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Wayne holds budget kick-off meeting

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Financially strapped Wayne will host a Budget Kick-Off meeting Saturday, April 11, at the Wayne Public Library.

The city's auditors, Plante Moran will present an overview of the current budget followed a public question-and-answer period. Plante Moran is also providing additional finance services to the city, which has been without a finance director since last summer.

Based on data provided at previous meetings, the city has a shortfall of more than $650,000 in the current budget year. A $2 million deficit is projected for the upcoming 2015-16 fiscal year.

On the May 5 ballot, Wayne voters are being asked to approve establishing a P.A. 345 retirement plan for police and firefighters along with 3 mills to be levied for five years. That would generate just over $1 million per year. A similar proposal was rejected by voters in 2013.

After seeing huge property value decreases during the recession, Wayne property values have begun to stabilize and increase slightly.

"We are starting to make progress and turn it around. We don't want to fall behind on the pensions," said Councilman Albert Damitio, who has been tasked to work on the city's budget and finances.

The pensions are currently 70 percent funded and the millage would cover the necessary payment without taking the $1 million from the general fund. That would address half the projected deficit.

"It's like changing the oil in a car. It costs more if you wait until the engine goes," Damitio said. "We need to keep the

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Dawn Lafferty shows some of the 300 dresses that will be given away at the Prom Dress Closet Saturday.

Prom Closet pairs girls with free dresses

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

When Dawn Lafferty started Angels Above Baby Gowns in May 2014, the goal was to make 200 infant burial gowns by the end of the year.

With the first anniversary fast approaching, her Angel Above volunteers have blown past that goal, making more than 4,000 gowns. Of that number about 3,500 have been distributed to 28 hospitals in Michigan, three out-of-state hospitals and a military base hospital in Georgia.

The gowns are made from donated wedding gowns and prom dresses.

"We tell people that if we can't use them, we will donate the prom dresses to girls who can use them," the Garden City resident said. "We have about 300 prom dresses we need to give away."

With that in mind, Lafferty is teaming up with the Rainbow Girls of Wayne Assembly 72 to hold a Prom Dress Closet from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 11, at the Wayne Masonic Temple 112, 37137 Palmer, Westland.

The gently used dresses will be available free of charge, although a donation of $10 is being asked to cover the cost of cleaning them. The donations will go directly back to AABG to defray the costs of creating the angel gowns made for families experiencing infant loss.

Lafferty's secretary, Ka-

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Wayne Police to hold community meetings

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Wayne residents and business owners will have a chance to talk with police and discuss their concerns at monthly meetings beginning Thursday, April 30.

"This is something I've been wanting to do since I became chief," Wayne Police Chief Alan Maciag said. "It's always important to have good relations with the community. This is a good community building thing."

The meetings will be held at 7 p.m. on the last Thursday of the month in the Wayne Activities and Banquet Center on Sims at Wayne Road.

The department will provide an overview of current operations as well as recent crime trends and other information.

"The feedback that we receive from these meetings is tremendously important in helping us to improve upon the work the department does on behalf of our residents and businesses," Maciag said. "We look forward to a high level of participation."

Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting, but Maciag said he expects to see representatives from crime watch/neighborhood watch groups established around the city.

"Last summer, there was a big push for neighborhood watch and a meeting in the park," Maciag said. "It's hard for us to get to all their meetings. They can send their captains to get data about what is happening in the community."

Unlike some police departments which have had some high-profile issues recently, Maciag said there hasn't been a problem in Wayne prompting the community meetings.

"This will give people an opportunity to hear what is going on in the community," Maciag said. "We can't be successful without a good relationship with the city."

As kick-off to the community meetings, the Wayne McDonald's Restaurant at Wayne Road and West Michigan Avenue is hosting a coffee with police from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, April 18.

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County commissioner LeBlanc to run for city clerk

By LeAnne Rogers
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LeBlanc

Wayne County Commissioner Richard LeBlanc has filed paperwork to run for Westland City Clerk.

A Westland Democrat, LeBlanc, 56, is midway through his second two-year term on the county commission. Before that, he served three terms as a state representative, nine years on the Westland City Council and four years on the Wayne-Westland school board.

"I've been elected in town nine terms. I am very appreciative of the electorate. That's something I pride myself on," LeBlanc said.

LeBlanc is the first candidate to file to run for city clerk, which has a four-year term. It's a full-time job with a $91,000 salary.

Incumbent Clerk Eileen DeHart Schoof, 66, will be not be seeking reelection and will retire at the end of the year.

Elected in 2003, Schoof took office as Westland's first elected city clerk in 2004. Before being elected clerk, Schoof had served in the state legislature and on the Westland City Council.

Schoof has endorsed LeBlanc in his bid to replace her as city clerk.

"I have worked closely with Richard for nearly two decades and believe he will make an excellent Westland city clerk," Schoof said. "Longstanding public service is something we share, and I am confident I will be leaving the office to a person with unquestionable professional conduct. I plan to do all I can to assist in his election."

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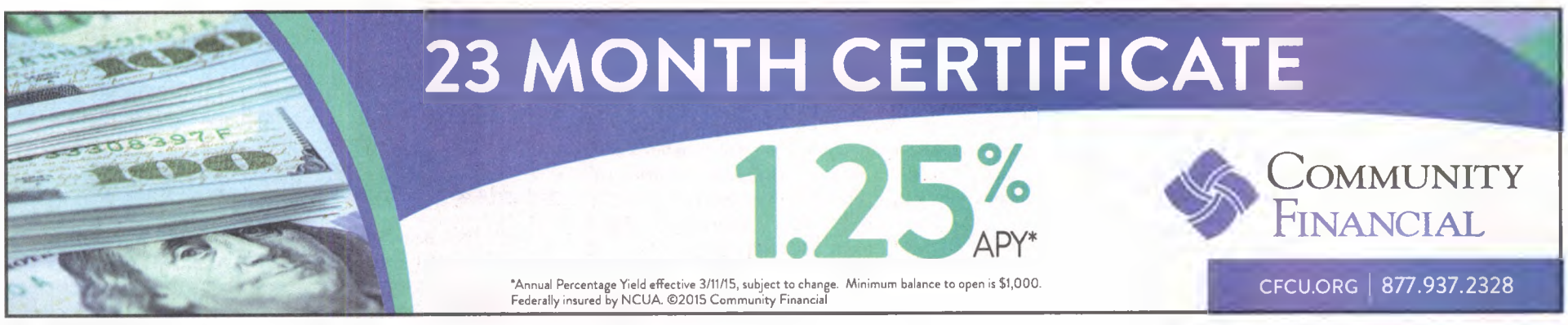

New trial date set in HalloWayne case

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A new trial has been scheduled for a Wayne man charged with identity theft related to the HalloWayne event.

There had been a mistrial declared in February after the jury deadlocked on the charge against Christopher Sanders, 46.

Sanders is charged with a single count of identity theft. Five other charges, including larceny by conversion, embezzlement as an agent or trustee and embezzlement from a nonprofit charitable organization, had been dismissed at the preliminary examination.

The new trial date is June 22 once again before Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Alexis Glendening.

Sanders operates the nonprofit Destination Wayne, which sponsored HalloWayne. The charges that were filed against Sanders centered on a $1,000 check that was deposited into his personal bank account. A complaint had been filed by an entrant into the 2013 HalloWayne pumpkin carving contest, which offered a $1,000 prize that was never awarded.

The check was written to Mike Spence, who had testified he was offered the money by Sanders if he claimed to be the winner of the 2013 HalloWayne pumpkin carving contest sponsored by Destination Wayne and the Wayne Chamber of Commerce. Spence testified he never entered the pumpkin carving contest and didn't claim to have won.

Sanders deposited the check, payable to Spence, into his personal bank account.

Having entered a not guilty plea at his arraignment, Sanders remains free on bond.

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pensions funded so that we don't fall behind."

The city is also investigating options, such as self-insurance, to help reduce costs for retiree health care, while making the system viable, Damitio said.

"With the deep cuts we have done in the city over the past decade, I don't see us with any more personnel cuts," Damitio said.

The Budget Kick-off meeting has check-in beginning at 8:30 a.m. with the meeting set to begin promptly at 9 a.m. and concluding by 11:30 a.m. The Wayne Public Library is at 3737 S. Wayne Road.

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'Great opportunity'

For his part, LeBlanc said he would not have filed in the race, if Schoof was seeking reelection.

"I view this as a great opportunity to serve Westland. I think a number of things fall into my qualifications," LeBlanc said. "My educational background, my attention to detail, my elected service background and relationships, I have been able to get things done at the schools, the city, the state and the county."

Along with his announcement, LeBlanc included a long list of endorsements besides Schoof. They range from Westland Mayor William Wild and the entire city council to school board members, state legislators, such as State Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland, to city labor unions.

"The relationship my administration has had with Richard during his service as our county commissioner and as our state representative has been exceptional," Wild said. "We share a positive vision for our community, and I offer my highest level of support for his election."

If elected city clerk, LeBlanc said he isn't coming with any agenda for changes.

"I would hope folks wouldn't notice a change except the person behind the desk," he said.

In addition to his elective service, LeBlanc was employed by the Ford Motor Company, and served 22 years with the Canton Police Department in a part-time capacity. He holds a bachelor's degree in business administration.

Married to Cheryl for 35 years, the couple has two adult sons and three grandchildren.

Four council seats will be filled this year. Incumbents with expiring terms are Council President James Godbout, along with Councilmen Adam Hammons, Bill Johnson and Dewey Reeves. Johnson and Reeves have each paid the $100 fee in lieu of nominating petitions to seek reelection.

Non-incumbents Steve Boron — who unsuccessfully ran for state representative as a Republican in 2014 and Libertarian in 2012 — and former Wayne-Westland Schools board member Debra Fowlkes have also paid $100 in lieu of nominating petitions to run four council.

The filing deadline is 4 p.m. April 21.

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ren Pangborn's father is a Mason, and the Rainbow Girls picked the AABG as their charity. They've made ornaments and toured the studio in the basement of her home. The 15 Rainbow Girls will be returning to do the entire process of making a baby gown.

"They also gave us a donation," Lafferty said. "They're trying to be state champions and if they win, they'll get a bigger donation for our group."

"The prom dresses are for anybody; there's no income guideline," she said. "We also will be accepting wedding gowns at the event as well."

Basement studio

Lafferty has transformed her basement of her home into a studio. Volunteers meet from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Thursday for "lunch and dessert, sewing and friendship."

The volunteers work in groups of four dismantling a wedding gown. The skirts are separated from the bodice and the lace and beads removed. The material from the prom dresses are used to make vests for the boys' gowns.

Lafferty has one room set up with sewing machines and sergers that volunteers use to make the gowns. There are drawers filled with finished gowns in all sizes ready to be delivered to hospitals and a room where beading is organized for making the ornaments. In the laundry room, a larger portable closet holds close to 100 bags containing bridal skirts that need to be washed.

"We use lots of white threads, rolls of ribbon and trims to embellish the gowns," Lafferty said. "And we go through a lot of seam rippers taking the dresses apart."

A day doesn't go by that Lafferty doesn't receive a gown in the mail, and she can get as many as six calls a day about donations. The group will be accepting donations of wedding gowns at the Prom Dress Closet. It also will be doing a fundraiser. AABG has more than 60 brand new bridal gowns and an assortment of slips and veils that it will be selling.

"A man called from Maryland; he was cleaning out a store in a strip mall and found them. He said we could have them, if we came and got them," Lafferty said. "These aren't donated gowns, they're new. They still have the tags on them. Some were priced as much as $4,000."

The gowns come in different sizes and are being sold for $100 each. The money will go to support AABG, she said.

Working with TEARS

AABG also is working on with Michigan Chapter of the TEARS Foundation, which pays for current infant and unexpected child funeral expenses and assists with costs related to the cremation or burial of an infant or child up to age 12.

The chapter, headed up by Buddy and Shelby Shuh of Wayne, is holding a kick-off event on April 21 at the Westland City Hall for the 2015 Michigan Rock and Walk, and Lafferty hopes to be there. Rock and Walk, planned for Sept. 12 at Plymouth Christian Academy, raises money for families in need of funeral assistance, emotional support and other programs.

And AABG is growing with the start-up of Angels Above Baby Gowns-Houghton Lake. That group will help take care of the needs at hospitals in northern Michigan, Lafferty said.

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ANGELS ABOVE BABY GOWN

The mission of Angels Above Baby Gowns is to give grieving parents keepsakes of their babies to last a life time. AABG transforms wedding gowns into burial gowns "for angels born sleeping or that never go home from the hospital."

AABG donates Angel Care packages to hospitals to comfort parents experiencing infant loss. The care packages include a burial gown, burial wrap, angel ornament, bracelet or necklace, poem card and crochet baby hat.

In addition to donations of wedding , prom and First Communion dresses, AABG accepts donations of white thread (both spools and cones for sergers), small white bows, dark colored ribbon to make bow ties, tiny buttons (white, navy, black, brown, grey and cream), packaging bags (1-gallon Ziploc or generic), white tissue paper, lace trims, white bias tape, premmie and infant size crochet hats, scissors, seam rippers, yarn – pastels, white (baby colors) for wraps and hats, beading supplies (wires, clasps, beads, crimps, angel beads, crosses), gift cards to Joann Fabric, Hobby Lobby, Michael's or Visa and MasterCard to purchase supplies, and people to sew gowns at the studio or in their homes.

The AABG studio is at 251 Hubbard, Garden City. For more information, call 734-421-2322 or visit the Angels Above Baby Gowns Facebook page.

JULIE BROWN

Eager for the winning ticket to be drawn are Westland Rotarians Paul Motz (from left) of Westland, Dick Isham of Farmington Hills, and President Lou Toarmina of Westland.

Raffle winner excited about seeing Red Wings play

Paul Stano was happy to be the winner of a Detroit Red Wings suite raffle for Westland Rotary when his ticket was pulled on April 2.

"No kidding? Wow. Unbelievable. My goodness," said Stano when put on speaker phone by club President Lou Toarmina after his name was drawn. He was to enjoy a Joe Louis Arena suite when the Red Wings played the Hurricanes Tuesday, April 7.

The Rotary raffle raised more than $13,000, supporting the club's scholarships for high school graduates pursuing higher education, as well as charity work with the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army and others.

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Complainant: Livonia Public Schools election violation 'no small matter'

By Karen Smith
Staff Writer

Loyd Romick, the Livonia resident who alleges the Livonia Public Schools district and its teachers union violated the Michigan Campaign Finance Act last fall by sending campaign-related messages to LPS email addresses, says it is no small matter even if it was accidental as the district and union say.

Romick this week filed rebuttal statements to responses submitted by the district and teachers union with the state Bureau of Elections.

Those responses, dated March 17 and March 23, said the allegations should be dismissed in the district's case and result in no more than a warning letter for the union because use of the LPS email list and server by a union representative was inadvertent.

"I'll leave it up to you to decide the nature of the punishment. However, this is in no way a small matter," Romick wrote in an email to Lori A. Bourbonais of the Bureau of Elections.

Romick said the district did nothing to restore parity after the damage was done.

LPS Superintendent Randy Liepa could not be reached for comment Tuesday.

Dated Oct. 14, 2014, the email sent by the Livonia Education Association and the Michigan Education Association to LPS addresses recommended four of the eight candidates running: Mark Johnson, Colleen Burton, Liz Jarvis and Dan Centers. Only Centers ran unopposed. All four were elected; those who were opposed won by more than 2,200 votes each. The email also stated the MEA office had signs and literature "if you want to stop by."

In Michigan, it is a misdemeanor for a public body, or an individual acting on its behalf, to use or authorize the use of computer hardware or software or other public resources to make a campaign contribution or expenditure. A knowing violation is a felony, punishable by a fine of up to $10,000.

A letter from Goodman Acker, the law firm representing the teachers union, says an employee of the Michigan Education Association/ Livonia Education Association mistakenly sent the communication using the wrong email list and the MEA/LEA will reimburse the district $21.02 for the use of the list, the same amount it charged for the list in response to a recent FOIA request.

The letter says the complaint is "virtually identical" to one investigated by the state attorney general after a county clerk inadvertently used the county computer system to send a fundraising email on behalf of Secretary of State Ruth Johnson to a statewide list. The investigation determined the cost of the use of the email system was too minor to merit consideration and should result in no more than a warning letter.

As in that case, the use of the LPS email list and server was inadvertent and should result in no more than a warning letter, the letter from Goodman Acker states.

A letter from Keller Thoma, the law firm representing LPS, states the email was not drafted nor sent by the district nor a person acting for the district, but rather a secretarial employee of the MEA, Pat Gearns, who mistakenly used the district's email system. "Representatives of the MEA immediately acknowledged and apologized for this error," the letter states.

Gearns is an MEA employee and does not act for nor on behalf of the district, the letter states: "To suggest that the school district is somehow responsible for the content of the email in this case is akin to contending that any employer is responsible for the content of every email (spam or otherwise) that is delivered to its employees through its email system."

Romick said in his rebuttals that, accident or no accident, the damage was done and the district "could have provided the same list to the other candidates to restore parity. They chose not to."

He said at the time the email went out, the district had made it a policy to refuse to provide the district email addresses of any and all employees, even under FOIA.

"Can we not expect that our government will not only avoid breaking the law, but will also make amends without private citizens having to sue them into doing what is right?" he asked in the rebuttals.

Bourbonais said in the letter informing the district and union of the complaints that the bureau is neither making the allegations nor accepting them as true, but will investigate to determine whether there is reason to believe violations occurred.

If it determines that they have, the department's enforcement powers include referring the matter to the state attorney general for enforcement of the criminal penalty.

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Grandview students decorate bags for Easter for Meals on Wheels

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Fourth graders from left, back row: Samantha Vargo, Ellie Laskowski and Aurora Toth. From left, front row: Cadence Wood and Anthony Koka.

The Student Council for Grandview Elementary in Livonia decorated bags for Easter for Livonia Meals on Wheels.

"The seniors love getting the decorated bags. It really brightens their holidays!" said Colleen Bonner, a Meals on Wheels driver.

The Student Council has decorated more than 750 bags this year, for Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day and now Easter.

The Student Council has 45 members from grades three, four and five. The Student Council held fundraisers to purchase the decorations for the bags. Cindi Gibson and Stefan Terpack are the directors of Grandview's Student Council.

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Fifth graders from left, back row: Kaitlyn Valimont and Dylan Stadler. From left, front row: Jane Piontek, Ashley Ortiz and Grace Patterson.

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Third graders from left, back row: Elijah Stewart and Jacob Yakes. From left, front row: Katherine Kusisto, Kayleigh Owens and Marisa MacIver.

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Fifth graders: from left, back row: Mylee Vann, Patrick Mahoney, Ashlyn Kluesner and Trevor Madden. From left, front row: Bailey Black, Aaron Kluesner, Veronica Thomas, and Thomas Caswell.

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Fire in vacant Norwayne home under investigation

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

The cause of a fire that destroyed a home on Calhoun Court on April 3 — the second fire at the location in a year — is under investigation.

Wayne-Westland firefighters responded to a fire at the home at 31903 Calhoun Court about 1:30 p.m.

"The house was destroyed. It's a total loss inside. We've had trouble contacting the owner for permission to get back inside to investigate," Wayne-Westland Assistant Fire Chief/Fire Marshal Kelly Eggers said. "If needed, we will get a warrant (to reenter the house)."

The home, located on the corner of Calhoun Court and Grand Traverse, was boarded up and was not connected to utilities, including electricity, Eggers said.

"The home had been vacant for approximately a year. The neighbors said kids were in and out of there all the time," he said. "We had a fire in there a year ago. The house had been boarded up."

Firefighters did a good job containing the fire, Eggers said, keeping it from spreading to a neighboring home located about 10 feet from the vacant house.

The investigation into the cause of the fire was continuing Tuesday morning.

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FILE PHOTO

The fire that ripped through a vacant home on Calhoun Court was the second fire in a year at that address.

WESTLAND COP CALLS

Larceny

An Inkster man told police April 3 that someone had stolen 12 feet of chain link fence from a home in the 30000 block of Julius. He said the home has been vacant for a few years but he checks on it regularly.

The man reported last seeing the fence intact March 30. He speculated that metal scrappers took the fence.

Larceny

A Garden City woman told police March 31 that she had forgotten her purse at Baskin Robbins, 8280 Merriman. When she realized she had left her purse, she said she returned but the purse was gone. The woman told police she had checked in the dumpsters and around the building but was unable to locate the purse.

Package missing

Two LED lanterns valued at $78 were reported stolen from a home in the 33000 block of Cowan on March 31. The homeowner told police UPS reported the lanterns had been delivered on March 30. The homeowner said he had been home all day and never heard the package being delivered.

Vandalism

On April 4, a Garden City man told police that his 2014 Ford F-150 was parked for an hour in Hines Park near Hines Drive and Merriman Hollow. When he returned, someone had keyed the front and sides of the truck damaging the paint.

