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Police ID man found dead after stand-off

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A Wayne man found dead of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound after what was treated as a barricaded gunman incident has been identified.

Entering the home on Ash at just before 9 p.m. Monday, officers found Stanley Thomas Killebrew Jr., 39, dead in his home.

"There was no gunshot as we entered. We're not the medical examiner, but he appeared to have been dead for a while," Wayne Police Lt. Ryan Strong said.

Killebrew is survived by his mother Margaret, sister Sarah and son Andrew. His family described Killebrew as a



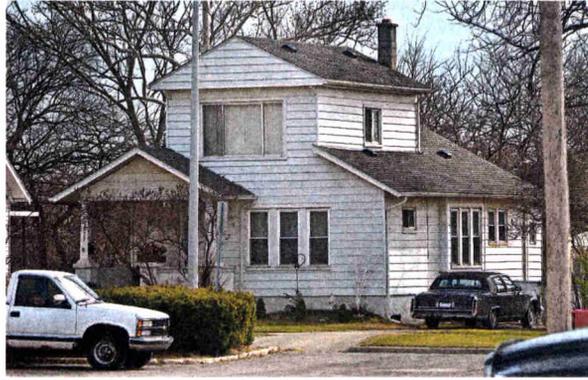
Mr. Killebrew

loving father, brother and son, who loved to work on cars, play games with his son and loved life. A Go Fund Me page was set to help offset funeral costs.

Killebrew had called police at about 10:30 a.m. to have his mother and sister leave the home on Ash at the southeast corner with Wayne Road. Both women left and Killebrew was barricaded alone in the house, not responding to telephone calls or other efforts to communicate with him.

Returning several hours later, Sarah Killebrew could only get within several

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The Ash Street home where Stanley Killebrew Jr. was found dead after barricading himself in the home Monday.

WESTLAND NEIGHBORHOODS ARE MAYOR'S 2016 FOCUS

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Beginning with a nod at some achievements, Westland Mayor William Wild used his annual State of the City address to announce some new initiatives, including a promise to focus on neighborhood improvements.

"To be a great city, you must have a clean, safe city. We're going to kick off an initiative, neighborhood by neighborhood," said Wild, speaking at the Westland Chamber of Commerce luncheon at the Hellenic Cultural Center. "We're going to clean, sweep streets, fix bad sidewalks and address blight. I think it's time to replace to emerald ash borer trees we lost a few years ago."

Calling this the city's biggest and boldest initiative, Wild said the effort will take time and require help from the city council and city workers as well as residents. It's an effort that will help raise property values, he added.

With residential property assessments up an average 9.7 percent citywide, Wild noted the brisk sales of new homes at the under construction Clyde Smith Farms subdivision on Newburgh. The homes are selling for more than \$300,000.

"There are several other housing projects in the works. The Westland market is hot with brisk sales and attractive prices," Wild said.

That's not limited to residential development, he said, noting the city has seen a jump in all categories of building/planning permits.

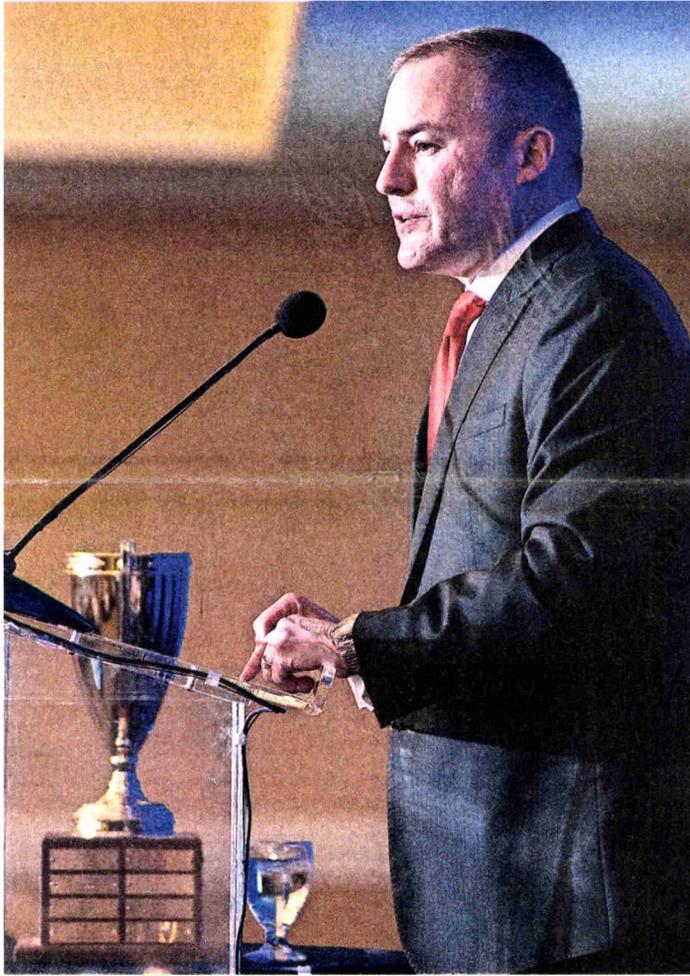
Among 2015 projects, Wild noted the large investments made for renovations at the new On the Border Mexican restaurant on Warren Road and the expansion of D&B grocery wholesalers who moved into a building on Central City Parkway.

Recently approved plans call for the redevelopment of the property on the southwest corner of Ford and Newburgh, which will include a restaurant, commercial development and a large nursing facility.

"It's what I call the midtown of Ford Road. It's a game changer for that corner," Wild said.

The former fire station 1 at Ford and Carlson has been demolished, soon to be followed by the former city hall and closed Bailey Recreation Center. The municipal property and adjoining restricted property in Central City Park have been approved for Brownfield redevelop-

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Westland Mayor William Wild delivers the State of the City address at the Hellenic Cultural Center.



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The Rev. Teodor Petrutiu of Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church offers the invocation at the Westland State of the City address.



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Local businessman and Westland Chamber of Commerce member Richard Isham listens to the Mayor William Wild's speech.

Testing to reassure water users

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Staff Writer

A \$75,000 allocation to fund water testing about 920 Westland homes was approved by the city council Monday an effort to reassure residents that city water remains safe to drink.

"There has been a lot of discussion about Flint but we have nothing like the situation in Flint. Our residents have been donating water to Flint," said Westland Mayor William Wild at a packed special council meeting with overflow seating in the lobby outside the council chambers.

No high lead levels have been reported in Westland. The issue arose after a Department of Public Services employee made allegations that the city wasn't properly responding to lead water service lines, connections and lead solder.

"We should be clear — there is a little confusion. The mere fact that you have a lead service line, either the city line or homeowner's line, doesn't mean you have lead in the water," said City Attorney James Fausone, who moderated the water presentations at the special council meeting. "The real question is: is there lead in the water? As provided by the Great Lakes Water Authority, the water is safe to drink."

DPS staffer Frank Raymore, who raised the concerns, agreed, describing the GLWA water as fine, clean and the best tasting water. "There is nothing to be worried about with the drinking water overall," he said.

Addressing the water concerns were GLWA Chief Compliance Officer Bill Wolfson, GLWA CEO Cheryl Porter and Carol Austerberry, Wayne County director of environmental health.

"We take water quality very seriously. Our first responsibility is to the families we serve," Porter said. "We have chemists on duty 24-7 to make sure we meet expectations and exceed them."

Lead doesn't come from the water, Porter said, but from water pipes inside homes. The water has been treated for corrosion control to stop lead from leaching into the water from pipes or solder for decades, she said. Water from the Flint River did not have corrosion control which resulted in the high lead levels across the city.

The lead level in water has to exceed 15 parts per billion to require corrective action, Porter said, with GLWA lead levels coming in at 2.3 parts per billion.

Wayne County offers water testing bottles that are to be filled, returned and sent to the state's laboratory for \$18, Austerberry said. The county also

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hundred feet of the home due to police barricades and shouted for her brother to respond Monday afternoon.

"This is not him. He snapped. I don't what happened. He doesn't have mental issues," Killebrew said. "He's a wonderful father, a good man, a kindhearted person. He needs help. I don't want him to get hurt."

With the home located directly north across the Rouge River from Wayne City Hall, that building and nearby municipal buildings, including 29th District Court, were locked down.

"City hall was locked down around 11 a.m. and is still locked down," Wayne City Manager Lisa Nocerini said. "We let everyone out through the south doors and telling everyone to go to their



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Killebrew's sister, Sarah Killebrew, describes him as a good man and a good father.

cars." Wayne Memorial High School was on a precautionary lockdown, which allowed students to be released at their normal 2 p.m. time.

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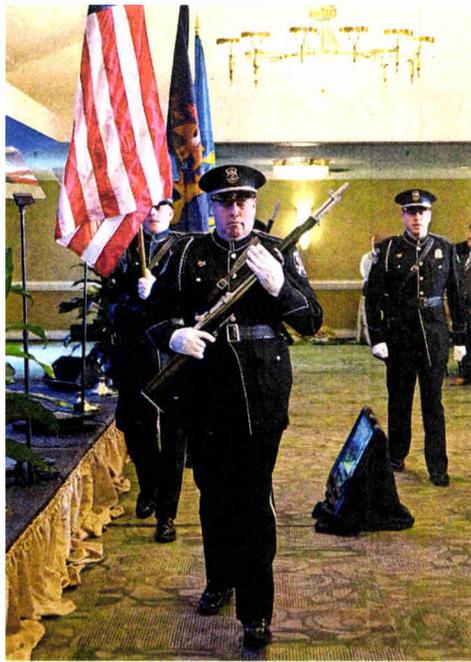
opment to allow reimbursement for expenses making the land reusable.

"With the restricted land, we could have 40 acres to redevelop on our busiest road," Wild said. "With the Brownfield approval, that could re-mediate the restricted property including the fenced off pond."

This year, the city is also moving ahead with a resident survey to determine what type of recreation services are wanted and also what users would be willing to pay to support those services.

Having reviewed award-winning projects like the new city hall and the Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center, Wild asked rhetorically how the city could top that.

"If you happen to be celebrating your 50th birthday, you throw a party," Wild said. "I've assembled a team to plan events. We still have openings, especially if you have deep pockets (for sponsorships)." Deputy Mayor Thelma Kubitzky and Innova-



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The Westland Police Honor Guard posts the colors.

tioning from Nankin Township. Plans call for a day-long homecoming event at the city hall with all current and former elected officials, city staff and residents invited. Follow-

ing a special council meeting, there will be a reception with all of the city's living former mayors. On June 16, a special event will be held at the H2O Zone in Tattan Park, including an outdoor showing of *Star Wars: the Force Awakens*. Coming in August, the annual Blues, Brews and Barbecue will have more barbecue and blues, Wild said, along with the biggest fireworks festival in the city's history. Wild and chamber president Brookellen Sprowe both commented on the close working relationship between the city and chamber. Partnership events include the weekly Farmers and Artisans Market and Blues, Brews and Barbecue.

"I thought it as a great speech. I'm still a proud resident - I'm a lifelong resident," said Mike Londeau, a resident member of the Downtown Development Authority. "The state of the city is phenomenal. I love all the improvements."

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offers blood tests for lead and a hotline at 734-727-7237.

The city began replacing the lead water lines from the main to in the early 1990s, Wild said. When DPS crews respond to water main breaks — often at night and during cold weather — he noted the excavation is filled in for safety and a contractor comes out later to replace the lead line.

