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No criminal charges in fatal police shooting

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

No criminal charges will be brought in the fatal shooting of a Westland man by police late last year, but a civil lawsuit seeking \$10 million has been filed in federal court over the death.

"The warrant was denied because there was insufficient evidence to prove that a crime was committed," Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Maria Miller said.

Troy Hart, 27, lived with

family members on Calhoun Court, a couple of short blocks from where he was shot near Grand Traverse and Clare Court on Nov. 8, 2014. Police were called after Hart, who suffered from a genetic disorder that impaired his development, argued with family members, then left the house shirtless and armed with a large hunting knife.



Jedrusik

Police reported that Hart had been arguing with his brother and making threats to harm someone when they located him on the street. Officers reported trying to calm Hart, who continued to be agitated. The two officers who responded reported shooting when Hart came at them with the knife.

The lawsuit filed on behalf of Hart's mother Cheryl charges that officers used excessive force, violated Hart's 14th Amendment rights to life and liberty and violated

the Americans with Disabilities Act requiring accommodations for his mental disability.

"He (Hart) was actually on his way home. His brother was standing next to him when they (officers) gunned him down," said attorney James Craig of Fieger Law. "Police escalated the situation when it was defused — he (Hart) was on his way home."

The lawsuit charges the police department didn't train officers to deal with people having mental disabilities. The

complaint also charges that officers failed to provide medical treatment to Hart, shot three times.

"He was handcuffed with three bullet wounds but received no medical care. We have a witness who indicates he stayed in the ambulance for 30 minutes," Craig said. "He didn't die until he arrived at the hospital. There was an intentional delay in getting him treatment. That's gross indifference."

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KATIE SULLIVAN

With names like Logaine Schwartandgrubenniere and William Barfee, students at Wayne Memorial High School are ready to spell in the interactive presentation of "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" at 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, April 23-25.

Wayne High invites audience to be part of 'Spelling Bee'

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Every year, Wayne-Westland asks its students how well they spell and that's what Katie Sullivan will be asking members of the audience when Wayne Memorial High School Theatrical Guild presents *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* this weekend.

Four members of the audience will become contestants in the spelling bee and, as a result, no two shows will be alike.

"I knew when I read it it was the perfect show," said Sullivan, who is filling the director's chair. "Every show will be different with how they spell. It will affect the

order of the songs. (Instrumental music teacher) Matt Diroff will be back and he'll have to be ready at a moment's notice. If they spell a word wrong, they have a song they sing."

The musical will be presented at 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, April 23-24, and at noon and 7 p.m. Saturday, April 25, in Wayne High's Stockmeyer Auditorium.

Written by Rachel Sheinkin, with music and lyrics by William Finn, *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* is the story of six tweens who vie for the spelling championship of a lifetime. It reveals "hilarious and touching stories from their home life" as they spell their way through a series of words,

hoping to never hear the ding of the bell that signals a spelling mistake.

The musical comedy continues Sullivan's plan to have interactive productions this school year. In fact, she chose this as the spring musical before settling on the fall production of *Murder's in the Heir* that had nine different endings, depending on the audience.

Audience participation

Jessica Colvin, who plays Rona Lisa Perretti, the moderator of the spelling bee, and Megan Keiper, who plays Shayna Simonetti, will pre-screen the audience prior to the show to find audience members to appear in the show. Sullivan is hoping to

get a variety, including "some celebrities from Wayne."

"The unknown is what you get with the audience member, but it's also the exciting part, because you know every show will be different," Sullivan said.

Keiper, a senior, is in her sixth and final show at Wayne Memorial. This is her fourth stint as an assistant director. This time she is handling attendance.

"Throughout the process, we've been attempting different scenarios; however, each person reacts differently to the dances or the spelling, so we can only prepare so much," she said. "Yet it'll be

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Hawley not running for Wayne mayor

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Appointed last year, Wayne Mayor James Hawley won't be running to continue as mayor and is also expected to give up his council seat.

"My wife and I are making other plans. We just got back from Florida where we bought a home for the winter," Hawley said. "I won't be available for all those meetings — that's a big factor."

Hawley was appointed to fill a vacancy on council in 2012 and then was elected to a four-year council term in 2013.



Hawley

When long-time Wayne mayor Al Haidous resigned after being elected to the Wayne County Commission in 2014, Hawley was appointed to serve as mayor.

Wayne has a city manager form of government, meaning that although directly elected by voters for two-year terms, the mayor has no additional authority beyond that of council members.

"For some reason, people think it (mayor) has authority. It still has just one vote and in most cases, the vote is irrelevant," Hawley said.

"It's a frustration for me not to have the authority to get things done. The city manager has all the authority in the city manager form of government."

Under the Wayne City Charter, the city attorneys found that Hawley was temporarily filling the mayor's seat and would return to council for the remaining two years on his term, if he didn't run for mayor or wasn't elected.

"I will probably not stay on council. I haven't fully decided. It's the same issue (wintering in Florida)," Hawley said. "My plan is probably to wait until the end of the year to finish it out."

The filing deadline for the

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Westland man faces hearing on accosting, exposure charges

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A Westland man, who waived his preliminary examination, has been ordered bound over for trial on charges of accosting a teenage girl.

Mark Mayes-Rochelle, 44, is charged with accosting a child for immoral purposes and indecent exposure. He entered

a not guilty plea in Westland 18th District at his arraignment.

The charge is that Mayes-Rochelle, a registered sex offender, accosted a 13-year-old girl and exposed himself on April 3.

The girl was sleeping on a couch in the living of a home



Mayes-Rochelle

in the 32000 block of Avondale when the alleged incident reportedly happened. Westland Police said the girl and her mother were spending the night at the home of the mother's boyfriend. Mayes-Rochelle was identified as the boyfriend's roommate.

Police said Mayes-Rochelle, who was reportedly intoxicated, woke the girl up and asked her if she wanted to have sex,

which resulted in the accosting charge.

Mayes-Rochelle is a tier 3 registered sex offender, according to the Michigan Sex Offender Registry, which indicates conviction of the most serious sexual offenses and requires lifetime registration. Mayes-Rochelle also was a registered sex offender in Illinois before relocating to Michigan.

The boyfriend and mother were unaware of Mayes-Rochelle's status of as a registered sex offender, police said.

Mayes-Rochelle remains jailed in lieu of \$750,000 bond and is scheduled for Wayne County Circuit Court arraignment on April 23.

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Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik declined to comment specifically on the lawsuit but did comment on no criminal charges being filed in the shooting.

"This is an emotionally difficult situation for everyone involved. We as a police department feel sorry for the family who lost their loved one, and we feel sorry for the police officers who were forced to take a human life," Jedrusik said. "Both the family and the police officers involved will carry this with them for the rest of their lives."

The Westland Police Department conducted a thorough internal investigation into this incident, Jedrusik said.

"The department determined that the officers' actions were in accordance to department policy and that their actions were necessary to protect their own lives and the lives of others," he said.

The Wayne County Prosecutors Office also conducted an independent investigation into the incident, he said, which also determined that the officers actions were necessary and ruled the shooting to be justifiable.

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HAWLEY

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upcoming city elections is at 4 p.m. Tuesday. With the new ward voting system, four council

seats were to be filled: Wards 1, 2 and 3, along with an at-large seat to fill the two years remaining on the term of James Henley, who resigned. David James was appointed to serve in that seat until the elec-

tion.

Incumbent Councilmen Skip Monit and John Rhaesa having expiring terms and would be in Wards 3 and 2, respectively.

With Hawley not running for mayor, Monit,

Councilwoman Susan Rowe and Bob Boerjete are reported among those jumping into the mayor's race.

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PLAY

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so much fun to interact with 'normal' people as our characters face-to-face."

Sullivan's other assistant directors are senior Jordan Khalaf and junior Alicia Highland, who have served in that capacity before. Junior Kaitlyn Frawley is new to the job. She's in charge of costumes and props.

"Each character is different and each is so unique that I put together a list describing what they need and any props that are needed," she said. "Mrs. Sullivan has final say, but I think I've done a good job as far as I can see."

Frawley plays Logainne Schwartzandgruenhiere, the youngest and most politically aware speller of the group. Adopted by a gay couple, her extra long last name is a combination of their last names with "and" tossed in. The challenge hasn't been playing such a young character, it's the fact that she talks with a lisp.

"I've always loved the theater and I want to pursue it," she said. "It's amazing to me to be able to become another person



KATIE SULLIVAN

"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" continues director Katie Sullivan's commitment to interactive theater at Wayne Memorial High School this year.

on stage."

Social media

Khalaf is doing a third tour as an assistant director. He again is handling publicity, getting word out in the community about the show and trying new ideas to see how they work.

"We're continuing with changing our names on Twitter and, on Thursdays, we go around the entire day in our character to promote the show," he said.

Khalaf also plays Chip Tolentino, a Boy Scout who won the 24th annual spelling bee and is experiencing puberty as the show progresses.

"I'm pretty content with the role I got," he said. "I've learned to love the roles I get in shows and I love all the characters in this one. They all have very distinct per-

sonalities."

Highland handles contacts and progress reports, making sure the cast and crew are keeping up their grades and behavior.

"There are people who have great grades and those who are struggling are improving," she said. "I feel grades are important and, with my contacts, I feel it's important to know what's going on. I love the opportunity to have a leadership role. I know what it takes to do a good production."

She also plays Olive Ostrovsky, a newcomer to competitive spelling. Her mother is in an ashram in India and her father is working late and trying to come sometime during the bee. She spends the whole show looking for him in the audience.

The students began preparing for the produc-

IT'S SHOW TIME

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When: 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, April 23-25; also noon April 25

Where: Stockmeyer Auditorium at Wayne Memorial High School, 3001 Fourth St., Wayne

Tickets: \$10 for reserved seating in advance and at the door. Advance tickets can be ordered by emailing Katie Sullivan at SullivanK@wwcsd.net.

tion in mid-February and have been rehearsing three hours four days a week. That has been bumped up to four hours as opening night approaches. And even with week-long mid-winter and spring breaks, the small cast is right where Sullivan expects them to be in being ready for the first show.

"This is a small cast. It's a different experience working with 12 actors rather than 50," she said. "It's a tight-knit group and they're very focused."

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Join Westland mayor for coffee, chat Tuesday

Join Westland Mayor William Wild for coffee and a discussion about city services, programs and events at 9 a.m. Tuesday, April 21, at city hall.

It's the second Mornings with the Mayor, an informal session that

gives residents an opportunity to discuss issues with the mayor and key members of his administrative staff.

"All concerns will be heard, and if you've a way to improve services or an idea for a new program or activity, let

me know," Wild said.

"Resident feedback, good or bad, suggestions and ideas on how to improve our community are the epitome of what public service is all about and can only serve to improve upon the work the city does on

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Abraham Lincoln (portrayed by Ron Carley) chats with Livonia Historical Preservation Commissioner Kathy Bilger during his visit April 15 to Greenmead's Blue House for a luncheon commemorating the 16th president's funeral. The gathering also featured a lecture by Dr. Gerald Turlo, who spoke on the medical care Lincoln received after being shot at Ford's Theatre 150 years ago.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Dressed in Union soldier garb, Dr. Gerald Turlo addresses an April 15 gathering at Livonia's Greenmead Historical Park on the devastating injury Abraham Lincoln received the night he was assassinated.

'President Lincoln' crashes own funeral meal in Livonia

By Karen Smith
Staff Writer

An Abraham Lincoln impersonator unexpectedly showed up Wednesday at a luncheon in Livonia commemorating the 150th anniversary of the 16th president's death, surprising organizers and delighting attendees.

"Lincoln crashed our luncheon," said Maureen Casey, recreation supervisor at Greenmead Historical Park. "It was a complete, total surprise."

Casey said she was setting the mood for a funeral, explaining to the attendees why the dining facilities at the Alexander Blue House weren't decorated as usual and why they were provided with a black armband or ribbon to wear. "The president was dead and the country was in mourning," she remembers telling them, "and here our dead guest of honor walks in the door."

Impersonator Ron Carley, a Livonia resident, came from another event Wednesday commemorating Lincoln and decided to drop by the one at Greenmead after seeing it on Greenmead's schedule of events, Casey said.

Linda Wiacek, program supervisor, invited Carley to say a few words to the 55 attendees before the scheduled speaker began his PowerPoint presentation on Lincoln's funeral.

"People loved the fact that he was there," Wiacek said. "He really looked the part. He was incredibly tall; his clothing was just right."

The scheduled speaker, Dr. Gerald Turlo, president of the 17th

Michigan Volunteer Infantry Company E Inc. re-enactors group, wore a Civil War-era surgeon's uniform and told the crowd about the train ride from Washington, D.C., where Lincoln's body was displayed in the Capitol building, to Springfield, Ill., where he was buried nearly three weeks later.

In every major city, the train stopped and thousands of mourners lined up to view his open casket and pay their respects.

Wiacek said in an age when news traveled mostly by word of mouth, people probably

wanted to see for themselves that the president really had died.

She said the viewing of his body in towns from Washington to Springfield served another purpose, as Lincoln died just after the Civil War ended.

"His body was a stand-in for a son, a husband, a brother, who died and was never able to come home," she said. "It was like he was the symbol of the entire war."

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A black-sash draped portrait of Abraham Lincoln greets visitors to Greenmead's Blue House during the Livonia Historical Commission's gathering for the 150th anniversary of the president's death. Ron Carley (center), portraying Lincoln that day, was an unexpected visitor.

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STUDENT ACHIEVERS

Ashish Thomas of Westland graduated from Troy University during Term 3 of the 2014-2015 academic year. Thomas attended TROY's Global Campus and graduated with a bachelor of science degree from the College of Arts and Sciences.

Term 3 includes students at TROY's campuses in Dothan, Phoenix City and Montgomery, Ala., and Global Campus, which consists of teaching sites outside of Alabama and online.

Cassandra Ford of Garden City and **Gregory Gaskin** of Westland were among 2,041 students named to the Dean's List for the fall 2014 semester at Saginaw Valley State University. To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must take at least 12 credit hours and carry a semester grade point average of 3.4 or better.

Andrew Barber of Wayne is a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon, which has had a presence on the campus of Culver-Stockton College in Canton, Mo., since 1868. The fraternity was recognized for being the number one chapter in their province in March 2015.

The chapter is a part of the Gateway Province United, a collection of 15 chapters that includes Truman State University and Western Illinois University. Rankings are based off of a number of criteria, ranging from philanthropy dollars raised for St. Jude's, to new members initiated into the fraternity.

Additionally, the C-SC's chapter of TKE was ranked number 23 out of 259 in the nation, as well as number six

out of 63 in the region. These rankings are for the 2014-2015 school year, and the Chapter could continue to rise in the rankings until the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year.

Barber is junior majoring in criminal justice at Culver-Stockton College.

Freddy Keys and **Monique Woodson** of Westland, students in the College of Health Professions at University of Detroit Mercy, were recently recognized at the university's Honors Convocation.

The Honors Program strives to integrate the intellectual, spiritual, ethical and social development of its members by fostering a community of scholarly excellence, encouraging exploration of the world beyond the classroom and promoting compassionate service to those in need.

Three Westland and Garden City students recently were initiated into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines.

Sarah Bishop of Garden City and **Jennifer Allen** of Westland were initiated at Eastern Michigan University, while **Mayuresh Iyer** of Westland was initiated at University of Michigan.