Vandalism

A resident at Westland Colonial Village Apartments, 8181 N. Wayne Road told police April 4 that someone had struck her 2014 Chrysler 300 damaging the drivers side rear bumper and tail light.

The vehicle had been dirty, so the owner said she hadn't noticed it until after the car was washed. The damage was believed to have happened within the past month.

Fraud

On March 30, a Westland man told police he and his wife had their income taxes prepared on a joint return. He said he was later contacted by H&R Block who reported the return had been rejected because his Social Security number had been used to file a tax return.

By LeAnne Rogers

GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

Larceny from vehicle

A Dearborn Heights man who was parked outside of Sports Venue located at 6327 Middlebelt about 2 p.m. April 1 reported that somebody stole a red-and-white megaphone from inside his 2014 Town and Country vehicle.

The 1,000-watt megaphone was valued at $250.

Although the owner said that the vehicle was locked, the police could find no evidence of forced entry. There are no witnesses to the incident.

The police were unable to reach the bar owner at the time of the police report to review the surveillance tape but planned to do so.

Property damage

A Tim Hortons employee said that after she parked her vehicle at 6 a.m. April 1 in the adjacent parking lot at the Arby's Restaurant, 30049 Ford, she found her back window broken out at noon the same day when she returned to it.

A heavy object was used to break the window.

Vehicle theft

A resident in the 28000 block of Bridge reported that when he went out at 6 a.m. April 1, he found that someone had stolen his 2000 Ford Escort.

The car owner told the Garden City police officer that his car was paid off and he has all the keys.

Theft

A Garden City man who lives in the 6700 block of Lathers reported that someone stole the $300 catalytic converter from his Chevy Cavalier that was parked in the street March 29.

Fraud

A resident in the 9700 block of Belton reported March 27 that someone made unauthorized charges using her bank card information at the Home Depot stores in Canton, Plymouth and Dearborn.

The Garden City resident said that she used her debit card at the Canton store a few days prior.

Suspended license

A 28-year-old Taylor woman was arrested for driving with a suspended license March 27 in the area of Middlebelt and Dawson.

The Garden City police officer made traffic stop when he observed the driver failed to stop at the red light at Middlebelt and Block.

The driver also couldn't produce proof of insurance.

By Sue Buck

WAYNE COP CALLS

Vandalism

» A resident in the 4400 block of S. Wayne Road told police April 3 that someone had slashed the tires on his vehicle.

» On April 4, a resident in the 34000 block of Glenwood told police someone had smashed the windshield on his 2002 Chevrolet Blazer with a ratchet.

Larceny from a vehicle

A cell phone was reported stolen from a vehicle parked at Aspen Auto Sales, 33125 Michigan Ave., April 4.

By LeAnne Rogers

Meet muralist depicting city's Polish American history

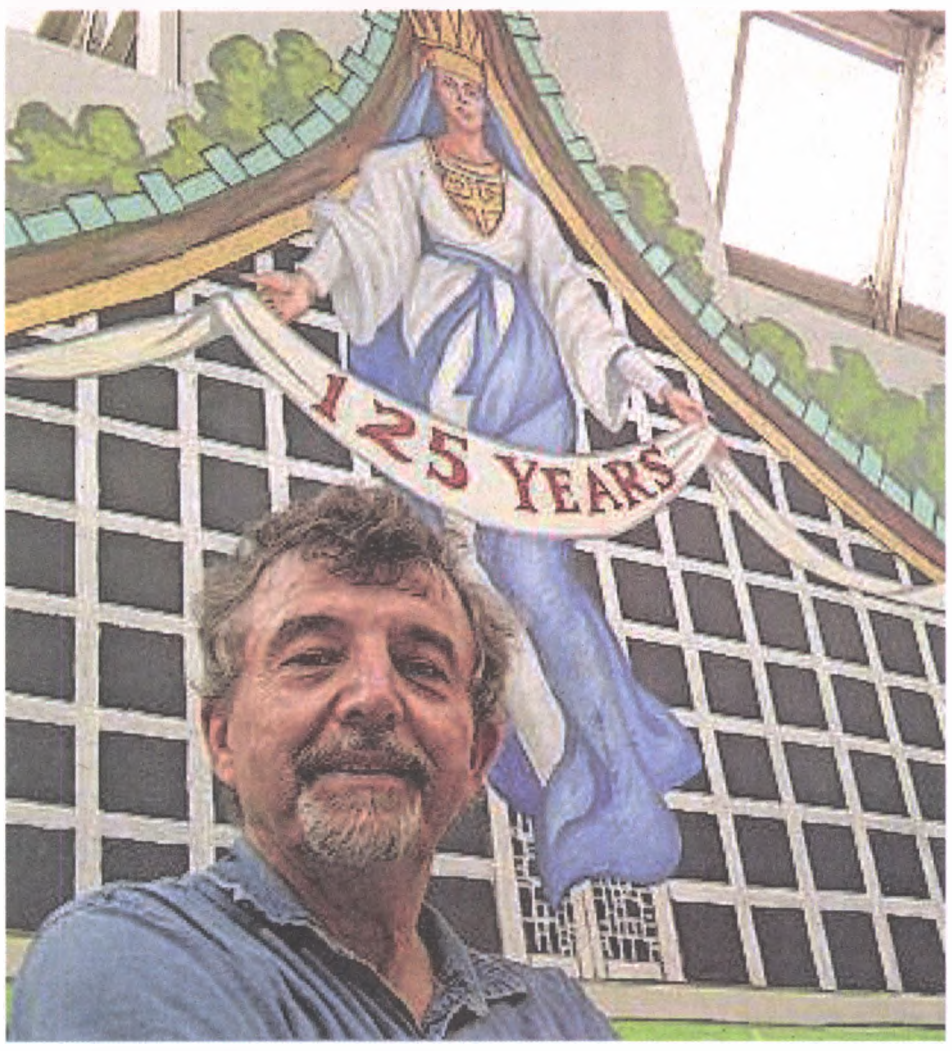
The West Side Detroit Polish American Historical Society will hold a "Meet the Muralist" reception from 12:30-4 p.m. Sunday, May 3, in its headquarters at St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

In early February, the society commissioned mural artist Dennis Orlowski, a Detroit native and Wayne State University graduate, to create a mural in the Society's Heritage Room depicting scenes from life in Detroit's historic west side Polonia neighborhoods and including more than 20 faces of individuals who lived in those neighborhoods.

Those individuals or their family members have paid a stipend to have their images memorialized in the mural. It depicts historic sites, including Polish churches, from the neighborhoods in the society's official territory. It also incorporates Wyandotte's Polonia.

The mural is being painted on a special material that is attached to the wall in panels, which can later be removed if necessary in the event the Society relocates its headquarters in the future. The mural is intended to be a lasting work of art.

Central themes of the mural are a Corpus Christi procession and a May procession. The Polish heritage traditionally has deep ties to the Catholic Church. May is the month in the Catholic Church devoted to honoring the Virgin Mary as "the Queen of May," with special Marian devotions *(Mojowka)* that take place inside and outside the church. A May Crowning is a traditional Roman Catholic ritual that occurs during the month of May.



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Dennis Orlowski, a Detroit native and Wayne State University graduate, is painting a mural depicting life in Detroit's historic west side Polonia neighborhoods for the West Side Detroit Polish American Historical Society.

Orlowski holds a bachelor's degree in art education and a master's degree in painting. More than 100 of his murals appear in places throughout Southeastern Michigan and elsewhere, including Mexico and Germany.

Mass in the church will begin at 12:30 p.m. followed by a rosary in five languages. There will be a crowning of the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary followed by a procession to the outside statue with prayers. Afterward, there will be an Ice Cream Social and a Meet the Muralist reception. The Society's Heritage Room will be open for a viewing of the in-progress mural.

More information on Orlowski's work and history can be found at orlowskimurals.com/.

The West Side Detroit Polish American Historical Society was incorporated as a nonprofit in February 2006.

Membership applications can be downloarded at detroitpolonia.org or contact Laurie A. Gomulka at 855-POLONIA (855-765-6642) or lgomulka@detroitpolonia.org.

Fausone honored by Women's History Project

Fausone

Retired Brigadier General Carol Ann Fausone of Canton was honored at last week's "2015 Inside Career Success Women's History Month Awards." Fausone, who serves as a trustee of Madonna University in Livonia, joined the group of 30 honorees, which included other notable Michigan women such as Denise Ilitch, Florine Mark and Asia Newson.

The event, hosted by Linwick & Associates, commemorated the 35th anniversary of the Women's History Movement and National Women's History Project, in addition to celebrating the honorees and their career success. This year marked the first time the awards were given out, and the 30 women who received an award will be memorialized at the Michigan Women's Historical Museum and Walk of Fame, and the Detroit Historical Society.

Speaking of her career in the U.S. Air Force and then becoming the Michigan National Guard's first female Brigadier General, Fausone said, "Life success is a journey. That journey is marked not by awards and promotions — but by relationships."

Fausone started her own small business, The Veteran Advocate, LLC, after retiring from the military. Fausone also works with her husband, Jim Fausone at Legal Help For Veterans, PLLC, in Northville. Together, the two companies, provide legal and consulting aid to veterans and their families.

"I am very grateful to have been included in a field of such strong women who are truly pioneers in their respective fields," said Fausone on receiving the award. "These are women who are role models for everyone."

3,000 expected May 2 for Breakthrough for Brain Tumors Race

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

More than 1,900 people participated in last year's run/walk to raise funds in the battle against brain tumors.

Organizer Larry Berg of Novi expects upward of 3,000 people at the May 2 event, which has grown so much that it's been moved from Novi's Providence Park Hospital to Kensington Metropark in Milford.

"It's much larger again this year," Berg said, "and we're pretty excited about our growth path."

The first Breakthrough for Brain Tumors Race was held in Ypsilanti in 2013 and brought in around $150,000.

"Last year, we raised just shy of a quarter million dollars," Berg said. "This race has been very successful. People weren't aware of brain tumors. It's about building awareness."

Berg said it's the largest, and perhaps only, race of its kind based in Michigan. It pulls participants from all over the state, as well as out of state.

"We're excited about opportunities to engage communities and to grow as large as we have," he said.

Berg wants to build awareness for the Chicago-based American Brain Tumor Association and what it can do for patients and caregivers.

"It's a great organization," he said. "They do scholarships, clinical trials, educational research for professionals. ... It's a really well-run organization that I'm proud to be affiliated with."

Berg said there are 120 different types of brain tumors and every day 500 people are diagnosed with one. About 700,000 U.S. citizens are currently on the path to recovery.

"I got involved personally in 2011," Berg said. "My daughter, who is now a senior in (Novi) high school, had a tumor. We talked a lot about this and we said want to do something different and help people out."

Berg and his wife Lynn said daughter Kaitlyn is doing much better now and is tumor-free.

"She's exactly where she should be and that's a good spot, considering what we've been through," he said.

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RACE

Date: Saturday, May 2
Time: 7:30 a.m. event site opens
Location: Kensington Metro Park, 2240 W. Buno Road, Milford
Park entry fee: $7 per vehicle
Course: USTAF-certified 3.1-mile walk/run (BT5K Race Results will be available the BT5K Michigan page within one week of the event.)
Teams: A minimum of two people is required. There is no fee to register a team. When forming or joining a team, each team member/captain is required to pay the standard registration fee. The first person to start a team will become the team captain.
Pre-event prices: $35 adult participant; $30 adult survivor; $20 children ages 6-12; $15 children survivor; free for children under age 6.
Registration: Online registration closes April 28. Contact the ABTA event staff at 800-886-1281 to register over the phone or register online at http://hope.abta.org/site/TR?fr_id=3183&pg=entry.

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League of Women Voters discusses Proposal 1

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

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Eva Packard explains the background and the proposal.

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Residents learn about the roads proposal.

Sitting in the Livonia Civic Center Library auditorium, Peggy Gray and Julie Lewis compared notes following a forum on the May 5 roads proposal.

Held Monday night by the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County, the forum detailed how the proposal would change the way taxes are assessed in the state. The forum, Gray said, helped her understand the issue better.

"I was only going by what people were saying," said Gray, a Livonia resident.

The women were two of several dozen who attended the event to gain a better perspective on the statewide ballot proposal. While complicated, the proposal will essentially: remove sales tax from fuel and replace the current excise tax with a wholesale tax based on the price of gas; and increase the sales tax maximum from 6 percent to 7 percent, an increase that would replenish and supplement funding for schools and local governments taken away by removing the sales tax from fuel. Vehicle registration fees would also not see any depreciation as they currently do today. Registration fees on trucks would also increase, and a surtax would be applied to electric and hybrid vehicles.

The proposal is reportedly expected to increase funding for roads to more than $1.2 billion beginning in fiscal year 2017-2018.

Eva Packard, voter service director for the state League of Women Voters, gave the presentation, detailing how the proposal came into existence, what it would do to the price of fuel, and arguments given by those for and against the proposal. While the League of Women Voters does not endorse candidates, it can endorse proposals and issues.

However, the state League has taken no position on the May 5 ballot proposal.

Packard went over the effect on the price of gas at two retail prices, $2.40 a gallon and $3.83 a gallon. With the way the proposal is worded and tie-barred to other laws, the price of gas would increase to $2.50 and $3.85, respectively, if federal taxes and other fees are included in the retail price.

"The estimate is that this change would bring in about $1.3 billion for fiscal year 2017-2018," she said.

The proposal would also provide funding for some mass transit and a restoration of the Earned Income Tax Credit back to 20 percent. It is currently at 6 percent after being reduced in 2011.

Another aspect that would change is how vehicle registration fees are handled. Currently, a new car's fee decreases 10 percent each year for three years before it stops dropping.

"When you buy a new car, it is based on the list price of that new car," she said. "If you have a car that's 10 years old, you've been paying the same fee for the last seven years."

But under the new proposal, that three-year depreciation would not take effect starting next year, and the registration fees would remain the same throughout the duration of owning the vehicle.

"If you buy a car after that date, the initial registration fee will be what it is today," she said. "But the next year, it will not go down."

Lewis, a Livonia resident, said she came into the event not knowing how she would vote. She said having all the information provided makes her choice easier than what it was before.

"I think I am sure now," she said. "You have to get all the facts first."

Polls for the vote are open across Michigan from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. May 5.

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Westland, GC youth perform in MOTCC production

Youth from Westland and Garden City will perform in the Michigan Opera Theatre Children's Chorus production of *The Very Last Green Thing* at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at the Detroit Opera House.

Appearing in the show will be Gale Shrewsbury of Westland and Trinity Vallejo of Garden City.

Joining the stage, in a pre-opera presentation, will be the Michigan Science Center with its presentation entitled Go Green! This interactive demonstration will showcase water-saving measures, a composting recipe, ways to recycle various materials, how landfills work and more.

Prior to the performances, children and their families are invited to enjoy Earth Day-related activities in the lobby of the Detroit Opera House starting at 1:30 p.m. Educators from the Michigan Science Center will be teaching participants ways to "green up" their world.

The Very Last Green Thing is a children's opera composed by nationally recognized composer Cary John Franklin with libretto by Michael Patrick Albano. Kelsey Ross will be directing and Dianna Hochella will be conducting.

MOTCC
Gale Shrewsbury

MOTCC
Trinity Vallejo

This family-friendly performance provides a glimpse of a classroom setting in the year 2492. Our "future" students are raised by an android and the planet has become environmentally challenged. A group of children are taken on a rare field trip outside where everyone has to wear protective goggles and masks to deal with the degraded conditions.

A shy and obedient member discovers something extremely unusual for the year 2492. It's a small, withered plant — the very last green thing on earth. Soon, all of the classmates confront the truth of their environmental past and the importance of preserving the world around us for generations to come.

"This production is a timeless environmental message of hope," MOTCC director Suzanne Mallare Acton said. "The Very Last Green Thing reinforces that together we can all make an environmental difference both in our present and future."

Tickets range from $15 to $50 and can be purchased at the Detroit Opera House box office at 1526 Broadway, Detroit, by calling 313-237-SING, or online at www.MichiganOpera.org.

The MOTCC is a permanent ensemble of Michigan Opera Theatre, and appears with the company in main stage productions as well as its own performances. Children come from all around the Metro Detroit area to make up the 80-person ensemble. For more information, visit www.motcc.org.

Visit to the Capitol

State Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland, hosted a group of fourth-graders from P.D. Graham Elementary School at the state Capitol on Thursday, March 19. The 50 students, along with 24 adults, asked Kosowski questions about the lawmaking process and watched House session from the gallery. "It's a pleasure to welcome students to Lansing so they can meet me and see the Legislature in action," Kosowski said. Any schools in Wayne or the portion of Westland that Kosowski represents that are interested in visiting the Capitol can contact his office toll-free at 855-600-2625 for information.

Westland girl competes in pageant

Westland resident Marcella Puia, 6, was recently a state finalist in the Pure American Pageant.

A student at Wildwood Elementary School, Marcella competed in modeling, personal introduction and personal interview.

Marcella also learned many useful skills that will help her preparation for whatever goals and dreams she pursues. Marcella will have the opportunity to attend festivals, parades, community activities and volunteer her services to organization helping those in need.

She received a crown and banner for being a state finalist.

SUBMITTED PHOTO
Marcella Puia recently was a state finalist in the Pure American Pageant.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Military Moms luncheon

If you are the mother of a son or daughter currently serving in the military or a mother who has lost her child while actively serving, the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Unit 396 would like to honor you with a luncheon at 1 p.m. Sunday, April 19.

This is our sixth year of getting Moms together for a couple of hours to have a nice lunch and meet other moms just like yourself. It will be held at the Otto Miller American Legion Post 396, 6860 Middlebelt, Garden City.

Reservations are required, so call Gail at 734-895-9046 by Monday, April 13.

Garage sale

Ss. Simon and Jude Church will have a garage sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 11, at the church 32500 Palmer, west of Merriman, in Westland. There will be a $3 bag sale at 3 p.m. All large items will go for half off at the bag sale.

Business Alliance

The Garden City Business Alliance meets on the second Friday of each month. The next meeting will be at 6 p.m. Friday, April 10, at Guardian Martial Arts, 30942 Ford, Garden City.

For more information, visit the Business Alliance at gcbiz48135.org or email the group at gcbusinessalliance@gmail.com.

Euchre Night

Join Garden City High School Project Graduation 2015 for a Euchre Party on Saturday, April 11, at the Dearborn Heights Moose Lodge 1795, 27225 W. Warren Road, Dearborn Heights.

Registration begins at 6 p.m. and games begin at 7 p.m. Cost is $20 per person; 21 and older to play. There will be cash prizes for the five highest point totals, raffles, food, pop and bottled beer.

Proceeds will benefit the GCHS Class of 2015 All-Night Party. Preregister by emailing pg2015Euchre@gmail.com by 8 p.m. April 10, or call Alan and Laura Bennett at 734-266-0232 for more information.

Used Book Sale

The Friends of the Garden City Public Library will hold a Used Book Sale from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, April 13-15. Books by the Bag will sell for $5 on Wednesday.

The library is at the Maplewood Center, 31735 Maplewood. Use Balmoral parking lot. For more information, call 793-1830 for information.

Mom2Mom sale

Garden City High School is having a Mom2Mom Sale 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 18 — early-bird at 8:30 a.m. There will be more than 85 tables as well as a large item area (strollers, high chairs, etc.). A concession stand will be open throughout the sale as well as a bake sale.

Admission to the sale is $1 (early bird $2). All profits from this sale will go to the Garden City High School PTSA. Come shopping to get some great deals on new and gently used kids clothes, maternity clothes, shoes, bouncers, high chairs, bikes, DVDs, books, toys and other kid-related items.

Garden City High School is at 6500 Middlebelt between Ford and Warren Road. Visit www.facebook.com/gcmom2momsale for information about future sales.

Friends of Nankin

The Friends of Nankin Mills will present Native American History Part II: Historic Era from 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 18. Learn about the many tribes that settled in the Great Lakes and discuss our local native history.

A part of the 2015 Michigan History and Local Heritage programs, the presentation is for those ages 12 and older. The program fee is $2 per adult for Wayne County residents and $3 for out-of-county residents. Advance registration and prepayment is required. The Nankin Mills Interpretive Center is at 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland.

For more information or to register, call 734-261-1990.

Youth Assistance

The Westland Youth Assistance Program and the Taylor Teen Health Center is hosting a "Be Proud! Be Responsible!" workshop for youth from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 18, at the Dorsey Center, 32715 Dorsey, east of Venoy, Westland.

"Be Proud, Be Responsible!" is a pregnancy and HIV/AIDS prevention program for youth ages 12-18. All participants will get a free snack in the morning, free lunch and free prizes.

For more information or to register, call the Westland Youth Assistance Program at 734-467-7904.