Although the city doesn't have a good database, letters from DPS staff reported that it was hoped the city's lead pipes would all be re-

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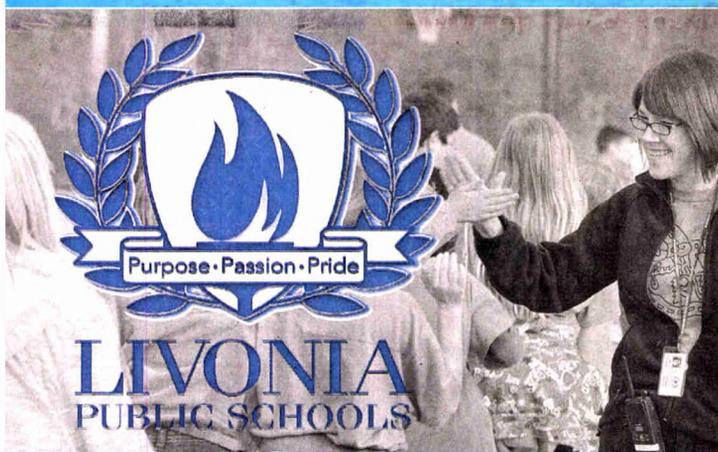
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Pets for Vets event at Wayne Ford Civic League

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

You've heard of win-win situations. But, according to Vic Barra, the upcoming Pets for Vets will be a win-win-win.

Scheduled for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at the Wayne-Ford Civic League, it started as a pet adoption event, league president Barra said.

"We wanted to put

pets with people. We were looking for ways to assist veterans with PTSD and brain injuries," Barra said. "And there have been changes in the laws about service animals."

So the event grew as Stiggy's Dogs, which matches rescue dogs with veterans needing a service animal, was joined by Pets for Vets, Last Day Dog Rescue, and Chained Inc. for pet adoptions. Adoptable

dogs and cats will be available during the event.

"All the adoption fees are waived for veterans. Any fees (paid by non-veterans or sponsors) will go to the animal groups and Stiggy's Dogs," Barra said. "The civic league is donating the space. I'll cover the coffee and doughnuts."

The cost for adopting a cat or dog is \$250, but Councilwoman Christine Bryant noted that small-

er donations to help offset the costs would help.

City Attorney James Fausone, whose firm works with veterans, said that he supported the event and was very familiar with the efforts of Stiggy's Dogs training rescue dogs to be service animals for veterans with PTSD and other issues.

The Michigan Department of Civil Rights was added to provide information for business own-

ers and other on the law regarding service animals. The seminar will be held at 1 p.m. and is offered at no charge. Participants in the seminar are asked to reserve a spot with the chamber at 734-326-7222 so sufficient materials can be provided.

"The businesses will leave with a complete booklet on frequently asked questions regarding service animals and their businesses," said

Barra, who offered to email the materials upon request. His email address is vbarra@comcast.net.

The Wayne-Ford Civic League is located on Wayne Road south of Ford in Westland. Everyone is welcome to attend the event.

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Symphony concert features husband-wife duo

"No Greater Love" is the theme for the Livonia Symphony Orchestra concert being held at 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at the Louis Schmidt Auditorium at Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, in Livonia.

The concert will feature duo Kassia Martin on flute and Sam Martin on clarinet.

Kassia Martin is a classical flute and piccolo performer in Southeast Michigan. She holds positions in the Southwest Michigan Orchestra, Midland Symphony, Livonia Symphony and Dearborn Symphony and has performed with groups throughout the area, including the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Detroit Chamber Winds and Strings, Kalamazoo Symphony, Toledo Symphony, Warren Symphony and the Southern Great Lakes Symphony.

She also performs regularly as a soloist and with her husband, clarinetist Sam Martin, as the Martin Wind Duo.

She is the flute instructor at Madonna University and the Rudolf Steiner School in Ann Arbor. She has been teaching privately for over 15 years.

Sam Martin is a mem-



Kassia and Sam Martin headline Saturday's Livonia Symphony Orchestra concert.

ber of the Livonia Symphony Orchestra, the Rochester Symphony Orchestra and the Motor City Symphony. He has performed with many other groups throughout Michigan including the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Detroit Chamber Winds, Michigan Opera Theater and the Fox & Fischer Theater Orchestras.

Sam Martin is also an experienced educator and clinician, working

most recently with the Steiner School of Ann Arbor and Birmingham Schools, as well as teaching private lessons in three locations in southeast Michigan. Previously, he has been a member of the Augusta Symphony Orchestra in Georgia and the Colorado Strings Symphony and has been on the faculty of the Rocky Ridge Music Camp in Colorado.

The Livonia Symphony program will feature

Il Signor Bruschino Overture by Rossini and *Tarantelle, op. 6 (Flute and Clarinet Duo)* by Saint Saens Romeo and Julie Overture by Tchaikovsky and the Symphony No. 4 in F minor, op. 36 by Tchaikovsky

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Cooking still top cause of residential fires

We have probably all heard that by this day and age, our lives would be more like *The Jetsons* from cartoon fame, where most everything is automated, effortless and quick.

But cooking fires have long been the number one cause of residential fires in the United States, and we are hoping to move into better technologies in the future to help prevent them.

A report entitled "Development of Standardized Cooking Fires for Evaluation of Prevention Technologies" (whew... long title; sorry), is setting the param-



Shadd Whitehead
GUEST
COLUMNIST

eters for us to better get a grip on how these cooking fires start, so that we can develop ways to prevent them from starting in the future. Imagine your stove automatically sensing excessive heat and shutting itself off.

Looking to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) for our statistics, they tell us that more than 150,000 home structure fires involving cooking equipment are reported annu-

ally, causing over 400 deaths, 5,800 injuries and \$853 million in direct property damage.

It is the leading cause of home fires, and has been for a very long time. I believe that so many of us cook on a regular basis, that we get comfortable and feel the need to "multi-task," trying to do many things at once. This is when our attention is diverted long enough for an unwanted fire to break out.

We suggest that you stay in the kitchen when cooking, to avoid the chance that you will be pulled away from the kitchen by trying to do too many other things at

once. If you do have to leave the kitchen, set a timer or take a spatula with you to remind you to get back to the cooking. Unattended cooking is the main factor leading to those cooking fires.

Avoid wearing loose-fitting clothes, where your sleeves may hang down on the burner when cooking. Try to cook on back burners if you have young, curious children, who can easily pull pans down to see what is in them if the pots are close enough. Turn pot handles in, to keep young hands from pulling them down, and other people passing by from bumping into them and spilling the hot

items onto themselves.

When cooking, take out the pots and pans needed, along with the lids that fit them. In case of an unwanted kitchen fire, you can slide the lid over the pan to take away the oxygen, and then shut off the heat to the burner.

Avoid distractions when cooking by having youngsters keep busy and out of the kitchen when cooking is going on. This can be a perfect time for a movie, television show, computer time, reading, drawing, writing, doing homework or coloring.

We currently have organizations developing new safety standards for

electric stove cooktop coil elements that would automatically turn the element off when critical pre-fire conditions are reached. This involves tests that would identify conditions that would present the greatest potential challenges to prevention devices.

While we wait for these smarter stoves to come out, we have to take the steps necessary to keep us safer from this cause of home fires. Take the tips listed in this article seriously, stay in the kitchen and practice kitchen fire safety.

Shadd Whitehead is the fire chief for the City of Livonia.

GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

Larceny from a vehicle

Ski gear, including gloves, a women's jacket, ski pants, assorted ski apparel, goggles, a heli-

met, suitcase and a GPS system valued at \$1,275 were reported stolen from a vehicle parked in the 6500 block of Hawthorne overnight Feb. 20. The owner, a Cheboy-

gan woman, told police she found door partially ajar. She said she believes the doors were closed but that she had forgotten to lock the vehicle.

Larceny from a vehicle

A resident in the 6100 block of Lathers told police Feb. 21 that someone had stolen a 500 GC

hard drive valued at \$75 from his vehicle along with \$20 in coins from the center console. The owner said he believed he had locked the doors the previous night and

found the vehicle unlocked in the morning.

The officer noted there was no damage to the vehicle.

LeAnne Rogers

WESTLAND COP CALLS

Attempted break-in

A resident at the Huntington on the Hill Apartments, 8180 Valleyview Circle, told police Feb. 20 she was gone about six hours and returned home to find someone had knocked the handle off her front door. No entry was made to the apartment.

The officer noted a shoe print on the door where it had been kicked but the damaged door handle had already been replaced by a maintenance worker.

Wallet lost

A Detroit woman told police Feb. 16 that she had lost her wallet

while at the MJR Grand Theater, 6800 N. Wayne Road, on Feb. 14. She said she noticed the wallet was missing when she arrived home. Inside, she said there were identification, \$30 and assorted personal items.

On Feb. 21, an Ypsilanti woman told police that after leaving Golden Corral, 37101 Warren Road, she realized she had forgotten her wallet containing her identification, a debit card and \$100. She said she contacted the restaurant but the wallet hadn't been turned in.

Hit and run

A resident in the 400 block of Wildwood told

police Feb. 15 that someone had struck her vehicle while it was parked in the street, damaging the left rear quarter panel and taillight.

Vandalism

On Feb. 17, a representative from the owners of a strip center at 31501 Joy told police that sometime Feb. 12-15 someone had struck a brick-and-mortar store sign base, causing \$1,000 damage. He showed the officer photographs, which he said documented tire tracks leading to the base.

The officer noted based on the damage to the sign base, the vehicle had probably sustained

heavy damage. The employee told police he only became aware of the damage when a tenant called to report a driveway blocked by the damage debris.

Hit and run

A Westland man told police that on Feb. 17 he had to stop short for another vehicle in the Kroger parking lot, 36430 Ford, and was rear-ended by a third vehicle. He reported minor damage to the rear of his car and that the other vehicle failed to stop.

LeAnne Rogers

WAYNE COP CALLS

Fraud

On Feb. 8, Wayne woman told police that approximately a month earlier she had checked her credit score online and found an \$805 charge with Dish Network she hadn't authorized. She said that a few months earlier someone had opened a DTE account in her name.

Vandalism

A vehicle was reported spray-painted overnight while it was parked in the 5000 of Harrison overnight.

Hit and run

A resident in the 36000 block of Thinbark told

police that someone had struck and damaged his vehicle while it was parked overnight.

Meeting canceled

Due to the threat of severe winter weather, the Wayne Police Department's community meeting scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, has been canceled. The meeting has been rescheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, March 3, at the Wayne Police Department on Michigan Avenue east of Howe.

For more information, call 734-721-1414.

LeAnne Rogers

CITY OF WESTLAND

2016 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

The City of Westland Board of Review will be conducting the 2016 March Board of Review and will convene in the City Council Chambers at 36300 Warren Road, Westland, Michigan 48185. The regular Board of Review schedule is as follows:

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING: Tuesday, March 8, 2016, 9:30 a.m.

APPEAL HEARINGS BY APPOINTMENTS ONLY

Monday, March 14, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 15, 2016 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 16, 2016 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

MAIL-IN APPEALS REVIEW ONLY

Thursday, March 17, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed. Hearings by appointment only COMPLETED 2016 BOARD OF REVIEW PETITIONS ARE NECESSARY. Appeals must be submitted to the Assessor's Office, prior to your appointment. The deadline for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal in person before the Board of Review is Wednesday, March 16, 2016.

A resident or non-resident taxpayer may file a petition with the Board of Review without the requirement of a personal appearance by the taxpayer or a representative. An agent must have written authority to represent the owner and it must be submitted to the Board of Review on the form prescribed by the assessor's office. Written petitions must be received by Wednesday, March 16, 2016 to be reviewed by the Board. Postmarks are not accepted.

Copies of the notices stating the dates and times of the meetings will be posted and published in the local newspaper.

All Board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act". If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Assessor's Office at (734) 467-3160.

Richard LeBlanc, CMC
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40 YEARS AND WAITING

The Oakland County Child Killer case remains unsolved

Jay Grossman
Staff Writer

It began Feb. 15, 1976, with the disappearance of Mark Stebbins. The 12-year-old Ferndale boy was the first of four children kidnapped and killed by a person or persons since dubbed the Oakland County Child Killer. The murders took place over a period of 13 months and led to one of the largest police manhunts in U.S. history.