Membership in Phi Kappa Phi is by invitation and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors, having at least 72 semester hours, are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates



Veronica Peterson, a graphic design student at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center in Westland, won a Gold and Silver key in Graphic Design at The Scholastic Art Awards in New York. More than 300,000 works of art and writing were submitted and only 2,200 received National Gold and Silver Medals. Peterson will be awarded her medals at Carnegie Hall this summer. Holding her award winning designs are Steve Paulsen (left), graphic design instructor, and William D. Ford Principal Steve Kay.

for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff, and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Micah Hill of Wayne Memorial High School, Wayne, and **Camree Hill** of John Glenn High School, Westland, have been named recipients of the Comcast Foundation's annual Leaders and Achievers® Scholarship Program. One of Comcast's signature community investment initiatives, the program recognizes high school students for their com-

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gage them in their communities.

Irene Prevost of Garden City was named to the Honors List at Walsh College for the 2015 winter semester. Students who attain a cumulative grade point average of 3.500 or better and have completed 12 semester credit hours at Walsh are eligible for honors.

Michigan Campus Compact has honored **Blake Padgett** for his dedication to service with its Commitment to Service Award.

Padgett, a senior from Westland, was named to the 2014 Allstate AFCA Good Works Team, a national intercollegiate football award that recognizes student-athletes who have worked to positively impact the lives of others.

"Blake has been a positive example for his teammates and for future Scots who come to Alma College," said Anne Ritz, service-learning coordinator. "Besides being a solid performer on the football field, his off-the-field accomplishments are impressive and numerous."

Padgett has served as a volunteer youth football coach, participated in Alternative Break work projects with Habitat for Humanity and United Cerebral Palsy, and co-founded with two teammates the non-profit TACKLE — Together All Can Keep Limits Exhausted — to assist youth sports in Alma's Gratiot County.

He also has served meals at Community Café and volunteered with Big Brothers Big Sisters, Relay for Life and the Wounded Warriors Project.

Applications available for two scholarships

Applications are being accepted for two scholarships offered annually by the Wayne Recreation Foundation.

The Harold and Pat Bower Scholarship is open to Wayne residents only.

All Wayne-Westland Com-

munity Schools students are eligible for the Jack Demmer Scholarship (Wayne/Westland students).

The Harold and Pat Bower Scholarship was established to assist students in furthering an education in the Arts and

Humanities. That includes but is not limited to art, dance, theater, visual arts, vocal or instrumental music, cinematography, photography and writing.

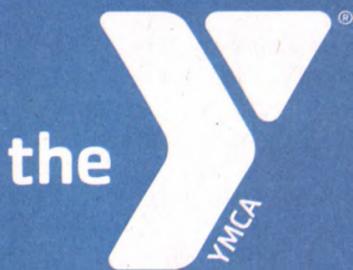
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sist students in furthering their education toward a business related or other career goal.

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Livonia to acquire new portable speed radar device

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Drivers in Livonia beware: You might get a reminder of how fast you drive around town starting this spring.

The Livonia Police Department is finalizing the purchase of a portable device that can detect and display speeds from motorists who pass by. The display, which can attach to street signs, is portable and operates similar to speed radar trailers.

The idea behind it, Sgt. Joe Boitos of the Livonia Police Department said, is to remind drivers to take it slow, especially in residential neighborhoods. He said those are the kinds of places he's looking to place the speed radar device at various times of the year.

"We'll be able to place the sign in any area," he said. "It will display, so

residents will be able to see for themselves how fast cars are going."

The sign is being paid for through a grant the city received from AAA. The city council is expected to approve the grant acceptance and the purchasing of the sign at its meeting Monday night.

Currently, the city uses the speed radar trailers, and a permanent speed radar reader with a display is installed on Levan north of Five Mile, where drivers can get their speed on a sign posted above the current speed limit sign.

"This is definitely a step up from what we've had in the past," said police Chief Curtis Caid at the previous city council meeting. "It's not intended to be a permanent installation."

New to this portable reader is the ability to take photos of vehicles, though state law prohib-

its using such photos to issue traffic citations, Boitos said.

"It's just that extra reminder," he said. "Now they're actually seeing their speed and folks realize, 'Oh, I am going a little high.'"

And once the speed radar reader is purchased, it appears there will be several civic association leaders lining up to have it temporarily installed along their streets.

Boitos said some areas of Livonia, including Old Rosedale Gardens, have expressed interest in having it placed along its streets.

"There are some neighborhood associations that are already aware that we're getting this," he said.

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DAVID VESELENAK

The speed display drivers see on Levan north of Five Mile. The City of Livonia is working to secure another device similar to this one, although the new one would record some data and be portable.

MRSA case reported at school

By Karen Smith
Staff Writer

A case of the bacterial staph infection MRSA has been reported at Livonia Franklin High School.

The staff member infected with methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus is not currently working at the school and will not return until cleared by a physician, school officials said. The staff member was sent home earlier in the week, they said.

An email was sent to all Franklin students and staff members Wednesday informing them of the infectious disease and telling them that protocol for sanitation

was being followed.

"It's one case - no others reported," said Stacy Jenkins, the district's administrator of communications. "The classrooms where this person works with students have been disinfected."

MRSA is an infection caused by a strain of staph bacteria that has become resistant to the antibiotics commonly used to treat ordinary staph infections, according to the Mayo Clinic website.

The infection starts as small red bumps that resemble pimples, boils or spider bites. These can quickly turn into deep, painful abscesses that require surgical atten-

tion, the website says.

Be aware of minor skin problems such as pimples, insect bites, cuts and scrapes - especially in children. If wounds become infected, see your doctor. Do not attempt to treat an MRSA infection yourself. You could worsen it or spread it to others, the website says.

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Missing Redford woman, 91, found safe

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Redford police say a 91-year-old woman who was reported missing Wednesday afternoon has been found.

Police say the woman, Vivian Heap, was last seen driving her car at about noon Wednesday westbound on Seven Mile

toward the intersection of Seven Mile and Wayne roads in Livonia. She was later found safe.

Police sent out a message in the early morning hours Thursday asking for the public's help. A message sent out at about 6:30 a.m. Thursday indicated she had been found safe.

Redford motorcyclist killed in I-96 accident

By Beth Jachman
Staff Writer

A Redford motorcyclist was killed in an accident on westbound I-96 near Outer Drive in Detroit on Wednesday afternoon, according to the Michigan State Police.

The motorcyclist, driving a 2012 Suzuki, was reportedly traveling in and out of traffic at a high rate of speed when he hit a trailer at about 2 p.m.

A driver of a passenger vehicle pulling another vehicle on a trailer had pulled off on the shoulder of I-96 to change a flat tire, and the motorcyclist was attempting to pass traffic on the shoulder and struck the parked trailer, according to a Michigan State Police press release.

Although it appears speed was the cause of the crash, it is unknown if alcohol was also a factor, Michigan State Police said.

The victim was identified as Chester Klein, 36, of Redford Township.

Klein was wearing a helmet and had a motorcycle endorsement.

Michigan State Police

are continuing their investigation.

Another accident

The accident occurred about an hour after another motorcyclist was killed on M-14 at I-275 in Plymouth Township when he fell into the path of a semi tractor-trailer.

David Dershinski, 68, of Westland was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident, on westbound M-14 at I-275, according to Lt. Michael Shaw of the Michigan State Police. Dershinski had been wearing a helmet.

A press release from the MSP said Dershinski was driving a 2005 Harley Davidson on the entrance ramp from northbound I-275 onto westbound M-14 when, near the end of the ramp, he lost control of the motorcycle.

The motorcycle went down, the press release said, and Dershinski fell into the path of the rear trailer wheels of the westbound semi-truck and was run over.

There were no immediate signs that drugs or alcohol contributed to the accident, police said. The accident remains under investigation.



Allison Johnson of Livonia started the Western Wayne County branch of the Foster Closet of Michigan, a nonprofit organization that provides items to children placed in the foster care system in Michigan.

SUBMITTED

Woman fosters goodwill with new charity branch

Allison Johnson feels a strong connection with children who are in foster care and a sense of obligation to assist the kids and the adults who foster them.

"Children are often placed into foster care with no personal items and, in many cases, they come into care with only the clothes on their back," said Johnson, a Livonia wife, mother and active volunteer with the Livonia Parent Teacher Student Association in Livonia Public Schools.

Because it's all about timing, Johnson said the time isn't right for her family to care for a foster child, so she is hoping, instead, to make a difference in her own, very practical way.

"I've long felt that God was giving me a heart for foster children," Johnson said. "Since I'm not sure we're ready to become foster parents at this time, I was searching for a way to help foster kids without yet becoming a fos-

ter parent."

Johnson started the Western Wayne County branch of the Foster Closet of Michigan, a nonprofit organization that provides clothing, underclothing, toys, shoes, baby equipment, gear and, in some cases, furniture to children placed in the foster care system in Michigan.

"These are new and like-new items that have been donated to us," Johnson said. "Our organization provides these kids with stylish new or like-new clothing and personal items. This helps them to begin the process of rebuilding their self-esteem and provides them with belongings they can call their own."

Opened in December

The Western Wayne County branch opened in December 2014 and is sure to be a resource to the more than 2,400 kids in foster care throughout the county. Johnson's

branch is the second to open in Wayne County and is based in Livonia. The eastern branch serves Detroit.

The Foster Closet of Michigan was created as a resource for foster families to help alleviate the financial burden of foster parenting. It operates solely from donations, which are always accepted and tax-deductible.

Johnson decided to open the Western Wayne branch after meeting Michele Austin, a foster parent who is the president of the Oakland County Foster Closet. Austin's partner is a foster care navigator and has been a foster parent for 11 years.

"As a foster family, I embody the philosophy that it takes a village to raise a child. The foster closet of Michigan is a village of 14 branches throughout Michigan. We help supplement foster families in meeting the needs of the children in their care."

Johnson is hoping to gain community support in filling her closet in Western Wayne County.

"For those interested in donating, we're always in need of new socks and underwear, hygiene products, diapers and wipes," Johnson said.

To help strike up donations and enthusiasm for the Closet, Johnson has planned a bowling fundraiser for 7 p.m. Friday, May 29, at Woodland Lanes, 33775 Plymouth Road, Livonia. The event will include raffles and a silent auction. For more information, visit the Foster Closet of Michigan Western Wayne County on Facebook.

The branch is open to foster families on an appointment basis. Hours are flexible and interested parties need only call 800-554-4966 ext 213. A placement letter is required to shop at the Foster Closet. Find out more at www.foster-closetofmichigan.org.

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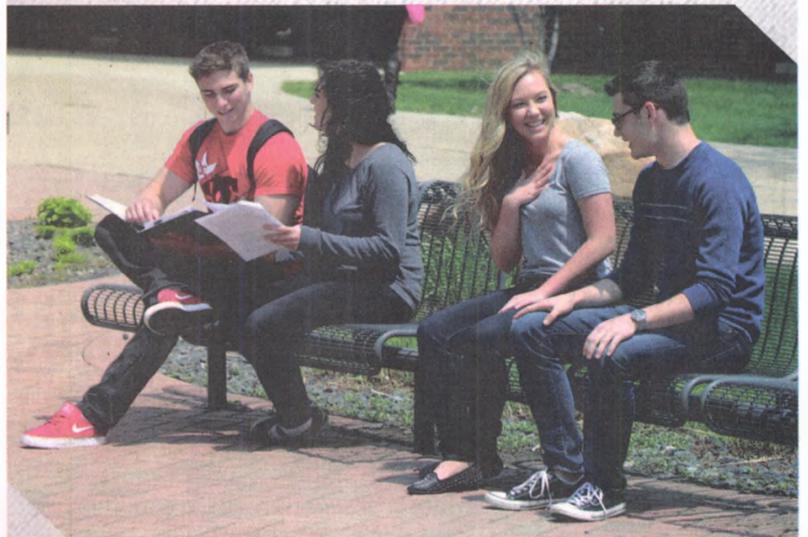
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Madonna receives \$28,500 for hospice scholarships

Madonna University has been awarded a \$28,500 gift from Texas-based Heart to Heart Hospice Foundation, an institution dedicated to supporting those at end of life, those with life-limiting conditions and the family members who care for them.

The funds will be used to create a \$25,000 scholarship endowment for undergraduate students pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Hospice and Palliative Studies, as well as a \$1,500 scholarship for the 2015-2016 academic year for a graduate student in the Master of Science in Hospice and Palliative Studies program.

The gift also includes a \$2,000 donation to support the Transforming Loss Conference scheduled for fall 2015.

Kelly Rhoades, professor and chair of the hospice and palliative studies program, said that the gift will have a significant impact on future hospice students. "The students in the Hospice and Palliative Studies Department will benefit from the generous gifts made by the Foundation," Rhoades said.

"I am especially pleased to learn that an endowed scholarship was started, because this type of award establishes an ongoing legacy in the name of Heart to Heart Hospice for the hospice students who will be able to access financial support for years to come. We are so grateful," she said.

Providing support for hospice education is a high priority for Heart to Heart Hospice, according to Kelly Mitchell, CEO of the Heart to Heart Hospice Corporation and president of the Heart to Heart Hospice Foundation.

"At the Heart to Heart Hospice Founda-



Representatives of the Heart to Heart Hospice Foundation present the gift to Madonna University President Sister Rose Marie Kujawa, (center seated). Pictured with Sister are: Seated (from left): Kimberly Dellinger and Terri Bailey, Heart to Heart Hospice; Kelly Rhoades, chair of Madonna's hospice and palliative studies department. Standing (from left): Ernie Nolan, Madonna provost and vice president for academic administration; Debbie Dunn, Graduate School dean; Lynn Jones and Gary Johnson, with Heart to Heart Hospice; Andrea Nodge, Madonna vice president for advancement.

SUBMITTED

Residents play for free at Livonia Rec Center on May 3

The Livonia Community Recreation Center will be open free to Livonia residents from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 3.

Livonia residents are invited to go for a ride down the giant water-tube slide, go swimming, rock climb, exercise, visit informational booths, take demo classes, go on guided tours and more — all at no charge. Non-residents will be charged \$3 a person.

Free martial arts classes will be held at 1 p.m. (Tae Kwon Do), 2 p.m. (Kung Fu) and 2:30 p.m. (Tai Chi).

The rec center is at 15100 Hubbard, Livonia. For more information, call 734-466-2900.

tion we believe it is our responsibility and our privilege to promote quality of life for those with life-limiting conditions through patient/family grants and educational initiatives," she said.

Madonna University was among the first institutions in the nation to offer a degree-based curriculum in end-of-life care.

Since its inception in 1984 with a certificate at the undergraduate level, the program has grown to include both bachelor's and master's degrees.

Highlights of the program include a post-master's certificate in bereavement (available online and on campus) and certificates in hospice and palliative studies at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

Rhoades also ex-

pressed gratitude for the funds to support the conference in the fall.

"The workshops at the conference will help create a greater awareness of the unique, quality educational offerings in the Hospice and Palliative Studies Department at Madonna University," she said.

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Granite City Food and Brewery opens

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Good food and beer is making its debut at the corner of Haggerty and Seven Mile roads with the official opening of Granite City Food and Brewery in Northville Township.

This is the Minnesota-based restaurant and brewpub's 33rd location and second in Michigan. A ribbon cutting and VIP event was held earlier this week.