Game Night

The Dyer Senior Center in Westland is holding its monthly monthly game night at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 30. The center is at 36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh. For more information, call 734-419-2020.

Declutter your wallet with Stratos Card

Jon Gunnells
TECH SAVVY

Wallets in America have reached a tipping point. Amidst countless loyalty cards, credit cards and debit cards, the clutter can be overwhelming. One Ann Arbor startup named Stratos has set out to give your wallet a vacation and help organize and simplify any card you carry.

The company's flagship product, the Stratos Card, looks similar to a credit card, but is digitally-enabled to store all of your cards including membership cards and gift cards. Stratos works anywhere you can use a card with a magnetic stripe — like your local ATM, gas station or store.

Owners can easily load their card data by plugging in the provided Stratos Reader into their phone's headphone jack. Once a card is swiped through the reader, the information will be stored into the Stratos App.

While it may sound dangerous to have all card information stored in a single location, Stratos Card has built-in security that makes it safer than current credit card use. For example, Stratos Card uses bank level encryption, so when you swipe your card at a gas pump (a common location for card skimmers), your actual card number and data isn't delivered to a third party.

Users can also change their preferences to lock their card from use if the card is misplaced or stolen. By configuring the app, card owners can automatically lock their Stratos Card from being used if it hasn't synced with the Stratos App for a predetermined amount of time.

The Stratos Card routinely syncs with the app to make sure it is within range of your phone and therefore not left on the table at a restaurant or bar.

When it comes time to pay, users can tap their card on their phone. Built in LED lights and touch sensors on the side of the card will activate the app, pulling up the users' favorite three cards such as a main credit card, debit or loyalty card.

You may have heard of similar technologies in the past. One such smartcard, named "Coin" was profiled in this space a few years ago. Unfortunately, Coin still hasn't been produced while Stratos will begin delivering cards to members in April.

Membership is another key differentiator between Stratos and other smart card concepts. For a yearly $95 fee (equal to or less than that of a yearly Amex Membership) users get a Stratos Card, Stratos Reader, customer support and access to new technologies.

Each time Stratos updates its product, a new card will be sent free of charge. If your card has a low-battery, the folks at Stratos will be notified and a free replacement card will be on its way.

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IT'S YOUR BUSINESS

Cut Above: Full service salon in Westland with affordable pricing

Observer: Tell us about your business, including the types of services and/or products you feature?

Answer: We are a full-service salon that offers cuts, colors, highlights, perms, eyebrows, waxing, styles and updos. Men's and kids' cuts are $8, women's cut, shampoo and blow dry is $14. Highlights start at $50; colors start at $35, and perms start at $40.

Observer: How did you first decide to open your business?

Answer: It has always been a dream of mine and this location opened up. It used to be a very busy barber shop.

Observer: Why did you choose Westland?

Answer: It's a great location in a close-knit community.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Answer: We offer inexpensive hair care in a professional atmosphere.

Observer: How has it changed since you opened?

Answer: I have gotten to meet other community business owners who have been supportive. We also are seeing more women come in.

Observer: Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with readers about you experience so far as a small business owner?

Answer: The community has been great to us, always wishing us luck. There was a gentleman who noticed we didn't have a coat rack, so he went home and built one for us and brought it in. Many others have brought in magazines. Clients have asked for extra business cards to spread the word. We even had a client bring peanut butter for a squirrel that's always around.

Observer: Any advice for other business owners?

Answer: Start small, keep it simple, and think positive.

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

Answer: I hope to continue to grow and keep providing a friendly, affordable place for people to keep coming back to for years to come.

CUT ABOVE THE REST SALON

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Working in the Cut Above The Rest Salon in Westland are Rochelle Cejmer, owner Chris Turner and Sandy Giuffre.

Willow Run has $123 million economic impact on metro area

Willow Run Airport generates more than 950 jobs and $123 million in total economic impact throughout Michigan, according to a study released by University of Michigan-Dearborn and Wayne County Airport Authority (WCAA).

The airport also supports Detroit Metropolitan Airport's $10.2 billion economic impact, reported in a 2014 study.

Lee Redding, associate professor of business economics at UM-Dearborn, working with researchers from iLabs, the university's center for innovation research, estimated how Willow Run impacts the economies of Michigan and the southeastern Michigan Air Trade Area by measuring revenues, incomes and jobs.

"The cargo capacity available at Willow Run makes Michigan a more attractive place for business," Redding said. "Willow Run Airport connects Michigan manufacturing companies to the world, making quick deliveries of parts and finished products more viable."

Research findings include:

» Willow Run Airport provides area residents and businesses with access to convenient and efficient cargo shipment, general aviation and other related operations. The facilities, workers and businesses operating at Willow Run are responsible for an economic impact of $123 million annually, adding $40 million to area incomes and supporting 950 jobs in southeastern Michigan.

» Air cargo is a crucial way that production facilities connect to the world; annually 54.4 million pounds of air cargo departs from Willow Run, likely representing over $2 billion in goods. The shipment of this cargo itself creates an economic impact of $44 million, supporting over 300 jobs and incomes of $14 million per year.

» Passenger travel is limited at Willow Run, with 2527 enplanements in 2013. Visitors create an economic impact of $2.1 million, supporting $600,000 in local incomes and 21 jobs.

» General Aviation and Education also contribute $18.7 million and $3.1 million respectively to the overall economic impact of Willow Run.

» Willow Run is actively preparing for its future, working on capital improvement projects aimed at the airport remaining a vital component of the area economy for years to come. These activities have an economic impact of $54 million, with income impacts of $18 million supporting 457 jobs.

"It's clear that Willow Run Airport provides substantial economic benefits for our region," airport authority CEO Thomas Naughton said. "Additionally, by capturing a considerable amount of the region's cargo and general aviation air traffic, it helps Detroit Metropolitan Airport provide on-time flights."

Occupying 2,600 acres, Willow Run has three runways, including an all-weather instrument landing system (ILS) runway; 24-hour aircraft rescue firefighting facilities; on-site weather bureau service; 24-hour FAA control tower and US Customs service. It is also home to the FAA's Flight Standards District Office and the Yankee Air Museum which hosts the annual Thunder over Michigan Air Show at Willow Run Airport.

BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

Coffee Connection

The Westland Chamber of Commerce's monthly Coffee Connection will be hosted by Mr. Mike's Grill at 6047 N. Wayne Road from 8-9 a.m. Wednesday, April 15. Mr. Mike's is offering Chamber members a 10-percent discount on breakfast for this event.

Stop in for a quick coffee or breakfast and get some networking done before you have to go to work. No need to RSVP, just stop in when you can.

The Chamber also is offering "Neighborly Networking" with Livonia Chamber of Commerce from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, April 29, at the new Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road, west of Wayne Road

In addition to networking, the event will feature great food, and many opportunities to promote your business in a fun and relaxed environment. Zeal Credit Union will be sponsoring the event.

Reserve a spot by calling the Westland Chamber at 734-326-7222 by April 24.

Infrastructure conference

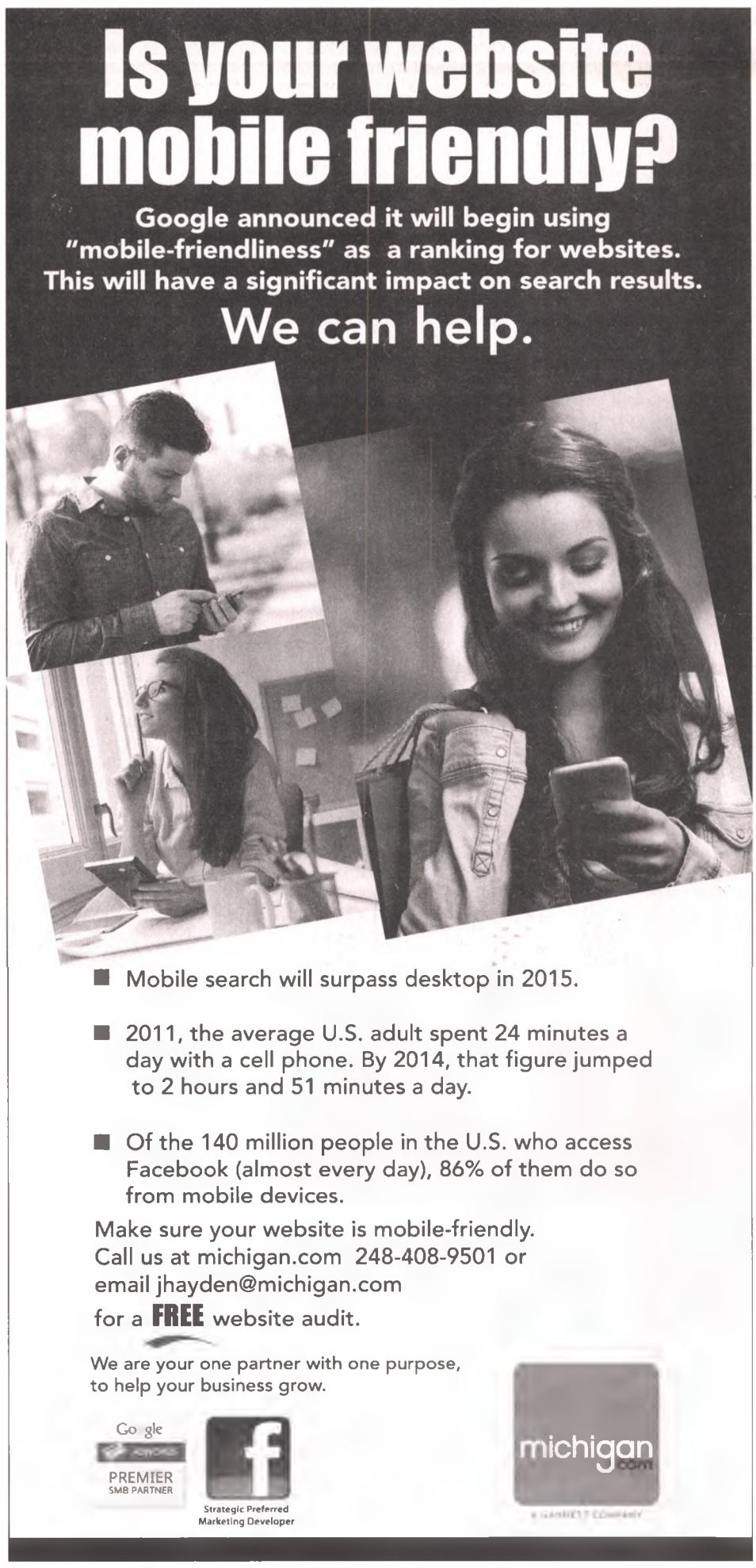
The Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) Detroit Post and Schoolcraft College Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) are hosting the Great Lakes Civil Infrastructure Conference from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. April 30 at the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia.

The conference will provide learning opportunities from leading industry experts, representatives and firms who are contributing to regional sustainability, infrastructure resilience and improving our state's transportation and energy networks.

The conference will host representatives from federal, state and local agencies, in addition to leading industry representatives, small businesses, government contractors and those serving the civil infrastructure and construction industries.

For full conference details, registration, etc., interested attendees can visit www.GLCIC.com. Several sponsorship opportunities are available and can be reviewed at www.GLCIC.com/sponsorships.

The National Contract Management Association's (NCMA) Great Lakes State Chapter will be supporting the 5-6:30 p.m. VIP networking period.



OPINION

Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

OUR VIEWS

Check out Unlimited Possibilities @ Your Library during National Library Week

Within the library community, Benjamin Franklin is probably best known for founding the Library Company of Philadelphia in 1731. It was America's first lending library and can lay claim to being the predecessor of the today's public library.

Next week — April 12-18 — libraries will be the guests of honor for National Library Week. First observed in 1958, National Library Week is sponsored by the American Library Association. It is a time to celebrate the contributions of the nation's libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support.

The theme of this year's National Library Week is the Unlimited Possibilities @ Your Library.

Libraries, like those in Wayne, Westland and Garden City, are the communications heart of a good community. They are a place with something for everyone and also a place that provides something essential to a free society.

Without a public library, only those with means would have access to all the books they need to read. In the earliest days of the republic, it was understood that libraries and the promotion of literacy were keys to developing a working democracy. The idea was, and is, that the more people know, the better citizens they'll be.

A 2012 Pew Internet and American Life study indicated that 58 percent of Americans age 16 and older have a library card, and even more — 69 percent — say the library is important to them and their families. In the suburbs, the figures are similar: 69 percent say the library is important and 61 percent have library cards.

FILE PHOTO

Colleen Dittmar of Westland spends some special reading time with granddaughter Emma Dittmar at the William P. Faust Public Library.

Today's libraries are a cultural centerpiece of communities, providing programs that entertain and educate everyone from infants and toddlers to senior citizens. They foster an interest in reading with book clubs for students through adults; offer literacy programs for those who struggle to read; and provide an avenue for budding poets and writers to express themselves.

Libraries also are playing a transformative role in their communities. Faced with a staggering job loss during the recent recession, public libraries nationwide offered "a lifeline to people trying to adapt to challenging economic circumstances by providing technology training and online resources for employment, access to government resources, continuing education, retooling for new careers, and starting a small business," according to Maureen Sullivan, president of the American Library Association.

And librarians are in the vanguard on protecting First Amendment rights because they know how vital free information is. They are trained to find information, make sense of the information they find and package that information for maximum value. This is probably the one aspect of the library that doesn't get the promotion it deserves. But it is growing more and more significant for local businesses as they need to understand a shrinking world economy and their place in it. Librarians have that information on their fingertips.

For residents who haven't been to the library, next week is an excellent time to stop by. Blow the dust off that library card and check out a book, tape or CD. And while you're there, say a thank you to the library staffers for the services they provide.

For Wayne, Westland and Garden City residents, the library has proven to be a vital resource to the community, one to treasure and preserve, and one to use.

OUR VIEWS

Plan a Pure Michigan vacation this summer

With temperatures warming up, couples and families are starting to make summer travel plans.

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Michigan also has 102 state parks, 600 campgrounds and 650 public golf courses, where people can appreciate the state's natural beauty.

New this year, Michigan library patrons can get into more than 230 state parks, historic sites, forest campgrounds and recreation areas for free.

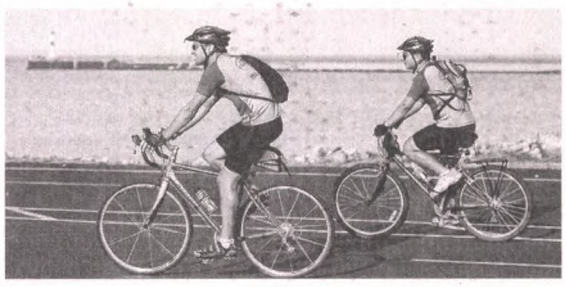
On May 24, the MI Big Green Gym program is being added to the Michigan Activity Pass program, which will continue to offer free admission or other discounts to more than 100 cultural attractions throughout the lower and upper peninsulas.

The Michigan Activity Pass program is and always has been free for library patrons. Some attractions offer free admission, others free offers or discounts in the gift shop. Five passes are available per attraction per library each week. Patrons visit www.michiganactivitypass.info to print out their passes; which are good for seven days.

The expanded Michigan Activity Pass program will include a free, one-day pass to get into the park of your choice.

Also for 2015 are several new attractions, which may or may not participate in the Michigan Activity Pass program. They include The Richard and Helen DeVos Japanese Gardens at the Frederick Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park and the Discovery of King Tut Exhibit at the Grand Rapids Public Museum, both in Grand Rapids; a $21 million Penguinarium at the Detroit Zoo; the Sea Life Michigan Aquarium at Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills; and Michigan's new statewide trail stretching from Belle Isle Park to Ironwood.

For more ideas for a Pure Michigan vacation, visit michigan.org



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LETTERS

Dedicated leaders

Even though I knew Jim Plakas was having some problems and was at Oakwood Commons, it was still a shock to learn of his death.

Jim and former Mayor Vince Fordell who also died recently were both instrumental in moving Garden City forward from a small town to a modern, vibrant community.

No citizen problem was ignored by Jim. I recall sitting in his office while he called Congressman (William D.) Ford's office about the noise when airplanes turned directly over Cherry Hill Road. The legislative assistant tried to put Jim off just as a giant airplane was overhead. Jim jumped up, held the phone out the window and shouted, "Can you hear that? That's what the residents of Garden City are hearing day and night."

Jim was a strong supporter of the Garden City Library. The last time I saw him I had gone to his home to ask him to attend a council meeting and speak in favor of some library-related proposal.

The school community knew Jim could always be counted on for support.

Garden City was fortunate to have dedicated leaders like Vince and Jim.

Mary Jane Schildberg
Garden City

Fees too high

On Friday, April 10, the mayor and city council are sponsoring Senior Appreciation Day. In return for the hundreds, if not thousands, of hours donated the seniors will receive a certificate from the mayor and hand shakes from the City Council, a lunch and a picture opportunity with the mayor.

Other appreciation rewards they receive are the huge reduction in senior social events, and the chance to keep healthy through the use of two work-out rooms filled with donated equipment.

Since the city, even with its $4 million dollar reserve, feels it needs additional revenue, they feel the 50-to 80-year-olds can contribute. The charge, according to the council's fee ordinance, is $55 for a year, $31 for six months. The cost had been $50 and $30, but was changed to build up the city's coffers.

Take note: there are two rooms. If you wish to use both, it will cost you $110 and $62 per year. Seniors have said they use only one room because of the unreasonable cost.

Ray Wiacek
Garden City

GUEST COLUMN

How to fix Michigan's roads without raising taxes

Sen. Patrick Colbeck
GUEST COLUMNIST

Voters will be asked May 5 to consider a ballot proposal that would seek to fix our roads by increasing our taxes. Voters have been told that there are no viable alternatives. After much investigation, I believe that it is important that voters understand that there are indeed alternatives that merit further consideration.

Over the past four years, I served as vice chair of the Senate Transportation Subcommittee on Appropriations. During this period, I have spent significant time with constituents and other legislators studying the serious problem of the deteriorating condition of roads and bridges in our state. Furthermore, I have examined how Michigan's road investments and road quality compare to other states. As a result of these efforts, I have assembled no less than four viable options that would allow us to fix our roads without raising taxes.

The first of these options is to simply ensure that the tax money collected at the pump goes to fixing our roads. One way to accomplish this objective is a blast from the past commonly referred to as the "Bolger Plan." This option had already passed the state House of Representatives last year, but was replaced by the current road plan in the Senate. Among other things, this plan would ensure that 100 percent of the taxes raised at the gas pump would go toward fixing our roads. Another way to accomplish this objective is what I refer to as the "Proos Plan" after legislation offered by Sen. John Proos in previous legislative sessions that restricts the 17 percent of general fund revenue collected at the pump via the sales tax to road construction. This legislation has already been passed previously by the Senate. Either of these approaches would yield an additional $150 million per year starting in the first year.

The second option is to simply prioritize the spending of existing funds. This option features freezing general fund budgets with projected increases except for K-12 education, allocating 100 percent of "one-time" spending to roads, using the Budget Stabilization Fund to "stabilize the budget" and open up several restricted funds to allow usage of their fund balances to offset road maintenance costs. This option would add $669 million to our road budget in the first year.

The third option is to reduce our expenses. These expense reduction opportunities can be broken down into MDOT cost reductions, non-MDOT government cost reductions and the removal of federal regulations that drive the cost of road construction. This option would not only address the quality of our road construction as a means of reducing total life-cycle costs; it would also address the quality of our government operations. This option would yield at least another $53 million to our road budget in the first year.

The last option is simply an "all of the above" option. All told, we have the opportunity to put $869 million toward fixing our roads in year one and apply over $1.4 billion toward maintaining our roads for each subsequent year.

I have focused on first year spending because, as a public safety issue, I believe that we need to demonstrate that we are committed to fixing roads as quickly as possible. The options outlined above would enable us to put $869 million toward fixing roads in the first year without raising taxes. For comparison purposes, Proposal 1 would only put $434 million toward the roads in year one and that is after increasing the taxes you pay by $1.7 billion. In other words, the sum total of these options improves the safety of our roads more than twice as fast as the ballot proposal – and it does so without any tax increases.

As a fellow taxpayer, I believe that these options deserve more consideration than the current dismissive commentary would indicate. I encourage you to take time to explore these four alternatives. There may be some who are opposed to these alternatives simply because they don't believe that there are the votes needed to pass them. As engaged citizens, it is our duty to keep pressing and ask "why?" Why are film credits a higher priority than roads? Why are we putting money away into restricted funds that sustain lower priority programs at the expense of putting more resources toward road construction? Why don't we build roads that last longer? Who should be pinching pennies, families or government?

It is important for us all to realize that there are indeed ways to fix our roads without taking more money out of your wallets. More information on these options is available in the Solution Center at Morningin-Michigan.com.