Forty years later, all four cases remain unsolved. Barry King, whose 11-year-old son Timothy was abducted in March 1977, is still searching for answers. The retired Birmingham attorney decided this month to start blogging about the murders in hopes he might flesh out new information about the crimes.

He named his blog "A Father's Story-OCCK." "I'm doing a page or two a day, so nobody has to read on forever," said King, who turns 85 next month. "I would just like some questions answered for me and I don't have much time left."

Timothy King was the youngest of four children, outgoing and friendly. The evening of March 16, 1977, he grabbed his skateboard and headed a few blocks to the corner drugstore at Maple and Woodward to buy some candy. He never came back.

His older brother Christopher had just gotten his driver's license the day before. That night, armed with a baseball bat, he walked the neighborhood in search of his brother. It was quickly determined he had been abducted, leading police to literally stop and search cars on Woodward Avenue in a frantic attempt to find the missing boy.

Timothy's body was discovered six days later by the side of a road in Livonia, the last confirmed victim of the Oakland County Child Killer.

Who did it?

King said he initially believed "one diabolically clever person" was behind the killings, but now suspects it's possible the children might have been abducted for a suspected pedophile ring.

"There was a major pedophile ring out here and Wayne County investigated it," King said. "They knew boys were being taken ... somebody was paying a lot of money for that and the guys paying a lot of money are not picking these boys up."

If there is a short list of suspects, it would include Christopher Busch, Gregory Greene, Vince Gunnels, Ted Lamborgine and Arch Sloan. Each of them was tied to pedophile rings that operated throughout southeast Michigan in the 1970s.

Getting someone to talk won't be easy. Greene died of a heart attack in prison nearly two decades ago, while Sloan and Lamborgine are serving life sentences for pedophile convictions.

Busch, the son of a former General Motors executive, was

a four-time convicted pedophile who barely spent any time in jail because of his family's influence. Roughly 18 months after the Timothy King abduction, Busch committed suicide in August 1978 at his family's home in Bloomfield Township.

King actually met with Gunnels several years ago in the Kalamazoo area, but said little came of the conversation.

"He told the story he wanted to tell, but his stories have been largely inconsistent," King said.

Several similar homicides involving children were reported before and after in Michigan and Ohio, but only the four victims from Oakland County are directly tied to a possible serial killer.

Scars that never heal

Stebbins was abducted in the middle of the day. He was missing for a period of four days before his body was found in Southfield.

It wasn't until 10 months later, Dec. 22, 1976, that 12-year-old Jill Robinson was reported missing in Royal Oak. Her body was found three days later in Troy.

Seven days after Robinson's body was discovered, Kristine Mihelich was reported missing Jan. 2, 1977, in Berkley. The body of the 10-year-old girl was found 19 days later in Franklin Village. Timothy King was the fourth victim.

And then, the killings stopped.

Autopsies indicated the two boys were sexually assaulted, but not the two girls. White animal hairs, presumably from a dog, were found on the victims. All four children were neatly dressed when their bodies were discovered and it appeared they had been bathed.

Three of the children were suffocated, while Robinson died from a shotgun blast. Police speculate the killer was dumping her body and might have panicked that she was still alive.

If King were to point the finger at one suspect, it would be Busch.

When police found Busch's body in 1978, they took photographs of a penciled drawing pinned to his bedroom wall that depicts a screaming boy wearing a hooded jacket. The drawing bears a close resemblance to Stebbins and the clothing he wore the day of his disappearance.

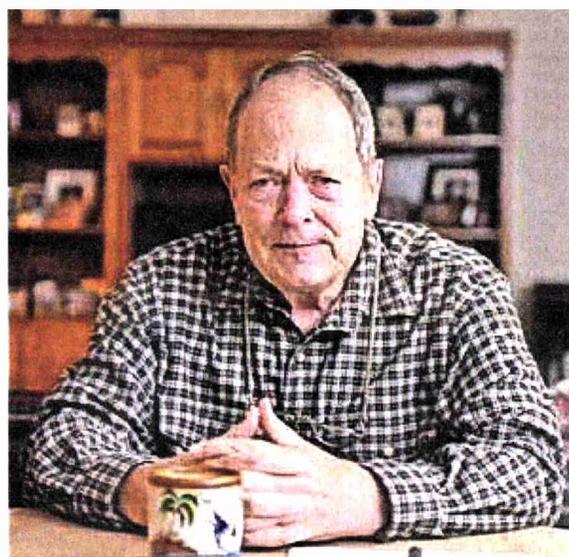
Another photograph taken of his bedroom shows pieces of rope on a closet floor that have dark red stains. Investigators also noted the Busch family, at the time of the murders, owned a white-haired Welsh terrier.

In October 2008, a task force of investigators coordinated a search of the former Busch home in Bloomfield Township to see if investigators could find any fibers or other evidence connected to the murders. The results of that search were never made public.

But King acknowledges others could be involved. Mitochondrial DNA evidence, for example, was later found in several vehicles that possibly



In a horrific crime that remains unsolved after 40 years, four children from Oakland County were abducted and killed over a 13-month period in 1976-77.



Birmingham resident Barry King, the father of one of the victims, has started blogging about the OCCK case in hopes of shedding new light on the investigation.

connect Gunnels and Sloan with two of the victims. Lamborgine once refused to take a lie detector test in exchange for a lighter prison sentence.

Searching for answers

For their part, authorities have consistently declined to comment about any specifics in the case, mainly because it's still an open investigation. That lack of communication has prompted several of the fam-

ilies to file lawsuits against various departments and individuals in an attempt to obtain more information.

King, for example, said he was told in 2010 that Busch was no longer a suspect, but was never told why.

For now, he hopes the blog will shed new light on the case. In one of his first postings, he debunks a popular theory that a blue AMC Gremlin was involved in his son's disappear-

ance. "The King family never believed a blue Gremlin was involved," he said. "A Pontiac LeMans is associated with three of the victims and a Pontiac was also tied in with the fourth victim."

Mihelich's sister was one of the first to comment on the blog, thanking King for keeping the investigation alive. King said he also stays in touch with Mike Stebbins, brother of Mark Stebbins.

In addition to the blog, King started a Facebook page and a Twitter account to gain a wider audience. The Facebook page already has more than 1,100 followers.

Nearly all the public comments come from people who were growing up in the area at the time of the murders. Many of Timothy's former classmates wrote messages of encouragement, hoping one day the cases will be solved.

King acknowledges the strain his children have felt over the years from losing their younger brother, as well as the bitterness that comes from knowing nobody has been punished.

Forty years have passed and he realizes it will probably take a deathbed confession to solve his son's murder.

It doesn't stop him from asking more questions and searching for answers. It's all he can do as a father.

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Seedlings board president grew up reading braille books

Jared Stofflett of Farmington grew up reading books from Seedlings Braille Books for Children.

Now he is board president of the Livonia nonprofit he credits for helping to give him the literacy foundation he needs to support himself as a software developer for Compuware.

Stofflett, 30, was born blind. His mother, Lori Stofflett of Farmington Hills, learned about Seedlings from the teacher of the visually impaired assigned to Stofflett through Oakland Schools when he was 7 months old. By the time he was 4, he was already reading braille.

As an elementary student, Stofflett read an estimated 75-100 books from Seedlings. He especially liked the Goosebumps books. His mother said she liked buying Stofflett books from Seedlings because they were affordable.

Seedlings also supplied braille books to the libraries of the schools Stofflett attended so he could check out books to

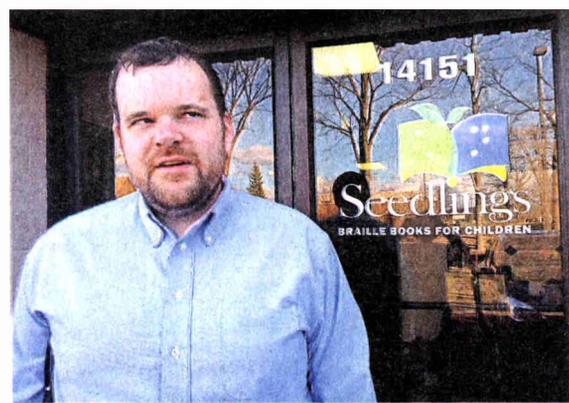
read, just like his classmates.

"As a parent, this was important to us," Lori Stofflett said. "Seedlings provides an opportunity for literacy in a sighted world."

Seedlings sells half of its books for an average price of \$10 each and gives the other half away for free in an effort to increase literacy among children who are blind and visually impaired.

It is able to do this because of grants, donations and money raised at an annual bowling event. This year's event is Saturday, March 12, at Plaza Lanes in Plymouth. To register or donate, go to <http://www.seedlings.org/events.php> or contact Karen Smith at 734-427-8552, ext. 301, or Seedlink7@ameritech.net.

When Stofflett was in middle school, his teachers insisted he continue reading braille exclusively, even though he could have used audio books for some subjects. He's glad they did. Without knowing how to read and write — skills im-



Jared Stofflett was elected Seedlings president in January.

possible to learn by just listening to speech — Stofflett said he never would have been able to compose the 10-page papers necessary for earning his degree in telecommunications from Michigan State University.

On the job now, he uses braille to send emails and read and write documents. "I couldn't do my job without it," he said.

His mother, who taught first grade and special education, served on the Seedlings board

from 1992-98. That makes Stofflett a second-generation Seedlings board member.

Lori said she and Jared's father John, who works in information technology, are very proud of their only child. Not only does he support himself, he's an avid skier — both cross country and downhill — and an experienced sailor. He's competed in three Port Huron to Mackinac races. Plus, he's getting married later this year to Beth Hubbard of Farmington, an occupational therapist he met through online dating.

Lori said they have never viewed blindness as a disability. "It's more of a challenge," she said. "And we all have challenges of some sort."

Stofflett, who's serving his first term as president after joining the Seedlings board in 2012, said he enjoys making a difference in the lives of blind and visually impaired children all over the world. "I want to be able to give back to an organization that's helped me," he said.

Newly remodeled Hellenic Center a full-service venue



The Hellenic Center is a full-service banquet venue.

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

Hellenic Center: We are a full-service banquet venue. We offer all home-cooked, on-site catering, full bar services, all professionally trained staff, and wedding ceremonies on-site at our beautiful outdoor gazebo.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Hellenic Center: We are a complete, all-in-one wedding and reception venue. We are a large venue with three sep-

arate halls, an outdoor gazebo with a park-like natural backdrop and beautiful landscape which can accommodate over 300 guests. We offer complete reception packages available at very competitive rates.

Observer: What's new in your business?

Hellenic Center: With its rich history and grand decor, the newly remodeled Hellenic Cultural Center has successfully been serving the surrounding communities since 1983. From weddings and engagement parties to baptisms and proms, the Hellenic Cultural Center has enjoyed

making each and every one of our customers' special events memorable throughout the years.

Whether you prefer an indoor traditional affair or a fun outdoor gathering, our staff is dedicated to providing you exceptional service, professional expertise and affordable pricing. Because each event is unique, every event is customized to reflect your individual style, taste and customs, incorporating elements such as exquisite culinary creations, dramatic decor and a fully customizable room layout. Whether you're plan-

ning a breakfast meeting at work, a lunchtime celebration at home, or just a dinner with old friends, let the Hellenic Cultural Center's Catering Service do the work. From homemade braised beef to chicken piccata, you won't be disappointed with what the Hellenic Cultural Center can do.

You may choose from our extensive menu selections or work directly with our experienced staff to create a menu to compliment your personality, occasion, and budget. The Hellenic Cultural Center will work with you to meet your needs.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Flagstar hire

Flagstar Bank recently hired Crista Kolin of Livonia as vice president and senior business relationship officer.

In this role, Kolin is responsible for developing business relationships in Flagstar's Oakland Region, which includes 22 branches in the Waterford, Novi, and Livingston/Genesee areas.

She has more than 30 years of banking experience with almost 20 years in business banking. Previously, she was vice president and senior business banker with PNC Bank for nearly 12 years.