There's a lot of anticipation around this opening for Granite City.

"We're excited to be opening our doors to the community. Now they can get to know what we have here," said Sal Aluzo, general manager of Northville's Granite City, whose name comes from the nickname of the founders' hometown of St. Cloud, Minnesota.

Northville's Granite City

What they have is a 10,200-square-foot restaurant that has a modern design with dark wood and granite accents highlighting the comfortable dining area along with outdoor seating, private room availability, and a full-service bar. Patrons also get a great view of the open kitchen with its central wood-fired pizza oven and the on-site brewery.

Aluzo said Granite City was looking for the best spot to continue its expansion into Michigan after its first location in Troy. They believe the Northville community is the ideal location.

"As we continue our expansion into the Michigan market, we're pleased to open metro Detroit's second Granite City Food and Brewery in Northville," said Rob Doran, Granite City Food and Brewery CEO. "It's an honor to bring our award-winning, hand-crafted beers and made-from-scratch meals to a whole new audience of hungry diners."

Granite City's signature brews include The Duke (Pale Ale), The Bennie (Bock), The Batch (Double IPA), The Northern (American Style Light Lager) and The Stout. Seasonal brews are featured throughout the year. These can all be taken as well in a cool-looking growler.

However, it's not just great beer they serve, Aluzo said, it's also food.

He said they are truly a polished casual American restaurant featuring fresh, high-quality menu items prepared from made-from-scratch recipes. Executive Chef and Schoolcraft College graduate Eric Sredzinski said signature dishes include ponzu salmon, braised bison short ribs, pulled



Northville Township Granite City server Craig Simpson offers a tray of lager and ale samples from the food and brewery restaurant during its community grand opening. The national chain now has 33 locations in the country.

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pork waffle sandwich and hand-crafted burgers, flatbreads, salads and steaks.

Sredzinski said they emphasize using a regionally-defined seasonal menu sourced from local food producers.

"This is a very exciting time for us," the locally trained chef said at the ribbon cutting. "In preparation for the Northville opening, we created a

newly expanded menu to supplement the Granite City favorites fans have come to know and love. We look forward to sharing these delectable new tastes with the local community."

Community Partnership

Supporting community is a big part of the business model for Granite. In the lead up to the

opening it collected donations for Northville Civic Concern and on opening day the restaurant donated 10 percent of each meal purchased to this local assistance organization.

Granite City of Northville sits in front of the University of Michigan's Northville Health Center and is the first big opening for the restaurant part of the Livonia-based

Schostak Brothers and Company's Northville Park Place development.

Granite City of Northville is located at 39604 Traditions Drive and can be reached at 248-662-3400.

To learn more about Granite City, go to www.gcfb.net.

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Madonna student named Newman Fellow

Madonna University senior Rocío Campos was selected as one of six Michigan students to receive the National Campus Compact Newman Civic Fellows Award in March. Campos, a Detroit resident, was recognized for her volunteer work with the Michi-

gan Urban Farming Association to identify long-term solutions for residents plagued with food insecurity and neighborhood blight.

Campos is a student leader, active in issues of education, youth development, neighborhood safety, and community

leadership. She is currently involved in youth development initiatives at SER-Metro Inc., an organization dedicated to preparing youth and adults for workforce access and success.

"It is great to be recognized as a Newman Civic Fellow. I enjoyed

the opportunity to work with MUFA and help support their efforts — everything they do is geared toward making sure Detroit residents are self-sufficient using an agricultural platform. They are a volunteer-based agency and everything they do goes right

into the community," Campos said.

"Winning this award just empowers me to continue," Campos said.

Campos will graduate with honors in May 2015 with a bachelor's of arts degree in sociology and a minor in psychology.



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Westland man bound over for trial on charges of shots fired

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A Westland man has been bound over for trial on charges that he shot a handgun in his family's home.

Jason Lee Bell, 24, is charged with discharging a firearm in a building, felony firearm and reckless discharge of a weapon. He entered a not guilty plea at his arraignment in Westland 18th District Court.

A National Guard sergeant, Bell served a tour in Afghanistan several years ago. His mother Jennifer Brandon testified that her son, who police said was intoxicated, was yelling and screaming at other family members prior to the Jan. 1 incident.

"He was yelling at us that we had disobeyed a direct order and were putting his life in danger," she said. "It appeared like he didn't know who we were. Initially, he was just yelling and then he got more aggressive."

Along with Bell, his

wife and child, Brandon said her two other sons were also living with her at a home on Fran Court. She testified that a family friend was trying to intervene with Bell and she went into her bedroom.

After hearing a scuffle in the hallway, Brandon said she heard gunshots and Bell saying, "I'm dropping it." A thud followed, and then she opened her bedroom door to pick up a gun which was on the floor, she said.

Two bullet holes were found high on a wall and the glass door at the house was shattered. Police reported recovering shell casings and two nine-millimeter handguns from the house.

Initially, Brandon said she was afraid to tell police what had happened.

"I knew he (Bell) needed help," said Brandon, who testified her son has been diagnosed with PTSD and is now receiving treatment through the Veterans Administration.

During the Jan. 1 incident, Brandon said Bell

had also smashed a mirror, which resulted in a cut tendon in his hand.

Defense attorney David Lankford requested that Judge Mark McConnell dismiss the two felony charges — discharging a firearm and felony firearm — while Bell would enter a guilty plea to the misdemeanor reckless discharge of a firearm charge.

McConnell ordered Bell bound over for trial, adding to his bond conditions requiring that he consume no alcohol or illegal drugs, take prescribed medications and follow his treatment.

"We hope this can be resolved without mandatory time," said Lankford, referring to the felony firearm, which carries a mandatory two-year prison sentence.

Bell remains free on bond and is scheduled for Wayne County Circuit Court arraignment April 30.

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Livonia Montessori enrolling for summer camp, fall 2015

Families with children entering preschool or kindergarten are invited to attend an open house at Livonia Montessori School from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, April 26. Located at 31840 W. Seven Mile in Livonia, the school is now accepting applications for its 10-week summer camp program and the 2015-16 school year.

Livonia Montessori School offers an educational and fun theme-based summer camp, which begins June 15 and runs through Aug. 21. Specially designed for children ages 3-6, the camp offers a different theme each week with

related art projects, in-house presenters and much more. The camp is led by Montessori-certified teachers.

Throughout the school year, students experience an individualized learning environment for preschool and kindergarten based on the Montessori method. Respect for children, a strong commitment to non-violence and a deep belief in the value of education are all principles upon which the school functions.

Livonia Montessori School offers both half-day and full-day programs, along with before- and after-school

care as needed.

"The open house provides families a hands-on tour of our classrooms and the opportunity to explore the multi-sensory Montessori materials specially designed for children in this age group," said Patty Porta, the school's administrator. "Our teachers and staff will also be readily available to answer parents' questions."

Children are welcome, and refreshments will be provided.

For more information about the April 26 open house or to schedule an individualized tour, call 248-474-4764, email livoniamontessori@att.net

or visit www.livoniamontessori.org.

Now in its 43 year, Livonia Montessori School is a nonprofit educational community affiliated with the American Montessori Society, Michigan Montessori Society and the Association of Independent Michigan Schools. Accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), Livonia Montessori School is licensed by the Michigan Department of Human Services. For more information, visit www.livoniamontessori.org.

Wayne-Westland social worker honored by MASSW

Michigan Association of School Social Workers has named Wendy Lyon, a social worker at Adams Upper Elementary School in Westland, Social Worker of the Year. The award represents school social workers in western Wayne, Monroe and Washtenaw counties.

Lyons has worked for Wayne-Westland Community Schools since 1999. She provides consultative services to student with special education certifications and leads groups for general education students that target social skills.

She has also helped implement the PBIS positive behavior model, with a special focus on cultivating the increasingly refined use of data to work with behaviorally troubled students, at three schools.

She initiated a pilot a Teacher 2 Teacher program to help teachers

develop classroom management skills and recruited teachers and social workers to serve as instructors and modeling teachers at six lower elementary schools and both upper elementary buildings.

She also has run an anti-bullying club for three years at Adams Upper Elementary. Called "The Matadors," it focuses on kid-driven ways to reduce bullying in schools and to improve student confidence in addressing bullying.

Lyons also has offered a one-day training on using Adventure Challenge to build collaboration skills and a three-hour program on working with autistic students to the Bright Futures staff working in three school districts. Bright Futures is an after-school program run through Eastern Michigan University and available in Wayne-Westland schools.

Hudson's store history featured at library program

The Garden City Library will host "The History of Hudson's Department Store" at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 22.

The presenter for the evening is Michael Hauser, who has taken a strong interest in researching historical Detroit-based retailing. He will be available to answer questions after the program.

An author, he will present a multimedia based evening complete with photos, ephemera and video clips of the rise of Hudson's, Detroit's own homegrown store.

Daniel Lodge, the adult collections librari-

an, was delighted to arrange this event.

"I thought it would help to bring the community together to learn about an interesting slice of its history that is generally not touched upon by traditional methods," he said.

Admission is free. To reserve a seat, call the Garden City Public Library at 734-793-1830. Drop-ins are welcome until capacity is reached.

The library is located in the Maplewood Community Center. Enter the building off of Balmoral, south of Maplewood and west of Merriman.



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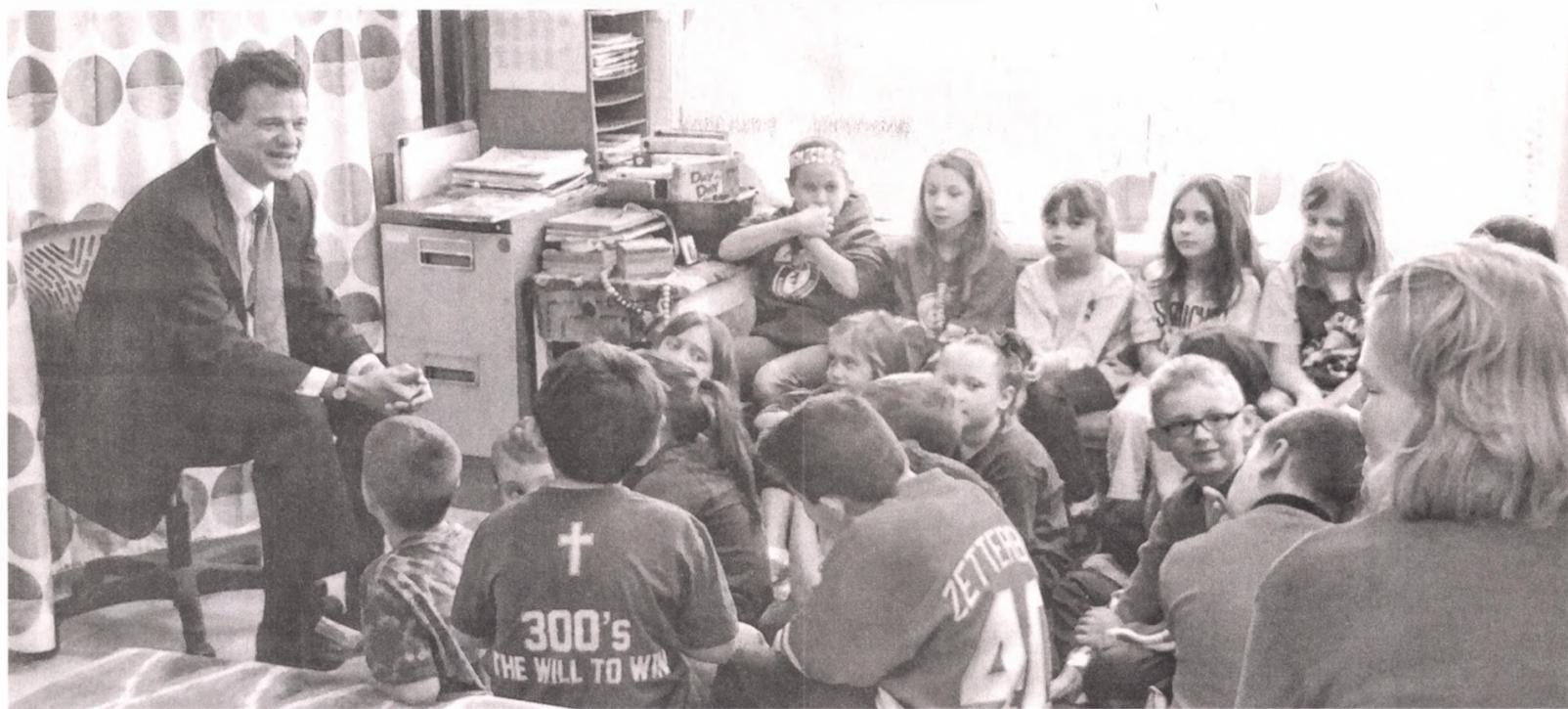
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U.S. Rep Trott reads to students at St. Michael's School



U.S. Rep. Dave Trott visited St. Michael's School in Livonia on Friday to read to students and talk with teachers and administrators about important issues facing Southeast Michigan and the nation. Trott also visited South Canton Scholars Charter School and Bentley Elementary, both in Canton. "The great work being done by teachers and administrators at South Canton, St. Michael's, and Bentley is emblematic of the excellent teachers and schools throughout our area," Trott said. "It also reinforces my belief that education decisions need to be made at the local level, not in Washington, D.C. I think parents, teachers and local school boards know better on how to educate our kids than bureaucrats in Washington."

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Unsung heroes heralded at volunteer luncheon

By Sue Buck
Staff Writer

More than 80 Garden City volunteers were honored at a special appreciation lunch at the Maplewood Community Center.

They represented thousands of hours of unpaid service to make Garden City a better place.

Garden City Senior Activities Coordinator Lisa Walls said that volunteers were from several groups, such as the Volunteer Committee, Commission on Aging, Thrift Store, AARP Taxes, Wayne County Nutritional Program, Our H.O.M.E. Pantry and Meals on Wheels, as well

as dance instructors and group leaders.

"Each volunteer received an appreciation certificate along with a letter from Wayne County Commissioner Richard LeBlanc thanking them for their service and dedication," Watts said. "Sen. David Knezek and State Rep. Julie Plawecki presented a state award recognizing each group's contribution to the greater good of the community."

Volunteers were treated to a catered lunch by DeLuca Italian Restaurant.

"Many local businesses provided gift or discount cards which were raffled at the end of the program," Watts

said. "Garden City is fortunate to have generous businesses as well as many volunteers to make this city a great place to live."

She also thanked Roger Heitman of the Inside/Out Church who provided a group to assist in serving lunch.

Pat Jasmer of Garden City was among those being honored, but before the event she solicited gift certificates. Through her efforts she obtained postcards for one free personal pan pizza from Taormina, one for everybody.

"The manager gave us 80," Jasmer said. The pizzeria is located at the corner of Venoy and Cherry Hill.

The volunteers honored were:

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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.

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Time/date: 1-3 p.m. Sunday, April 19.
Location: St. Valentine Catholic School, 25875 Hope St., Redford.

Details: Tour the school, meet the teachers, learn about St. Valentine's faith-based educational program for preschool through eighth grade.

Contact: 313-533-7149; www.stvalentineschool.com.

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.

ALICE IN WONDERLAND

Time/date: 6:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 24-25.

Location: Franklin High School, 31000 Joy Road, Livonia.