Patrick Colbeck is a state senator for the 7th District.

Grassroots effort promotes faith among leaders

By Philip Allmen
Staff Writer

There's a slew of problems in this country, on that most can agree. But identifying those problems, how they started and their solution is open to more debate.

For some west Oakland County residents, it's clear cut. And it's up to grassroots efforts like one they've started to find the ideal solution.

Christian churches are teaming up to kick off a conference series focusing on God and government, and what the proper relationship should be between faith and politics. The problem, organizers said, is the two aren't corresponding with one another right now.

The conference opens this Friday in Highland Township at 59 West.

Pastor Rich LaBelle at Hickory Ridge Community Church said the conference series does not endorse a particular political preference, but what guides elected officials' decisions.

"Politics is an avenue to express morals, or lack there of," he said.

Changing culture

Joe Salvia, a member of Church of the Holy Spirit in Highland and another conference organizer, said fewer and fewer people believe in God, a marked change from how he and many others grew up in a society based on Judeo-Christian values, he said.

That, coupled, with government stifling religious-based discussions, is moving the country to a more secular and totalitarian regime, something that has been taking place since World War II, said J.P. Kraft Jr., another event organizer and member of the Hickory Ridge church.

"There's no longer talk in the public square," he said. "It's individual values and the state. There's no mediating factor, which has always been the church. You lose that oil between the two forces."

Elected leaders reference a Christian background and values when running for office, Salvia added, but those beliefs aren't seen in action once elected.

"Government is a reflection of its citizens," he said.

Ben Di Ponio has helped get the word out on the upcoming conference series. He agrees the Christian focus has been missing from government. But the state isn't the only one to blame, he said, pointing to religious leaders who no longer use their pulpit to address possibly controversial issues.

"The pastors dropped the ball as shepherds," Di Ponio said. "They're afraid to say anything. They're afraid to offend."

Friday's opening conference is a "call to alarm to Christians," Kraft said. "A lot of Christians really don't know how to appropriate the faith ... In a secular world, the message is not getting out."

Share the faith

It's Christians' right and duty, all agreed, to share their faith.

"We want to see Christians wake up," Di Ponio said. "We are the majority in this country, and we're being silenced by a vocal minority.

"You can't separate your vote from your beliefs. And that's happening. It gets worse with each generation."

The church is the moral compass for society, and it's up to the church to call out the state when problems arise. All agree that the church does not have the authority — or desire — to govern, but simply to give it the tools needed to govern in the right direction. When the state tries to take over the role of the church, as has been seen in various Marxist regimes, that problems arise.

"The Bible says to obey the state, but the state has a duty to do good," Kraft said.

A grassroots effort, organizers hope to see this conference spur others to start similar programs in other parts of Michigan and across the country.

"We truly believe the church is the way through this," Kraft said.

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J.P. Kraft and the Rev. Rich LaBelle, pastor of Hickory Ridge Community Church, stand in the 59 West banquet room in Highland, where they are organizing this weekend's conference focused on God and government.

Opening conference

Scores of churches have joined in to support the God and Country conference series from Milford, Livonia and Dearborn to Traverse City, Grand Rapids and Battle Creek.

Based off Charles Colson's book *God and Government, an Insider's View on the Boundaries between Faith and Politics*, the conference kicks off at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 10, at 59 West, 786 Highland Drive in Highland. The conference continues at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 11.

The opening conference "God & Government: How Can the Church Resist the Onslaught of Tyranny in America?" features guest speaker: Ret. Lt. General Jerry Boykin.

Boykin will discuss the continuing Constitutional crisis he sees in the country, as well as what he calls the threats of Marxism and radical Islam.

"There is a time to preach and a time to pray, and a time to fight. That time has come," he said. "It is time for believers to fight in the cause of liberty ... Nothing else can save America but the church."

People see there is a problem, but they don't know what to do, LaBelle said. This conference series, he said, is a first step.

Among the issues addressed this weekend will be how these issues can be addressed at the grassroots level.

No registration is needed for the conference. For more information, call 248-685-3520 or email pastor@myhrcc.com.

Monthly conferences are planned for the region to follow up weekend's events. Organizers plan similar national speakers for the series.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar runs in the *Observer* as space permits. Nonprofit groups and community organizations are welcome to submit news of upcoming events. Include a daytime telephone number and contact person. Email address is: ksmith@hometownlife.com.

DAR MEETING

Time/date: noon Saturday, April 11.

Location: Civic Center Public Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia.

Details: The John Sackett Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will meet for a program titled "Helping Hands: Giving Opportunities in our Community."

FASHION DOLL SHOW AND SALE

Time/date: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, April 12.

Location: Livonia Marriott, 17100 Laurel Park Drive North, Livonia.

Details: Vintage and modern dolls and accessories. Barbie displays. Hosted by the Great Lakes Doll Club, this Grant-A-Wish Fund event will benefit Masonic Children's Learning Center, Leader Dogs for the Blind and Camp Casey.

Contact: www.gawfund.org; info@grantawishfund.org.

LUNCHEON FASHION SHOW

Time/date: 11:45 a.m. Sunday, April 12.

Location: Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt Road, Livonia.

Details: The Clarenceville United Methodist Church Women's Group is hosting a Luncheon Fashion Show featuring Miss Michigan 2014, KT Maviglia, and numerous local titleholders modeling their competition evening gowns from either the Miss Michigan Scholarship Pageant or the Miss America Pageant. The suggested donation for the luncheon is $15 for adults and $12 for children 12 and under. Reservations are required and are to be made with Jane Welton by email at janemw2@att.net. The event begins at 11:45 a.m. with autograph signing and the luncheon fashion show at 12:30 p.m.

LIVONIA NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS

Time/date: 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 14.

Location: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile Road, Livonia.

Details: Master Gardner Margot McCormack, an award-winning member of the Master Gardner Association of Wayne County, will offer tips on how to grow a successful garden. Livonia Neighbors and Friends, a women's club, is open to women who live/work in Livonia and its surrounding communities. New members are always welcome. General meetings are held at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month September through May. Special activity groups continue to meet year-round.

Contact: http://livonianeighborsandfriends.tripod.com

LOWER YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE

Time/date: 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 14.

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

Details: The author of *Good News for High Blood Pressure* will discuss 20 easy lifestyle, nutritional and emotional strategies that may positively help you control your blood pressure. Also discover how various medications, beverages, health conditions, stress and cuff errors affect blood pressure readings. Cost is $28. To register, call the Livonia Family YMCA at 734-261-2161 by April 13. Non-YMCA members welcome.

BLOOD DRIVE

Time/date: 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, April 16.

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

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

PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Time/date: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 18.

Location: McKinley Cooperative Preschool, 555 S. Wayne Road, Westland.

Details: Open house for McKinley Cooperative Preschool.

Contact: Erin Gibbons,734-729-7222; mckinleypreschool.org.

SERVSAFE TRAINING

Time/date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, April 23 and April 30.

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

Details: Lapeer County Michigan State University Extension is offering Manager Certification classes through the ServSafe program developed by the National Restaurant Association. The cost is $145. Upon successful completion of an exam, managers will receive a certificate verifying they are a certified ServSafe Food Protection Manager. Participants must attend both sessions.

Contact: 810-667-0341; msue.anr.msu.edu/events.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Time/date: 6 p.m. Saturday, April 25.

Location: Ss. Simon and Jude Catholic, 32500 Palmer, east of Venoy, Westland.

Details: Doors open at 6 p.m. and trivia begins promptly at 7 p.m. Preregister for $20 per team (maximum of four persons). At the door the cost is $30, if space available. It includes 10 rounds of questions, popcorn, and one food choice for each team. Food choices are four hot dogs and four chips or one pepperoni or cheese pizza from Marina's. Additional food items and beverages (beer, coolers, pop, water, coffee) available for purchase. There will be a 50/50 raffle (tickets are $1 each, three for $2, 10 for $5 and 25 for $10) and prizes — mystery prizes, $100 for first place, $80 for second place, $60 for third place and $20 for last place.

Contact: 734-716-4436.

BLOOD DRIVE

Time/date: 1-7 p.m. Monday, April 27.

Location: Monaghan Knights of Columbus, 19801 Farmington Road, Livonia.

Details: All blood donors who attempt to donate will have the opportunity to win a $100 Meijer Gift Card. Gourmet desserts will be served. Call 313-670-8861 for or go to www.miblood.org.

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 30; 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, May 1, and 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 2

Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile Road, Livonia

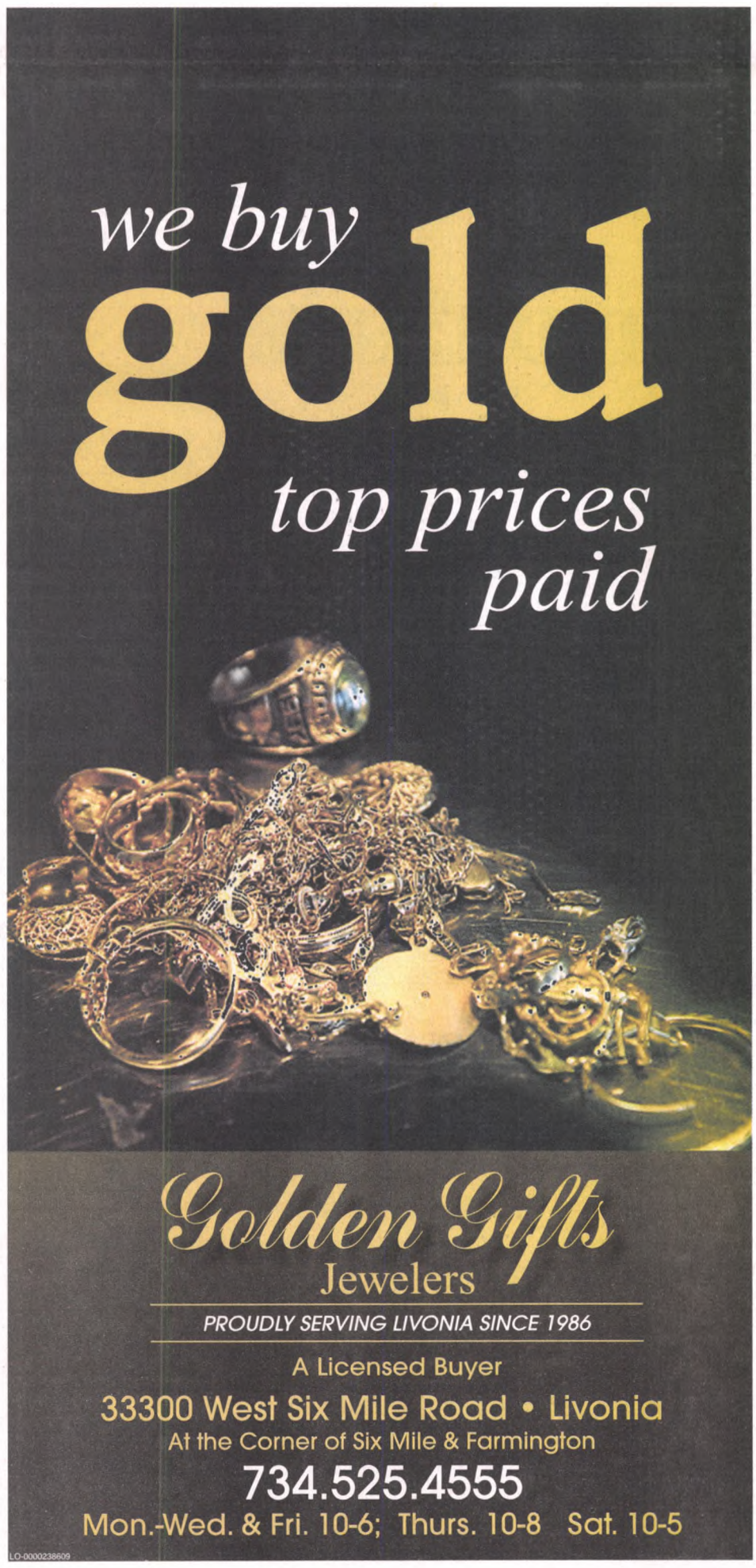
Details: Thursday is the preview sale. Admission is $2 to shop a day early. Saturday, prices will be half off, and a bag (provided) of merchandise is $3. The sale benefits charitable groups.

CARNIVAL

Time/date: April 30-May 10

Location: Sears parking lot, corner of Seven Mile and Middlebelt roads, Livonia

Details: The Livonia A.M. Rotary will hold its annual community carnival to raise money for its many programs supporting the community. Enjoy rides, games and old-fashioned carnival food. Visit www.livoniaAMrotary.org before midnight April 29 to save on ride armbands.



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SUCCESS STORY

Vasan living an NFL-themed dream

Stevenson grad's draft website draws a large, national audience

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Vasan

As he stood on the sidelines during January's Senior Bowl practices in Mobile, Ala., Nolan Vasan probably thought about pinching himself, just to make sure he wasn't smack dab in the middle of some incredible dream.

But that would have diverted the 22-year-old Livonia Stevenson graduate's attention from the task at hand: evaluating the elite college football players in the country for his flourishing website, nfldraftgeek.com.

With a powerful blend of diligence and relentless pursuit of information as his fuel, Vasan has turned a life-long passion for the NFL draft into a career.

Working out of his Livonia home and funded by the *USA Today*, which purchased his website's advertising rights, Vasan has built an Internet hotspot that on a good day can generate up to 10,000 page views.

Along with updating nfldraftgeek.com on a regular basis, Vasan also provides draft previews and post-draft analysis for the national newspaper and usatoday.com – and he doesn't have one shred of college debt to slow him down.

"I grew up a Detroit Lions fan, and as all Lions fans know, the NFL draft is their Super Bowl," quipped Vasan, when asked about how his passion for the draft developed. "I've since divorced myself from the Lions, but my interest in the draft has only gotten stronger. There was always something about the draft that drew my attention."

Turning that interest into a job started in the Livonia Career Center, where he learned how to build a website while still a student at Stevenson.

Once the site debuted in 2010, Vasan quickly drew a loyal fan base and financial backing. The combination of the two persuaded him to skip college.

"I had the opportunity to attend college, but I weighed my options and figured out that I learned a lot of the skills I needed to do this at the career center," he said. "I look at it as getting a four-year head start on my career."

With the 2015 NFL Draft just a few weeks away (it runs April 30 through May 2), Vasan is in the middle of his peak season. He scours the Internet for fresh knowledge regarding this year's class of NFL Draft prospects so that he can confidently update his site's three-round mock draft.

Vasan's daily regimen – especially this month – includes radio interviews with sports talk-show hosts across the country, who realize that many of their listeners' appetite for the NFL Draft is as deep as Vasan's.

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COLLEGE ATHLETICS

Morrison catches on fast to heptathlon

Westland native garners MIAA track & field honor

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The seven-stage heptathlon is arguably the most complex and demanding challenge available for collegiate track-and-field athletes, which makes Westland native Angela Morrison's debut in the event last month that much more extraordinary.

On March 28 and 29, the 2013 Lutheran Westland graduate earned the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association's Women's Track Athlete of the Week award by placing third in the heptathlon at the Viking Olympics, which were hosted by Augustana College in Illinois.

Morrison piled up 3,554 points to finish third in the two-day competition. She posted personal-best efforts in both the 200-meter dash (27.56 seconds) and the long jump (15 feet, 8 ¾ inches). The heptathlon also includes the shot put, javelin throw, high jump, 100-meter hurdles and 800-meter run.

"Angela had a great start to her career as a multi-event athlete because she did a good job of staying in the moment, not focusing on successes or failures of her previous event or looking ahead to her next event," Albion head coach Lance Coleman said. "Her achieving season bests in six of the seven events is a credit to her preparation and mental toughness, being that weather conditions were far from ideal for competing."

Morrison is a relative new-comer to track-and-field, joining Lutheran Westland's team for the first time prior to her senior season. An accomplished all-around athlete, Morrison also lettered in cross coun-

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ALBION COLLEGE

Angela Morrison kicks it into high gear during a meet earlier this season.

PREP SOFTBALL PREVIEW

ED WRIGHT

Junior shortstop Kaylen Glenfield returns to Garden City's line-up to give the Cougars a powerful bat in the heart of their order.

HIGH HOPES

PERENNIAL POWER GARDEN CITY LOOKS TO OVERCOME OFF-SEASON OBSTACLES

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

It would surprise no one if Garden City's softball team returned to the quarterfinal round of the Division 1 playoffs again this spring, just like it has done almost every year for the past decade.

In fact, it would probably astonish most local fans of high school softball if the Cougars *didn't* advance to the elite eight.

However, due to a string of off-season hurdles that have unexpectedly sprung up, it's going to be a bit more challenging for head coach Barry Patterson's contingent to still be swinging in June.

In addition to several key losses to graduation – most notably, the absence of No. 1 pitcher and lead-off hitter Rachel Bommarito, and all-state second baseman Katlyn McIntosh – the Cougars will be forced to compete for the bulk of the season without four-year varsity standout Abby Joseph, who is recovering from a knee injury she suffered during basketball season.

Along with serving as Garden City's potent clean-up hitter, Joseph was scheduled to succeed Bommarito in the circle, so her void will be doubly difficult to fill.

Compounding the Cougars' tough off-season was junior left-fielder Abby Lynn's decision to devote all of her athletic attention to volleyball, a sport that she thrives in along with softball.

ED WRIGHT

Senior first baseman Kelsie Powell excels in the field and at the plate for Garden City's softball team.

"We're really a work in progress right now, and we probably will be at least through the early part of the season," said Patterson. "Obviously, losing our No. 1 pitcher, we'll be less-experienced on the mound, especially with Abby expected to be our No. 1 coming in this year.

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MU golfers rule invite

The Madonna University women's golf team captured its first team tournament title of the spring last week with a 15-stroke victory in the 12-school University of St. Francis (Ind.) Cougar Invitational held at Cherry Hill and Autumn Ridge golf clubs.

The Crusaders shot a two-day total of 331-332-663 followed by runner-up Davenport University's 343-335-678 and third-place finisher University of Northwestern Ohio's 336-345-681.

Kelsey Fish of Olivet Nazarene (Ill.) was medalist with a 7-over two-round total of 82-79-161.

MU's Chelsea Collura tied for second place with an 83-80-163.

She was followed by teammates Natalie Blazo, fourth, 80-84-164; Ayla Bogie, tied for seventh, 84-82-166; Jordyn Shepler (Livonia Churchill), tied for 12th, 84-86-166; Holly Laginess, tied for 24th, 88-87-175; and Becca Porter, tied for 28th, 89-81-180.

The Crusaders return to action Saturday and Sunday in Ohio Wesleyan's Laura Bump Invitational at Mill Creek G.C. in Ostrander, Ohio.

Girasoles 5K run

Novi Detroit Catholic Central High will stage its Soles for Girasoles 5-kilometer charity run-walk beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 9 at Nankin Mills in Westland.

The event will be a fundraiser to benefit a mission trip for the Girasoles Home for abused and abandoned boys in Peru.

Registration and packet pick-up begins at 8 a.m. The kids 12-and-under 1-mile race starts at 8:30 a.m.

The registration fees for the 5K are $25 in advance or $30 walk-in. Fees for the kids 12-and-under 1-mile are $10 in advance or $15 walk-in.

To register, visit www.A2racemanagement.com. For more information, visit www.scriptureonperu.org.

Stevenson girls hoops camp

The 2015 Lady Spartan Basketball Camp will be held June 16-18 from 9 a.m. to noon each day in the Stevenson High School field house.

The camp is designed for girls who are entering fourth through ninth grades.

The cost of the camp is $70, which includes group and individual instruction from coaches and players from the Stevenson high school girls basketball program, drills that can be used during the off-season and a T-shirt.

Registration and payment must be received by Friday, May 22, to receive a T-shirt.

For additional information, contact Stevenson head coach Tim Newman at tnewman@livoniapublicschools.org.

Reporting results

Local high school athletic coaches are encouraged to report results of their team's contests to Observer sports editor Ed Wright at 734-578-2767 or ewright@hometownlife.com.

The deadline for Thursday editions is Tuesday at 10 p.m. The deadline for Sunday editions is Friday at 10 p.m.

BOYS TRACK & FIELD PREVIEW

Chargers fueled by strong nucleus

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

It's too early (and cold) to predict how successful this season's Livonia Churchill boys track-and-field team can be, but judging by the depth of the Chargers' returning talent, its potential is sky-high.

"Pride in our program continues to run deep," said head coach Rick Austin, who is marking his 20th year as the Chargers' mentor. "The weather has kept us indoors training, so it's difficult to know how talented we will be this season. I know the athletes in our program are working hard and improving, which is awesome considering the weather circumstances."