Flagstar Bancorp Inc. is a \$13.7 billion savings and loan holding company headquartered in



Kolin

Troy

Pinnacle Council

Raeann Kusch of Livonia, a wealth advisor with Thrivent Financial, has qualified for the Pinnacle Council conference by providing outstanding financial guidance, solutions and service to members of the organization in 2015.

Out of Thrivent Financial's more than 2,300 financial representatives, only 109 qualified for this honor.

Kusch is with Thrivent Financial's Great Lakes Regional Financial Office, serving members in Livonia and surrounding communities.

Kusch will be recognized by her peers from across the country at Thrivent Financial's annual conference in Nashville.

Kusch has been with Thrivent Financial for 22 years and recognized for her performance 21 times.

Chamber events

The Livonia Chamber of Commerce hosts or sponsors the following events:

» Tuesday, March 15, 'Brewin' Business' — Sponsored by Community Alliance Credit Union, to be held at the Cozy Corner Cafe, 36083 Plymouth Road, from 7:30-9 a.m. It's free for while the members.

» Saturday, March 19, sixth annual Livonia Home Show — Sponsored by Bright House Networks at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission and parking.

The event will feature more than 50 local businesses. Limited exhibitor spaces remain. Cost is \$150 per member for a 10x10 space.



David Lawrence, vice president and CEO of AlphaUSA, talks about the restoration of the SS United States.

Local company helps raise funds for ocean liner

David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Livonia-based AlphaUSA's involvement in helping the SS United States' fundraising efforts started with a phone call looking for Lee Iacocca.

A call from the SS United States Conservancy, an organization looking to restore the famed ocean liner which had fallen into disrepair, was taken at the company when they were looking for someone to assist with restoration efforts, said AlphaUSA CEO David Lawrence.

"They were remembering when Lee Iacocca headed up efforts to restore the Statue of Liberty," Lawrence said. "They saw this as something that was on a par with a scale and as patriotic of a scale, so one of the people working on that said he knew someone in Detroit. And that was AlphaUSA."

From that call, the company became intrigued with the ship and helped with fundraising efforts to restore it and get it back up to speed. It was announced earlier this month that Crystal Cruises intends to use the 990-foot-long passenger ship and restore it for transporting passengers across the ocean once again.

"When the conservancy purchased the ship back in 2011, it was going to be scrapped," Lawrence said. "They were immediately trying to

figure out how to make a national campaign."

Lawrence said the project became somewhat personal, with AlphaUSA's CEO, Chuck Dardas, growing up admiring the ship when he was younger.

"He had a model of the ship when he was a young boy," Lawrence said.

Susan Gibbs, executive director of the SS United States Conservancy, said the role AlphaUSA has played over the last few years has been an important one to help the fundraising efforts with the liner.

She said while the innovative website, savetheunitedstates.org, with the two-dimensional model of the ship is attractive, they've begun looking closely how to evolve the website as design advances.

"AlphaUSA has been a valuable partner in those efforts," she said. "We're beginning to think about trying to convert it to a three-dimensional exploration. We're excited for the partnership to continue."

Set speed records

The SS United States, currently docked in Philadelphia, began its service as a passenger liner in 1952 and made 800 transatlantic crossings, going at 38 knots (44 mph) at top speed, setting speed records that hold to this day. Compared to perhaps the most-famous ocean liner, the Titanic, the SS United States was larger than the 1912 liner,

and weighed nearly 10,000 tons heavier. It was also funded partially by the U.S. government and could have been used as a transporter of soldiers during the Cold War if needed.

The interest AlphaUSA had, Lawrence said, was the technological aspects used to construct the ship during the 1950s.

"The ship's an amazing example of technology, engineering and really industrial superiority, built at a time when the United States was a leader of that in the world," Lawrence said.

Efforts to donate to restore the ship are ongoing. Those interested can donate funds to the SS United States Conservancy online at savetheunitedstates.org. The hope is to relaunch the ship for passengers by 2018.

"She was the last and greatest of her kind," Lawrence said. "There was a time when people traveled the ocean via passenger liner. The whole idea was that it was a bus that could get people across the ocean quickly."

"Speed was king. This ship beat the speed record on its maiden voyage and it's a speed record that hasn't been conquered since and probably never will."

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NOTICE PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST FOR PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Accuracy Test for the Presidential Primary Election to be held on March 8, 2016, will be conducted on March 1, 2016, at 4:00 p.m., in the Board Room of Redford Township Hall, located at 15145 Beech Daly Road, Redford, Michigan, 48239. The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer program used to tabulate the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of law.

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CITY OF LIVONIA 2016 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FIVE YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN (2016-2021) FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM

The City of Livonia will receive an estimated \$316,093 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the 2016-2017 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Year (July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017). These funds are authorized by HUD under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 and 1977, as amended. Federal regulations require preparation of an Annual Action Plan and Five-Year Consolidated Plan. The purpose of the Consolidated Plan is to inventory the Housing and Community Development needs of low- and moderate-income persons in the City. The Plan sets forth priorities and lists activities to be pursued over the five year period. The Five Year Strategic Plan has identified the following priority of housing needs:

1. Housing rehabilitation
2. Affordable senior citizen housing
3. Reduce cost burden of renter households
4. Address infrastructure improvements to stabilize targeted neighborhoods
5. Focus on public service programming

The 2016-17 Annual Action Plan proposes the following activities to address those priority housing needs with 2016-17 CDBG grant funds of \$316,093 in addition to \$406,000 in unprogrammed funds from prior years and program income received:

• Rehabilitation Projects	- \$96,093
• Property Acquisition/Rehabilitation	- \$30,000
• Public Service activities:	
- Senior Transportation Program	- \$48,000
- Mental Health Counseling Program	- \$20,000
- First Step - Domestic Violence Program	- \$50,000
- Emergency Utility Assistance Program	- \$7,000
• Maintain/Manage City-Owned Rental Homes	- \$100,000
• Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative	- \$35,000
• Economic Development	-
• Public Facilities Improvement/Maintenance	- \$321,000
• Fair Housing Initiative	-
• Overall Grant Administration	- \$60,000

- Ongoing administration of the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program
- Public Housing modernization through the Capital Fund Grant program
- Provide referrals to the homeless and persons with special needs for shelter and other available services.
- Provide referrals to Counseling Agencies for persons seeking assistance with foreclosure and purchase of affordable housing

Copies of the Consolidated Plan and 2016-17 Annual Action Plan are available for review by interested citizens between the hours of 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., at Monday through Friday, at the Housing Commission's Community Development Office located at 10800 Farmington Road, Livonia MI 48150. Written comments regarding the Consolidated Plan and 2016-17 CDBG program may be directed to Tracey Emmanuel, Community Development Supervisor, 10800 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48150. Comments will be received for a period of not less than 30 days, but not after 4:30 p.m. March 28, 2016. The Consolidated Plan will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on or about May 15, 2016.

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

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U-M Health System project on fast track

A University of Michigan Health System plan to build a new \$175 million health center in Brighton to meet a growing demand for health care in the area is officially on the fast track.

U-M Health System officials on Feb. 9 informed Downtown Development Authority Director Matt Modrack, other city leaders and Livingston County representatives of the university's plan to begin building the 320,000-square-foot facility this summer. The facility will be

built on a university-owned 32-acre tract on the southwest corner of Challis Road and Greimel Drive, kitty-corner from the existing Brighton Health Center.

"We're very excited and looking forward to their expanding the current facility to the new property," Mayor Jim Muzzin said Thursday.

U-M Health System officials expect the facility to be completed by the summer 2018. The U-M Board of Regents approved the facility in November.

Modrack updated council members on the project Thursday during Blue Sky, a council planning meeting.

The project is expected to create 150 temporary construction jobs for two years and between 350-375 permanent medical and administrative positions.

Two other health system facilities, the Kellogg Eye Center of Brighton on Whitmore Lake Road and the Howell Pediatric and Teen Clinic on Byron Road, will remain open.

Spaghetti fundraiser benefits Foster Closet

Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

When Michele Austin and wife Tammy Gabourie accepted their first foster child nine years ago, that child arrived with virtually nothing but the clothes on his back.

And those clothes didn't fit. So the couple decided to do something about it, and now manage the Foster Closet of Michigan, a nonprofit organization designed to provide clothing, underclothing, toys, shoes, baby equipment and other necessities to families fostering children.

The organization is funded completely by donations, of both items and money. That's what made Austin so happy to see a large turnout for Saturday's spaghetti fundraiser at First United Methodist Church in Farmington.

The money raised (figures weren't yet available) will go directly toward the group's emergency fund. Foster Closet of Michigan has 16 locations around the state.

Austin said the community support is so generous and quick, the wait to fill needs rarely goes longer than three days. The closet's Facebook page serves as a principal notification center.

"I post the need online, and (items) show up," she said. "It's all done by donation ... 72 hours is about the time frame. The community is phenomenal."

Maryann Bruder of Huntington Woods brought her recently adopted daughter, Katarina, to the fundraiser. She adopted Katarina Dec. 18 after fostering her for two years. Katarina's brothers, both in foster homes with relatives, have benefitted from the Foster Closet.

Bruder, a guardian ad-litem attorney who works regularly with foster families, said the Foster Closet has also benefited her clients "tremendously."



Volunteers Laurie Sak from the Schoolcraft College Nursing program and Mijung Ko from the Farmington Area Jaycees help prepare food.



Livonia resident Ruba Farah gets ready to enjoy the food provided by Cottage Inn Pizza.

"I love the (Foster) Closet," Bruder said. "They give a lot to children who've never had anything new. The Closet welcomes them with open arms and works with them to get them anything they need. They're a tremendous resource."

Farmington Hills Mayor Dr. Ken Massey said he identifies with the cause because he himself was an adopted child.

"I think their mission meets a need in cultivating families willing to open their doors to children," Massey said.

The event featured a silent auction, food donated by Cottage Inn and desserts donated by Cake Luv.

All of it was to help fund what Bruder said was a "labor of love" for Austin.

"These kids deserve better," Austin said. "That's why we do this."

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Farmington Area Jaycees president Jaymi Dormaier works the dessert table provided by Cake Luv.



Volunteer Jackie Robinson, who works at the Kohl's in Northville, greets people as they enter the silent auction area at the Foster Closet fundraiser Saturday.

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CITY OF WAYNE
PUBLIC NOTICE
There will be an official Public Accuracy Test of the Election Management and Tabulation computer system to be used by the City of Wayne for the Michigan Presidential Primary Election, March 8, 2016. The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer program used to record and count the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of law. The test will be held at the Building and Engineering Department, 4001 South Wayne Road on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.
Matthew K. Miller
City Clerk
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ABSTRACT
WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NO. 2016-07
February 16, 2016
A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. at the Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Rd. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. Moment of Silence for George R. Bell. PRESENTATION: by State Rep. Robert Kosowski. TABLED: first reading of amendment to Chapter 1470. APPROVED: minutes of reg. mtg. of Feb. 2; minutes of spec. mtg. of Feb. 3; public hearing of CDBG and approval of allocation for 2016-17 budget; first reading of repeal of Chapter 246; resignation of Dr. M. Saad from DDA; appt. Sharon Bunek to DDA until Dec. 2018; 4th year of fertilizing contract with Great Lakes Land.; payment to Westshore Fire for repairs to Ladder 1; consent calendar. Received and filed Communications and Reports. Adjourned at 10:13 p.m.
Matthew K. Miller
City Clerk
Published: February 25, 2016 LO-000272622 2x3

NO. 2994

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 14 OF THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF LIVONIA AND AMENDING ARTICLE III OF ORDINANCE NO. 543, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AND CITED AS "THE CITY OF LIVONIA ZONING ORDINANCE" BY ADDING SECTION 3.3935 THERETO.