Details: Presented by the Livonia Family YMCA, featuring 30 children from the community. Tickets available at the door. Adults are \$5, kids under 3 free.

FREE HEARING, VISION SCREENING

Time/date: 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 25.

Location: Embassy Suites Hotel, 19525 Victor Parkway, Livonia.

Details: The Lions Clubs of District 11A1 of Lions Club International will offer free hearing and vision screening tests to the general public on a first-come, first-served basis. Free hearing screening for all ages will take place in Room 150. Free kids vision screening will take place in Room 151.

Contact: 313-279-1494.

HEALTHY KIDS DAY

Time/date: 1-4 p.m. Saturday, April 25.

Location: Livonia Family YMCA, 14255 Stark Road, Livonia.

Details: Free games, crafts, bounce house, snacks and other fun activities for kids.

Contact: 734-261-2161; ymca-detroit.org/livonia.

BODY & SPIRIT AEROBICS MARATHON

Time/date: 1 p.m. Saturday, April 25.

Location: Civic Center Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia.

Details: Fundraiser for Angel House to help raise awareness of domestic violence. There is no charge to attend, but refreshments will be sold. Bring floor/yoga mat and hand weights (optional). Registration starts at 1 p.m. and the marathon at 2 p.m. For all fitness levels.

Contact: 313-443-7256.

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: Kathy Hansen, 734-716-4436.

JAMMIN' TO END FAMINE

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

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

Details: The Birchler Family is holding its eighth annual concert to end hunger. Tax-deductible tickets are \$25 for adults, \$10 for students and include free pizza, salad bar and a cash bar. All proceeds will go to Kids Against Hunger (www.kidsagainsthungercoalition.com). Tickets are available at the door or by calling 248-722-1820 or emailing tombir-

chlert1@gmail.com.

SENIOR MEN'S GOLF

Time/date: 8:30 a.m. Saturday, April 25.

Location: Civic Center Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia.

Details: The Livonia Senior Men's Golf Association will hold its annual registration and business meeting. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the annual meeting begins at 9 a.m.

Contact: Roger Pattee, 313-737-1422.

LIFE IN GO SPRING EXPO

Time/date: 1-6 p.m. Monday, April 27.

Location: VisTaTech Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia.

Details: The *Observer* & *Eccentric's* 12th annual spring expo for active adults, Life in Go, features a variety of demonstrations and workshops, local business exhibitors, prizes and refreshments. Learn to live healthy, make wise financial decisions and enhance life to make it the best ever. Admission, parking and refreshment are all free. The first 100 attendees will receive a Buddy's pizza coupon for a free four-square pizza. In addition, there will also be drawings throughout the afternoon for other prizes.

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 an appointment or go to www.miblood.org.

MICHIGAN TREASURE HUNTERS OPEN HOUSE

Time/date: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 28.

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

Details: The Michigan Treasure Hunters will hold its annual open house. There will be a detector raffle, along with coin raffles, and refreshments. Members will display their finds and demonstrate the art of using and learning the detectors and equipment.

Contact: marcisbranton195@gmail.com.

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 rummage sale benefits charitable organizations.

WORLD LABYRINTH DAY

Time/date: 3 p.m. Saturday, May 2.

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

Details: The community is invited to "Walk As One" in observance of World Labyrinth Day. The church's beautiful paved, 11-circuit medieval labyrinth is open to the public. Staff will be on hand to facilitate group walks, provide information and answer questions about labyrinths and their use in meditation and prayer. Weather permitting, a canvas, three-circuit labyrinth will be available for younger children.

Contact: Lunice Clay, 734-748-3493.

Westland teen to compete for national Miss Teen title

Victoria Dulock of Westland recently qualified for the Miss Teen National Competition after competing in the 2015 Miss Teen Detroit pageant April 12 at the Michael Guido Theatre/Ford Community and Performing Arts Center in Dearborn.



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Dulock

A student at John Glenn High School, she will be representing Michigan at the National Competition that will take place in Orlando, Florida.

"I was so excited to score in the top 10 finalists," Dulock said. "This is the first time I have ever been in a

pageant and really only expected to learn some new things, gain more confidence and get a chance to win a scholarship."

Community businesses, organizations and private individuals can help Dulock participating in the final competition by becoming an official sponsor. Through sponsorships, each contestant receives all the necessary training, rehearsals and financial support which will allow her to become a very confident and well-prepared contestant in national pageant.

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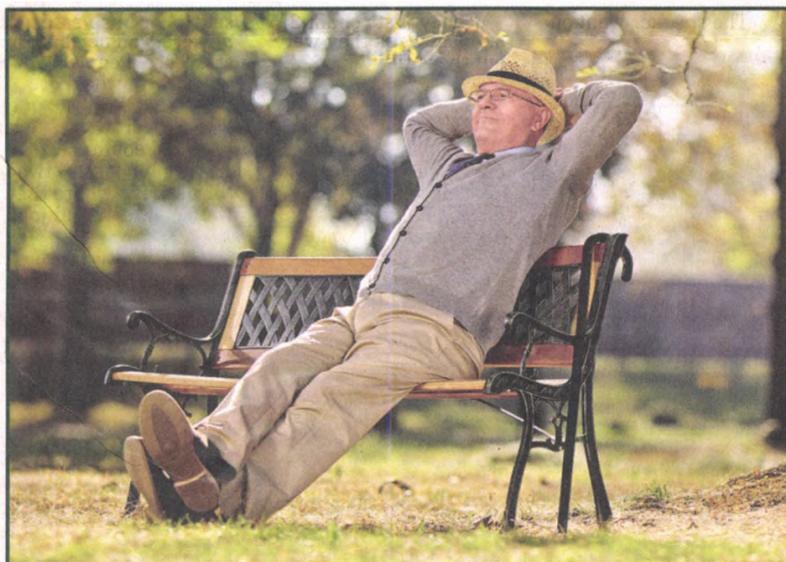
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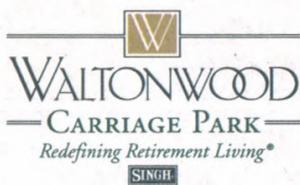
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Georgia's No. 1 on Edwards' mind

Glenn's emerging hoops star signs with Bulldogs

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Fittingly, it was sunny and 72 degrees outside Westland John Glenn High School Friday afternoon – weather conditions the “Man of the Hour” inside the school’s lecture center will have to get used to.

Surrounded by his family and several close friends, senior 6-foot-10 Rocket basketball star Mike Edwards signed a letter of intent to play college hoops for the University of Georgia.

Edwards’ emergence as a force at both ends of the court this past season – his scoring average ballooned from 4.0 to 22.0 points per game – drew the attention of several high-powered college programs, including the University of Michigan, which dropped out of the running last week when it offered its final scholarship to Moritz



Helping Mike Edwards celebrate his signing day with the University of Georgia were family members (from left) grandmother Margaret Edwards, sister Andrea, mother Jill, father Michael and sister Jasmine.

Wagner, a 6-9 forward from Berlin, Germany.

Other schools interested in Edwards were Nebraska, Kansas State, Marquette and the University of Pittsburgh.

Edwards said Michigan State University showed interest in him “a couple years back,” but not this past season.

“It came down to Georgia and Nebraska – those were the final two,” Edwards revealed moments before his signing ceremony Friday afternoon. “It was tough, but I felt Georgia

was a better fit overall. I weighed the pros and cons and Georgia was the school for me.

“I looked at a number of things, including the conference (Southeastern) and the relationship with the players and coaches.”

Edwards said he enjoyed the recruiting process.

“It was a great experience,” he said. “There times here and there when there was a lot of pressure, but never so much that I couldn’t focus on school. I always had the support of my

family, my coaches and teammates, which helped a lot.”

Edwards’ role in the Rockets’ offense changed significantly from his junior season to this past year, when he earned Class A All-State accolades.

“I was more of a screener last year and I didn’t play as much as I did this year,” he said. A greater investment in sweat equity paid off in the long run, he said.

“Basically, I made going to the gym and working hard an everyday thing during the off-season,” he said. “I put in more hours than a lot of other players would.”

Edwards, whose first dunk in an official game came in the eighth grade, said the Bulldogs’ coaching staff projects him to be a stretch forward.

He was joined at Friday’s ceremony by parents Michael and Jill; sisters Andrea and Jasmine; and grandmother Margaret Edwards.

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Redford Catholic football

The Redford Catholic youth football program will hold on-site registrations Wednesday, June 3 (6:30-8 p.m.) and Saturday, June 6 (8:30-10:30 a.m.).

Redford Catholic participates in the Catholic Youth Organization of Detroit. Home games are played at Our Lady of Loretto Church, which is located at 17116 Olympia, Redford.

Kids whose family attend a Catholic school or parish and are entering second through eighth grade in the fall, and meet zoned requirements, are welcome to join.

Questions can be directed to Mark Pelton at 734-334-3543.

MU baseball

Fireman Bobby St. Pierre earned his sixth and seventh saves of the season Wednesday as the third-place Madonna University baseball team swept a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference baseball double-header from host Concordia University, 9-7 and 4-2, at Cardinal Stadium in Ann Arbor.

St. Pierre, a transfer from Crowder (Kan.) Community College via Windsor (Ontario) Holy Names, pitched a scoreless ninth as the Crusaders captured the opener.

Winning pitcher Cliff Landess (3-1) went the first six innings allowing three earned runs on three hits with a pair of walks to go along with two strikeouts.

Offensively, Taylor Grzelakowski sparked MU’s 13-hit attack going 2-for-4 with a homer and two RBI. Other contributions came from Mike Tibbits (2-for-2, two RBI); Shane Dokey (2-for-4, RBI); and Matt Deneau (two RBI).

Lyle Adorati took the loss for Concordia, while the Maas brothers, Jeremy and Jacob, were a combined 5-for-7 at the plate with four RBI.

In the nightcap, Dylan Cooper (2-0) earned the victory as he worked the first 6½ innings allowing two earned runs on three hits and three walks to go along with six strikeouts. St. Pierre then came on to get the final out as MU improved to 29-11 overall and 19-4 in the WHAC.

Offensive leaders for MU included Ryan Lambrecht (2-for-3, RBI), Mitch Hudvagner (RBI) and John Lauro (RBI).

Livonia Churchill’s Jon Targus, who started for the Cardinals (16-26, 9-13), went the first three innings and took the loss to fall to 3-2 on the year.

The Crusaders return to WHAC play beginning with a pair of 1 p.m. double-headers Saturday and Sunday in Sylvania, Ohio against host Lourdes University.

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Plymouth's late-inning explosions rock Chargers

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

A series of late-inning eruptions by Plymouth’s potent batting order led to the Wildcats’ sweep of host Livonia Churchill in a KLAA South Division softball double-header Wednesday afternoon.

Both games were tight early, but lopsided late as the visitors posted a 16-1 triumph in game one before taking the nightcap, 10-2.

Junior pitcher Melanie Richardson took the loss in both contests as the Wildcats piled up 35 hits during the afternoon.

The Chargers led 1-0 heading into the fourth inning of the opener before Plymouth scored twice to seize the lead. It then scored five more runs in the fifth and nine in the sixth.

Victoria Lupher knocked in the only Churchill run.

Plymouth owned a slim 3-2 lead heading into the top of the seventh inning the game two before lighting up the scoreboard with seven runs.

Rachel Mattison had an RBI and a run scored for Churchill while teammate Regan Peyton went 1-for-2 with an RBI.

Thurston moves to 2-0

Redford Thurston continued its strong start to the season Wednesday afternoon with a 16-8 six-inning vic-

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Churchill’s Lauren St. Pierre was just a split-second late with this tag during Wednesday’s double-header against Plymouth.

HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER



Churchill sophomore forward Sara Taylor shields the ball from a Franklin defender Thursday night.

TAYLOR-MADE TRIUMPH

Churchill sophomore forward keys 3-1 victory over Franklin

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Livonia Churchill sophomore forward Sara Taylor’s ball possession skills resemble a Lamborghini cutting in and out of rush-hour traffic.

But it was Taylor’s zero-to-60 open-field dash for a ball headed toward the sidelines that turned out to be the most impactful play during the Chargers’ 3-1 Thursday night victory over host Livonia Franklin.

Despite possessing the ball at least 70 percent of the game’s first 53 minutes, the Chargers clung to a precarious 1-0 advantage when Taylor chased down a bounding ball in the northeast corner of the pitch, just a few feet



Franklin’s Madison Kean elevates for a 50-50 ball during Thursday’s game against Churchill.

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before it crossed the end line, which would have resulted in a Patriot goal kick.

After settling the sphere and surveying the layout in the 18-yard box in front of her, Taylor roped a crossing pass that teammate Alexis Lubonja one-timed with her right foot into the back of the net to make it 2-0 with 27:15 remaining.

The never-say-quit Patriots cut their deficit to 2-1 at the 4:53 mark when Emily Papenheim's rising rocket from 25 yards out ripped in the top of the net.

However, Churchill sealed the triumph with 2:15 left when Lauren Wynns pounced on the rebound of her own penalty kick, which was knocked away initially by Franklin keeper Kathryn MacRae, and drilled it into the twine to cap the scoring.

The result left Churchill with a 2-2-2 mark while Franklin slipped to 1-5.

"I thought the team played well tonight," said Taylor. "We worked hard and we made some nice attacking runs. Alexis made a great play [on the second goal] to get her foot on it."

Taylor's goal 25:01 into the contest gave the Chargers a 1-0 lead at halftime. During the break, Churchill head coach Reid Friedrichs stressed the importance of turning up the pressure.

"I thought we played OK tonight, but if we don't develop more of a killer instinct, we're going to let every team we play hang around until the end," Friedrichs said. "There was one stretch in the second half when we had about 10 shots in five minutes, but we didn't have enough players in the box and we weren't able to finish.

"I thought Sara played great tonight. She always works hard, every game. Alivia [Kondrath] had a

good game in the middle and Alexis [Lubonja] had a good game."

Sophomore goal-keeper Brittney Hayes was solid in net for the Chargers.

The Patriots kept the game close thanks in large part to inspired efforts from defenders Riley Burnette and Isabella Yardley, and McRae, who stonewalled a couple point-blank chances.

"We're getting pockets of good play, but not enough over the course of an 80-minute game," said Franklin coach Dean Kowalski. "I know the girls are frustrated. I liked the way they battled back to give us a chance to tie the game, but we shot ourselves in the foot a couple times."

LW edges Trojans

In a matchup of former Metro Conference teams, Lutheran Westland claimed a 4-0 victory over Livonia Clarenceville (1-4) in girls soccer Thursday.

"We had a slow start in the first half and allowed three goals," Clarenceville coach Amanda Moody said. "We weren't communicating or moving with intuition in the first half.

"In the second half, we came out with the passion and energy that we had needed all along. We didn't give up without a fight and showed more aggression in the second half."

Clarenceville goalie Jillian Bunker made a dozen saves. Sarah Curvin, Dawn Longoria and Ry'Ver Alvin played aggressively on offense, and Hida Xhila, Kendall Maheu and Samantha Franco played well on defense, Moody said.

Cougars play well in loss

Garden City spotted host Detroit Country Day a quick two-goal lead Wednesday night before playing the Yellow Jackets even the rest of the way in a 2-0 loss.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Chargers drop home twinbill to Plymouth

Wildcats prevail in South Division double-header

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Plymouth's one-two pitching punch of Kevin Anthony and Cameron Stella knocked out host Livonia Churchill during Wednesday afternoon's KLASA South Division double-header.