Churchill placed second in the KLAA South Division in 2014 with a 4-1 dual-meet record. The Chargers were consistently among the top finishers in big events, taking fourth in the Kensington Conference Meet and fourth in the MHSAA Region 4 competition.

The Chargers' solid crew of field-events athletes – who are coached by Jordan McClellan (pole vault), John Filiatraut and Dave Simpson (throwers) – should be able to build strong foundations in dual meets. Churchill's trio of experienced vaulters – Ethan Burke, Caleb Guthard and Kyle Reppenhagen – are primed to be point machines, while Demarco McKinney will spearhead a corps of young throwers, including Austin Simpson, Ben Dietrich and Michael Grabda.

Churchill's distance fortunes are in good hands thanks to the return of Matt Cohan and Jonathan Allesandrini, the arrival of emerging newcomers Dash Dobar, Frank LaFave and Brendan Meakin, and the coaching of John McGreevy.

Senior Paul Romain will be in fast company in the sprint events as he forges with teammates Jamal Allen, Shakur Lockett, Carrington Smith and Lee Yetts to make the Chargers formidable in every meet they're in.

Last but not least, Churchill's experienced hurdling crew includes Ryan Bragiel, Tim Dulin, Joel Sankey, Josh Gyrmek and Taji Chappel.

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ED WRIGHT

Jonathan Alessandrini, pictured during a cross country meet in the fall, returns as one of the Livonia Churchill track-and-field team's top distance runners.

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Madonna splits pair with Concordia

After dropping the opener in extra innings, the Madonna University women's softball team bounced back Saturday to gain a split of a doubleheader against host Concordia University at Cardinal Field.

Iesha Waters went 3-for-4 with a homer and two RBI and the Cardinals got back-to-back doubles off MU starting pitcher Bree Crampton (10-5) to take game one, 6-5.

Combs

Winning pitcher Corrina Rotondo (2-4) scattered eight hits, walked two and struck out four in eight innings, while Crampton gave up five earned runs on 13 hits, a pair of walks and eight strikeouts.

MU sophomore shortstop Nicole Salloum (Livonia Churchill) drove in four of MU's five runs, while teammate Emma Cook went 2-for-4 with an RBI. Morgan Kaiser and Mikey Kish each contributed two hits.

In game two, sophomore right-hander Erin Combs allowed just one run on seven hits over seven innings to run her season record to 11-4. She struck out four and did not allow a walk.

Losing pitcher Cheyenne Brierley (3-4) gave up nine hits, walked one and struck out five.

Bri Giordano went 3-for-3, while Cook knocked in both MU runs. Kaiser also added two hits and scored both runs, while Kayla Rebain (Plymouth) also added two hits as MU improved to 21-8-1 overall and 5-1 in the WHAC.

Concordia fell to 5-9 overall and 1-5 in the conference.

MU returns to action 4 p.m. Thursday with a double-header at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. The Crusaders play again at 1 p.m. Saturday at home against Cornerstone in another WHAC twinbill.

COUGARS

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"It will take more than one person to replace Abby, who is a two-time all-state player. We'll have to fill the void collectively as a team. We're young in some areas, but we still have some solid veteran players and we have some nice additions. It may just take a little longer to get everything to jell.

"I'm anxious to see where we'll go. It's a big puzzle now and we're still figuring out where to put all the pieces."

One important piece will be wearing No. 16 – three-year varsity player Amber Swisher, who has been tabbed as one of the players to take over the mound duties for the Cougars.

When not pitching, Swisher will roam center field, where she has excelled the previous two seasons.

"Coming into this season, Amber only had a couple of innings pitched in high school, so we'll try to get her a lot of repetitions early," said Patterson. "She's a good athlete, so I'm confident she'll do well."

Also picking up innings in the circle will be freshman April Rudolph and sophomore Alissa Turnbull, Patterson revealed.

There is no void to fill behind the plate thanks to the return of senior Rachel Spellman, who is an excellent handler of pitchers and a threat at the plate. Spellman will be backed up by junior Hannah DeHetre, who caught for the junior-varsity team last spring, and Emily Ward. Both Ward and DeHetre can also play the outfield.

Senior slugger Kelsie Powell will play one of the two corner-infield positions on a regular basis. The same can be said of sophomore impact-player Alicia Ascencio, who will also fill the designated player role.

"Kelsie swings the bat well and she has good hands at first base," said Patterson. "Alicia showed good power before she was hurt around mid-season last year."

Filling the big second-base shoes left by McIntosh will be senior Hannah Vera-Burgos, a three-sport standout at GC. Freshman Julia Chapman will also get a shot at second, Patterson added.

Junior shortstop and No. 3 hitter Kaylen Glenfield, an honorable mention all-state player as a sophomore, returns to hold down the fort at shortstop.

"Kaylen is one of the best hitters in the area and one of the better defensive players around," said Patterson.

Sophomore Brittany Radtke will also play short in addition to some outfield.

Powell will split time at third base with freshman Natalie Billings, who has a "big upside", Patterson noted.

The outfield will need a set of revolving doors, depending on who is pitching and starting each given day on the infield.

Junior Mikala Smolar brings speed and experience to left field (and center when Swisher is pitching). Turnbull, Radtke, sophomore Aleea Montgomery and senior Lauren Risner will also battle for playing time in the outfield.

"Aleea swings the bat really well," said Patterson. "It may take her a little time to adjust to the upper-level pitching, but she's a good athlete, so she'll learn fast."

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ED WRIGHT

Garden City senior catcher Rachel Spellman fouls off a pitch during last year's Division 1 quarterfinal game.

HEPTATHLON

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try, basketball and softball in high school.

Attending Albion with an academic scholarship, Morrison said she didn't think about competing for the Britons' track team until the last minute.

"I didn't decide to run track in college until the day I registered for classes," Morrison revealed. "The coach didn't know I existed.

"My freshman year I triple-jumped, ran the 200 and ran on some relays. Before this season, I asked the coach if I could try some different events, and that made it easier once I competed in my first heptathlon."

Of the seven events, the 200-meter dash is Morrison's strongest event, having run it in 26.33 last season.

"The javelin and shot put are probably the events where I have the most room for improvement," she admitted. "The shot put is tough because I'm not extremely powerful and the javelin was tough at first because I'm used to throwing a softball and the technique you use throwing a javelin is completely different, so I had to break that habit."

The heptathlon is divided into two days, with four events being run Saturday and the final three on Sunday. There is an approximate 30-minute break between events, Morrison said.

"It can be a little exhausting, but if you prepare yourself correctly and use the breaks to your advantage, it's not too bad," she added.

The early taste of success in the heptathlon has fueled Morrison's ambitions to get stronger in the event.

"I'd like to get close to 4,000 points by the end of this season," she said. "And since I'm only a sophomore, my ultimate goal would be to break the school record, which is around 4,500."

Morrison is working toward a mathematics major at Albion with minors in computer science and economics. She is unsure of what career path she'll follow.

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CITY OF LIVONIA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

WHEREAS, the City of Livonia has received an application requesting approval of an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate from McLaren Performance Technologies, LLC, in the Office of the City Clerk on March 25, 2015, for building improvements, machinery and equipment at their facility located at 33233 W. Eight Mile Road, Livonia, MI 48152 (Industrial Development Overlay District #116):

THE CITY COUNCIL OF LIVONIA has determined as follows:

1. The City Clerk shall provide copies of the said Application to the legislative bodies of the governmental units deriving property taxes from the property which will be affected, as required by Act 198, P.A. 1974, as amended.

2. The City Clerk shall contact each of the affected taxing units, and (i) indicate the Council's interest in this matter, and (ii) assist these taxing units in collecting such information as may be necessary to determine their respective opinions on this Application, and (iii) advise the said taxing units of the Council's desire to hold a hearing on this Application on **Wednesday, April 22, 2015**. at **7:00 p.m.** at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan.

3. The Council has set **Wednesday, April 22, 2015**. at **7:00 p.m.** at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, as the date, time and place for conducting a hearing on said Application.

SUSAN A. HOFF
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Best in girls bowling earn all-Observer accolades

FIRST TEAM

Julia Huren, jr., John Glenn: A Division 1 first-team all-state bowler, Huren followed up a stellar sophomore campaign with an even better junior year, averaging 208 pins per contest.

She earned all-KLAA honors and a second-place showing at the Division 1 regional tournament before turning in a top-eight showing at the state tournament.

"Julia has become such a great team player and dominated our fifth position as our anchor bowler by striking out several times," said John Glenn coach Ralph Cabildo.

Emily Dietz, jr., John Glenn: A Division 1 second-team all-state honoree, Dietz averaged a sizzling 201 while earning all-KLAA honors and an eighth-place finish at the D1 regional tournament. A 4.0 student, she was 21st at the D1 state meet.

"Emily has shown great confidence this year," said Cabildo. "She has been our most consistent bowler."

Olivia Cabildo, sr., John Glenn: The senior, who will continue her competitive bowling career at Siena Heights University, enjoyed a sensational season, earning all-KLAA honors while placing fourth at the D1 regional.

The owner of a 191 average, she carries a 4.0 grade-point average and received a Presidential academic scholarship as well as a bowling scholarship to Siena Heights.

Meghan Macunovich, soph., Canton: After pretty much topping the charts a second year in a row, the sky's the limit for Macunovich for her junior and senior seasons.

As a sophomore, Macunovich was virtually unstoppable, averaging 210 pins with a high game of 287 and repeating as Division 1 individual regional champion. She tallied a 1,345 score and made the D1 final for the second consecutive season.

At the D1 singles final at Sunnybrook Lanes in Sterling Heights, Macunovich's 470 was good for second place overall only behind the 512 registered by Allison Morris of Ann Arbor Huron.

Macunovich was named to the all-KLAA team for her efforts.

"Meghan Macunovich is a very strong competitor," coach Karl Brubaker said. "She won the Region 5 singles for the second straight year. Meghan finished second at the state finals for singles. She is a tough young lady and will compete for those awards for the next two years."

Candyce Bradley, soph., Farm. Unified: A repeat member of the all-area first team, Bradley followed a superb freshman campaign with a successful sophomore season, helping her team qualify for the Division 1 state tournament.

Bradley had the highest OAA average for the second straight year at 206, raising it by six pins over her first year. She bowled 1,126 and averaged 188 in the Super Bowl regional, finishing in 11th place.

She won the Oakland County and Farmington-Harrison singles championships with 675 and 605 series, respectively. Bradley was named to the all-OAA first team for a second time and the all-state second team.

"Candyce seized control of the anchor spot at the beginning of the season and became a team leader in only her second year in the program," coach Dennis Hermani said. "She is a young lady we count on to make big shots at the most crucial moments of any baker game or singles match.

"In two years, she has thrown 75 games of 190 or better in the 120 she has bowled and nine games of 240 or better. Her high game this season was a 279; her high series was 514. With those scores, she had the eighth highest game and fourth highest series in the state.

"The sky is the limit for Candyce when it comes to bowling. For the second straight season, she was voted by her teammates as the Most Valuable Bowler in the Farmington-Harrison program."

Rachel Doran, fr., Farm Unified: Doran was named to the all-state second team after an outstanding freshman season. She finished 11th in the qualifying round at the Division 1 state meet, and she was fifth in the regional with a 1,194 score and 199 average.

Doran was the OAA singles champion and the Oakland County singles runner-up to teammate Candyce Bradley. She had a 188 league average and was named to the All-OAA second team.

"This young lady began her career in a big way by winning the OAA singles championship in her first varsity event," Hermani said. "The fast start led to one of the greatest freshmen seasons in Farmington-Harrison bowling history.

"Her best performance came when she needed it the most. In the final three games at the regional, she bowled games of 245, 200 and 259 for a 704 series. The 245 and 259 games were her highest of the season and were bowled on the most difficult pattern of the year — middle of the road.

"Rachel is a finisher; she places herself in good situations and takes advantage of her talent when she needs it the most. This young lady has a tremendously bright future in bowling."

Jessica Pate, sr., John Glenn: Pate, who will be attending Concordia University with a bowling scholarship beginning in the fall, averaged 187 while earned all-KLAA honors. She placed third at the D1 regional and was a top-16 performer at the individual state tournament. She earned a third-team all-state accolade.

"Jessica has always been a very confident and great lead-off bowler," Cabildo said.

SECOND TEAM

Jenai Teamer, sr., Farm. Unified: Teamer finished her second season on the varsity with a 183 average — an increase of 66 pins from her first year in the program during tryouts as a freshman.

With her steady improvement over four years, Teamer earned a full scholarship to Hampton University in Virginia for bowling.

Teamer had a high game of 264 compared to a high of 232 last year. She rolled a high series of 442 at the OAA tournament in the morning qualifying session.

She had the sixth highest average in the OAA with a 193 and was named to the all-OAA first team. A repeat member of the all-area second team, Teamer was third in the regional and a state qualifier as a junior.

"In her career on the varsity, Jenai has shot 49 games over 180 in the last two seasons," Hermani said. "While at Hampton, Jenai will not only bowl and bowl well, but she will be pursuing a degree in pre-med."

Christina O'Harris, jr., Wayne: O'Harris enjoyed a dynamite season for the Zebras, mowing down pins to the tune of a 194 average. She placed highly in several tournaments as well as led Wayne to a solid record in the KLAA.

Ashlei Brooks, sr., Mercy: After learning the game as a freshman on the JV team, Brooks became a three-year varsity player. She was the leadoff bowler for two years and moved to the anchor position as a senior.

Brooks was the second-best bowler in the Catholic League with a 174 average and high game of 232. She bowled in every tournament game, averaging 179 with a high game of 246.

Brooks also helped the Marlins win the 2014 league championship, and she was an individual state qualifier this year.

At the regional, Brooks bowled four of the six games at 210 or higher and finished sixth, earning the right to represent Mercy at the state meet.

"Coaches Vicky and Mike Kowalski have enjoyed watching Ashlei improve every year and lead the team in her senior season," Vicky Kowalski said.

Dana Iles, sr., Farm. Unified: Iles, a repeat member of the all-area second team, posted a 172 average in her senior season. A three-year letter winner, she had the 16th highest average in the OAA and was named to the all-league third team.

After finishing 11th in the regional and missing the opportunity to bowl in the state meet by one pin last year, Iles was seventh this year with a 199 average and six-game total of 1,192.

"After last year's regional heartbreak, it would have been easy to give up during this year's regional when she was struggling, but Dana is a finisher and finish she did with games of 230 and 202 to capture a place in state singles final," Hermani said. "It is what sports should teach our athletes. If you want something, work extremely hard and never give up."

Iles bowled a high game of 238 and high series of 449. Her best tournament finish was sixth place at the OAA singles tournament. Iles plans to continue bowling at the collegiate level and study chemistry.

Heather Lillystone, jr., Mercy: The left-handed Lillystone was a great lead-off bowler for the Marlins, according to coach Vicky Kowalski. She was the third-best bowler in the Catholic League with a 170 average and high game of 209.

A two-year varsity bowler, Lillystone bowled all but one tournament game, averaging 170 with a high game of 225. She was the runner-up in the league tournament and earned a place on the all-Catholic team.

"We look forward to Heather leading the team in her senior year as she moves to the anchor position," Kowalski said. "We're confident Heather will reach her goal of making it to the state final after being so close after four games this year."

Ashley Kolb, jr., John Glenn: Kolb registered an impressive 182 season average, which was a 19-pin improvement from her sophomore season. The owner of a sterling 3.9 grade-point average, Kolb was a first-team all-KLAA performer and she placed 13th at the regional competition.

"Ashley was the most-improved bowler on the team," noted coach Ralph Cabildo.

Shaelyn Wojewski, jr., Wayne: Wojewski was a key member of an up-and-coming Zebras team as she carved out a solid 171 average.

COACH OF THE YEAR

Ralph Cabildo, John Glenn: Cabildo has orchestrated the building of a perennial powerhouse at John Glenn. The Rockets have racked up a record of 46-0 during his tenure as the head coach. They were ranked No. 1 for most of this past season and finished runner-up in the Division 1 team state tournament last season to Davison.

Ralph Cabildo

"These girls have worked very hard on improving their bowling along with their mental game," Cabildo said. "I hope that their dedication and hard work continues throughout their bowling at John Glenn and into the future."

ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS BOWLING

FIRST TEAM

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Jessica Bishop, fr., Clarenceville
Sarah Meili, jr., Clarenceville
Vicky Whydell, sr., Farm. Unified
Kayla Thompson, fr., Wayne Mem.
Arianna Watson, sr., F.H. Mercy
Rachel Lopez, jr., Salem
Brynna Samuels, jr., Salem

COACH OF THE YEAR

Ralph Cabildo, Westland John Glenn

HONORABLE MENTIONS

Mercy: Carly Bartes, Lilian Lebednick; **North Farmington:** Emily Zalenko, Julia Rhode, Marissa Bruni, Ashlynn Toles; **Salem:** Katherine Kehoe, Leah Boucha; **Plymouth:** Lauren Vincent, Jessica Joppich; **Canton:** Maranda McMaster, Megan Plave; **Clarenceville:** Elizabeth Kerr, Erin Walters; **Ladywood:** Kailyn Delonis; **Redford Union:** Carly Wasielewski.

Lauro's clutch walk-offs give Madonna University a sweep

John Lauro collected just two hits in the Madonna University baseball team's doubleheader against Indiana Tech on Saturday, but they were the two most important.

John Lauro

The junior first baseman's singles in the last inning of each game gave Madonna walk-off wins by finals of 6-5 in Game One and 2-1 in eight innings in Game Two in Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference action at Saturday at Ilitch Ballpark.

With the two victories, MU improved to 23-9 overall and 13-2 in the WHAC while sweeping the rain-shortened three-game series against the Warriors, who slipped to 12-15 overall and 7-6 in the conference.

Ninth-inning singles by Ryan Lambrecht and Taylor Grzelakowski (2-for-3, RBI) led to Lauro's game-winning RBI single in the opener.

Zack Byron also belted a solo homer, while Levi Larmour (two RBI) and Shane Dokey (RBI) also contributed offensively to MU's seven-hit attack.

Madonna starting pitcher Adam Prashad, who did not get the decision, went the first 6⅓ innings allowing four runs (two earned) on five hits and a walk while striking out eight.

Freshman Patrick Wierimaa (Redford Union) came on and allowed one runs on two hits in 1⅓ innings, while reliever Bobby St. Pierre, who pitched a scoreless ninth with two strikeouts, earned the victory.

St. Pierre (3-1) also got the victory in the nightcap with two scoreless innings of relief. He struck out four and allowed one hit after taking over for Todd Jones, who allowed two hits without a run in 1⅓ innings of work.

MU starter Alex DeYonker (Livonia Franklin) went the first 4⅓ allowing one earned run on six hits and a walk.

Losing pitcher James McReynolds gave up two earned runs on six hits in 7⅓ innings.

Rob Matigian led off the bottom of the eighth with a double and Dokey scored the game-winning run with one-out on Lauro's single with the bases loaded.

MU nips Tech, 7-6

Madonna was able to beat Indiana Tech and Mother Nature in the first game of its scheduled baseball doubleheader April 2 at Ilitch Ballpark.

The Crusaders rallied for four runs in the bottom of the eighth inning and were able to withstand a Warriors' rally and a downpour in the ninth for a 7-6 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference win.

Taylor Grzelakowski's RBI groundout followed by Levi Lamour's clutch two-run single helped MU erase a 5-3 deficit in the eighth.

Tech got a run in the top of the ninth off MU reliever Bobby St. Pierre to cut the deficit to a run, but the sophomore right-hander was able to hold on for the save.

Freshman Patrick Wierimaa (Redford Union) pitched two scoreless innings in relief of starter Evan Piechota (Livonia Stevenson) to run his record to 3-1.

Piechota, the WHAC Pitcher of the Week, allowed five earned runs on seven hits and a walk in six innings. He struck out seven but was tagged for a three-run homer by the Warriors' Brian Hakes in the first inning.

Madonna trailed 3-2 in the bottom of the fourth when the rains came, causing a 55-minute delay before play resumed.

Shane Dokey belted his third homer of the year, and Lamour went 2-for-4 with two RBI for the Crusaders. Zack Byron also went 2-for-3 with an RBI. Ryan Lambrecht added an RBI, also.

Losing pitcher Jared Harvey gave up three earned runs in relief of starter Connor McLaughlin to fall to 2-3 on the year. The loss drops the Warriors to 12-13 overall and 7-4 in the conference.

The second game was called off due to rain.

PREP SOFTBALL PREVIEW

Rockets' strong suits: chemistry, senior leadership

John Glenn coaches like the way team has bonded

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

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Westland John Glenn junior catcher Julia Michlowski (left) sets the strategy during a break in the Rockets' season-opening victory over Dearborn Heights Annapolis.

This season's Westland John Glenn softball team is all in when it comes to the "no-I-in-team" mentality.

That is the early assessment of co-coaches Dan Huren and Pat McGrath, both of whom have been impressed by the Rockets' dedication to teamwork.