THE CITY OF LIVONIA ORDAINS:

Section 1. Pursuant to the Conditional Rezoning Ordinance by resolution 15983 Middlebelt LLC, and the report of the City Planning Commission, dated November 19, 2015, setting forth its resolution 11-80-2015 recommending approval of Petition 2015-09-01-09, having been considered by the Council, and the Council having conducted a public hearing on January 6, 2016, on said petition, and having concurred in the recommendation of the City Planning Commission, the Council hereby adopts said Petition 2015-09-01-09 to amend the Zoning Ordinance and the City Map of the City of Livonia, and all proceedings heretofore conducted on said petition are hereby approved.

Section 2. Article III of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance, Ordinance No. 543, as amended, is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

Section 3.3935. Petition 2015-09-01-09 submitted by the City Planning Commission is hereby approved, and the zoning classification of the premises hereinabove described is hereby changed from OS to C-1:

14B280A 281A1 SUPERVISORS LIVONIA PLAT NO. 4, T1S R9E L66 P20 WCR W 200 FT OF LOT 280 ALSO W 200 FT OF LOT 281 EXC N 10 FT APPROX .87 ACRES (Tax ID No. 053-02-0280-001);

and the Southeast 1/4 of Section 14 of the Zoning Map is hereby amended to conform to the change made in this section.

Section 4. The attached map designated "Amendment No. 951 to the Zoning Map of the City of Livonia" showing all of the amendments and changes made in the foregoing Ordinance of this ordinance is hereby approved, established and made a part hereof.

BOUNDARY OF DISTRICT AS AMENDED FROM OS, OFFICE SERVICES TO C-1, LOCAL BUSINESS

PETITION NO. 2015-09-01-09
A PART OF THE S.E. 1/4 OF SECTION 14

AMENDMENT NO. 951 TO THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN
ORDINANCE NO. 2994
Adopted by the City Council on 2/1/16

MAYOR
CLERK

Section 5. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

Section 6. Should any portion of this ordinance be held invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of any of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

The above ordinance was presented at the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Livonia held Monday, February 1, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

Susan M. Nash, City Clerk
The foregoing ordinance was authenticated by me on this 3rd day of February, 2016.
Dennis K. Wright, Mayor

Approved as to form:
Donald L. Knapp, Jr., City Attorney

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OUR VIEW

Love makes future bright, hopeful for children

We recently marked Valentine's Day, with its attendant focus on romantic love. Children, too, need love from parents and other adults who care about them. The American Academy of Pediatrics offers these tips on showing children love and we thought it was an ideal time to pass them along.

» Use plenty of positive and encouraging words with your child. Try to avoid using sarcasm or mockery and get rid of putdowns from the words you use as a parent. Children often don't understand your purpose and, if they do, these messages can create negative ways of talking and connecting with each other.

» Make an extra effort to set a good example about how to connect and talk with other people at home and in public. Use words like "I'm sorry," "please" and "thank you."

» Respond promptly and lovingly to your child's physical and emotional needs. Be available to listen to your child when he/she wants to talk with you even if it's not the best time for you. Ask your child "How was your day?" and listen to the answer.

» When your child is angry, grouchy or in a bad mood, give him a quick hug, cuddle, pat, secret nod or other sign of affection he responds to, and then consider talking with him about the event when he's feeling better.

» Use non-violent forms of discipline. Parents should start using both rewards and restrictions many years before adolescence to help establish ways to encourage strengths and address concerns

during the teenage years. Allowing children of any age to constantly break important rules without being disciplined only encourages more rules to not be followed.

» Make plans to spend time alone with your young child or teen doing something she enjoys on a regular basis. Encourage your child to be active by going on walks, bicycle riding or playing ball with them.

» Mark family game nights on your calendar, so the entire family can look forward to having ways to enjoy spending time together. Put a different family member's name under each date and have that person choose which game will be played that evening.

» Consider owning a pet, if possible. Having a pet can help make some children, especially those with chronic illnesses and disabilities, feel better by increasing their physical activity, enhancing their overall positive feelings and offering another way to connect with someone they care about.

» One of the best ways to have your child learn more about good food choices is to encourage him to cook with you. Let him get involved in the entire process, from planning the menus to shopping for ingredients to the actual food preparation and its serving. It is wonderful when families eat together as much as possible. Good food, good conversations.

» As your child grows up, she'll spend most of her time improving upon a variety of skills and abilities that she gains in all areas of her life. You should help her as much as possible by encouraging her and pro-

viding the tools and teaching she needs. Start reading to your child beginning at six months. Avoid TV in the first two years, monitor and watch TV with your older children and use TV time as one topic for conversation time with your children. Limit computer and video games.

» Your child's health depends a lot on the care and support you offer during his early years. By taking your child to the doctor regularly for well child or preventive health care visits, teaching him how to be safe from injuries, providing a healthy and nutritious diet and encouraging good amounts of sleep, physical activity and exercise throughout childhood, you help protect and strengthen his mind and body.

» Help your child foster positive relationships with friends, siblings and members of the community. Consider inviting friends or neighbors to spend time drinking tea, having a meal, playing a game or sports in their need. Encourage your child to help others or be involved in activities that show teamwork.

» One of your most important gifts as a parent is to help your child develop self-esteem. Your child needs your steady support and help to discover his strengths. He needs you to believe in him as he learns to believe in himself. Loving him, spending time with him, listening to him and celebrating lessons learned from his mistakes and successes are all part of this process.

» Don't forget to say "I love you" to children of all ages!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Amend the amendment

Senator David Knezek's amendment to Bill 447 eliminates one major issue. It equalizes the per-student funding for school districts that go through a merger process. However, in the case of Redford Union and South Redford districts, it could cost taxpayers nearly \$9 million. Pas-

sage of the bill in its present form would have three financial parts.

The cost to equalize per-student funding would equal \$1.8 million (based on a variance of \$524 per student.) The cost of a \$100 per-student increase in the newly formed district would equal \$695,000 (based on the WRESA fall student count report.) Additional funding for start-up con-

solidation costs would equal \$6.500 (based on funding requested in the Ypsilanti and Willow Run merger.) Passage of the bill with an additional amendment could save taxpayers 80 percent of the costs.

Sample additional amendment: If there is a disparity in the funding of public schools in townships and villages that have two districts completely within its boundaries, the districts can continue their current separate jurisdictions at the higher per-student funding rate for both districts and forfeit the additional \$100 benefit available with mergers and/or consolidations.

Voter approval by both districts would be

required. (In the case of Redford Union and South Redford students the end result would be equalized funding, the same result without spending over \$7 million.)

Jim Brenner
Redford

GOP has Trump card

Republicans will be having their primary in Michigan on March 8 and their best choice is Donald Trump, who also has the best chance to win the general election. The American electorate probably hasn't been stirred to this level since 1980 when Reagan ran for President.

Although no-one will ever replace Reagan, Trump has many of his qualities and has the

same appeal as a political outsider who would bring a commonsense approach to breaking the stagnant ways and gridlock of Washington D.C., and thus Trump has the appeal of someone who'd be a doer not a talker.

For way too many years, conservatives and the religious right have supported the establishment GOP, only to be taken for granted and 'left in the dust' time and time again and now it's time to try something different—a man who is actually gonna 'deliver the goods'.

Whereas the status quo political community is surprised by the Trump phenomenon, the average American who actually listens to the

Trump agenda recognizes the character backbone that Trump possesses, and to them, the choice is a no-brainer.

Trump is a conservative, is pro-life, and possesses a simple Christian faith which no-one has a right to disparage. Meanwhile, Ted Cruz is someone who would be rejected by the general public as being another Pat Buchanan, a loser bet. The goal shouldn't be to just win the GOP nomination but to win the general election as well as this is a pivotal point in American political history.

Leo Weber
Livonia

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EDUCATION

Canton foundation continues scholarship tradition

By Brad Kadrich

The Canton Community Foundation recently held its 20th annual scholarship luncheon at the Canton Convention Center. The event was a celebration of the foundation's long history of supporting local education. The foundation has awarded over \$1 million in scholarships to students from Canton and surrounding areas. The luncheon featured a presentation of the 2015-2016 scholarship recipients, including students from Canton High School, Canton Middle School, and Canton Elementary School. The foundation's executive director, Jani Hayden, thanked the community for their support and expressed the foundation's commitment to continuing its scholarship tradition for many years to come.

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Flint water crisis: Give, but give carefully

Not surprisingly, the Flint water crisis has brought out the best and worst of us. There are many good people who have donated money and time in order to ease the crisis in Flint. At the same time, which shouldn't surprise anyone, the lowlifes in our society are attempting to take advantage of our good nature. The Better Business Bureau of Southeast Michigan, along with the state Attorney General's Office, has issued warnings regarding Flint's water crisis.

Whenever there is a



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

crisis, there will be people start putting up websites with horrific stories and pictures attempting to solicit contributions. Unfortunately, the money is not going to help the people in Flint, but directly into these lowlifes' pockets.

In addition to wanting to rip you off, many of these thieves are attempting to steal your sensitive financial in-

formation. It's up to you to protect yourself. In every crisis, people look to take advantage of our good nature and that is why we have to be so cautious.

There is no 100-percent way to protect yourself, but there are things you can do that will significantly reduce the chance of being ripped off. First, respond to phone solicitations. Ask them to send some information, but that's be it. Never give charge card information to someone conducting a phone solicitation. Many legitimate charities use

phone solicitations, but even if the charity is legitimate, don't give to a phone solicitation.

If you receive an email, do not open any of the attachments or link directly to anything from that email. You can type its website address directly into a browser, but do not open the link provided in the email.

Before giving to any charity, do your homework to make sure it is legitimate. Even if it is legitimate, you want to ensure it is spending its money wisely. Many legitimate charities spend way too much

money on marketing as opposed to their charitable purpose. You need to independently review a charity. Some websites that you can look at to review a charity are charitynavigator.org and give.org.

Helping those in need is the American way. Americans are the most charitable people on Earth and the entire world knows that. The entire world also knows that, all too often, many Americans think with their heart first — the crooks look to exploit that.

The scam artists are

coming from every corner of the world and there is nothing we can do to prevent them from putting up the bogus websites, sending us tear-jerking emails or calling us. We can make it difficult for them to take advantage of us and that's something we should all strive to accomplish.

Good luck!

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Movie night

Warren Road Church hosts Movie Night at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26. Movie-goers will watch *War Room* together, a movie organizers call a "great film about the power of prayer." Free popcorn and refreshments will be available.

The church is located at 33445 Warren Road in Westland. No reservations are required.

Year of Mercy

As part of Pope Francis's announced Jubilee Year of Mercy, St. Michael the Archangel Church of Livonia will be hosting a special celebration, "24 Hours for the Lord," from 7 p.m. Friday, March 4, through the 8:30 a.m., closing Mass on Saturday morning, March 5. The event will feature several Masses, special Mercy Stations of the Cross, several opportunities for reconciliation, and 24 hours of Eucharistic Adoration. There will also be some special snacks, activities and "time-outs" for families and children during the 24-hour period. The celebration is open to all area Catholics.

Pope Francis has asked for this special 24-hour period of Eucharistic Adoration as part of the Church's Jubilee Year of Mercy, which opened on Dec. 8 of last year and will continue through Nov. 20, to emphasize prayer, reflection, and repentance in

All about the Benjamins



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Want some Benjamins? Bring the coins that you have in a closet or a shoe box to the 54th annual Northwest Detroit Coin Club Spring Coin Show on Sunday, March 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Livonia Senior Center, 15215 Farmington Road (at Five Mile). Everyone is welcome, and there is free admission, free coin/currency/numismatic appraisals, hourly raffle drawings (for gold and silver), free parking and complimentary coins for youth. For more information, find North West Detroit Coin Club-Michigan on Facebook.

recognition of the Catholic Church's declared mission to be a "witness of Mercy because no one can be excluded from God's mercy."

The church is located at 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, between Farmington and Merriman roads, in Livonia. Those interested in signing up to be part of the round-the-clock Adoration Team should call the parish office at 734-261-1455, Ext. 200 or see the website at livoniast-michael.org.