Anthony scattered four hits and two walks over six innings in the Wildcats' 5-0 game-one victory before Stella buckled down when he had to in his team's 6-2 triumph in the nightcap.

The pair of losses dropped the Chargers' record to 0-3 overall and 0-2 in the division. Plymouth improved to 6-3 and 2-0, respectively.

Churchill senior Rob Copciac suffered the loss in the opener after giving up five hits and six walks. Copciac was hindered by three Charger errors.

A two-out, bases-empty rally sparked Plymouth in the first game. After Copciac recorded a pair of ground-outs, Wildcat Jerad Merandi walked, Pete Carravallah laid down a bunt single before Stella reached on a fielder's choice to load the bases.

Senior Seth Hubbard then delivered a single to left field to plate two runs.

Plymouth padded its lead to 4-0 in the fourth with a pair of unearned runs. Andrew Jossey reached on an error to open the inning before Copciac retired the next two batters. However, Andrew Hejka roped a double up the left-center field gap - that barely eluded the glove of a diving Nathan Guzowski - to drive home Jossey.

Hejka then advanced to third on a wild pitch and scored on a passed



A Plymouth base-runner barely beats Churchill shortstop Steven Szymanski to second base Wednesday afternoon.



Livonia Churchill center-fielder Nate Guzowski missed making an outstanding catch by inches against Plymouth.

ball. Stella went 2-for-4 with an RBI for Plymouth while Hubbard finished with three RBI.

Both teams collected seven hits in game two.

Jon Hovermale took the loss for the Chargers after yielding six runs, five hits and four walks over 5.2 innings. Hovermale led the Chargers' hitting attack by going 2-for-4 with a double and run scored.

Hejka (2-for-4, two runs, two stolen bases) and Patrick Downing (three doubles, run, RBI) did most of the damage at the plate for the Wildcats.

Stevenson wins dramatically

Livonia Stevenson mounted a thrilling four-run rally in the bottom of the seventh inning Wednesday to clip South Lyon, 5-4, in the first game of a KLASA Central Division double-header. Game two was suspended due to darkness after three innings with the game knotted at 1-1. The suspended game is scheduled to be completed on April 23.

The hero for the Spartans was sophomore shortstop Chris Tanderys, who drilled a game-winning, bases-loaded triple. C.J. Weiss scored the winning run from first base.

Gordon Ferguson earned the victory in relief with 2.2 innings of solid mound work. He

gave up three hits and one walk, while striking out four. The only run he yielded was unearned.

Ferguson's older brother, Jack, started the game for the Spartans, who trailed 4-1 heading into the final frame.

Stevenson improved to 3-3 overall and 1-1 in the Central. South Lyon dropped to 2-1 and 1-1, respectively.

Patriots sweep Zebras

Strong pitching performances from Kolby Dewhirst and Adrian Reed led Livonia Franklin to a double-header sweep of visiting Wayne Memorial Wednesday afternoon.

The pair of wins lifted the Patriots' record to 7-1 overall and 2-0 in the KLASA South Division.

Powered by 6.2 strong innings from Dewhirst, Franklin won the opener 6-1. The sophomore rightly allowed just four hits and no earned runs while striking out 10 Zebras.

"They walked a lot of our hitters and we got hits at the right times," said Franklin head coach Matt Fournier.

Joe Chinavare went 1-for-3 with two runs scored for the Patriots. Mitch Gonyaw contributed an RBI ground-out.

Franklin chalked up an 8-0 victory in game two as Reed twirled a one-hitter, striking out 11 while walking just two.

The Patriots set the tone early by plating five first-inning runs, three coming on Jake Frye's home run.

Reed helped his own cause with two hits and an RBI while Jordan Stasser contributed an RBI single.

Beau Smith suffered the loss for Wayne, which slipped to 2-4.

Cougars roll

Garden City followed up Tuesday's impressive 17-2 three-inning victory over Clarenceville with Wednesday's 13-6 triumph over Detroit Country Day. The pair of wins improved the Cougars' record to 3-2.

Nick Montroy was the winning pitcher against the Trojans, striking out eight while yielding just one hit.

Matt Kindred paced the winners' offense with two hits (including a double) and three RBI. Also contributing to the lopsided result were Nick Tilley (2-for-2, two RBI), Jaseen Matuscak and Kyle Wladyskiak, who chipped in with a hit and two RBI each.

The Cougars erupted for an early 11-1 lead against the Yellowjackets, who cut their deficit to 11-5 and loaded the bases with no outs in the sixth inning before GC relief pitcher Dakota Mahkmetass helped slam the door on the rally.

After Mahkmetass struck out the first batter he faced, the Cougars registered an 8-2 double-play when center-fielder Kindred tracked down a fly ball before throwing out the runner at the plate who was tagging up from third.

"Brandon Thompson made a great tag on the man trying to tag up," said GC head coach Steve Herman.

"Overall, we played a bit sloppy, but we did a lot of very good things too," said Herman. "I am proud of the guys for fighting through some tough situations and coming out with a win."

RU prevails

Redford Union improved to 3-2 overall and 1-0 in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference's Red Division Wednesday after outlasting Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 10-9.

In addition to picking up a pair of hits at the plate, Brendan Kerkhof was the winning pitcher for the Panthers, who grabbed a 5-0 lead before being forced to rally late.

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Talented guards dominate all-Observer hoops team

FIRST TEAM

Taylor Jones, sr., Mercy:

Jones, a repeat member of the all-area first team and three-time honoree, had an outstanding career at Mercy and signed to play for Oakland University in the future.

The 5-foot-8 guard was a prolific scorer with 527 points in 25 games for a 21.0 average. Her scoring ability led the Marlins to a 20-5 record and a Class A regional final.

Jones was good in other phases of the game, too. She's an outstanding defender and a leader in steals (four per game).

She scored many of her points off turnovers and in transition. Jones also averaged four rebounds and three assists for a well-rounded game. She shot 52 percent from the floor and 77.5 at the foul line.

"Taylor put a cap on a stellar varsity career with an outstanding senior season," coach Gary Morris said. "She has an uncanny ability to get to the basket, which led to her shooting 173 free throws. She made 134.

"That showcases her ability to drive to the basket — the fact she was able to shoot so many free throws. Her long arms and great sense of anticipation helped her key our pressing defenses, too."

Jones made the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan's Best of the Best list and the Associated Press Class A all-state first team.

Megan Carter, sr., N. Farmington: The senior point guard was a team leader who could do it all for the Raiders. In addition to being the leading scorer, she rebounded, played good defense and was a playmaker on offense.

Carter scored 351 points in 20 games for a 17.6 average (21 in 10 OAA Red games). She also had 51 rebounds, 57 steals and 38 assists.

A four-year varsity team member, Carter overcame two ACL surgeries early in her prep career and a shoulder injury the past season. She signed with Kent State University. Carter was an Associated Press all-state player.

"Megan is without a doubt one of the best point guards ever to come through our program," coach Jeff Simpson said. "She handled any kind of pressure, set the offense in motion and scored."

"Megan is and has always been about the team. She did whatever was asked of her. Megan's best shot, which is a lost art in the game today, is the pull-up jumper. "She has worked extremely hard at her game, and we look for great things for her at Kent State next year."

Shara Long, sr., Salem: Salem had a season for the record books and the play of senior forward Long was a major factor.

Long averaged 13.7 points and 7.3 rebounds per game, providing leadership and a knack for a huge triple (she made 42 percent from behind the 3-point arc) or offensive rebound to keep the Rocks on track.

Her outstanding all-around play helped lift Salem to a 20-5 record, including KLAAs Central Division, Kensington Conference and Class A district championships. She was rewarded by being named to the all-conference team as well as the Associated Press Class A all-state first team.

"Shara was a match-up nightmare for other teams," coach Lindsay Klemmer said. "We used her as our big inside presence most of the time. If teams didn't double or triple team (her) she scored every time, finishing very well around the rim. But she developed an outside game that made her extremely hard to guard."

Klemmer added Long — one of six Salem seniors who grew up together over the past four years —

was not to be denied in her final year. The coach pointed to her work ethic and ability to lead by example.

"Her work in the off season and during the season to continuously improve was what made her so successful," she added.

Kristen Nelson, jr., Harrison: Nelson, a three-time recipient of all-Observer honors, can do it all on the basketball court and regularly does as the team's point guard.

Following injuries to starters and all-area players Kyla Roland and Amber Stephens, Nelson became even more of a leader and take-charge player.

She averaged 14.4 points per game, five assists, four rebounds, three steals and two blocks. She led the Hawks in total points, free throws made, free throw percentage, assists, steals and blocks. She was second in total rebounds.

"She had so much weight on her shoulders with the injuries we had, and she did such an outstanding job," coach Tim Micklash said.

"In my opinion, you would be hard pressed to find a guard as versatile as her. She has about eight Division I offers with many others interested.

"Kristen was our primary ball handler and decision maker. Her court vision and selfishness is unlike any player I have coached. She is an extremely talented player who has such a high ceiling in basketball."

"Kristen has been a huge part of our success the past three seasons and will be a big part of our program as a senior."

Nelson has the school record for career assists and is second in career steals. She ranks seventh in career points and fourth in career blocks."

Kendall Rose, sr., Plymouth: A coach's dream, the senior wing made things happen all over the floor for the 17-4 Wildcats, earning all-conference honors for her efforts. Her consistent excellence helped Plymouth overcome a devastating injury to senior post Leah Klizinski and win the school's first KLAAs South Division championship (10-0 record).

Rose averaged just under 12 points per contest, shattering Plymouth's single-game scoring record with a 33-point night against Canton. In that game, she connected on six triples, to set another school record. For the season, she hit 42 percent of her trey tries (35-84), making the most 3-balls ever by a Wildcat.

Yet her contributions weren't just about draining jumpers from around the perimeter. She made her mark on defense as well as keeping Plymouth's motion offense in gear, with 4.5 rebounds, 2.8 steals and 2.6 assists per outing.

"Her outstanding three-point shooting stretches out defenses," coach Nick Brandon said. "But what always stands out when you watch Kendall play is her commitment to the little things such as loose balls, tough rebounds and making big steals in our press defense."

Natalie Spala, sr., Churchill: Spala was instant offense for the Chargers, who could rely on her pin-point perimeter shooting and terrific transition scoring. She averaged a team-high 15 points per game while draining 37 percent of her three-point attempts.

The multi-talented guard also swiped three steals per contest and hauled down five rebounds.

"Natalie is a great kid on and off the court," said Churchill coach Matt McCowan. "She is a pure shooter and leader on the court as well as being an honor-roll student off the court."

"She has improved tremendously as a three-year starter, and

that is because of her great work ethic and positive attitude. Natalie takes great pride in everything she does on the floor."

SECOND TEAM
Jamyra Wilson, sr., Salem: Other players might have had gaudier numbers out of the point guard position, but few made as much of an impact on their team as Wilson did for the 2014-15 Rocks.

Wilson, an all-KLAAs selection, tallied 8.2 points, 4.3 assists and 2.1 steals per game, but did much more than that to spearhead Salem's amazing 20-game winning streak.

"Jamyra was the glue to our team," Klemmer said. "She was the quarterback on offense, everything went through her hands. She could get to the basket at will but also knew how to find her open teammates."

One of the top reasons behind Salem's incredible season was team defense, and Wilson was a catalyst in that department, too.

"She also was tenacious on defense, always guarding the other team's best player," Klemmer said. "Normally keeping them to far under their average. Her energy was our spark and we fed off her both offensively and defensively."

Arryn Dochenetz, sr., Stevenson: Whenever the Spartans needed a big shot, a big steal or a game-changing hustle play, they often looked to Dochenetz, a three-sport athlete who excels when the heat is on. She averaged 10 points, two assists and three rebounds per game, but some of the most valuable intangibles she provided the team didn't show up in the scoreboard.

A first-team KLAAs Kensington Conference performer, Dochenetz spearheaded the Spartans' run to a Class A district championship. She will take her considerable talents to the University of Michigan-Dearborn's basketball team this fall.

"Arryn was asked to play both point guard and shooting guard, and has handled both positions effectively," said Stevenson coach Tim Newman. "Arryn was our team leader on the court and our success this year has run through her."

Sarah Cramton, sr., Franklin: Cramton, who also earned multiple letters in volleyball and softball, did it all for the Patriots, piling up 13.4 points, 7.5 rebounds and three steals per game. She was a threat outside and in the paint on offense, staggering opponents with outstanding finishing skills at the rim as well as a dangerous jumper.

"Without a doubt, Sarah was the team leader in most of our offensive categories," said Franklin coach Jim Millican. "She could play forward and guard equally well, and she had a great defensive presence in the paint."

"As a team captain, Sarah demonstrated leadership on and off the court. She has been the team's picture of work ethic this year. She is one of the hardest-working players who gives it her all until the end."

Courtney LaVallee, sr., Plymouth: There was no shortage of clutch players for Plymouth during 2014-15 as the Wildcats soared to their first-ever division title. And LaVallee was at the front of the line, sinking a number of crucial baskets while averaging just under eight points per game.

LaVallee stepped into the starting role at point guard in her senior year and she didn't disappoint. Her averages in non-scoring categories were less than remarkable (2.5 rebounds, 1.1 steals, 1.1 assists), but that didn't

diminish how well she guided the Plymouth attack while giving opponents fits on the defensive side of things.

"Her pull-up jump shot is extremely hard to defend and she has made a bunch of those this season," Brandon said. "But Courtney truly is the consistent complete player as proven by her dedication on the defensive end as a tremendous on- and off-ball defender."

Her excellent season garnered her selection to the All-KLAAs team.

Sierra Wangler, sr., Mercy: When Jenna Schluter sustained a season-ending knee injury before the first practice, the Marlins looked to Wangler to be their point guard and run the offense, which she did very well.

She is a hard-working, hard-driving, take-charge player who has a well-rounded game and contributes in all areas. Wangler averaged seven points, five rebounds, three assists and one block.

She was either the first or second player off the bench as a junior and played a definite role in Mercy's march to the Class A state semifinals in 2014 at the pinnacle of a 25-2 campaign.

"Sierra was forced to play point guard, a challenge she readily accepted for the good of our team, and did a nice job," Morris said.

"Sierra is an outstanding defender who plays with endless energy. In all my years of coaching, I don't know that I've had another player who goes so hard every day. She brings great energy to every practice and game."

Katie Conrad, sr., Harrison: Conrad was a four-year varsity player and a three-year starter for the Hawks, who had considerable success during that time, including an OAA Red Division championship as a junior.

In the wake of injuries to starters Kyla Roland (Davidson) and Amber Stephens, the senior guard stepped forward to pick up the slack and help her team even more.

Conrad's forte is the perimeter shot. She connected on 47 three-pointers, which was second for a single-season high. She had a four-game span in which she made 17 triples.

Conrad, who also plays volleyball and soccer and was a softball pitcher last year, averaged 8.4 points, five rebounds, two steals and two assists.

"Katie really stepped up as the season went on after we had our injuries," Micklash said. "She also does so many little things such as inbound the ball, set good screens and rebound offensively that do not show up on the scoreboard."

"Katie had a fabulous career. She was a huge part of the success we had recently and will be greatly missed."