"These girls genuinely like each other and they want to put forth a good effort for one another," said Huren, who is entering his sixth season with the program. "There are no 'me-first' attitudes with this team, which is nice to see."

The Rockets' sterling chemistry was on display often during last week's season-opening victory over Dearborn Heights Annapolis. Both the players on the field and in the dugout shared a steady stream of encouragement with one another until the final out in the 6-4 triumph was squeezed.

Handling the bulk of the pitching chores will be junior Mackenzie Huren, who also swings one of the most potent bats in Observerland.

"Mackenzie has matured a lot on the mound since last season," said Dan Huren. "She understands how to pitch better based on each batter's strengths and what the umpire is calling that particular day.

"I wouldn't classify her as a power pitcher, but she can overpower weaker hitters."

Senior Heather Gains will also see time on the mound when she is not stationed at her primary position, second base.

Both Gains and Huren will benefit from throwing to junior catcher Julia Michlowski, who is skilled in the finer details of her position.

"Julia is very good at framing pitches and getting her thumb under the ball to help her pitchers get more strikes called," Huren said. "She's very explosive at fielding bunts, too."

Along with doing a solid job of fielding her position, senior first baseman Bailey Hamill can rake at the plate.

"She'll be our No. 4 or 5 hitter," Huren asserted. "She has excellent power to the gaps."

Among Gains' attributes at second base is her ability to cover a lot of ground, Huren noted.

"Heather moves well vertically, she can cover first base when she needs to, and she can turn the double-play," said Huren.

The team's best all-around player may be sophomore shortstop Megan Buford, who earned all-Observer accolades as a ninth-grader.

"Megan is our lead-off hitter and a good take-charge kind of leader," praised Huren.

Senior third baseman Hannah Udell returns to the squad after taking a year off to concentrate on volleyball.

"Hannah worked extremely hard over the winter in order to get ready for the season," said Huren. "She's never played third base before, but she handled two or three chances there in our first game like she's been playing there her entire life."

Among the candidates to earn significant time in the outfield are Chelsea Gilbert, Katie Sporne, Maddie Wetmore, Cheyenne Grim and Melissa Beier, who will also catch some when Michlowski needs a breather.

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Trojans' young baseball team has big upside

By Dan O'Meara
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A young Livonia Clarenceville baseball team has a lot of upside potential and will only get better this season and into next, according to coach Craig Cotter.

The Trojans have two seniors on their 12-man roster. Nine of those players had varsity experience entering the 2015 campaign.

"For a young team, that's really good," Cotter said. "The best thing is our team chemistry. The camaraderie is good. The kids really get along well."

Sophomore right-hander Kam MacIver, who moved to the varsity at the end of last year, has pitched the best so far in the young season.

Junior Adam Sade and sophomore Zach Richards will take regular turns on the mound. Sophomore Bobby Jaber and junior Mitch Kubiak are returning players who have pitched in relief roles.

Jaber also is the team's best infielder and has played flawless defense at shortstop. He threw a runner out at home plate from left field last week.

"His baseball IQ is really high," Cotter said. "He hits the ball hard. He's just solid."

The offensive leader is senior center fielder Jayson Harris, who is hitting around .500 from the leadoff spot in two games to date. He's also super fast, according to Cotter, and has scored four or five runs already.

When they're not pitching, MacIver plays first base, Richards second and Kubiak third. When Jaber is on the mound, Kubiak moves to shortstop and junior Matt Drain takes over at third base.

The catcher is freshman Nick Bisaro, who has done very, very well as a rookie player on the varsity, according to Cotter. Bisaro has thrown out several base runners and produced a couple key hits.

The outfield lineup includes senior Ronnie Topolewski in left and Drain in right. Cotter said he also has high expectations for sophomore catcher-first baseman Justin Kelly.

Junior Manny Maranda and sophomores Jonathan Murphy and Dante Marzolo complete the roster. All three are outfielders; Maranda also serves as the designated hitter when needed.

The Trojans, who won eight games last year, are 0-2 this season, although they battled well in losses to Clawson and Dearborn.

"We're very solid defensively, and we put the ball in play," Cotter said. "We don't strike out much at all, which is contrary to last year.

"We have some good team speed, too. When you play good defense and put the ball in play, good things will happen."

Clarenceville was scheduled to play Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard and Wayne Memorial early this week and will be at Garden City for a 4 p.m. game Monday.

NFL DRAFT

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"For example, in the past few weeks I've been on the radio with ESPN Honolulu, and stations in Pittsburgh and Oregon," he shared. "They're usually 10-minute segments and they make them into podcasts. Locally, I'm also on with Matt Shepard on WDFN. It's definitely a fun part of my job."

Vasan's salary is based on traffic to his site. When the numbers dwindle during the post-draft summer months, Vasan has a part-time job with a window-washing company to supplement his income.

Vasan's long-term goals include an aspiration to serve as the *USA Today's* version of Mel Kiper, Jr., who has been ESPN's No. 1 draft guru for decades.

Judging by his current status, he's well on his way.

Although he's not as big of a fan of the Lions as during his youth, Vasan still has a strong opinion about who his hometown team may take during the first round on April 30.

"It's tough, because you never know what [Lions general manager] Martin Mayhew may do," Vasan admitted. "I had them taking Florida State cornerback P.J. Williams, but he just got arrested for DUI, so that probably won't happen.

"I think they'll take one of the two running backs, Georgia's Todd Gurley, who will probably be gone by their pick, or most likely Melvin Gordon of Wisconsin."

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Lasting memorial for DeMolay

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A plaque featuring Westland John Glenn super-supporter Keith DeMolay, who passed away in 2014 at the age of 60, has been encased in the wall of the Rockets' baseball dugout as a fitting memorial to the man who did so much for the school's athletic department. Among his many duties was the official scorer for the John Glenn baseball team.

PREP TRACK & FIELD RESULTS

BOYS RESULTS
JOHN GLENN 66,
FRANKLIN 66
March 30 at John Glenn
Shot put: 1. Deshawn Baker-Williams (JG), 51 feet, 3 inches; 2. Renaldo Brown (JG), 41-0; 3. Bobby Madley (LF), 39-1.
Discus: 1. Baker-Williams (JG), 141-3; 2. Dan Domzalski (LF), 101-4; 3. Madley (LF), 94-1.
Pole vault: John Glenn forfeited.
Long jump: 1. Santiago (JG), 17-5.5; 2. Jacob Kast (LF), 17-1.5; 3. Crawford (JG), 17-0.5.
High jump: John Glenn forfeited.
3,200-meter relay: 1. Franklin (Takuma Minami, Gage Wheeler, Tony Floyd, Keenan Jones), 8:45.5; 2. John Glenn, 8:48.9.
110 hurdles: 1. Freddie Thompson (JG), 15.4; 2. Jeremy Sheppard (LF), 16.6; 3. Ian Hogg (LF), 17.9.
100 dash: 1. David (JG), 11.2; 2. J. Parker (JG), 11.3; 3. Nathan Rodgers (LF), 11.3.
800 relay: 1. John Glenn, 1:33.6; 2. Franklin (Matt Wirick, Brandon Smiley, Sheppard, Rodgers), 1:36.8.
1,600 run: 1. Jones (LF), 4:56.2; 2. Floyd (LF), 4:58.7; 3. B. Biber (JG), 4:59.1.
400 relay: both teams disqualified.
400 dash: 1. Austin Hickerson (JG), 53.3; 2. S. Woodhouse (JG), 57.9; 3. Wirick (LF), 58.5.
300 hurdles: 1. Thompson (JG), 41.9; 2. Sheppard (LF), 44.4; 3. Hogg (LF), 45.1.
800 run: 1. Jones (LF), 2:07.9; 2. Kenyatta Mason (JG), 2:14.1; 3. A. Hamlett (JG), 2:14.2.
200 dash: 1. Hickerson (JG), 22.8; 2. Rodgers (LF), 23.3; 3. J. Parker (JG), 23.3.
3,200 run: 1. Nathan McCall (LF), 10:55.3; 2. Jones (LF), 10:56.9; 3. Floyd (LF), 10:57.0.
1,600 relay: 1. John Glenn, 3:39.8; 2. Franklin (Hogg, Randy Murawski, Brendan Whitney, Cory Linsner), 3:59.2.
CHURCHILL 87,
PLYMOUTH 50
March 30 at Churchill
Discus: 1. Simpson (LC), 133-9; 2. McKinney (LC), 130-6; 3. Jordan (P), 118-10.
Shot put: 1. Jordan (P), 56-1.75; 2. McKinney (LC), 45-0; 3. Simpson (LC), 42-4.75.
High jump: 1. Harris (P), 6-0; 2. Dulin (LC), 5-6; 3. Chappel (LC), 5-6.
Long jump: 1. Lockett (LC), 20-5.5; 2. Yetts (LC), 18-2; 3. Dobar (LC), 17-8.
Pole vault: 1. Burke (LC), 13-0; 2. Guthard (LC), 12-0; 3. Reppenhagen (LC), 10-0.
3,200 relay: 1. Churchill (Cohan, Allesandrini, Opdyke, Meakin), 8:39.6; 2. Plymouth, 8:45.7.
110 hurdles: 1. Dulin (LC), 16.4; 2. Sankey (LC), 18.2; 3. Shattuck (P), 18.3.
100 dash: 1. Smith (LC), 11.4; 2. Allen (LC), 11.45; 3. Abraham (P), 11.5.
800 relay: 1. Plymouth, 1:44.3; 2. Churchill, disqualified.
1,600 run: 1. Dalton (P), 4:46.7; 2. Dahl (P), 4:47.0; 3. Cohan (LC), 4:53.6.
400 relay: 1. Churchill (Lockett, Smith, Yetts, Dulin), 44.4; 2. Plymouth, 45.41.
400 dash: 1. Allen (LC), 57.08; 2. Robb (P), 58.09; 3. Ables (P), 58.1.
300 hurdles: 1. Dulin (LC), 45.32; 2. Chappel (LC), 46.2; 3. Shattuck (P), 47.23.
800 run: 1. Dalton (P), 2:09.53; 2. Cohan (LC), 2:08.25; 3. Dobar (LC), 2:09.17.
200 dash: 1. Smith (LC), 23.3; 2. Allen (LC), 23.76; 3. Yetts (LC), 23.92.
3,200 run: 1. Paul (P), 10:54; 2. Bynes (P), 11:00; 3. Alessandrini (LC), 11:01.
1,600 relay: 1. Plymouth, 3:56.0; 2. Churchill, 4:15.0.
GIRLS RESULTS
CHURCHILL 76,
PLYMOUTH 61
March 30 at Churchill
Discus: 1. Gabby Carter (LC), 107 feet, 5 inches; 2. M. Fuller (LC), 89-0; 3. Wehmer (P), 83-6.
Shot put: 1. Carter (LC), 35-6.5; 2. E. Schenk (LC), 30-6; 3. Fuller (LC), 29.2-5.
High jump: 1. K. Harris (P), 5-0; 2. J. Betts (P), 4-10; 3. Juliet Hope (LC), 4-8.
Long jump: 1. Hope (LC), 13-9.25; 2. E. Rimatzki (LC), 13-9.25; 3. Foster (P), 13-7.25.
Pole vault: 1. Plymouth, 10-0; 2. Olivia Rytarsyk (LC), 10-0.
3,200-meter relay: 1. Churchill (Megan Gendjar, Raquel Zwick, Gabriel Swider, Christina Murphy), 10:35.9; 2. Plymouth, 11:25.1.
100 hurdles: 1. Rogalski (P), 17.3; 2. Foster (P), 18.9; 3. McInnis (P), 19.0.
100 dash: 1. Gardner (LC), 12.4; 2. R. Draper (P), 12.6; 3. Lukens (P), 13.6.
800 relay: 1. Plymouth, 1:53.7; 2. Churchill, disqualified.
1,600 run: 1. Caroline George (LC), 5:36; 2. Addison Mussen (LC), 5:37; 3. Kathleen George (LC), 5:39.
400 relay: 1. Plymouth, 53.5; 2. Churchill, 54.6.
400 dash: 1. Gardner (LC), 1:01.8; 2. Davis (P), 1:06.8; 3. K. Strong (LC), 1:07.1.
300 hurdles: 1. McInnes (P), 52.8; 2. Rogalski (P), 52.8; 3. M. Murphy (LC), 53.1.
800 run: 1. Caroline George (LC), 2:35.1; 2. Addison Mussen (LC), 2:37.7; 3. Alexis Lombardo (LC), 2:37.8.
200 dash: 1. Gardner (LC), 25.9; 2. Draper (P), 26.0; 3. O. Onwidiwe (LC), 27.8.
3,200 run: 1. Kathleen George (LC), 12:10; 2. Bonds (P), 12:22; 3. C. Murphy (LC), 12:25.
1,600 relay: 1. Plymouth, 4:37.2; 2. Churchill, 4:37.8.

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Housing grant to help low-income disabled people

Michigan has been selected to receive more than $5.5 million in U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding to provide affordable rental housing and supportive services to extremely-low income persons with disabilities. The Section 811 Project Rental Assistance (PRA) grant application process was a collaborative effort between the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) and the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH).

"This is a great opportunity to help create and encourage independence for people with disabilities," Michigan Lt. Gov. Brian Calley said. "These grants will give those who are capable of living on their own the chance to build a home for themselves and their families, ultimately leading to a higher quality of life."

The funding, announced recently, will be administered by MSHDA. A work group consisting of representatives from MSHDA and MDCH will collaborate to identify, refer and support target populations throughout Michigan.

"This grant will help connect hundreds of low-income adults with disabilities to permanent affordable housing and the supportive services they need for a quality life," said Wayne Workman, acting executive director for MSHDA. "I am proud of the way MSHDA and MDCH worked together to identify and apply for this opportunity to help Michigan residents in a comprehensive way."

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Closely aligned with Gov. Rick Snyder's "River of Opportunity" model for government and service delivery, the grant is intended to provide rental assistance to help prevent unnecessary institutionalization, and in some cases, homelessness.

"Promoting community-based services and systems of care for persons with disabilities is essential to ensuring that all of our residents have the support they need to lead healthy, productive lives," said Nick Lyon, director of the MDCH and interim director of the Department of Human Services. "This grant is a testament to inter-departmental collaboration, and I look forward to continued partnership with MSHDA as we work to provide stable, inclusive environments for those individuals and families who need it most."

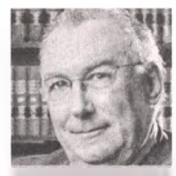
Michigan was one of 25 states selected to receive funding from the Section 811 PRA program. For more information about the Section 811 Supportive Housing program, please visit: http://portal.hud.gov

For more information about housing programs in Michigan, please visit the MSHDA website at www.michigan.gov/mshda

The Michigan State Housing Development Authority provides financial and technical assistance through public and private partnerships to create and preserve decent, affordable housing for low- and moderate-income residents and to engage in community economic development activities to revitalize urban and rural communities.

Cuban land sales still nixed for U.S. citizens

Q: With assumed normalization of relations between the United States and Cuba, I am wondering if I can purchase land in Cuba at this point for development purposes as an American citizen?



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A: You still have to be a Cuban National in order to purchase property, and most Cubans cannot afford to do so. I did meet one Cuban on my recent trip to Cuba who not only owned a house, but a farm. He obviously had connections with the government. However, what is interesting is that many hotels and restaurants are now partially privately owned in Cuba which may open the door for further private investment. Whether the possible normalization of relations between Cuba and the United States leads to investments by American companies and/or interests in Cuba is still debatable. The tobacco industry is "foaming at the mouth" about the opportunity to have relationships with Cuban farmers and the Cuban government. That may be the first area of entry in terms of American direct participation in the Cuban economy.

Q: I want to review my condominium association's books and records to see if it has received bids for repairing the swimming pool. Am I permitted to do this, and if so, how should I do it? Your association must be aware of significant new and extensive changes to the Michigan Nonprofit Act.

A: You are permitted to review these bids if they are deemed to be for a proper purpose. Whether they are for a proper purpose will depend on the facts. For example, have these bids previously been made available to the members, and if so why do you need to see them again? Is repair of the swimming pool a current issue, or is it something you would like the association to do but it previously decided not to do?

If the facts show you are requesting the bids for a proper purpose, then you should make a written demand for them. In your written demand, you must describe with reasonable particularity both the records sought for inspection, and the purpose of the inspection. The records sought must be directly connected with the proper purpose. A proper purpose is defined as one that is reasonably related to a person's interest as a member.

If inspection is not timely permitted, or if the association imposes unreasonable conditions on the inspection, the member is entitled to seek a court order compelling the inspection. If the court orders inspection of the requested records, it must also order the association to pay the costs and reasonable attorney fees incurred by the member to obtain the court order, unless the association proves that if failed to permit the inspection in good faith.

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REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Industry kudos

Carol Boji, broker and owner of RE/MAX Classic, was recently honored at the annual RE/MAX of Southeastern Michigan Awards Gala. The event was held at the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center and celebrated the accomplishments of RE/MAX's highest performers in southeast Michigan.

Boji

Boji received the Showcase Award during the event. Showcase Awards are based on agent growth, average yearly commission per agent and percentage of productive agents. RE/MAX Classic of Canton was recognized for achieving the highest average of agent commissions for an office category of 26 agents or more.

"Carol Boji is an exceptional real-estate professional," said Magnus Sublett, chief executive officer, RE/MAX of Southeastern Michigan. "Carol and her team have worked extremely hard over the last year. It is a pleasure to see them rewarded for their efforts."

RE/MAX is one of the leading real estate franchise companies with the most productive sales force in the industry and a global reach of more than 80 countries.

RE/MAX Classic of Canton is located at 42078 Ford Road in Canton, Mich. For more information about RE/MAX Classic, call 888-759-0366 or visit www.detroitmetrorealestate.com.

Short sales

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

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

Please call the office at 248-782-7130 or email june.quantum@gmail.com for your reservation or additional information.

Investors

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

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

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

Seminar each Tuesday, Thursday

A free seminar on government-insured reverse mortgages is offered by Colonial Mortgage Corp. at 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday and at 2 p.m. each Thursday at various locations.

RSVP with Colonial Mortgage at 800-260-5484.

Free foreclosure tours

Free foreclosure tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96.

