Recovery helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hangups (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is free.

Contact: Child care, 248-374-7400; www.celebraterecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate

THRIFT STORE

St. James Presbyterian

Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford

Contact: 313-534-7730 for

additional information

Way of Life Christian Church

Time/Date: 2-3:30 p.m. third Saturday from October through May

Location: 9401 General Drive, Lilley Executive Plaza, Suite 100, Plymouth

Details: Women's fellowship is designed for women with a question to know God more in their lives.

Contact: 734-637-7618

TOUR

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. to noon first Sunday of the month

Location: The Solanus Casey Center, a Capuchin ministry, at 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit

Details: Led by Capuchin friar Larry Webber, the director of the Solanus Casey Center, the tour focuses on the spirituality and holiness of Father Solanus, a humble Capuchin friar credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. No reservations are needed, although the center requests an advance phone call for groups of five or more. No cost for the tour, although donations are accepted.

Contact: 313-579-2100, Ext. 149; www.solanuscenter.org

WORSHIP

Adat Shalom Synagogue

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday; 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Sunday; and 6 p.m. weekdays

Location: 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

Contact: 248-851-5100

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services; 9:45 a.m. Sunday school and youth and adult Bible classes



Artist Lyn Wagner-Ditzhazy poses with a four-legged customer at an art show.

"They look like something that would have come from an archeological dig. I like asymmetrical things that don't look super clean, like they are industrial."

LYN WAGNER-DITZHAZY
Plymouth jewelry maker



This necklace by Lyn Wagner-Ditzhazy of Plymouth is imperial green jasper and leopardskin jasper in heavy gage sterling silver.

PLYMOUTH ARTIST FASHIONS UNIQUE 'WEARABLE RELICS'

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Lyn Wagner-Ditzhazy has always enjoyed attending Art Birmingham.

"It's the first major show of the outdoor season. My husband would take me there for Mother's Day. We have four cats and he'd joke, let's pick out something for the cats."

"I guess I can't get anything this year because I'm in the show," she said, with a laugh.

The Plymouth jewelry maker will sell her "Archeo-Dustrial" necklaces, bracelets, and earrings at the 35th annual art show, which runs 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 7, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 8, in and surrounding Shain Park, in downtown Birmingham.

Although it's Wagner-Ditzhazy's first time at Art Birmingham, she regularly shows in other outdoor festivals. In June she'll be at the Clay, Glass and Metal Show in Royal Oak and the St. Clair Art Fair in St. Clair; in July at Art in the Park

Wagner-Ditzhazy also earned a certificate in gemology.

She describes her work as a fusing of archeological and industrial styles, a look she calls "Archeo-Dustrial." The pieces are meant to be "wearable relics."

"They look like something that would have come from an archeological dig. I like asymmetrical things that don't look super clean, like they are industrial."

Although she has tried her hand at glass making, she prefers to focus on metal. She obtains the non-metal materials for her jewelry from lapidarists, stone-cutters and fine glass bead artists.

Favorite stones

"I like the feel of metal and hammering and the setting of stones. I love stones. I have my favorites. I love labradorite because it has a sheen almost like a moonstone sheen. Iridescent."

"I love garnet, citrine, turquoise. That would be for bead-



A one-of-a-kind bracelet made of natural stones and other pieces

"It does help a lot when you make metal jewelry. You understand the properties of how metal will react. I know how it will look at a certain temperature. I have a working knowledge of soldering and how a metal will bend."

Wagner-Ditzhazy's husband,



A handmade artisan pottery tile with a cat image is set into sterling silver.

Tom, began making garden flower sculptures last year by assembling glass bowls, plates and other objects. He sold several of them at her art fair both.

"He's barging in on my turf," she joked. "Without him, I couldn't do my shows. He helps with set up and stays at the



Tom Ditzhazy makes garden sculptures by assembling glass pieces. He sells them at his wife's jewelry booth.

shows with me."

For more about Wagner-Ditzhazy's art visit funkybeadz.com.

For more about Art Birmingham visit artbirmingham.org or call the Guild of Artists & Artisans at 734-662-3382.

New films: Kitty incites gang war in comedy 'Keanu'

Check local theaters for screening times for these films opening soon.