Neighbors and friends

Livonia Neighbors and Friends, a Women's Club

in Livonia, holds its general meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church, located on 34567 Seven Mile Road in Livonia. The meeting will be followed by a club favorite — pizza and bingo.

Livonia Neighbors and Friends is open to women who live/work in Livonia and its surrounding communities. General meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month, September through May, at 7 p.m. Special activity groups continue to meet year-round.

For more information, visit livonianeighborsandfriends.tripod.com

Preschool open house

Academic Pathways Cooperative Preschool will host an open house from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27.

The school offers 3-year and 4-year programs, and parents can see what the cooperative preschool has to offer.

For more information, visit academicpathwayspreschool.com or call 734-261-9540.

NRA Foundation Event

The Western Wayne County Conservation Association hosts its eighth annual Friends of the NRA banquet Friday, May 7, at the Hellenic Center, 36375 Joy in Westland.

Doors open at 5 p.m. to view prizes and silent auction for the Western Wayne County Conservation Association's eighth annual Friends of the

NRA Banquet. Games start at 6 p.m., with a sit-down dinner served at 7 p.m., followed by a live auction. Banquet tickets are \$40 each and include entry in a drawing to win a .22 caliber rifle. Sponsorship and shooter packages also are available.

Contact Nancy Garneau at 734-259-3341 or Bob Haviland at 734-516-7921.

Poisoning prevention

The Redford Township District Library hosts experts from the Michigan Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program 7 p.m., Monday, Feb. 29. Experts say lead poisoning is the top environmental threat facing Michigan children. Material for all ages will be provided at this event, including coloring pages for children.

Register at redfordlibrary.org or call the youth desk at 313-531-

5960, Ext. 105.

Burger Center speaker

The Burger Transition Center and Garden City Schools present consultant, author and lecturer Hal Wright, who will speak on "Planning Your Child's Future, including supported independence." The event takes place from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 9, at Garden City High School.

Wright is a parent of an adult with Down syndrome. He helps individuals, families and professionals to create plans that ensure an adult with a disability a rightful place in the community appropriate to his or her capabilities, needs and resources.

This is a parent-oriented event. RSVP is recommended and can be done by calling 734-762-8470, Ext. 329, or emailing palmerl@gardencityschools.com.

CITY OF WAYNE PUBLIC NOTICE

ELECTION NOTICE TO THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF WAYNE, COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN

Absent voter ballots for the City of Wayne Michigan Presidential Primary Election of March 8, 2016, are available through the Wayne City Clerks Office, City Hall, 3355 South Wayne Road, Wayne, Michigan for those persons who are physically unable to attend the polls or are 60 years of age or older. The voter, before the issuance of a ballot, must complete an application for a ballot.

The last day to apply for a ballot by mail is Saturday, March 5, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. Persons qualified to vote absentee may vote in person in the Wayne City Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, March 7, 2016.

Matthew K. Miller
City Clerk

Published: February 25, 2016

CITY OF WAYNE PUBLIC NOTICE FINAL DETERMINATION

The City of Wayne continues to participate in the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program as administered by the County of Wayne.

Objectives The City's program objectives are the following: A) To provide the benefits of CDBG funding to persons of low and moderate income and to areas where at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the residents are of low to moderate income. B) To eliminate slums, blight and blighting influences. C) To enforce the laws. D) To facilitate and support private investment, reinvestment and development. E) To conserve and improve the housing stock. F) To improve public facilities, including but not limited to parks and streets. G) To maintain a high level of performance in the management of all CDBG projects.

Public Hearings: Following duly noticed respective public hearings, on February 2, 2016 and February 16, 2016 the City Council approved the proposed projects listed below.

ACTIVITY	Location	Amount
Code Enforcement, Police	Eligible Area	\$ 123,444.58
Public Services, Seniors	City Wide	\$ 15,000.00
Administration		\$ 2,923.00
Total:		\$ 141,367.58*

Program Income received by the City of Wayne as a result of the repayment of existing CDBG deferred loan liens, in an estimated amount of \$25,000.00, if any, will be used for CDBG eligible activities. *(This is an estimated total amount. If the amount of total funding is reduced or increased by HUD or Wayne County, the above project amounts may be adjusted as necessary or desirable.) Contact: Lori Fodale, Community Development Director, 3355 S. Wayne Road, Wayne, MI 48184 (734) 419-0118.

Matthew K. Miller
City Clerk

Publish: February 25, 2016

City of Livonia - 01/11/2016 Regular Meeting Synopsis

Present: Brosnan, Jolly, White, Bahr, Meakin, Kritzman, and McIntyre
Absent: None

#34-16 Approving the minutes of meeting held on 1/11/16. Items were received and filed.

Public Hearings Announced - Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at 7PM - 1) Proposed Special Assessment Street Lighting Project for the Richfield Park Estates Site Condominiums. Establishment of the Assessment Roll; 2) Petition 2015-12-01-11 submitted by Ajamco Inc., to rezone the north one hundred feet (100') of the property located at 16825 Middlebelt Road, from P (Parking) to C-2 (General Business). Three X-items were announced.

#35-16 Approving dates and times for the Board of Review to conduct Public Hearings and rates to be paid to the members of the Board of Review.

#36-16 Accepting bid of Etna Supply for supplying the Public Service Division with water main repair clamps for a period of two years.

#37-16 Advising Wayne County the City has approved the plans of the storm sewer located at 20595 Farmington Road and authorizing the City Engineer to execute a Wayne County Permit on behalf of the City.

#38-16 Approve Petition from Sheldon Center, LLC, to renovate and expand the existing commercial shopping center (Shelden Park Village).

#39-16 Approve Petition from Sheldon Center, LLC, to construct and operate a restaurant with drive-up window facilities (Jimmy John's) at Shelden Park Village.

First Reading was given to an ordinance amending Section 14 of the Zoning Map.

First Reading was given to an ordinance amending Section 3 of the Zoning Map.

#40-16 Approve sidewalk waiver in front of new residence at 14341 Henry Ruff.

Vice-President Kritzman stepped down from the podium at 7:45 p.m.

#41-16 Refer request to vacate existing sewer and water main easements at 39201 Seven Mile Road, to the Planning Commission.

Vice-President Kritzman returned to the podium at 7:46 p.m.

#42-16 Approve Petition from Panera Bread, LLC, to add a drive-up window at 28551 Schoolcraft Road.

#43-16 Suspend the rules.

#44-16 Approve waiver of noise ordinance for MDOT to permit 24-hour work day in conjunction with the I-275/M-5 Interchange, South of I-275 to North of 5 Mile Road Rehabilitation Project.

#45-16 Approve appointment of Adriane D Spencer to the Office of Deputy Clerk.

#46-16 Approve refunding and contract to refinance the 2008 Municipal Building Authority District Court Bonds to reduce future debt service obligations of the City.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.
Full text of the official minutes available in the Office of the City Clerk.
Susan M. Nash
Livonia City Clerk

Published: February 25, 2016

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD WAYNE COUNTY, STATE OF MICHIGAN NOTICE OF PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2016

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held in the Charter Township of Redford, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, on Tuesday, March 8, 2016, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. prevailing Eastern time.

PRIMARY ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
DEMOCRATIC PARTY PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY BALLOT CANDIDATES
REPUBLICAN PARTY PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY BALLOT CANDIDATES

Each person voting in the special election must be a citizen of the United States of America over eighteen (18) years of age and a registered elector of the city or township in which he or she resides.

The place of voting for the Presidential Primary Election to be held on March 8, 2016, will be:

- 1 Stuckey School, 26000 Fargo, Redford, MI 48240
- 2 Beech Elementary School, 19900 Beech Daly Road, Redford, MI 48240
- 3 Beech Elementary School, 19900 Beech Daly Road, Redford, MI 48240
- 4 Beech Elementary School, 19900 Beech Daly Road, Redford, MI 48240
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HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

Pair of Patriots headed to Palace

Atienza will carry unbeaten record to state finals

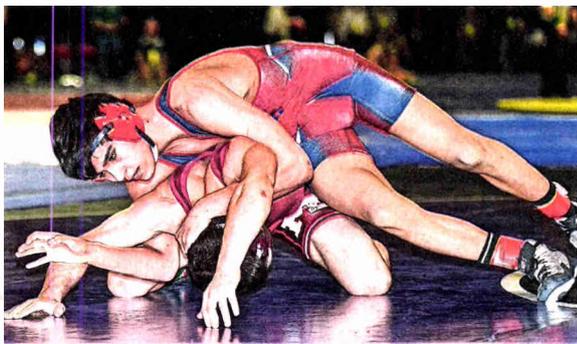
Ed Wright
Staff Writer

A couple story lines involving Livonia Franklin wrestlers developed Saturday afternoon at Saline High School that were off-the-charts compelling.



Retting

Leading the headlines was the continued dominance of the Patriots' junior victory machine, better known as Nathan Atienza. Looking to win rare back-to-back individual state titles, Atienza swept through his 145-pound weight bracket at the MHSAA Division 1 individual regional tournament like a



DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK
Nathan Atienza, pictured competing during last year's state finals, will take an unbeaten record into this year's finals which will be held next week at the Palace.

blue-and-red tornado. Improving to 53-0 heading into next week's state finals at the Palace of Auburn Hills, Atienza pinned his first two opponents before winning the regional title via injury default.

"Nathan got a default in the finals, but looked great in the two matches he wrestled," said Franklin head coach Dave Chiola. "He's been very consistent all year." The Patriots' other must-see action Saturday involved 215-

SALINE REGIONAL
Catholic Central, John Glenn finish 1-2 at Saline, B2

pound teammates Josh Retting and Joe Fortin, both of whom have been workout partners for the past several months, not to mention good friends and football teammates. After both Fortin and Retting won their opening-round regional matches Saturday, they faced one another — a scenario neither embraced — with Retting winning, 3-1, in overtime. Retting ultimately placed second in his weight class and advanced to the Palace while Fortin suffered a blood-round setback that capped his stellar career. "In situations like that, it's hard to get too excited," said Chiola. "I'm sure it's not easy for Josh either." "Nathan has a great chance to win a state title, we expect Josh to wrestle like he has all year and place very high."

'78 Churchill football players sought

Members of the undefeated 1978 Livonia Churchill varsity football team are invited to attend the school's Hall of Fame induction ceremony on Wednesday, March 23, at the Italian-American Hall, which is located at 39200 Five Mile Rd.



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The evening's festivities are set to start at 6 p.m. All team members will be welcomed into the induction ceremony free of charge. Head coach Ken Kaestner will be in attendance.

Also inducted that night will be former Churchill long-distance runners Sara Kroll and Rachel McFarlane. For more information, contact the Churchill athletics office at 734-744-2650, ext. 46117.

GC needs JV softball coach

The Garden City High School softball program is searching for a junior-varsity coach for this spring. Interested candidates are encouraged to contact Garden City athletic director Rob Phillips at 734-762-8363 or phillir@gardencityschools.com.

Stevenson pom clinic

The Livonia Stevenson pom program will be hosting a one-day clinic on Saturday, April 9, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the school's field house. The clinic, which will be instructed by members of the team's coaching staff and current athletes, costs \$30, which includes a light lunch and T-shirt for all attendees. The clinic promises to be a fun opportunity for young girls to find out what pom is all about, or for more-experienced pom participants to sharpen their skills. Students attending must wear gym shoes and work out clothes, and are encouraged to wear their hair pulled back. To register, contact stevensonvarsitypom@gmail.com or call 248-880-1881.

Reporting results

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

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Local gymnasts assist troops

Livonia Blue teammates collect care packages

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Opponents can bond, too, as members of the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's gymnastics programs have proven over the past few years.

In an annual display of patriotism and goodwill, the gymnastics teams partnered with Operation Care Package and collected a bountiful supply of items that will be sent to United States troops who are stationed overseas.