Email Georgia@addedvaluerealty.com or visit FreeForeclosureTour.com.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 10-14, 2014, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS
31739 Verona Cir $281,000
BINGHAM FARMS
24102 Bingham Pointe Dr $235,000
BIRMINGHAM
1847 Bowers St $210,000
2191 Manchester Rd $228,000
487 N Eton St # B6 $120,000
1047 N Old Woodward Ave $200,000
411 S Old Woodward Ave Unit 723 $299,000
1773 Villa Rd $237,000
463 W Merrill St $875,000
1757 Winthrop Ln $433,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS
4430 Stoneleigh Rd $450,000
2049 E Hammond Lake Dr $252,000
4110 Echo Rd $130,000
4560 Niagara Ln $312,000
4566 Tanbark St $425,000
4264 Wabeek Lake Dr S $335,000
39075 Woodward Ave $510,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP
3415 Barlyn Ln $170,000
1974 Dell Rose Dr $509,000
6225 Golfview Dr $410,000
1962 Long Lake Shore Dr $960,000
199 Marlborough Dr $175,000
2970 Middlebury Ln $246,000
904 N Reading Rd $270,000
3037 Patch Dr $306,000
6254 Thorncrest Dr $306,000
6216 Worlington Rd $360,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP
5501 Ford Rd $205,000
9510 Garden Ter $130,000
9590 Listeria St $195,000
3666 Loch Bend Dr $261,000
2645 Pinto Dr $204,000
FARMINGTON
23167 Hawthorne St $96,000
36801 Heatherton Dr $228,000
33194 Maplenut St $160,000
FARMINGTON HILLS
32226 Bonnet Hill Rd $176,000
27491 Cranbrook Dr $210,000
24586 Creekside Dr $185,000
27677 Doreen St $134,000
26300 Holly Hill Dr $195,000
20721 Indian Creek Dr $78,000
35970 Johnstown Rd $77,000
29089 Kendallwood Dr $205,000
24509 Lakeland St $155,000
23944 Noble Dr $153,000
29793 Palmer Ct $188,000
22791 Purdue Ave $51,000
28218 Quail Hollow Rd $204,000
20915 Robinson St $169,000
28038 S Harwich Dr $249,000
22520 Vacri Ln $305,000
30074 W 12 Mile Rd Unit 113 $49,000
FRANKLIN
27315 Gardenway Rd $290,000
31055 Woodside Dr $315,000
HIGHLAND
2986 White Oak Bch $512,000
LATHRUP VILLAGE
27877 Rainbow Cir $270,000
MILFORD
3766 N Shoreline Dr $828,000
850 Ridgeside Dr $235,000
1974 Scenic Dr $557,000
865 Union St $30,000
2725 Wixom Trl $143,000
NORTHVILLE
42109 Roscommon St $140,000
NOVI
24403 Bashian Dr $107,000
41532 Belden Cir $220,000
27476 Belgrave Pl $285,000
25911 Clark St $165,000
39460 Country Ln $130,000
27570 Cromwell Rd $320,000
40005 Crosswinds $165,000
26388 Fieldstone Dr $305,000
26004 Island Lake Dr $470,000
41675 Juniper Cir $163,000
40796 Kingsley Ln $405,000
24561 Olde Orchard St $125,000
40225 Sandpoint Way $125,000
SOUTH LYON
24889 Carriage Ln $73,000
24932 Carriage Ln $81,000
24953 Carriage Ln $73,000
1092 Chestnut Ln $295,000
26123 Cornell Dr $374,000
971 Oak Creek Dr $252,000
61328 Saddlecreek Dr $360,000
52365 Trailwood Dr $497,000
SOUTHFIELD
27501 Abington St $135,000
20275 Brookshire St $125,000
29085 Marshall St $108,000
29625 Marshall St $130,000
29419 Stellamar Dr $203,000
18412 Stratford Dr $113,000
28585 Tavistock Trl $225,000
WHITE LAKE
1055 Pinecrest Dr $262,000
9115 Southeastern St $160,000
9693 Steephollow Dr $440,000
1165 Union Lake Rd $164,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Dec. 1-5, 2014, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON
43159 Applewood Rd $131,000
45485 Augusta Dr $351,000
41525 Conner Creek Dr $260,000
1756 Crestview Dr $246,000
6422 Durham Dr $179,000
44555 Fair Oaks Dr $190,000
6507 Fox Hills Rd $250,000
45599 Hanford Rd $260,000
49384 Hawksburry Rd $224,000
42828 Keystone Ln $153,000
430 Merrimac Rd $167,000
45544 Morningside Rd $287,000
45169 N Spring Dr $260,000
42264 Oakland Dr $259,000
1607 Peninsula Ct $270,000
41520 Pineridge Ct $185,000
45085 Seabrook Dr $332,000
42000 South Dr $190,000
1201 Terrell Ct $210,000
437 W Canford Park $355,000
42664 Woodwind Ln $299,000
GARDEN CITY
32365 Bridge St $115,000
7041 Helen St $44,000
28447 Hennepin St $152,000
28620 Krauter St $50,000
6517 Lathers St $67,000
33723 Marquette St $48,000
552 Radcliff St $123,000
31204 Sheridan St $66,000
LIVONIA
33727 Angeline Ave $225,000
15026 Arden St $80,000
19503 Bainbridge Ave $195,000
12132 Cavell St $85,000
31696 Fairfax St $103,000
36172 Fairway Dr $58,000
19029 Harrison Ave $195,000
19805 Inkster Rd $42,000
37958 Lyndon St $144,000
31064 Mason St $142,000
9351 Merriman Rd $120,000
15224 Middlebelt Rd $43,000
11316 Milburn St $145,000
37100 Muirfield Dr $275,000
32466 Pembroke St $284,000
17511 Rougeway St $144,000
29948 Saint Martins St $100,000
38779 Summers St $140,000
29027 Sunnydale St $182,000
18142 Ventura Ct $285,000
32446 Wisconsin St $164,000
NORTHVILLE
51275 7 Mile Rd $163,000
17470 Briar Ridge Ln $750,000
16410 Brooklane Blvd $555,000
16705 Carriage Way $156,000
16801 Carriage Way $147,000
16963 Highland Ln $580,000
42021 Pon Meadow Dr $310,000
42649 Savoy Ct $120,000
39406 Springwater Dr $181,000
15698 Spyglass Dr $575,000
16461 Weatherfield Dr $306,000
PLYMOUTH
46284 Barrington Rd $283,000
44734 Clare Blvd $370,000
650 Herald St $475,000
40718 Ivywood Ln $200,000
15015 Maplewood Ln $236,000
44434 Marc Trl $220,000
243 N Mill St $195,000
9301 Red Maple Ct $285,000
REDFORD
16296 Delaware Ave $130,000
14393 Dixie $93,000
26626 Dover $92,000
17315 Indian $140,000
25505 Ivanhoe $40,000
19312 Negaunee $36,000
WAYNE
35139 Ash St $44,000
3633 S Hubbard St $23,000
WESTLAND
2600 Barns Dr $214,000
28991 Currier Ave $103,000
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Dearborn Federal Savings Bank	399721	(313) 565-3100	3.5	0	3	0
Fifth Third Bank	403245	(800) 792-8830	3.625	0	3	0
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GMC SIERRA 1500 2013
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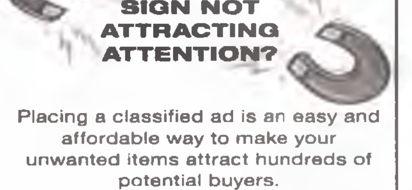

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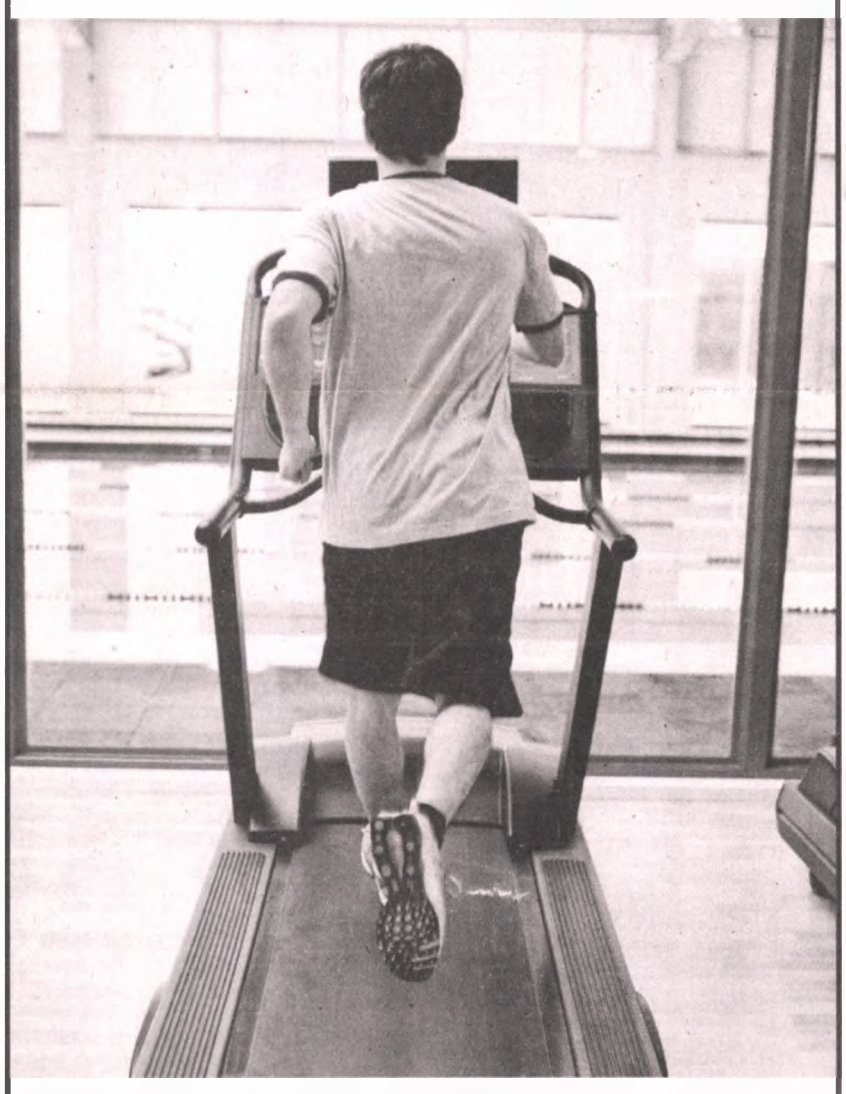

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ACROSS

1 Piece of chain
5 Mars, to Plato
9 Aberdeen kid
12 Idaho neighbor
13 Steak cut
14 Outback bird
15 Japanese clog
16 Nobel's invention
18 Appalachian range
20 Big spread
21 Quaint lodging
22 31-day mo.
23 Brush off
26 Tried
30 Bail out
31 Yuck!
32 Vase with a foot
33 Taking a break
36 Zesty dip
38 Neither Rep. nor Dem.
39 Hankering
40 Secluded valleys
43 Pilot's place
47 Spoke to oneself
49 Tolstoy, et al.
50 Rap-sheet letters
51 Annoy
52 Is, in Avila
53 Butterfly catcher
54 Bridge-crossing charge
55 Galaxy unit

DOWN

1 Pulls laboriously
2 Big-ticket —
3 Its HQ is Brussels
4 Tan slacks
5 Colonial suitor
6 Orbison and Rogers
7 Half of zwei
8 Glitches
9 Spunky movie princess
10 Lb. and oz.
11 Recital offering
17 Vast
19 India —
22 Bonfire remains
23 1914 headline
24 Get a move on
25 Badges and such
26 Custard ingredient
27 "The King and I" name
28 Pause fillers
29 Court evidence, maybe
31 Sturm — Drang
34 Delicate hue
35 Pay-telephone word
36 Just a —!
37 Calf neighbors
39 Matterhorn echo
40 FBI agent (hyph.)
41 "Cool Hand —"
42 Oregon, to Yves
43 Tiny room
44 Ant at a picnic
45 Scintilla
46 Russian ruler
48 Carioca's home

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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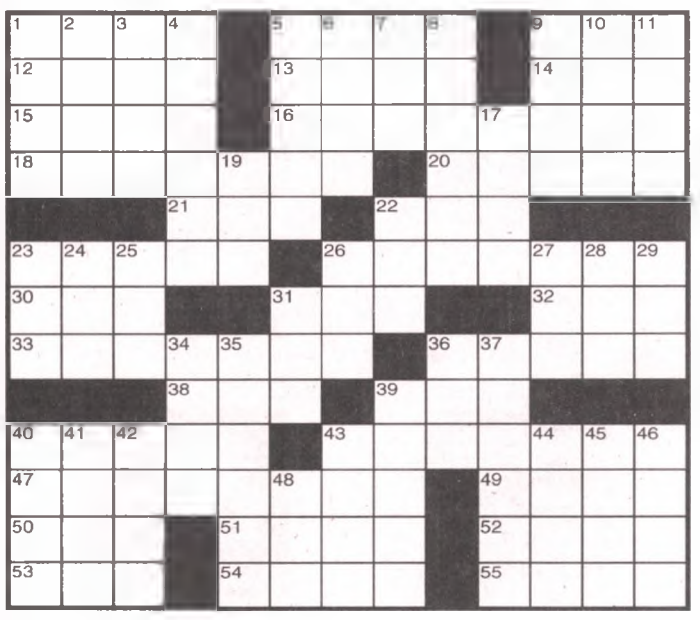

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SUDOKU

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

Level: Beginner

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

WORDS

ADARE
ARMAGH
BELFAST
BLARNEY
BOYNE VALLEY
BUNDORAN
CLARE
CLIFDEN
CONNEMARA
CORK
DERRY
DINGLE
DONEGAL
DOOLIN
DOWNPATRICK
DUBLIN
GALWAY
IRELAND
KENMARE
KERRY
KILDARE
KILKENNY
KILLARNEY
KINSALE
LIMERICK
LISTOWEL
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TIPPERARY
WATERFORD
WESTMEATH
WESTPORT
WICKLOW

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

Sudoku

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2	3	8	9	5	7	1	6	4
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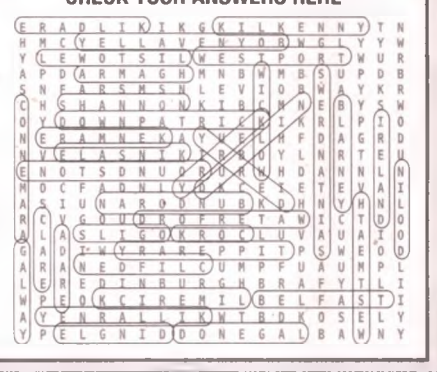

RELIGION CALENDAR

APRIL

BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, April 19

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

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

Contact: 734-425-4421

COMMONGROUND

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, April 17

Location: Connection Church, 3855 Sheldon, Canton

Details: Join women from more than 30 Detroit-area churches for an evening of worship,inspirational teaching, outreach and free party. The event will include a kitchen shower for The Well of Waterford. To participate, visit the gift registry at Kohl's, Bed, Bath, and Beyond or Target under the name, Dana Bosnack, Well of Waterford director

Contact: Tami@connectionchurch.info

CONCERT

Time/Date: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 22

Location: Biggby Coffee, 36640 Ford Road, Westland

Details: InsideOut Church of Garden City presents a free concert, "The Evolution of Music," featuring Bobby Guskovict. He'll play music from the 1950s to the present

Contact: 734-983-8376

DISCUSSION SERIES

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 14-May 5

Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile Road, Livonia

Details: Series is based on the movie, *Do You Believe?* Discussions aim to challenge participants to focus on what it really means to believe and how they can live out their faith. RSVPs are requested but not required at register@holytrinitylivonia.org

Contact: holytrinitylivonia.org

FASHION SHOW

Time/Date: 11:45 a.m. autograph signing, 12:30 p.m. lunch and fashion show, Sunday, April 12

Location: Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, Livonia

Details: Miss Michigan 2014, KT Maviglia, and local titleholders will model their competition evening gowns from the Miss Michigan Scholarship Pageant and the Miss America Pageant. Event includes lunch. Suggested donation is $15 for adults and $12 for children, 12 and under. Reservations are required

Contact: Jane Welton at janmw2@att.net

GENEROSITY SEMINAR

Time/Date: 9-10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 25

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

Details: Ron Chewning of Stewardship Advisors presents Experiencing the Joy of Generosity

Contact: 734-459-3333

LADIES CRAFT NIGHT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, April 10

Location: Crossroads Church, at Sacred Heart Conference Center, 29125 Six Mile, Livonia

Details: The theme is "Cute Crafty Cupcakes." $5 paid in advance by April 8 or $6 at the door

Contact: crossroadsnow.org or 248-890-5718

LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 18

Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Tracee Swank presents "Leading From the Center of God's Will." The workshop aims to help participants understand how to lead effectively, build a culture of leadership in their church based on biblical world views, how to deal with conflict, facilitate meetings, and more. Fee is $25 and includes refreshments, lunch, workbook, and resource listing. Fee is $75 for three or more. Register at 734-464-0211 or email register@holytrinitylivonia.org

Contact: holytrinitylivonia.org

LUNCHEON

Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 18

Location: Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia

Details: The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary annual "Swing into Spring" luncheon will feature a brief presentation about The Salvation Army's after-school programs, a silent auction and a performance by the Detroit Temple Corps youth dance team. $45 per person. Reservations by April 10

Contact: 248-443-5500, Ext. 231

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, April 17

Location: Salvation Army, 9451 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: Rent a table or space and sell your own stuff; tables are $20. Proceeds to Older, Wiser and Loving Senior Group

Contact: 734-453-5464, Ext. 22

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, April 25 and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 26

Location: Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 3065 Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Furniture, home and kitchen items, clothing, books, toys, antiques, dishes, collectibles, along with a bake sale. Proceeds of sale and donations benefit Vista Maria

Contact: 734-427-1414

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 30, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, May 1, 9:30 a.m. to noon, Saturday, May 2

Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Admission for Thursday's preview sale is $2. Bag sale ($3) and half-price sale are on Saturday. Bags will be provided

Contact: 734-464-0211

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m, Thursday, April 16

Location: St. Genevieve Catholic School, 28933 Jamison, Livonia

Details: Preschool 3- and 4-year-olds; kindergarten through grade 8. Tours available any day on request in addition to the open house

Contact: 734-425-4420

ONGOING

CLASSES/STUDY

Men's Bible study

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

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

Contact: John Shulenberger at 734-464-9491

Our Lady of Loretto

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

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township

Details: Scripture study

Contact: 313-534-9000

FAITH COMMUNITY WESLEYAN

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

Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia

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

Contact: pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

CLOTHING BANK

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

Location: Canton Christian Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton

Details: No documentation needed

Contact: info@cantoncf.org

FAMILY MEAL

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

Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

Details: Free meal

Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

HEALING SERVICE

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

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

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

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

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

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

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

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

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

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

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

Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

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

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

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday

Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

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

Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

St. Edith Church

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

Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

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

Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1223

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St. Michael Lutheran Church

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

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

Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

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

Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach

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

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304

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

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

First Presbyterian Church

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

Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville

Details: Single Place Ministry; cost is $5

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

Steve's Family Restaurant

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

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

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

Contact: 313-534-0399

SONG CIRCLE

Congregation Beth Ahm

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

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

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

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

SUPPORT

Apostolic Christian Church

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

Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

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

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

Connection Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday

Location: 3855 Sheldon, Canton

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

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

Detroit World Outreach

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

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202

Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems

Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

» Farmington Hills Baptist Church

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

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

Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group

Contact: 248-433-1011

» Merriman Road Baptist Church

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

Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City

Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations

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

» Fireside Church of God

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

Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

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

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

» St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday

Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia

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

Contact: 734-421-8451

» St. Thomas a' Becket Church

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

Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton

Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly

Contact: Margaret at 734-838-0322

» Unity of Livonia

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday

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

Details: Overeaters Anonymous

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

» Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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

Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township

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

Contact: Child care, 248-374-7400; www.celebraterecovery-.com and www.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

Contact: 734-637-7618

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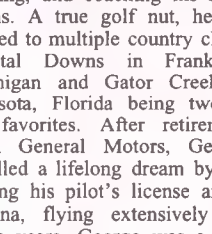
DUNCANSON, CHARLES LESLIE

Age 94, passed away March 10, 2015, in Crossville, Tennessee. Devoted husband of Helen (Anderson) Duncanson, father of six, grandfather of 10 and great-grandfather of six, he is survived by daughters Ann Kern, Jean Bertman and Mary Jo Duncanson, sons Scott Duncanson and Peter Duncanson, and sister Corrine Fenner. He was preceded in death by his wife Helen in October 2014, infant son James Allen Duncanson, brothers Stuart and Robert Duncanson, sisters Marilyn Stewart and Jean Schlinsog, and parents Charles Leslie Duncanson and Anna (Espeseth) Duncanson. Charles was born August 15, 1920, in Byron, Minnesota, graduated from Winona State College, lettered in basketball, football, baseball and track, and was inducted into the Winona State University Athletic Hall of Fame. Charles and Helen were married in 1943. They celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in October 2013. He served in the Army Air Corps as an aircraft repair instructor during World War II. In 1951, he began a 31-year career with Metropolitan Life. He was an active member of Rotary International and lifelong member of the Methodist Church. Memorial service will be held Saturday, August 1, at 10 a.m. at Fairfield Glade United Methodist Church, Crossville, Tennessee. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Church.

HALBERT MARGARET M.

Age 87, of Northville, passed away, 03/27/2015. Condolences at casterlinefuneralhome.com



JOHNSON, GEORGE HENRY

Age 88, passed away April 2nd, 2015 at home with his wife of 69 years, Nancy (Christman), by his side. George was born April 10, 1926 in VanWert, Ohio. After graduating from Upper Arlington High School, the Navy took him to the University of Michigan, where he got his BA in 1946 and then attended Engineering School. As number "77," he played football for U of M in 1945 and won the national championship in 1947, beating USC in the Rose Bowl 49-0. While he was at Michigan, he asked girlfriend Nancy's father for her hand in marriage. Her dad said "No, not until you get your degree and a real job." Thus began a 39 year career with Chevrolet/General Motors. George started his tenure shoveling sand at Saginaw Grey Iron Foundry, eventually rising to Director of Purchasing for Chevrolet. His last three years were served as Director of Operations at Allison Gas Turbine in Indianapolis. George was a lifelong athlete, playing paddleball, jogging, and coaching his kids' teams. A true golf nut, he belonged to multiple country clubs, Crystal Downs in Frankfort, Michigan and Gator Creek in Sarasota, Florida being two of his favorites. After retirement from General Motors, George fulfilled a lifelong dream by obtaining his pilot's license and a Cessna, flying extensively for some years. George was a lifetime member of the U of M Alumni Club and the letterman's "M Club." George is survived by his loving wife, Nancy; sons Craig (Patti), Jeffrey, and Bruce; daughter Martha (Tom) Cook; grandchildren Justin (Ashley), Kinsey, Elizabeth, Craig, Philip Cook, and Amanda Machan (Charles); great grandsons, Jackson Cook, Ashton Henry, and Austin Gene Johnson. George was preceded in death by his parents Martha and Albert, and brother Don. Memorial services to be held at Waterman Village in Mount Dora, Florida and next summer interment in Ann Arbor, Michigan. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Attn: Dan's Courage Crew, 2215 Citygate Drive, Suite A, Columbus, Ohio 43219.