Friday, April 29

"Keanu" features comedy duo Keegan-Michael Key and Jordan Peele as straight-laced cousins, Clarence and Rell. When Rell's kitten, Keanu, is catnapped, the pair impersonate killers in order to retrieve the feline. But a gang war custody battle ensues, forcing the two cousins to take the law in their own hands. Also starring Tiffany Haddish, Method Man, Jason Mitchell, with Luis Guzman, Nia Long and Will Forte. Directed by Peter Atencio. Rated R.

"In the horror-thriller, 'Green Room,' Patrick Stewart plays a diabolical club owner who faces off against an unsuspecting young punk band. The band, The Ain't Rights, are finishing up a long and unsuccessful tour, and are about to call it quits when they get an unexpected booking at an isolated, run-down club deep in

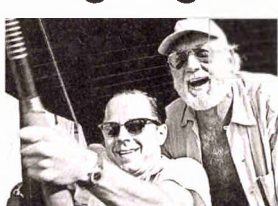


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"Keanu" is a sought-after kitten in the comedy starring Keegan-Michael Key and Jordan Peele.

the backwoods of Oregon. The gig escalates into something much more sinister when band members witness an act of violence backstage that they weren't meant to see. Now trapped backstage, they must turn the tables on their captor. Rated R.

"Mother's Day," directed by Garry Marshall, is a romantic comedy that follows the intertwining stories about the lives of several mothers as the holiday approaches. Stars Julia



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Giovani Ribisi (left) plays Ed Myers, a young journalist, and Adrian Sparks is Ernest Hemingway in the film, "Papa: Hemingway in Cuba."

Roberts, Jennifer Aniston, Kate Hudson, and Jason Sudeikis. Rated PG-13.

"Papa: Hemingway in Cuba," is the first Hollywood film to shoot on location in Cuba since the 1959 revolution. The film tells the story of a young journalist who finds a father figure in legendary author Ernest Hemingway. Their relationship began in the late 1950s when Ed Myers, then a reporter at The Miami Herald, wrote a fan letter to his idol.

Myers thought he was being pranked when Hemingway phoned the newsroom a week later, inviting him to Havana. Stars Adrian Sparks, Giovani Ribisi, Joely Richardson, and Mariel Hemingway. Directed by Bob Yari. Rated R.

"Ratchet & Clank" is an animated movie based on the iconic PlayStation video game. Two unlikely heroes struggle to stop a vile alien named Chairman Drek from destroying every planet in the Solana Galaxy. Ratchet is the last of his kind and has grown up alone on a backwater planet with no family of his own. Clank is a pint-sized robot with more brains than brawn. When the two stumble upon a dangerous weapon capable of destroying entire planets, they must join forces with a team of colorful heroes called The Galactic Rangers in order to save the galaxy. Rated PG.

May 6

"Captain America: Civil War" finds Steve Rogers lead-

ing the newly formed team of Avengers in their continued efforts to safeguard humanity. But after another incident involving the Avengers results in collateral damage, political pressure mounts to install a system of accountability — and fractures the heroes into two camps. Steve Rogers wants the group to remain free from government interference. Tony Stark supports government oversight. Rated PG-13.

"Sing Street" opens at the Maple Theatre. It tells the story of Conor, a 14-year-old boy, who is looking for a break from home while trying to adjust to his new inner-city school in 1980s Dublin. He finds a glimmer of hope in the beautiful Raphina and with the aim of winning her heart he invites her to star in his band's music videos. There's only one problem, he's not part of a band. Directed by John Carney. Rated PG-13.

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Ziggy Gruber, a third-generation deli owner, shows off a towering sandwich in "Deli Man."



A Jewish baker and his Muslim apprentice work together in "Dough."

GET A TASTE OF DELI, ISRAELI CUISINE ON THE BIG SCREEN



A film crew records a scene from the documentary, "In Search of Israeli Cuisine."

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Go Sunday, May 8, to the opening of the 18th annual Lenore Marwil Jewish Film Festival on a full stomach.

You won't regret it as you see towering sandwiches and simmering soup on screen in the documentary "Deli Man" and breads and baked delicacies in the fictional story "Dough."

Save your appetite for Monday, May 9, when the patron event serves a strolling dinner reception and screening of the documentary "In Search of Israeli Cuisine."

"Deli Man," "Dough" and "In Search of Israeli Cuisine" are among 32 films that will screen during the festival, which runs May 8-13 and 15-19 at the Berman Center for the Performing Arts, on the campus of the Jewish Community

Center of Metro Detroit, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield.