COACH OF THE YEAR
Lindsay Klemmer, Salem: Picking up where she left off as a standout player for Salem High School, Lindsay Klemmer didn't take long to put a lasting imprint on the varsity girls basketball program as head coach.

Klemmer's senior season in 1999-2000 featured an 18-2 record, helping grind out wins on the floor. She went on to excel at Madonna University before becoming an assistant coach for a few years at Concordia University.

Her basketball career came full circle in autumn 2013 when legendary Salem coach Fred Thomann recruited her to join his staff.

He soon confided in Klemmer that he was no longer physically able to handle the demand of coaching a high school team and wanted to eventually leave the keys to the Rocks' car in Klemmer's

2015 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS BASKETBALL FIRST TEAM

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Courtney LaVallee, sr. G, Plymouth
Sierra Wangler, sr. G, Mercy
Katie Conrad, sr. G, Harrison

THIRD TEAM

Erin Hult, soph. F, Canton
Lasha Petree, fresh. G, Salem
Lyndsay Michalak, jr. F, Garden City
Patti Begoske, sr. F, Plymouth
Zora Pullen, jr. G, Mercy
Kierra Crockett, soph. F, N. Farmington

FOURTH TEAM

Hannah Pummil, sr. F, Churchill
Renee Reed, sr. F, Redford Union
Rachel Reddeman, sr. F, Luth. Westland
Sam Goldchuk, soph. F, H.V. Lutheran
Natalie Winters, jr. G, Canton
Taylor Suurmeyer, sr. C, Farmington

FIFTH TEAM

Paige Slominski, sr. G, Plymouth
Hayley Rogers, sr. F, Salem
Alexis Gardner, sr. F, John Glenn
Amber Stephens, jr. G, Harrison
Grace Lamerson, soph. G, Stevenson
Maranda Armstead, sr. F, Salem
Erika Selakowski, jr. F, Ladywood

COACH OF THE YEAR

Lindsay Klemmer, Salem

HONORABLE MENTIONS

Mercy: Katie Bryce, Jackie Bauer, Jordyn Schluter, Claire Murray; Harrison: Olivia Perkins, Kyla Roland, Deja Hunter; N. Farmington: Faith Gammouh, Alexa Cherney, Alexis Stephens-Watts; Farmington: Amani Echols, Mya Douse; Churchill: Alivia Kondrath, Molly Pummil; Franklin: Erin McNally, Tyonna Tait; Stevenson: Diane Senkowski, Audrey Stahar; John Glenn: Sierra Moseley; Wayne: Andriana Zales; Ladywood: Amber Riesthiller, Maggie Shirk; Luth. Westland: Sabrina Morrison; Huron Valley Lutheran: Julie St. John; Clarencville: Stanesha Chambers; Garden City: Hannah Vera-Burgos;

Thurston: Sydney Taylor, Megan Abela; Redford Union: Shea Smith; Salem: Katie Latack; Plymouth: Cassidy Lewis, Leah Klizinski; Canton: Alanna Brown, Madison Archibald, Brianna Finn; Ply. Christian: Danielle Witkowski, Robin Albert.

hands.

She was in the driver's seat before she knew it, however, following the tragic death of Thomann in December 2013.

Klemmer made her mentor proud with the way she guided the Rocks during the second half of the 2013-14 season.

But she came back for the 2014-15 season with unfinished business at hand, to help the team's seniors (Shara Long, Jamyra Wilson, Maranda Armstead, Hayley Rogers, Katie Latack, Allison First) leave on as much of a winning note as possible.

After starting the season with four losses to top-ranked opponents, the Rocks started to mesh and began prevailing in close ballgames.

Salem didn't stop winning, either, ultimately capturing the KLAAs Central Division, Kensington Conference and Class A district titles.

The Rocks won 20 straight and didn't lose again until a heart-breaking setback against Hartland in a regional final. The 20-5 record was good enough to earn the AP Coach of the Year honor for Klemmer.

"I'm a firm believer in hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard," Klemmer said. "And these kids bought into that. I knew they had potential from the beginning but I had to make them believe. I pushed a group of common kids to reach a new level of intensity, hard work and hustle that proved to make us successful."

"They worked their tails in in practice, always pushing to make each other better. Anyone can hand you tools to succeed but what you do with them is up to you. They took the tools and ran with it."

Klemmer added that players started believing to the point where goals were set up and knocked down, inspiring them to take the next step.

"We made this team a 'family' and you could hear us saying that in team huddles," she stressed. "They trusted, loved and respected one another. Not one person out there was worried about personal accolades."

"Everyone bought into their roles and what they needed to do in order to help the team. And that's huge. I give this team all the credit in the world and am so extremely proud of them."

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Reliever St. Pierre puts out fire as MU takes pair

Fireman Bobby St. Pierre earned his sixth and seventh saves of the season Wednesday as the third-place Madonna University swept a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference baseball double-header from host Concordia University, 9-7 and 4-2, at Cardinal Stadium in Ann Arbor.



St. Pierre

scoreless ninth as the Crusaders captured the opener.

from Crowder (Kan.) Community College via Windsor (Ontario) Holy Names, pitched a

Winning pitcher Cliff Landess (3-1) went the first six innings allowing three earned runs on three hits on a pair of walks to go along with two strikeouts. Offensively, Taylor Grzelakowski sparked MU's 13-hit attack going 2-for-4 with a homer and two RBI. Other contributions came from Mike

Tibbits (2-for-2, two RBI); Shane Dokey (2-for-4, RBI); and Matt Deneau (two RBI). Lyle Adorati took the loss for Concordia, while the Maas brothers, Jeremy and Jacob, were a combined 5-for-7 at the plate with four RBI. In the nightcap, Dylan Cooper (2-0) earned the victory as he worked the

first 6½ innings allowing two earned runs on three hits and three walks to go along with six strikeouts. St. Pierre then came on to get the final out as MU improved to 29-11 overall and 19-4 in the WHAC. Offensive leaders for MU included Ryan Lambricht (2-for-3, RBI), Mitch Hudvagner (RBI) and John Lauro (RBI).

Livonia Churchill's Jon Targus, who started for the Cardinals (16-26, 9-13), went the first three innings and took the loss to fall to 3-2 on the year. The Crusaders return to WHAC play beginning with a pair of 1 p.m. double-headers Saturday and Sunday in Sylvania, Ohio, against host Lourdes University.

HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

Doubles' duos lead Falcons over Chargers

Canton edges Franklin in KLA South battle

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Livonia Churchill's girls tennis team dropped a 6-3 decision to host Farmington on Wednesday afternoon.

The Chargers were the superior team in the singles competition, winning three of four matches, but the Falcons prevailed in all five doubles contests.

Singles winners for the Chargers were No. 1 player Kaitlyn Rogosch, who prevailed over Hannah Pierce, 6-1, 6-0; No. 2 player Triveni Arvikar, who outlasted Aneasha Yande, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3, and No. 3 swinger Kayla Gruich, who rallied to upend Samantha Miller,

0-6, 6-4, 6-2.

The Falcons' lone singles triumph came at the No. 3 slot where Isha Nadguada swept Madison White, 6-3, 6-2.

The No. 1 doubles match featuring Churchill's duo of Maggie Trinka and Lexi Pata against Natalia Peurach and Anna DeVeaux; and the No. 3 encounter that spotlighted Chargers Julia Marsh and Francesca Spallari versus Miloni Shah and Shreya Jose, both went three sets.

Farmington's No. 2 team of Renuka Wagh and Shivani Desai defeated Churchill's Angelica Zhou and Maddie VanWormer, 6-1, 6-1, while the No. 4 duo of Kalyani Ramamurthy and Asha

Shekar swept Allie McComber and Clara Bielawski, 6-1, 6-4.

The final match of the day, featuring all underclassmen, was won by Farmington's Meghana and Shikha Raman (both freshmen), who topped Churchill's all-sophomore duo of Sunayama Sharma and Sam Swift, 6-2, 6-0.

Chiefs edge Patriots

Junior No. 1 singles player Kendall Payne improved to 2-0 in the KLA South Tuesday afternoon against Canton, but the visiting Chiefs prevailed, 6-3.

Payne defeated Jasmine Najm-Henry, 6-0, 6-0, to join No. 3 singles teammate Carla Yanez (a 3-6, 6-3, 6-0 victor over Alexis Madau) as the only two Patriots to win

in singles matches.

The Patriots' lone doubles duo to triumph was the No. 5 team of Veronica McAuliffe and Sophia Bastas, who swept Natalia Trevisian and Merna Afnan, 6-2, 6-0.

The match's outcome swung on a trio of three-set doubles thrillers, all won by Canton. Dropping narrow decisions were the No. 2 duo of Ki-Jana Malone and Snigda Thyagaraj, the No. 3 pairing of Janki Patel and Haley Griffin, and the No. 4 twosome of Grace Mathews and Estela Ochoa.

Franklin's No. 1 doubles team of Kaitly Swenson and Ashlee Mahoney was forced to default its match.

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Livonia Franklin's No. 1 singles player Kendall Payne returns a shot earlier this season.

BOYS GOLF PREVIEWS

Franklin and Churchill set to grip it and rip it

Patriots to rely on veterans while Chargers are inexperienced

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

With a dynamic pair of captains ready to lead the charge, Livonia Franklin's boys golf team is more than capable of carding more victories during the recently started 2015 season.

"Our goal this year is to change last year's record in dual matches (3-2)," said third-year head coach Jason Rammler, who will be assisted by Justin Adams. "We have two captains - Will Hettel and Matt Wiebelhaus - who will help us lead the team in achieving this goal."

"We have a lot of players back and we added some new players. We do have some young players who we are looking forward to getting some experience this year in tournaments and matches."

In addition to Wiebelhaus, a junior, and senior

Hettel, the Patriots' lineup will be bolstered by the return of senior Alex Nagy and juniors Zach Nelson, Jeremy Haist and Owen Green.

Rammler listed freshmen Jacob Kenward, Trevor Van Vliet, David Shoemaker, Owen Sullivan and Quentin Smith, along with junior Robert Chambo, as promising newcomers.

"I believe with the talent we have we can reach our goal this year," added Rammler. "We just need everyone to keep working hard on aspects of their game, and then bringing it together on matches and tournaments."

Rammler noted that the developmental league at Idyl Wyld Golf Course, which is designed for high school golfers, both boys and girls, interested in trying out for the team or have been cut from the golf team, is growing.

Chargers are young

Thanks to the always-welcomed transfer from southern California, Livonia Churchill's boys golf team is not senior-less this spring.

The lone 12th-grader is San Diego native Mike Palumbo, who moved to southeastern Michigan at the beginning of the school year and not surprisingly, given his former residence, he has some game.

"The interesting thing about Mike, who is a good player, is that he never saw a golf dome until we held tryouts last month," noted Churchill head coach Paul Worley. "Overall, we're a very young team. We have five juniors, eight sophomores and two freshmen, and only one returning varsity player."

The key returner is all-conference performer Sam Spayd, who is a

solid ball-striker. He carded a team-low round of 40 in the the Chargers' season-opening 175-185 loss to Dearborn. "He's a hockey player, so he's athletic. He three-putted four times against Dearborn, otherwise he would have had an outstanding round."

Junior Griffin Ahmet, who fired a 44 against the Pioneers, will serve as the team's captain. "Griffin has gotten better each year he's been on the team," Worley praised. "He's a very consistent player."

Other players Worley is counting on to go low are John Doyle, Brandon Dix, Peyton Elkins, Matt Matley, Davis Coughlin and first-year player Aaron Walton.

The Chargers placed a middle-of-the-pack 14th with a score of 351 at Thursday's Farmington Invitational, which was won by Warren DeLaSalle (313).

GIRLS SOCCER

Mustangs' late goal eludes Stevenson upset bid

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

It was almost elementary, but Northville did a better job of connecting the dots during the second half in its 2-1 KLA Central Division soccer victory Thursday night over Livonia Stevenson.

The defending MHSAA Division 1 champions broke a 1-1 deadlock with just 10:28 left in the match when senior Kelly McHugh, taking a feed from sophomore Sydney Schembri, was able to deposit a shot past Stevenson junior goalkeeper Hannah Reamer for the game-winner.

"The second goal is the kind of stuff we talked about at halftime is learning to get out of the long ball stuff and play a little bit more with 10-, 12-yard passes," said Northville coach Eric Brucker, whose team improved to 6-1 overall and 3-0 in the KLA Central. "They strung good passes together and she finished. I don't really know why their goalie came out so far, so fast, but we took advantage of it. That's a 'W,' a division win."

Upset-minded Stevenson (2-3-1, 0-2-1) got off to a quick start scoring just 3:27 into the match when senior forward Sari Rachowicz popped a rebound past Northville senior keeper Emily Maresh after Megan Verant took a corner kick. Stevenson took three shot attempts during the sequence and it was the first goal the Mustangs had allowed since their season-opening 2-1 loss to Walled Lake Northern.

Schembri got credit for the assist. "The first four minutes we came out flat and they took advantage and it cost us the first goal against us since the first goal of the season, so we'll get that cleaned up," Brucker said.

And by halftime the Mustangs had evened the count, 1-all, as freshman Kendall Dillon took a shot from the left-flank from 25 yards out, which deflected off a Spartan defender was re-directed past Reamer with 8:01 left.

McHugh, meanwhile, had a golden opportunity to put the Mustangs ahead 2-1 with 18:16 left in the match, but Reamer came up with a big save.

Northville, however, continued to apply the pressure and got the



Northville's Kelly McHugh (right) gets to the ball slightly ahead of Stevenson's Kennedy Thurlow in Thursday's KLA Central Division clash.

go-ahead goal from McHugh.

"The second half it's kind of what we've been doing all season," Brucker said. "We regroup at halftime and get a little bit better ball-handling and that improves our overall team play. In the second half we didn't try to play long ball so much and played much better as a team."

"Once again we had solid defense play from (Erica) Gumkowski, (Tara) Pawloski, (Nikki) Skinner, and (Morgan) Gozdro. (Emily) Maresh helps allow them our back line to be more aggressive."

Despite the one-goal setback, Stevenson coach Chris Grodzicki was encouraged by his team's play.

"I thought we played alright, the game went in waves," he said. "We were great in the first 10 minutes and the score reflected that. They (Northville) started to take it to us right before halftime. We hit a real lull there and we just couldn't deal with their attack out wide."

"I thought it was good, it was good enough. It's a young team trying to figure things and they're getting there. They're competitive and hopefully the scores will start landing in our favor."

Despite a pair of 2-1 losses during the week to division leaders Novi and Northville, the Spartans could become a spoiler in the KLA Central during the second round of division play.

"They're a good bunch and I think he (Grodzicki) has a great core," Brucker said, "and they're going to be somebody to reckon with in our division."

SOFTBALL

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tory over Detroit Edison Academy.

Sophomore Sydney Taylor earned the mound win for the Eagles by giving up four earned runs, six walks while striking out seven batters.

Offensively, Thurston was paced by Chelsea Williams (2-for-4, two doubles, four RBI), Ivory Mamo (double, triple, three RBI) and Jayla Johnson, who laid three hits. Gillian Drake contributed two hits and three RBI to the winners' cause.

Patriots oust Zebras

Livonia Franklin improved to 4-0 overall and 2-0 in the KLA South Division Wednesday by taking care of Wayne Memorial, 16-1 and 15-2.

Senior pitcher Alaina DeFrain stymied Wayne in the opener as she scattered four hits while striking out four. DeFrain did not walk a batter.