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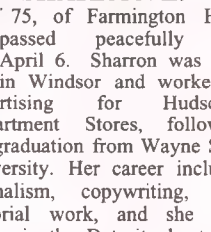

SELBERG, REV. DR. ROBERT L.

March 20, 2015, age 82 of Dearborn. Beloved husband of Linda and the late Nancy. Loving father of Cathryn (Dale) Lehman, Robert, William (Lynnae), Kristen (Matthew) Pazur, Carly Szajnecki, Kellyn Szajnecki, and Mallory Szajnecki. Proud grandfather of eight. Dear brother of Bruce (Barbara). Bob served 43 years as a United Methodist Minister. His first 10 years in the U.P. followed by ministry in the Detroit and Ann Arbor Conferences. Memorial Service Sunday, April 12 at 1:00 p.m. at Plymouth First United Methodist Church. www.howepeterson.com

ZAMCZYK, SHARRON L.

Age 75, of Farmington Hills, passed peacefully on April 6. Sharron was born in Windsor and worked in advertising for Hudson's Department Stores, following her graduation from Wayne State University. Her career included journalism, copywriting, and editorial work, and she was active in the Detroit chapter of Women in Communications. The family resided in Farmington Hills for 45 years, and Sharron was the first female president of the Greencastle Homeowners Association. In her later years, she enjoyed meals with family, game shows, and old comedy shows from more innocent and gentle times. She kept up on current issues and events from the Observer, and helped keep us all informed on the news. Dear Sharron is survived by her beloved husband of 50 years, Norman Zamczyk, daughters Kathy and Dina (Erik) Lindquist. Dear sister of Nelson Uten, and Darlene (Jeremy) Zimmermann, and aunt to their sons Kent and Tad. Preceded by her parents, Rose and Frank Uten, of Windsor. Laid to rest at Adat Shalom Memorial Park, Livonia.

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Show about bongo-playing, brilliant physicist takes stage in Plymouth

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Theoretical physicist Richard Feynman won a Nobel Prize in 1965 for his work in quantum electrodynamics (QED).

That's all the science you need to know to understand and enjoy Barefoot Productions' upcoming show, *QED*. The play, focusing on a day in Feynman's life, was written by Peter Parnell and originally premiered in 2001 in Los Angeles, Calif., with Alan Alda in the lead role.

Mike Cuba

Barefoot Productions will stage *QED* at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 10-11, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 12, at 240 N. Main, Plymouth. Tickets are $15 for adults and $13 for students, available at justgobarefoot.com or at the door.

Steve Sedore of Plymouth plays the brilliant and eccentric physicist in this one-man show that also includes an appearance by Jenna Hinton of Farmington Hills as a graduate student. The play is set in 1986 — two years before Feynman's death — in his office at California Institute of Technology where he spent most of his teaching career. Feynman talks to the audience about his work on the atomic bomb, the theory of quantum electrodynamics, and his discovery of defective rubber O-rings in the 1986 Challenger space shuttle explosion.

"You don't need to know science at all. The deepest he goes into science is he talks about light reflecting off a mirror and light passing through a piece of glass," said Mike Cuba, director. "A deep, working knowledge of science is not a requirement.

"He's a storyteller. That's one of the reasons I love this guy. Carl Sagan did the same thing, Mr. Wizard did the same. They are explainers of science."

Cuba can relate to Feynman's presentation style. The Livonia resident taught high school chemistry in Detroit before his retirement 10 years ago and often used storytelling to explain concepts — "especially the stuff you can't see" — to his students.

Achievements, challenges

Cuba wanted to direct *QED* after seeing it for the first time years ago in Benzie, while on vacation in northwest Michigan.

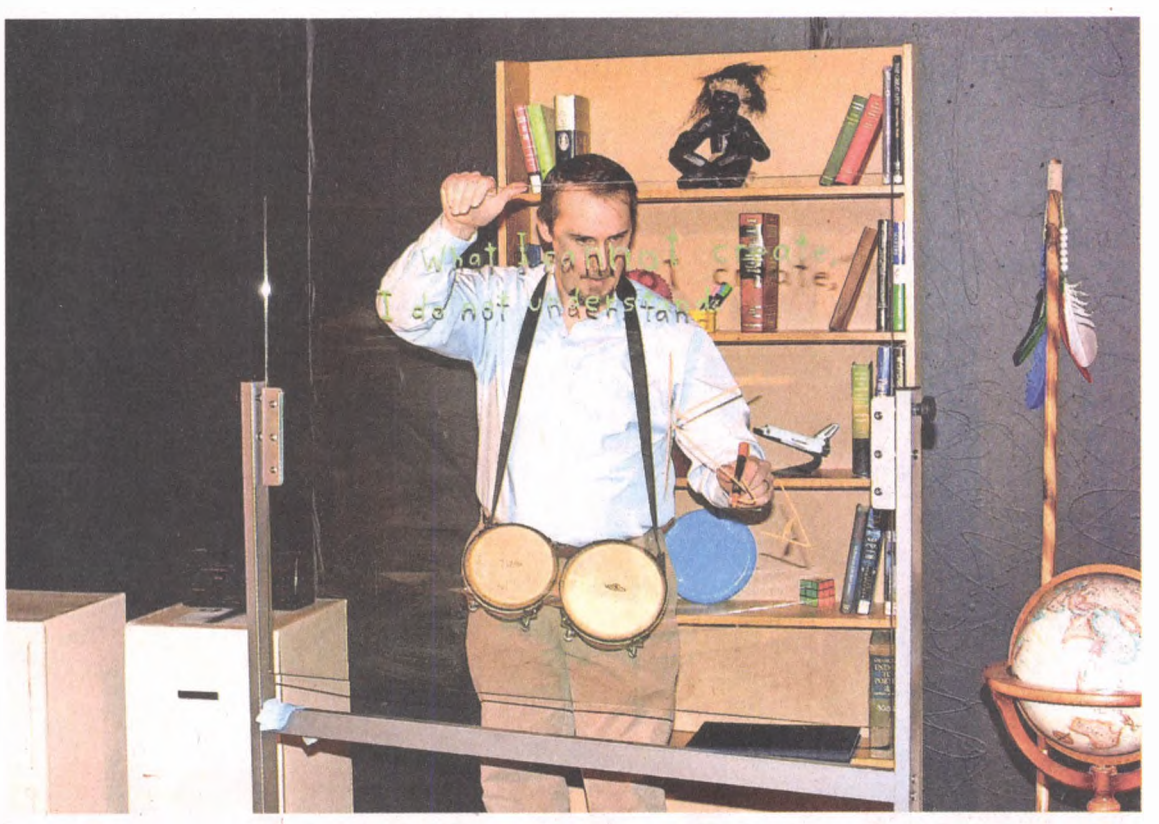
"I was completely blown away by the show. The guy who played Feynman didn't look anything like him and he didn't sound like him, but he was Feynman," Cuba said. "In the first part of the play he talks about his achievements. In the second part he's battling cancer. He's already had three operations and lost one kidney."

The audience also learns about the lighter side of the Feynman's life, too. He loved to play bongo drums and act in university plays.

"He tells a story about being in Los Alamos working on the bomb ... to relieve stress he did two things. He played the drums and he picked locks. He broke into almost every locked cabinet on the base."

Portraying Feynman

Cuba cast the play without auditioning actors. He directed Sedore in *Arsenic and Old Lace* and *Rehearsal for Murder* at Spotlight Players. He knew Sedore, had both the energy and ability to memorize lines for a one-man show.


GARY TURNQUIST
Steve Sedore of Plymouth portrays the bongo-playing, Nobel Prize-winning physicist Richard Feynman in "QED" at Barefoot Productions, Plymouth.

"It was a no-brainer. I knew he could handle it," Cuba said.

"The play is fascinating to me. I've essentially watched it 20 times, (as director) and it's still fascinating. That's partially the topic and Steve's ability to engage in the story. He becomes Feynman when he talks."

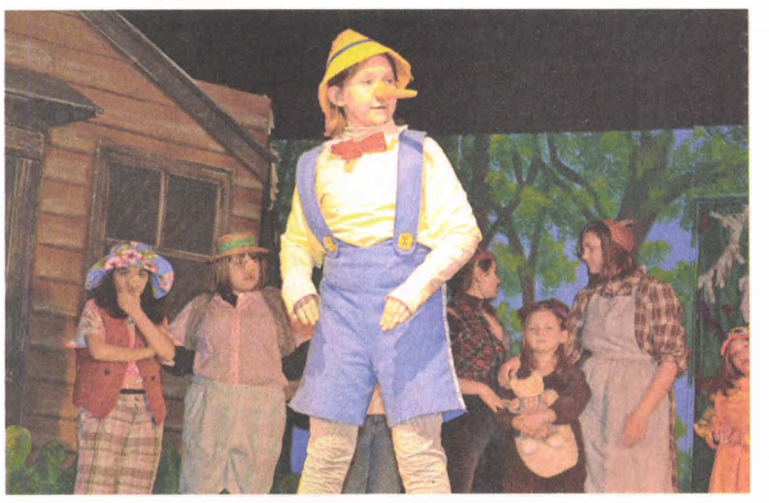
But finding an audience for a one-man show can be challenging, especially if the main character is not a household name.

"There are one-man shows with Mark Twain and Will Rogers. Not everyone knows who Richard Feynman was. The recognition factor is the biggest hurdle."

GARY TURNQUIST
Physicist Richard Feynman, played by Steve Sedore of Plymouth, talks to grad student Miriam Field, played by Jenna Hinton of Farmington Hills.

GET OUT! CALENDAR

SUBMITTED
A Splash of Martin, by Renee Spears, is among the mosaic pieces on exhibit through April 29 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.


Ava Savageau portrays Pinocchio in the Motor City Youth Theatre production of "Shrek the Musical, Jr."

ANIMALS
DETROIT ZOO
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily

Location: I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak

Details: Admission is $14 for adults 15-61, $10 for senior citizens 62 and older, and for children ages 2-14; children under 2 are free. Parking for cars and vans is $5. Detroit Zoological Society members get free admission and parking

Senior Day: Seniors, 62 and older in the tri-county area and a caregiver get free admission and parking, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 29. Includes music, tram ride, bingo and zookeeper talks

Contact: 248-541-5717

ARTS AND CRAFTS
GALLERY@VT
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday and during public events, through April 29

Location: Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: "Pieces of Life," celebrates glass making with works by members of the Mosaic Artists of Michigan

Contact: 734-394-5300; cantonvillagetheater.org

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE
Time/Date: Noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday through April 25

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: Pastel Invitational Exhibition with works by seven pastel artists

Contact: 248-344-0497

CALL FOR ENTRIES
REEL MICHIGAN FILM FESTIVAL
Time/Date: Entry deadline is April 17; film festival screening is June 20

Location: Screening at the Marquis Theatre in downtown Northville

Details: The Festival is accepting Michigan-made or Michigan-themed short films, less than 20 minutes. Entry form is available at northvillearthouse.org/special-events/reel-michigan/.

Contact: reelmichigan@gmail.com

COMEDY
JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB
Time/Date: 8 p.m. Thursday, April 9; 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 10-11

Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Travis Howze; tickets are $12 for show only or $25 for show and a dinner on Thursday; $16 for show or $29 for show and dinner, Friday-Sunday

Open mic: Each comedian gets five minutes of stage time. Open mic begins at 8 p.m. every Tuesday. Call the box office Tuesday through Thursday, to get on the performer list

Contact: 734-261-0555; catchthefunny.com

KICKER'S ALL-STAR BAR & GRILL
Time/Date: 9 p.m. Friday, April 10

Location: 46555 Michigan Ave., Canton

Details: He Said She Said, an open forum on such topics as religion, finances and dating, is for ages 21 and over and is hosted by Opio & Stacy; $10 at the door. A standup comedy showcase featuring Smokey Suarez, Coolaid, and Martez Jackson follows

Contact: Gordon Dooley at 734-560-7018

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE
Time/Date: 8 p.m. Thursday, April 9 and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 10-11

Location: Fourth and Troy streets in downtown Royal Oak

Details: John Caparulo; tickets $25 Thursday, $30 Friday-Saturday

Contact: 248-542-9900; info@ComedyCastle.com

THE MIX THEATRE
Time/Date: 8 p.m. April 18

Location: 8 N. Washington St., Ypsilanti

Details: Mark Sweetman, veteran headliner and professional comic, will host an evening of professional comedy with guests Ruben Ruben, Darnell Anderson, Mike Evitts, Shelly Smith, and Mike Szar. Admission $10. Tickets online or call 734-985-0875 to pay at the door

Also playing: The Laugh Riot Dolls, founded by Heather Kozlakowski, perform at 9 p.m. April 17. All seats $10

Contact: emergentarts.com,

FILM
PENN THEATRE
Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9:05 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 10-11; 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, April 12; 7 p.m. Thursday, April 16

Location: 760 Penniman, Plymouth

Details: *Still Alice;* admission $3

Contact: 734-453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE
Time/Date: 7 p.m. April 17-18 and 1 p.m. April 19

Location: 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Avenue in Detroit

Details: *Gone With The Wind*, with appearances by Mickey Kuhn who played Beau Wilkes in the film and Kathleen Marcaccio the "Gone With The Wind Answer Lady"; $7. Special meet-and-greet, 4:30 p.m. April 18 with Marcaccio and Kuhn, includes desserts and preferred seating for Saturday's show; $25

Contact: 313-898-1481 for additional information

HISTORY
KELSEY MUSEUM
Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, and 1-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, through May 3

Location: 434 State St., Ann Arbor

Details: "Death Dogs: The Jackal Gods of Ancient Egypt," features approximately 40 artifacts, some never before displayed, along with archival photographs and explanatory graphics

Family day: 1-3 p.m. Saturday, April 11, includes special tours in the galleries, and mummy-themed arts and crafts

Drop-in tour: Anna Volante, Near Eastern Civilizations & Anthropology major, leads a tour 2 p.m. Sunday, April 12, starting at the Museum's Maynard Street entrance

Contact: 734-764-9304

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM
Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday-Sunday

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: "Creative Hands: Busy Hands" runs through June 14. Admission is $5 for adults, $2 for ages 6-17

Contact: 734-455-8940

MUSIC
BASELINE FOLK SOCIETY
Time/Date: Sign up for open mic from 6:15-6:45 p.m.; show runs 7-9:30 p.m., third Saturday of the month through May

Location: Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: $5 at the door.

Contact: BFSpresident@aol.com

BLUES@THE ELKS
Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month

Location: Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: On Tuesday, April 14, The Boa Constrictors will perform. Bring your dancing shoes. $5 donation

Contact: 734-453-1780 for additional information

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY
Time/Date: 8 p.m. April 11

Location: Seligman Center for Performing Arts Center, 22305 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills

Details: Violinist Daniel Hope, violist Paul Newbauer, cellist David Finckel and pianist Wu Han come together for an evening of piano quartets. Tickets are $30-$60 for adults and $15-$30 for students

Contact: 248-855-6070; chambermusicdetroit.org

JAZZ@THE ELKS
Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month

Location: Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: Johnny Trudell Quartet performs April 28. $10 donation at the door includes hors d'oeuvres

Contact: 734-453-1780 or email plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com for additional information

Michigan Philharmonic
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. April 11

Location: Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: "Springtime Swan Song" showcases music from Carter Pann Ernest Bloch and Tchaikovsky. Cellist Norman Fischer joins the Orchestra for a performance of *Schelomo – Hebraic Rhapsody for Cello and Orchestra* by Bloch. Tickets are $30 general admission, $25 for seniors, age 62 and over, and $10 for students with ID

Contact: michiganphil.org; 734-451-2112

THE MIX STUDIO THEATRE
Time/Date: 8 p.m. April 11

Location: 8 N. Washington Street, Ypsilanti

Details: Rollie Tussing, master of the slide guitar and raggedy folk, performs. Admission is $10. Pay online or call 734-985-0875 for pay-at-the-door reservations

Also playing: Ann Dahl and Brandon Scott, along with special guests, present "British Invasion: The Best of the Brits." Admission $10

Contact: emergentarts.com for additional information

MEDITERRANEAN FARE

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When entertaining calls for some flavorful inspiration, look to the fresh and abundant offerings of Mediterranean cuisine.

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The growers and shippers of the Idaho-Eastern Oregon Onion Committee and the National Onion Association offer the following tips about onions:

» One large onion, diced equals about 1 cup fresh and ¼ cup cooked.

» Grill and saute onions over low to medium heat. This will bring out a savory, sweet, mellow flavor. High heat can cause the onion to taste bitter.

» Store onions in a cool, dry, well-ventilated place with minimal exposure to light.

» Keep peeled and cut onions in a sealed container in the refrigerator for seven to 10 days.

For more tips and ideas to add flavor to your outdoor celebrations, visit www.onions-usa.org and www.usaonions.com.

Courtesy of Family Features

TURKEY AND ONION MEATBALL KEBABS WITH YOGURT DIPPING SAUCE

Servings: 6 large or 9 small kebabs

1 tablespoon cumin seed
1 cup plain yogurt
1 tablespoon chopped cilantro
1 tablespoon chopped chives
¾ teaspoon honey
¼ teaspoon salt
1 pound ground turkey
3 cloves garlic, chopped
2 teaspoons lemon zest
¼ teaspoon kosher salt
¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper
1 large yellow onion, peeled and cut in thin wedges
1 green pepper, cut into 1-inch dices
12 cherry tomatoes

Heat small pan over medium heat. Add cumin seeds to toast. Stir frequently, for about 3 minutes or until seeds are fragrant and slightly browned. Remove seeds to spice grinder or mortar and pestle; grind to moderately fine powder.

In medium bowl, combine yogurt, cilantro, chives, honey, salt and 1 teaspoon ground toasted cumin. Cover and refrigerate at least 1 hour.

In second medium bowl, combine turkey, garlic, lemon zest, salt, cayenne and 1 teaspoon ground toasted cumin; mix gently but thoroughly. Shape into 18 1 ½-inch meatballs.

Preheat grill. On metal skewers (or bamboo skewers soaked in water 30 minutes), thread meatball, onion wedge, pepper square and cherry tomato. Repeat. Finish skewer with another meatball and onion wedge.

Grill until meatballs reach internal temperature of 160°F, turning as needed. Serve immediately with dipping sauce.

For mini-skewers, use 2 meatballs, 2 onion wedges, 1 cherry tomato and 1 pepper square on each skewer.

LENTIL SALAD WITH MARINATED ONIONS, ROASTED TOMATOES AND OLIVES

Servings: 6–8

2–3 medium tomatoes cut into eight wedges
1 (9.5-ounce) jar whole, pitted Greek olives, drained
4 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
8 thyme sprigs, leaves removed
Sea salt
1 ⅓ cups lentils
½ medium red onion, thinly sliced
1 ½ tablespoons red wine vinegar
2 garlic cloves, pressed
1 medium cucumber, chopped
1 (12-ounce) jar artichoke hearts, sliced
¼ cup parsley, chopped
3 tablespoons chives, chopped
⅔ cup crumbled feta
1 tablespoon lemon juice
Fresh ground black pepper

Preheat oven to 400°F. On medium-sized baking sheet lined with parchment paper, arrange tomatoes skin side down. Add drained olives to pan; drizzle with 1 tablespoon olive oil and balsamic vinegar. Sprinkle with thyme leaves and sea salt. Roast for 20 minutes. Remove from oven and cool completely.

Cook lentils according to package directions, approximately 20 minutes.

While lentils are cooking, place red onion in small bowl. Pour red wine vinegar over onions and sprinkle with sea salt. Stir and let stand at room temperature while lentils are cooking.

When lentils finish cooking, drain if needed. In large bowl, combine lentils, marinated red onion, garlic and remaining olive oil. Mix well and cool completely. When cool, combine rest of ingredients with lentils. Serve cold.

ORANGE, MINT AND ONION SALAD

Servings: 6

3 navel oranges
½ sweet yellow onion, peeled and thinly sliced
¼ cup fresh mint leaves, torn
¼cup black olives, oil cured, pitted
Vinaigrette:
⅓ cup cider vinegar
2 tablespoons honey
2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
½ teaspoon salt
¼ cup canola oil

For salad, cut top and bottom off each orange so it sits flat on cutting surface. Remove peel and pith (white part) by taking sharp knife and running it down sides of orange from top to bottom, following shape of each orange. Slice oranges into rounds. Arrange slices, overlapping each other slightly, on large platter. Scatter onion, mint and olives over oranges.

For vinaigrette, whisk vinegar with honey, mustard, cinnamon and salt. Slowly add oil while whisking constantly, until well combined.

Drizzle vinaigrette over salad and serve immediately.

Note: Any leftover dressing can be stored, tightly covered, in refrigerator for up to 5 days.