A festival selection committee viewed more than 250 films and chose 32 for the annual event. Although the two films May 8 and the patron event screening May 9 focus on food themes, Eric Lumberg, film festival chairman, said the committee selects movies based on their connection to the Jewish community. They also represent a goal "to bring high quality, entertaining and education films" to the audience.

"While it was not a conscious decision to highlight food, when a great film is available we want to show it," he said. "Besides, who doesn't like watching movies about food? It's a great way to spend Mother's Day, either going out to eat before the film or getting hungry while watching and then enjoying a meal afterward."

terward.

"Our patron event will feature the cuisine showcased in the film 'In Search of Israeli Cuisine' and everyone is really excited for this evening. The recipes are amazing and having the filmmaker here will be a highlight of the festival."

Academy Award-nominated filmmaker Roger Sherman will be on hand for a talk-back after the film screens at 8 p.m. The dinner, at 6:30 p.m., features the cuisine of chef Michael Solomonov of Zahav, a restaurant in Philadelphia, Pa., that serves Israeli-style food. Solomonov serves as the guide in the documentary that looks at chefs, home cooks, farmers, vintners and cheese makers from Israel's many cultures.

"What is amazing in Israel, I think, it's the only country in the world that so many cuisines came here together," Meir Adoni, an Israeli chef,

says in the film. "And you have like more than 150 cuisines that came and all of them, of course, Jewish."

"Deli Man," which screens at 2 p.m. May 8, explores Jewish culture through delicatessens. It focuses on Ziggy Gruber, third-generation deli restaurant owner, and includes interviews with other deli owners and patrons.

"My grandfather threw an apron at me and I said this is my calling," Gruber says in the film. "When I cook, I feel my ancestors around me. And that's what drives me. Someone's got to take this food and continue it."

In addition to the screening May 8 in West Bloomfield, "Deli Man" will be shown at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 12, at Hygrade Deli, 640 Michigan Ave., Detroit. Cost is \$10 and includes deli food at 6:30 p.m. Register online for the event

at werepair.org/detroit. It's presented by Detroit City Moishe House and Repair the World.

See "Dough," at 8 p.m. May 8. The film tells the fictional story of a friendship between an older Jewish baker and his young Muslim apprentice.

Tickets for individual films are \$12. A matinee pass, good for five screenings at 2 p.m., is \$40 for JCC members and \$45 for non-members. A patron pass is \$360 and includes two tickets to every film, along with the patron night reception.

For tickets and more information about the patron event, call 248-661-1900 or go to jccdet.org. Tickets also are available at the Berman Center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Battle with your barbecue ribs to win cash prizes

Diana Wing
Correspondent

It's time to roll up your sleeves, fire up the grill and practice your barbecue skills. The sixth annual barbecue ribs competition, BBQ Battle, is accepting applications.

The barbecue cook-off is set for June 18 at Summer in the Village in Lathrup Village.

Jeremy Brown of Oakland County Parks organizes the barbecue competition, which involves up to 30 teams that compete for more than \$1,500 in cash prizes.

According to Brown, a Kansas City BBQ Society-certified

judge, competition ribs are not "falling off the bone" style.

"You should be able to bite into it, pull away from it and see your bite-mark in the rib. You're judging based on appearance, taste and tenderness. All of those are weighted differently," he said. "I like to see nice even cuts in the ribs, an even glaze of sauce, a little pull back on the bone."

Brown, who has organized barbecue competitions for six years, said the rivalry is friendly and that barbecue is a "unifier."

"It brings everybody together. We have such a good group of guys competing and

everyone is comparing notes and seeing what the other guys are doing and learning from each other."

Teams come with all levels of competition experience and all sizes of grills.

"Some guys are really big into it. They will bring a smoker that costs \$5,000 to \$7,000 and they go to all the big competitions every year. And then you'll also have the guy who's a backyard barbecuer and all of his friend are like hey, you make really good ribs. You should enter this competition. And that guy may bring \$100 smoker and I've seen those guys win, several times."



Applications are available for competitors and judges for the Summer in the Village BBQ Cook-off, June 18, in Lathrup Village.

Entry fee is \$50 per team. Gas, coal or wood chip fires can be used. For competition rules and applications, go to

summerinthevillage.com. Email Brown at brownjd@oakgov.com for more information.

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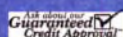
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