Pounding the ball at the plate were Ashley Kent (four singles, two RBI), Sarah Cramton (two hits, two runs, three RBI), Tara Trujillo (two hits, three runs), Lauren Michael (two hits, two runs, three RBI) and Ashley Olween, who rocked a two-run double.

Wayne's top hitters were junior center-fielder Sharon Carpenter (1-for-2, run), senior catcher/shortstop Ashley McGeorge (1-for-2), junior outfielder Ri'Onna Clements (1-for-2) and freshman third baseman Claire Hammons, who had a hit in two at-bats.

Junior pitcher Jade Walls took the loss. Franklin senior pitcher Megan Chapman improved to 3-0 in the second game.

Pacing the Patriots' hitting assault were Gabby Woods (two hits, RBI, run), Brooke Garbarino (three hits, three RBI, three runs), Becky Giacobbi (two hits), Kent (two hits) and Cramton

(two hits). Franklin lost both ends of a double-header to state-ranked Belleville on Thursday, 10-0 and 12-1. Giacobbi had a single and triple in the second game.

T-Birds clip Trojans

Clarenceville suffered its third loss of the softball season Wednesday against visiting Edsel Ford in a four-inning game, 15-0.

The Lady Trojans had two hits - one each from sophomore Claudia Moore and senior Emily Schwartz (double), who also was the Clarenceville pitcher.

Schwartz allowed 13 hits and three walks.

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Stories and laughter make the process fun for Sharon Belobraidich and Bill Coatta.

Hairdresser is cut above the rest, says 50-year client

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Bill Coatta and Sharon Belobraidich have had a standing appointment every week for 50 years.

He regards the Plymouth woman more like a sister than a hair salon client.

She calls the Livonia man a friend who also happens to style her hair.

"He likes people. He has a great sense of humor," said Belobraidich, a retired elementary school teacher who sports short white hair. "The highlight of my week is to get my hair done. I just thought someone needed to acknowledge that he had done this 50 years."

Although their weekly appointment is Thursday, Wednesday, April 15, was the golden anniversary date of their longtime relationship. Teri McWilliams, owner of Evan Michael Salon in Livonia, allowed Belobraidich to arrive early that day to tape a banner in the window, stash a decorated cake in the salon kitchen, place balloons at a styling station, and hang a few nostalgic photos. Coatta opened the salon in 1987, sold it to McWilliams 12 years ago, and continues to work there.

"He's just super super sweet. He's so calm and does a great job," McWilliams said. "We call him the hair whisperer."

As Coatta walked into the salon, Belobraidich

greeted him with a "Happy 50th!" and explained "Fifty years ago today you started doing my hair." "Oh, my gosh," he responded. "It didn't even dawn on me."

The new guy

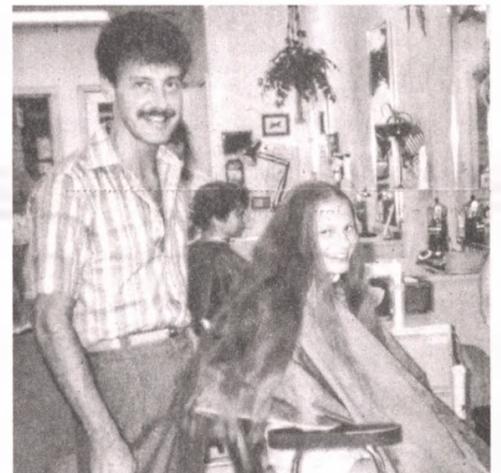
Belobraidich met Coatta for the first time on Good Friday 1965. The Troy native and her husband, Frank, now deceased, were new to the community and she "really didn't know Plymouth at all." She walked into a salon and was told that all of the stylists — except for a recent cosmetology school graduate — were booked.

Belobraidich wound up at Coatta's station and not only returned week after week, but followed him from salon to salon over the next 50 years. He also cut her husband's hair and styled their two daughters' hair.

"He's gone to five or six places and I've gone with him. Plymouth, Garden City, Seven Mile and Merriman, (in Livonia), Canton and back here," she said.

Coatta, a 1963 Bentley High School graduate, worked at a Ford Motor Co. parts plant just after high school, but was bumped from the job by workers with more seniority. He saw an advertisement for a cosmetology school in Wayne and decided to make a career change.

"Right after I did that I took the course for



Bill Coatta in the 1980s as a salon owner.

instructional and I was an instructor for a year. I soon found out there wasn't much money in that," he said with a laugh.

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Holocaust survivor talks in Livonia about his terrifying childhood

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

"I was born in Germany. This is the village I was born in. Schenklengsfeld. My father was an officer in the first world war, fighting for Germany. He wasn't killed in the war, he was killed in Auschwitz."

With those words, Holocaust survivor Martin Lowenberg began the story of a childhood spent in resettlement and concentration camps during the late 1930s to early 1940s under the brutal Nazi regime.

The Rev. Joseph Marquis invited the Southfield man last week to Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church in Livonia, in recognition of Holocaust Recognition Day on April 16 and the 70th anniversary of the liberation of concentration camps.

"I met Mr. Lowenberg when it was the 50th anniversary," said Marquis, who was a chaplain at Holy Cross Hospital in Detroit at the time. "I'm honored to welcome him back into my life on this 70th year."

Lowenberg speaks throughout the country about his experiences as a Jewish youngster growing up in Nazi Germany.

"I feel it's very important for people to know this part of the history and what happened during the period when Hitler was the chancellor of Germany," he said. "Last week, I spoke to close to 1,000 people in Big Rapids. Why? Because people want to hear, especially the more it becomes a histori-

cal event and unfortunately we survivors are not available anymore."

That's exactly why Alyssa Liakos of Plymouth attended Lowenberg's presentation. She's a history buff who is studying library and information science and has researched the archiving process for Holocaust-era information and artifacts.

"I'm interested in the future of archiving this because in 100 years when there are no survivors left, no firsthand accounts, how do researchers and students get this emotional connection we are so fortunate to get?"

"It's heart-wrenching to hear the hatred and vileness that human beings can heave toward each other," she said. "This isn't a far-away thing you're reading about. It's something you can hear and feel."

Childhood of terror

Lowenberg recounted his family history against the backdrop of Nazism's rise. Two older siblings managed to emigrate to Palestine and a sister fled to the United States with the family for whom she worked as a nanny. Lowenberg, another sister, their parents and younger twin brothers were left behind, unable to leave the country because they had few resources for travel. Lowenberg showed family photos and images of their house that was burned by anti-Semites in 1933, just "a few



Alyssa Liakos of Plymouth talks with Holocaust survivor Martin Lowenberg of Southfield at Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church in Livonia.

weeks after Hitler came to power."

"Hate can develop that fast," he noted.

He talked about synagogues that were burned, sleeping standing up while packed into a train cattle car during a resettlement trip to Latvia, being physically abused by teachers in public school, scrounging for food scraps in a "Jewish ghetto" and providing slave labor in a concentration camp.

The middle name, Israel, was added to his birth certificate, as it was for all Jewish men, and he was forced to wear a yellow Star of David at all times.

His parents were killed in the Auschwitz concentration camp. Lowenberg suspects his

twin brothers were among several hundred pairs of twins taken by Joseph Mengele for experimentation.

Both Lowenberg and his sister survived separate concentration camps and moved to the United States after liberation.

Meeting a survivor

Listeners at Sacred Heart waited their turn to greet Lowenberg after his presentation. They shook his hand, hugged him or posed with him for photos.

Rhonwyn Martin, 12, one of two children who attended Lowenberg's presentation, said his description of public school and the abuse he endured at the hands of his teacher and



Martin Lowenberg, a Holocaust survivor and a Southfield resident, spoke at Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church in Livonia, in recognition of Holocaust Remembrance Day and the 70th anniversary of the liberation of the the Auschwitz concentration camp.

fellow students was most "disturbing."

"I used to be a teacher, so I have been to the (Holocaust) Museum," said Scot Martin, her father. "I've taken students there for survivors. I know that as time goes on there are less of them, so I wanted mine (children) to hear him."

Elena Voyles of Canton had a "big paper" due in class at Madonna University the next day, but was glad she had attended the event.

"I just wanted to come. I'm a music major, so I'm writing about how music was used in the concentration camps."

Eat a hot dog, adopt a dog at spring-summer series

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Redford-based Mutts and Mutts Animal Rescue will kick off a series of weekly adoption events, noon to 4 p.m. May 4 at Atomic Dawg Hot Dog Emporium, 2705 Coolidge Highway, Berkeley.

The group is among several rescues and shelters from throughout southeastern Michigan, including Last Day Dog Rescue in Livonia, that will show their dogs outside on the restaurant's property each week through spring and summer. One organization is scheduled at each weekly event.

"It started because most of the folks that either work here or are in the back office are animal owners or pet lovers. Considering we have the funky bulldog on our logo, we thought this would be a natural," said Scott Guy, restaurant event coordinator. "We tend to have a lot of traffic on Saturday. We said, let's make it a cool hangout, put up a tent, let them do their thing and give everyone their own little weekend to promote their shelter or rescue."

"We kick in 15 percent of sales from the whole day and donate that to the shelters, too. We just want people to know this is going on and to come out, whether or not they



decide to adopt a dog or not. If they are just hanging out or having a hot dog, it all goes to help the rescue."

Guy said Atomic Dawg tested the idea last fall with just four sessions. In four events, 20 dogs were adopted. The response was better than Guy and his colleagues expected and provided incentive for the spring-summer series.

Mutts and Mutts was scheduled first, because its adoption day was rained out last fall.

"Donna (Law) is awesome," Guy described the Mutts and Mutts founder. "We told Donna, you get the first day in the spring. We want you to have a great day."

For more information about Atomic Dawg's Eat A Dawg Save A Dog adoption series, visit facebook.com/theatomicdawg.

Zoo adoption

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Adoption events will be held weekly through spring and summer at Atomic Dawg in Berkeley.



A pooch checks out potential adopters from a kennel cage at the Eat A Dawg Save A Dog adoption series last fall.

don't forget the biannual adoption event at the Detroit Zoo. It runs 1-7 p.m. Friday, May 15, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 16. The zoo is located on the I-96 service drive at Woodward

Ave., in Royal Oak. All animals will have received a medical checkup and age-appropriate vaccinations. For more information, visit detroitzoo.org.

Power breakfast caps Gleaners' Million Meal Match campaign



Julie Yolles
SOCIAL SCENE

On Wednesday, April 22, more than 600 women will come together for the 22nd annual Women's Power Breakfast (WPB), a benefit for Gleaners Community Food Bank. The event has gotten so large and successful that Gleaners added a second powerful component, the WPB Happy Hour, last year.

The second annual Women's Power Breakfast was held on March 31 at The Zenith in the Fisher Building, in Detroit. About 300 women — and some supportive men — enjoyed socializing, spirits and savories.

"The Happy Hour is really targeting the next generation of volunteers and philanthropists," said Dawn Rassel of Bloomfield Hills, Happy Hour co-chair.

The Women's Power Breakfast is the culmination of Gleaners' Million Meal Match campaign launched on

March 31 with the Women's Power Happy Hour. Every dollar donated to Gleaners during the campaign is matched by PNC Bank and other generous supporters. Normally, \$1 provides three meals, but during the Million Meal Match, \$1 provides six meals for hungry children across southeast Michigan. Of every dollar donated, Gleaners uses 94 cents for food and food programs.

The 2015 Women's Power Breakfast co-chairs are Beth Gotthelf of Birmingham, Butzel Long director of innovation, and Kathleen McCann of Plymouth, United Road Services CEO. Sally McCrady, president of the PNC Foundation, is the honorary chair and Bloomfield Hills resident Dulcie Rosenfeld is the WPB founding chair.

The annual Women's Power Breakfast starts at 7 a.m. Wednesday, April 22, at Gleaners Detroit Headquarters, 2131 Beaufait. Buy tickets at www.women-spwbreakfast.org. Learn about Gleaners at www.gcfb.org.

CUT ABOVE

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Why it works

Coatta and Belobraidich credit their friendship for the longevity of their professional relationship.

"I make him laugh," Belobraidich said. "We

talk about movies, movie stars, we make jokes."

"We like the same things," Coatta added. Belobraidich also appreciates Coatta's cutting and styling skills. She calls him a "wizard with hair."

"I go by what they want," he said, explaining his approach to client requests, "unless I think it's not going to look good

or if they don't have the right hair for it."

Belobraidich recalls just a few styling flops over the years. She'll never forget the time she asked Coatta to give her a floppy "tulip" style.

"I looked like something that came out of the ground. It lasted about 15 minutes, then he whipped it up on top of my head." She also tried a ver-

sion of ice skater Dorothy Hamill's wedge haircut.

"It didn't work. I didn't look like her either."

She wore an asymmetrical style but kept tugging on the shorter side, wishing it were longer. After two weeks, she asked Coatta to make both sides even.

"Sometimes he'd go to

hair shows and would come back and say, I found a couple of hairstyles you might look good in, and I'd say, let's try them. I'm game."

Coatta takes appointments two days a week and is slowly working his way toward retirement. He isn't sure exactly when he'll hang up his scissors for good, but Belobraidich hopes that

day never comes. She told him she plans "buy a chair" and put it in her basement so he can continue his work there.

"I'm binding him to a commitment that he'll stay at least 10 years," she joked. "I don't think anyone has a relationship with their hairdresser like I have."

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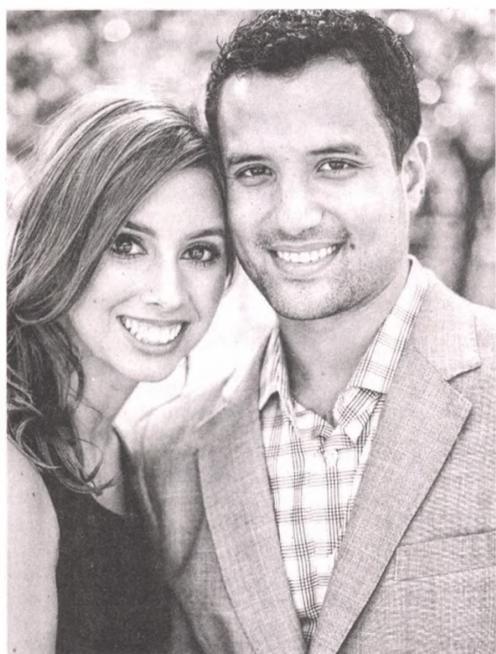
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ENGAGEMENT



Julia Travis and Philip Foxworthy

SUBMITTED

TRAVIS-FOXWORTHY

Julia Travis and Philip Foxworthy announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Peter and Leslie Travis of Livonia, graduated in 2001 from Livonia Churchill High School, in 2005 from Northwestern University, and in 2011 from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.

Her fiancé, son of Socorro De Jesus of New York, N.Y., and the late T. David Foxworthy, graduated in 2002 from the Bronx High School of Science in New York City, in 2006 from Williams College and in 2011 from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.

A June 2015 wedding is planned in Chicago, Ill.

sylvania.

ENGAGEMENT



Ally Cool and Brandon Willer

SUBMITTED

WILLER-COOL

Jim and Mary Willer of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their son, Brandon Willer to Ally Cool.

Brandon graduated in 2004 from Harrison High School and in 2008 from the University of Michigan in pre-medicine. He currently is a

director and writer in Los Angeles, Calif.