The Livonia Blue gymnastics team, which consists of student-athletes from Stevenson and Franklin high schools, was able to donate 24 full boxes of supplies to Operation Care Package.

The team was assisted by the American Legion Post 346 women's auxiliary.

No strangers to worthwhile causes, the Livonia Blue and Red gymnastics teams also host a dual meet each year that raises funds to help in the fight against cancer.

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CHRIS WEAK

Members of the Livonia Blue gymnastics team are pictured with items they collected for United States troops.

KLAA BASKETBALL



ED WRIGHT

Churchill players celebrate after knocking off undefeated Northville.

CLASSIC COMEBACK

Resilient Churchill charges into conference final

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Livonia Churchill's boys basketball team fell into a Grand Canyon-esque hole Monday night, then scaled a Mount Everest-like mountain — all within the span of about 90 minutes. The host Chargers trailed unbeaten Northville, 15-2, during the opening moments of the KLAA-Kensington Conference semifinal, but kept their poise and roared back to pull off a mind-blowing 51-48 victory that propelled them into the conference final at 7 p.m. Saturday at Canton.

With the Chiefs on deck, Churchill (12-6) is

now in a position to potentially hand two consecutive opponents their first loss of the season. The Chiefs (18-0) upended Salem in Monday night's other semifinal, 50-39. "Unbelievable, crazy game — especially the last couple of minutes," said Churchill senior guard Jon Hovermale, who led all scorers with 15 points. "Northville is a great team; obviously, they wouldn't be 17-0 if they were average. We didn't have to score a lot at the end, but we made a couple of big stops and that was the difference." Thanks to near-flawless execution at both

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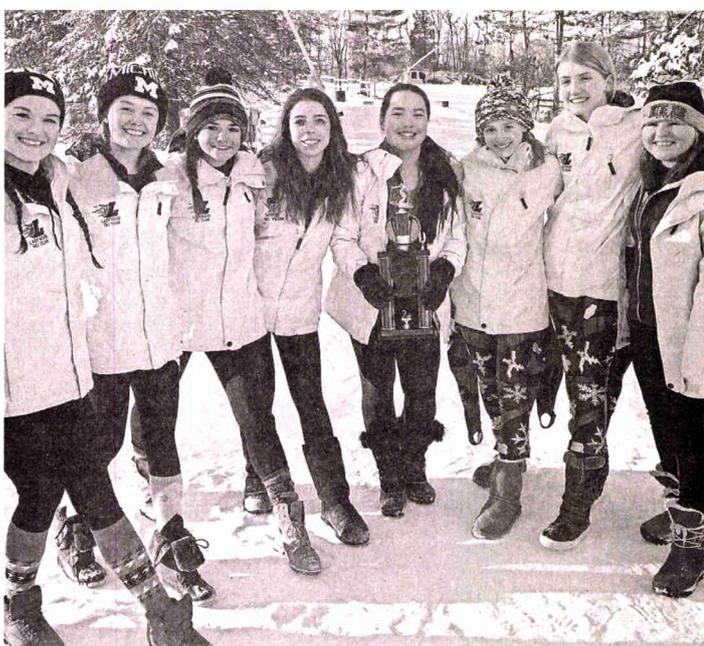
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HIGH SCHOOL SKIING



Members of the Livonia Ladywood ski team pose with their second-place trophy earlier this month.

Ladywood skiers 2nd in Catholic League

Ladywood earns best finish ever

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Prior to this winter, placing high in the Catholic High School League Skiing Championships has been an uphill battle for Livonia Ladywood.

The Blazers put their past struggles in the rear-view mirror earlier this month when they placed second in the Divisional Championships at Alpine Valley and second at the CHSL Championships at Pine Knob.

Freshman Natalie Uhaize finished fifth in the giant slalom event to

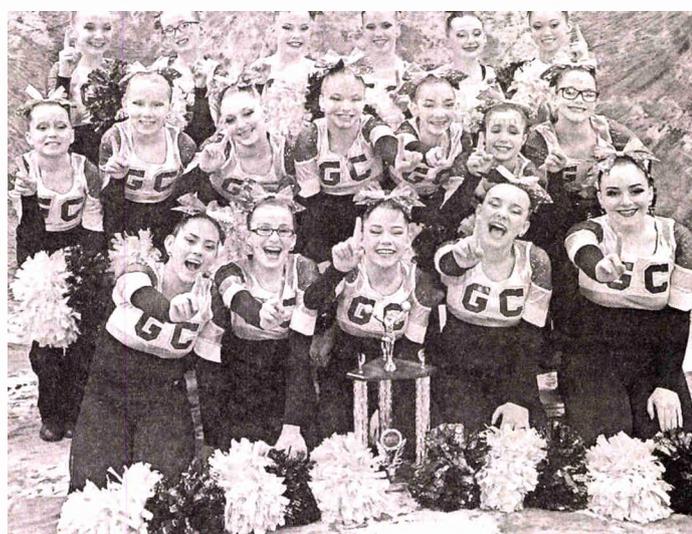
pace the Blazers' performance.

Highlighting the Blazers' fine performance on Feb. 12, the Blazers defeated Farmington Hills Mercy and Notre Dame Preparatory. Standouts in that competition were Uhaize, who placed fourth in the giant slalom and fifth in the slalom; and senior Katie Waske, who finished sixth in the slalom and seventh in the giant slalom.

The Blazers' sizzling performance qualified them for the South East Michigan Ski League Championship, which were held Feb. 23 at Mount Holly.

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Garden City wins state title



Garden City's middle school pom team captured the Mid-Michigan State championship earlier this month at Michigan State University's Breslin Center.

COMEBACK

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ends of the court, Churchill overcame a 44-41 deficit with four minutes left by nailing clutch free throws, playing sticky defense and running its press-break to perfection.

Senior guard Dayton Davis ignited the late comeback by knocking down two free throws at the 3:20 mark, bringing Churchill to within 44-43.

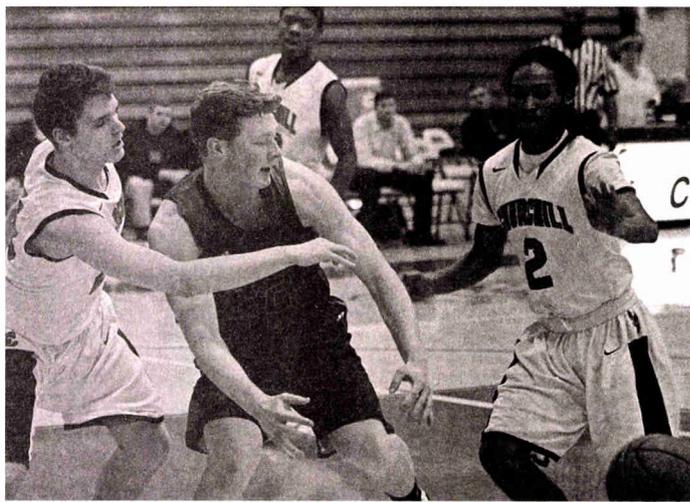
Following a Northville turnover, Churchill senior guard Joan Andoni's dribble-drive split a pair of defenders with 2:48 left before he banked in a scooping right-handed layup while getting fouled. Andoni missed the ensuing free throw, but the Chargers still led, 45-44.

After forcing a Northville misfire, the Chargers ran some clock before Evan Cummins worked the defense and finished with 47-44, with 1:03 left.

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Northville then pulled to within 49-48 on Kevin Morrissey's two free throws.

That's when the Chargers



ED WRIGHT
Joan Andoni (left) and Dayton Davis force a Northville player to pass the ball out of the paint.

executed the perfect press-break, which culminated with Hampton's half-court pass to a wide-open Myron Burnette, whose layup extended his team's lead to 51-48.

"That's just an old-school press-break," Churchill coach Jimmy Solak said. "The kids did a great job of getting open. The first pass went to our best free-throw shooter (Hovermale) and then we had our best athlete (Hampton) going deep. Then Myron was able to finish, even though he had just checked into the game after sitting out the entire fourth quarter. It just goes to show that we have a bunch of guys who are ready

when called upon."

"We work on playing against pressure at least five or six minutes every practice," Hovermale said. "We were prepared for it and we handled it well."

Northville got a good look at a potential game-tying triple in the waning moments, but the shot clanked off the front of the rim.

Hovermale's biggest bucket (a 23-foot triple from the left wing) arguably came with 2:40 to go in the first quarter and his team trailing 15-2.

"That was a big shot by Johnny, because it seemed to calm our nerves," Solak said.

Andoni finished with 17 points, three steals and four rebounds, while Hampton registered 11 points, three steals and one statement-making blocked shot.

The Mustangs' scoring ledger reflected the team's multiple-threat offense, as Morrissey and Justin Gibbons scored 12 points, while Justin Zimbo, Wilds and Jack Burke had eight points apiece.

"Their 1-3-1 (zone defense) stymied us a little bit," Northville coach Todd Sander said. "Then they'd switch back to man and I think it made us a little uncomfortable. We had some turnovers that resulted in

scores for them and we didn't finish as well early as we usually do.

"Churchill is a very quick and athletic team. Their two big guys, Hovermale and Andoni, made plays when they had to."

The Chargers made 19-of-40 field-goal attempts and 6-of-11 free throws. Northville was 17-of-38 from the field and 7-of-12 from the line.

Churchill's only first-half lead was 2-0, when Hampton finished off a mid-court steal with a high-rising layup.

The Mustangs then reeled off 15 straight points before Hovermale's trey.

"We never got down on ourselves, even though we started slow," Andoni said. "Coach called a timeout (when it was 15-2) and they shot it down. I think we were a little nervous in the first quarter, but in the second half we started taking better shots and we played better defense."

Neither team led by more than four points after Andoni's driving layup tied the score at 17-17 with 4:54 left in the first half.

"This is a resilient group," Solak said. "We played 10 kids in the first half and they all did their job. We fell behind early, but we never lost our focus. Usually, when the score is like it was tonight, Northville wins, but we showed that we can play this style, too."

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PREP WRESTLING

Shamrocks, Rockets lead Palace wrestling qualifiers

Shamrocks send nine to Division 1 individual finals

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

There will be plenty of Shamrocks and Rockets parading around The Palace of Auburn Hills for the MHSAA Division 1 individual wrestling finals on March 3-5.

Novi Detroit Glenn Central and Westland John Glenn led the way Saturday at the Region 3 tournament hosted by Saline with nine and eight state qualifiers, respectively.

Each team produced two regional champions on the day.

CC freshman Kevon Davenport improved to 41-3 overall as he captured the 119-pound title with a 5-1 decision over last year's state runner-up Carl Antrassian of Monroe in the finals.

And junior Tyler Morland made it 39-1 on the season for the Shamrocks when he posted two technical falls, along with a pin in 1:05 against Saline's Dylan Powers in the 171-pound finals.

"Morland and Davenport dominated all day," CC coach Mitch Hancock said. "Davenport's wins were very impressive as both those individuals were quality wrestlers."

CC also got runner-up finishes from Ben Kamali (103) and Aaron Rehfeldt (130), while Cameron Amine (125), Jackson Ross (215) and Nick Jenkins (285) each added thirds.

Rehfeldt fell to Belleville's Chris Brown in the finals, 10-4, while Kamali was dethroned by Ann Arbor Pioneer's Raywon Foley, 6-2.

"We need to make a few adjustments for both opponents in moving forward," Hancock said. "Both Ben and Aaron are capable of beating those guys."

Also headed to the Palace for CC as fourth-place finishers were Stone Moscovic (112) and Aidan Wagh (140).

Glenn's two regional champs included sophomore Michael Mars (112), who pinned Southgate's Logan Palsharan in 2:48 in the finals to run his overall record to 48-2, along with junior John Siemasz (135), who blanked Temperance Bedford's Austin Teague in the finals, 6-0, while improving to 49-3.

Mars was a state champ last year at 103, while Siemasz was a third-place finisher at 103 as a freshman.