Ally, daughter of Jeff and Cindy Cool of Corona, Calif., is a graduate of Azusa Pacific University. She's employed as a registered nurse at UCLA medical center.

A June wedding is planned at the Cools vineyard, Corona, Calif.

ENGAGEMENT



Michael Gardella Jr. and Gretchen Hendrick

SUBMITTED

HENDRICK-GARDELLA

Gretchen Hendrick of Ypsilanti and Michael Gardella Jr. of Farmington Hills announce their engagement.

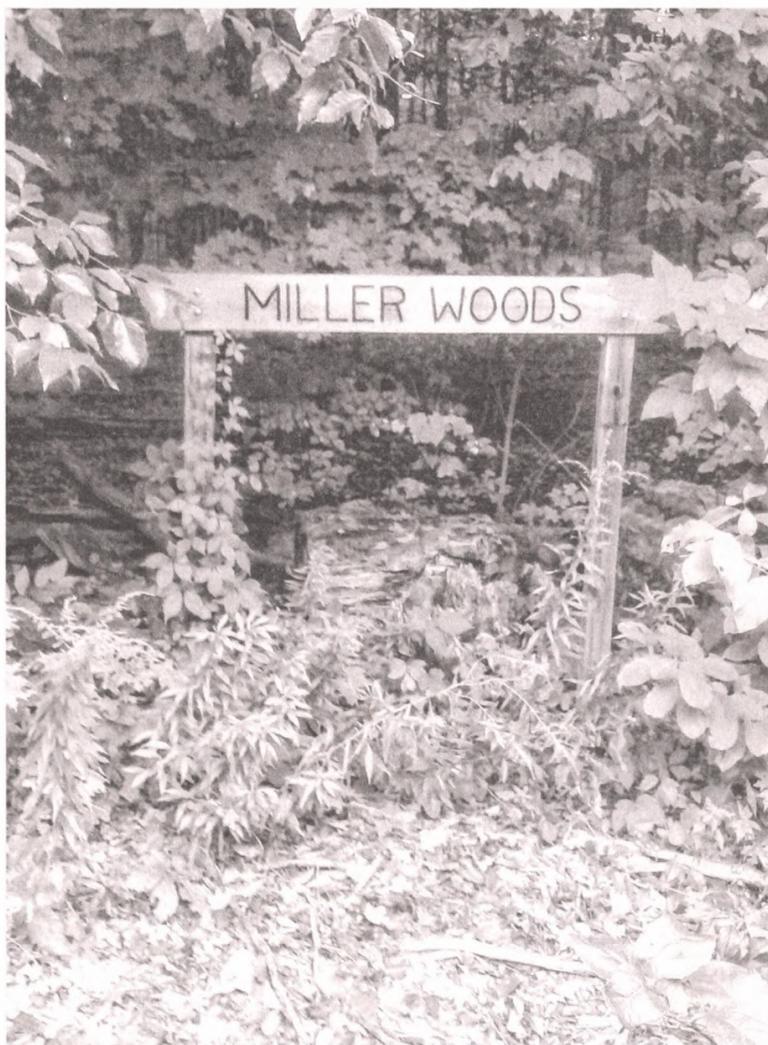
The bride-to-be, daughter of Vicki and Greg Hendrick of Lake Odessa, graduated from Lakewood High School and earned a bachelor's degree in history from Spring Arbor College and a master's degree in library and information science from University of Wisconsin-

Milwaukee. She is employed as a content acquisitions specialist 11 for ProQuest, Ann Arbor.

Her fiancé, son of Nancy and Michael Gardella Sr. of Farmington Hills, graduated from Farmington High School and studied business at Oakland Community College. He graduated in 2005 from U.S. Truck Driver Training School and is a dock worker and driver for USF Holland.

A June 2015 wedding is planned in Howell.

GARDEN & NATURE



SUBMITTED

Take a guided walk April 26 or May 2 through Miller Woods in Plymouth Township.

Barson's Greenhouse

Free seminars for Saturday, April 25, at Barson's, 6414 Merriman, Westland; 734-421-5959.

» Learn about the "how and why" of opening your pond for the season at 10 a.m.

» Get pond construction tips at 1 p.m.

» Brenda Dzedzic talks about butterfly gardening at 1 p.m.

» Get vegetable gardening tips at 3 p.m.

Plant sharing

9-11 a.m. Saturday, May 9, Greenmead Historical Park, 20501 Newburgh, Livonia. Free event held rain or shine. Questions? Call 734-425-6880; livoniagardenclub.org.

Earth day

The City of Farmington Hills presents a free Earth Day Celebration, 5-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, at Heritage Park, 24915 Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Joe Reilly and the Community Gardeners will perform, food trucks will be on hand, along with displays by Friends of the Rouge, SOCWA, Ecoteelligent Homes and more. 248-477-1135.

Miller Woods tours

Take a free guided tour, 2-4 p.m. Sunday, April 26, and Saturday, May 2, through the nature preserve, located on Powell Road, just east of Ridge, in Plymouth Township. Tours are approximately an hour long and the last tour leaves at 3:30 p.m. Stroll-

ers and dogs are not allowed in Miller Woods; millerwoods.com.

Plymouth Nursery

» Open house runs 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 25-26 and will include gift

card giveaways, sales, vendor representatives, a Weber Grill demonstration and refreshments.

» Learn how to grow fruit trees, 1 p.m. Saturday, May 2. Mark

Boland of Eastern Shores Nursery will present the free session.

The nursery is located at 9900 Ann Arbor Road, west of Plymouth; 734-453-5500.

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

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, April 24, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 25
Location: Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia
Details: Furniture, home and kitchen items, clothing, books, toys, antiques, dishes, collectibles, along with a bake sale. Proceeds benefit Vista Maria
Contact: 734-427-1414

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.
Contact: 734-983-8376

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday, April 26
Location: First Congregational Church of Wayne, 2 Towne Square St., Wayne
Details: The Boychoir of Ann Arbor performs a program of sacred, secular, classical and popular music. A free will offering
Contact: 734-729-7550

Time/Date: 9-10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 25
Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton
Details: Ron Chewing of Stewardship Advisors presents Experiencing the Joy of Generosity
Contact: 734-459-3333

Time/Date: 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, April 26, and 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday, April 27-30
Location: Community Free Will Baptist Church, 33031 Cherry Hill Road, Westland
Details: Preachers will include Brian Williams, a home missionary to Buffalo, N.Y., and

Danny Elliott, a home missionary to Quebec, Canada
Contact: 734-721-9040

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

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m. Thursday, April 30, 9 a.m. to noon, Friday, May 1, 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, May 2
Location: Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia
Details: \$2 admission per adult Thursday only; Free admission Friday-Saturday. Saturday half-price sale.
Contact: 734-422-0149

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, May 15
Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon, Canton
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Contact: 734-459-3333; connecting with-God.org

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BREAZEALE, DR. DAVID A.

David passed away peacefully on March 31 at his home in Jupiter, Florida of cancer, at age 63. He was the Son of Herschel and Lorraine Breazeale of Clarkston, Mi. and Singer Island, Florida. David is survived by Brothers James of Miami, Fl. Thomas of Raleigh, North Carolina and Daniel of Rochester, Michigan. He Graduated Groves High School in Birmingham, Mi. 1969. David earned his Medical Degree from School of Osteopathic Medicine, Michigan State University, 1978. He completed his internship at Jackson Memorial Hospital, Miami, Fl. and served his residency at North Miami Beach Osteopathic General Hospital. He practiced Medicine in Wellington and Jupiter, Fl. He will be sadly missed by Family and Friends. At his request, his burial will be the Neptune Society. Donations may be made to Hospice of Palm Beach/Trustbridge Health.



GIBBONS, JANE UNDERHILL (GIGI)

77 years old passed away in Vero Beach on April 7th, 2015. Formerly from Birmingham, Michigan. Beloved wife of Paul E. Gibbons. Loving mother of Barbara Kotzen and husband John Kotzen of Wellesley, MA, and Jeanne Gibbons of Naples, FL. Cherished grandmother of Matthew, Colby, and Andrew Kotzen. Dear sister of Barbara Stratton of Naples and brother of Tony Underhill of Fort Lauderdale. Memorial Contributions may be sent to: VNA Hospice House of Vero Beach 1110 35th Lane, Vero Beach, FL 32960 or http://www.vnatc.com/foundation/donate-today/ Arrangements are under the direction of Strunk Funeral Home, Vero Beach. A guestbook is available online at www.strunkfuneralhome.com. A private ceremony will be held by the family.

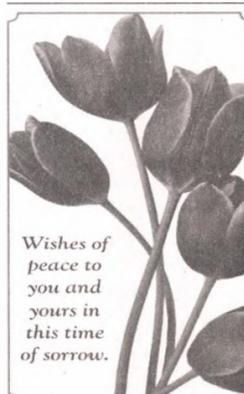
LEEMAN, ROBERT STANLEY

Age 84, of Farmington Hills, passed away Thursday, April 16, 2015. Stan is the beloved husband of 61 years, to Irene; cherished father of Stanley (Lisa) Leeman and Nancy (Robert) Repovz; proud grandfather of Shannon, Nicholas, Samantha, and Rachel. Sadly, Stan was preceded in death by his brother Thomas. A funeral service for Stan was held on Sunday, April 19 at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home. Memorial tributes are suggested to The Wounded Warrior Project.

HEENEY-SUNDQUIST FUNERAL HOME

MERTZ, WILLIAM H.

Age 71 of Livonia, Michigan died April 12, 2015.
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Wishes of peace to you and yours in this time of sorrow.

Family presence doesn't harm outcome of resuscitation

Should families be allowed to watch medical staff resuscitate a hospitalized loved one after cardiac arrest? Or should they be ushered out of the patient's room?

A national study shows that hospital patients do just as well no matter if their families remain in the room and watch cardiopulmonary resuscitation or leave the room.

A team from the University of Michigan Medical School and University of Washington School of Medicine analyzed 41,568 patients who went through resuscitation efforts at 252 hospitals. All the hospitals were taking part in a na-

tional effort to improve resuscitation outcomes.

In all, 13,470 of those patients were treated at 80 hospitals with policies allowing for family presence during resuscitation.

More than 57 percent of all patients had their heart restarted by resuscitation. Only 17.6 percent of all patients survived to go home from the hospital.

The researchers took into account differences between the populations of patients treated at hospitals with and without policies that allow families to watch the resuscitation procedure, and differ-

ences between the groups of hospitals themselves.

They found no significant differences between the two groups with the patient's odds of leaving the hospital alive, having their hearts restarted or leaving the hospital with little lingering effect of their cardiac arrest on their brains.

"Many studies have shown that family presence during resuscitation benefits family members, but we have lacked evidence about any impact of these policies on the patients themselves," said Colin Cooke, M.D., U-M intensive care physician.

Among other things, past

research has shown that family members who witness a resuscitation experience less depression and fewer post-traumatic stress symptoms. They may feel that even if the patient died, the medical team did all it could.

Many hospitals won't allow families to be present out of a concern that loved ones could distract medical team members, get in their way or later sue the hospital if the patient dies.

"Our study tried to look at this in as comprehensive a way as we could, and we can't see anything in these findings that says these policies are harm-

ful," said Cooke, an assistant professor of pulmonary and critical care medicine. "So, there are no compelling reasons to say we shouldn't allow families to be present — and lots of reasons to say we should."

U-M Health System has had a policy since 2009 that allows family to be present during resuscitation. A social worker or other member of the team stays with family members, whether or not they choose to witness the resuscitation effort, and updates them on what the team is doing to try to save the patient.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Balance series

St. Mary Mercy Livonia will offer a free eight-week workshop for seniors, 60 and up, on managing falls and increasing activity, 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday, May 6-June 24, in the hospital Wellness Center, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Participants will learn to view falls as controllable, set goals for increasing activity, make changes to reduce fall risk at home and exercise to increase strength and balance. Registration is required. Call 734-655-1310.

Celiac support

The Tri-County Celiac Support Group will present Gluten-Free Food Fair, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at The First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington. Participants can shop for gluten-free foods, try free samples and possibly win door prizes or raffles. Admission is \$5 for nonmembers; free for members. Visit www.tccsg.net.

Diabetes prevention

The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan kicks off its My Choice ... My Health diabetes prevention program in Canton with an information session, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 30, at St. Joseph Mercy

Canton Health Center, 1600 S. Canton Center Road. The 16-week program will begin at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 21, at the center. A trained lifestyle coach helps participants learn about behavior changes, including eating properly and increasing physical activity, at weekly meetings. To qualify for the program, participants must be overweight and at a high risk for developing diabetes, or overweight and diagnosed with prediabetes. Register at www.nkfm.org/dpp or call 800-482-1455.

Hearing loss support

The Hearing Loss Association of America will present information on the care and cleaning of ears and hearing aids, 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, at Garden City Hospital, 5245 Inkster, Garden City. For more information call Tony at 734-664-3297; aferrack@comcast.net.

Joint replacement

The Center for Joint Replacement at St. Mary Mercy Hospital Livonia will offer a free presentation on joint pain, joint replacement procedures and implant options, 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, in classroom 10 at St. Mary Mercy, 36154 Five Mile, Livonia. To register, call 734-655-2345.

Tai Chi

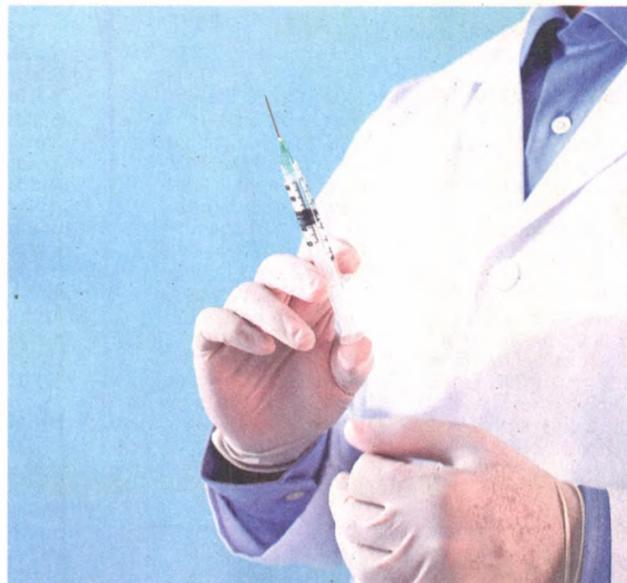
Julie Burt of the Arthritis Foundation will talk about tai chi and its health benefits, 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, April 25, in the Wellness Center, located in the South Lobby at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36154 Five Mile, Livonia. Tai Chi is a low-impact, slow-motion form of exercise. The seminar is free but registration is required. Call 734-655-1320.

Weight loss management

Oakwood Healthcare is sponsoring a free seminar on weight loss surgery, 5-7 p.m. April 29 in Oakwood Hospital - Dearborn, 18101 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. Register at Oakwood.org or call 800-543-9355.

Women's health

Paul Makela, M.D., medical director of gynecological robotic surgery at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, will talk about pelvic prolapse, 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, April 29, at Cantoro Italian Market, 15550 Haggerty, Livonia. The presentation is free. Register at 734-655-1980.



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Twelve-step program and weekly group to help those suffering with eating disorders such as anorexia, bulimia, and exercise compulsion is held 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, at the Friendship

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