Glenn also got third-place finishes from Kyle Borthwell (103), Isaac Lefler (112), Alec Drette (189), Anthony Gibbon (125), Logan Beaudoin (171) and Avery Casey (285) contributed fourths.

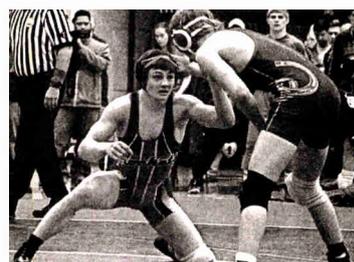
The last time Glenn sent eight to the Palace was 2009.

"Going in, looking on paper, I felt that there was a chance all 10 could make it," Glenn coach Bill Polk said. "A couple kids that I thought would that didn't, and there were a couple of kids that I thought were longshots that made it. We had a little of both."

"We had two kids make it out of 112 (pounds). He's just came into his own this year. He's getting better. He's come on strong at the end of the year and had a decent district taking fourth and he came out of the regional taking third."

The Rockets were able to bounce back from a disappointing 31-28 team regional final loss on Wednesday to Bedford.

"They came back pretty focused on Saturday," Polk said. "My 189-pounder Alec Drette took third in districts and he was a fifth seed. He had a nice district and actually defeated the kid that



John Glenn's John Siemasz won a Division 1 individual regional title at 135 pounds Saturday at Saline.

defeated him for third and fourth that had beaten him twice there, so going into the regionals we knew he had a chance, but had to wrestle well. He lost first round at regionals and won three in a row to take third. He beat a couple of really quality kids to do it."

The area's other regional champion was Livonia Franklin junior Nathan Atienza (145), who scored a major decision and technical fall en route to the finals before winning on an injury default walkover against Woodhaven's Joseph Muzzin.

Atienza, who was 53-0 overall, was a state runner-up last year at 140. He will be joined at the Palace by teammate Josh Rettig (215), who lost 6-4 in the finals to Belleville's David Tooley.

Plymouth has three state qualifiers led by third-place finisher Dylan Dwyer (145), along with fourth-place finishers Isiah Berry (103) and Collin Reed (130).

Salem got a runner-up finish at 189 from Roy Foster, who fell 10-8 to Bedford's Gabriel Ellerton in the finals. Teammate Demetrius Fields also added a third at 171.

Livonia Churchill's Josh Mussen (119) and Chase Gardner (152) also qualified out of the Saline regional by taking fourths as did Novi's Willy Jackson at 135 with a fourth.

Belleville boasted three individual champions led by Tooley, Chris Brown (130) and Caleb Brown (152).

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MHSAA DIVISION 1-REGION 3 INDIVIDUAL WRESTLING TOURNEY
Feb. 20 at Saline
CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS
(top 4 qualify for state finals)

- 112 pounds:** Michael Mars (Westland John Glenn) pinned Logan Palsharan (Southgate Anderson), 2:48; **third place:** Isaac Lefler (John Glenn) won by major decision over Stone Moscovic (Detroit Catholic Central), 13-1.
- 119:** Kevon Davenport (Detroit CC) dec. Carl Antrassian (Monroe), 5-1; **third:** Daniel Paupore (Saline) won by major dec. over Josh Mussen (Livonia Churchill), 9-1.
- 125:** Donte Rivera-Garcia (Southgate) dec. Xavier Graham (Brownstown Woodhaven), 5-2; **third:** Cameron Amine (Detroit CC) dec. Anthony Gibbon (John Glenn), 6-4.
- 130:** Chris Brown (Belleville) dec. Aaron Rehfeldt (Detroit CC), 10-4; **third:** Bradley Janes (Southgate) p. Collin Reed (Plymouth), 3:38.
- 135:** John Siemasz (John Glenn) dec. Austin Teague (Temperance Bedford), 6-0; **third:** Michael Mars (Lincoln Park) dec. Willy Jackson (Novi), 7-0.
- 140:** Abe Ajami (Dearborn Miracole) dec. William Marano (Dearborn Edsel Ford), 3-2; **third:** Trevor Anderson (Lincoln Park) p. Aidan Wagh (Detroit CC), 0:56.
- 145:** Nathan Atienza (Livonia Franklin) won by injury default over Joseph Muzzin (Woodhaven); **third:** Dylan Dwyer (Plymouth) won by injury default over Yousef Danaoui (Dearborn).
- 152:** Caleb Brown (Belleville) dec. Hunter Grasso (Woodhaven), 7-2; **third:** Brad Stewart (Bedford) p. Chase Gardner (Churchill), 2:16.
- 160:** Blake Montrie (Bedford) p. Austin McCarty (Ypsilanti), 2:35; **third:** Kasem Salameh (Crestwood) p. Aleczer Moore (Southgate), 0:31.
- 171:** Tyler Morland (Detroit CC) p. Dylan Powers (Saline), 1:05; **third:** Demetrius Fields (Detroit C) p. Logan Beaudoin (John Glenn), 1:36.
- 189:** Gabriel Ellerton (Bedford) dec. Roy Foster (Salem), 10-8; **third:** Alec Drette (John Glenn) dec. David FuQua (Edsel Ford), 6-4.
- 215:** David Tooley (Belleville) dec. Josh Rettig (Franklin), 6-4; **third:** Jackson Ross (Detroit CC) dec. Zach Kramer (Monroe), 5-2.
- 285:** Ali Wahab (Crestwood) dec. Tim Stevens (Bedford), 6-3; **third:** Nick Jenkins (Detroit CC) p. Avery Casey (John Glenn), 1:37.
- 303:** Raywon Foley (Ann Arbor Pioneer) dec. Ben Kamali (Detroit CC), 6-2; **third:** Kyle Borthwell (John Glenn) dec. Isiah Berry (Plymouth), 3-2.

HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING

Redford Union bowlers split with conference foes

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The Redford Union boys bowling team dropped a 28-2 decision to a well-oiled Belleville squad on Friday.

The Tigers were roaring from the get-go as they captured both Baker games, 223-147 and 235-163.

In the ensuing traditional-scored games, Belleville won 1,164-928 and 1,026-988.

Brendan Kerkhof found his groove for the Panthers, rolling a titanic 230 game. While three-sport athlete Ryan Randall was close behind at 225.

Randall was the Panthers' overall top point-earner in matches during the regular season as he compiled 23, while David Nordstrom picked up 21 points in head-to-head match play.

RU, which is a second-year program, finished in second place in the WWAC with a sterling 10-5 record. Last year the Panthers placed sixth, so the improvement has been abundant.

The RU girls team beat Dearborn Heights Annapolis Friday night at Cherry Hill Lanes, 25-5.

The Lady Panthers won the first two games, which were bowled in the Baker format, 138-137 and 166-154. The Panthers swept the traditional games as well, 693-665 and 711-702.

The Lady Panthers were led by Mia Sopko's 205 gem and Erin Kappler, who spun a 155.

The girls team finished 10-5, which earned them a tie for third place in the WWAC.

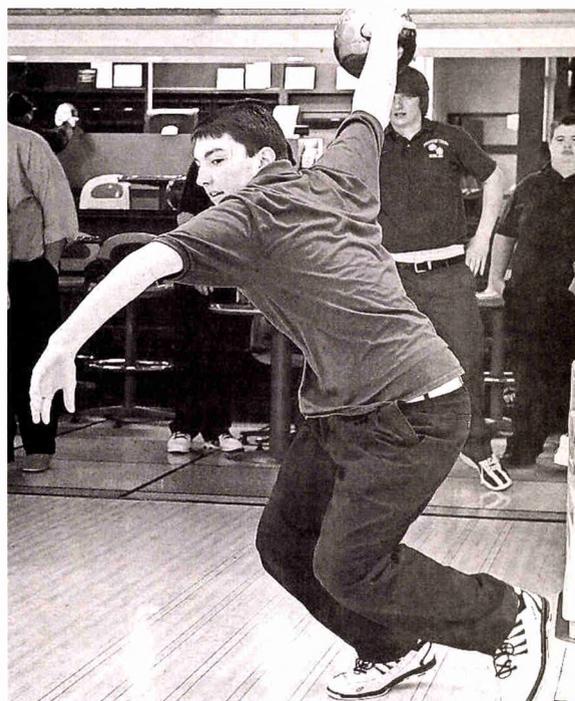
John Glenn JV 4th

This past Sunday at Sterling Lanes, Westland John Glenn's junior-varsity boys bowling team placed fourth in the Division 1 and 2 JV Bowling State Tournament.

The Rockets led in qualifying with 1,936 total pins, averaging 193.6 for 10 Baker games.

In the elimination rounds Glenn defeated Flint Kearsley and Lakeview to make the final four. The Rockets lost in the round of four to Roseville, the eventual champion.

"All the boys bowled very well," said head coach Ron Staples. "We had a gameplan going into the tournament and stuck to it. Our boys bought into the plan and everyone chipped in to guide Glenn to their best ever finish."



TOM BEAUDOIN

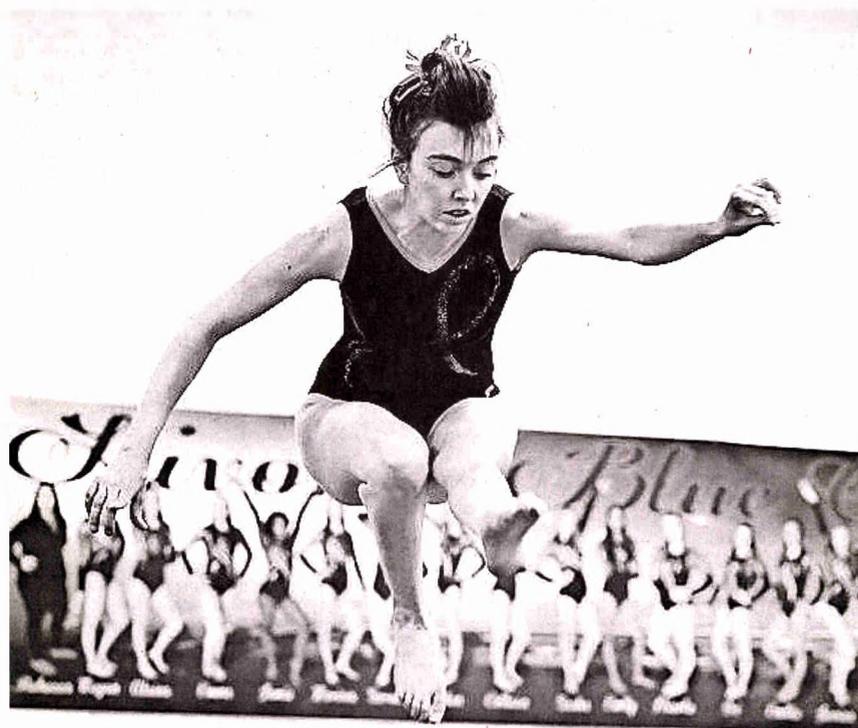
Redford Union's Brendan Kerkhof prepares to unleash his ball during a recent practice.

KLAA GYMNASTICS MEET



TOM BEAUDOIN

Blue's Clair Chapski gets in a groove on the uneven bars during a meet earlier this season.



TOM BEAUDOIN

Red's Mikaela Hille focuses on the balance beam during a recent meet at Churchill.

Livonia Blue second; Red takes sixth

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Livonia Blue's gymnastics team pushed Canton to the limit during Saturday's KLAA Conference Meet, but the Chiefs ultimately prevailed to win the gold.

Led by Hailey Hodgson, Canton piled up 144.575 points to edge Blue (143.250).

Jessica Weak was Blue's top point-getter, finishing

with 36.625 all-around points to top the Division 2 charts. Blue's Brianna Rhoad also turned in a solid performance, scoring 36.10 points in the all-around to finish runner-up in D2 behind Weak.

Livonia Red's top performer was senior captain Marissa McVey, whose 35.475 points placed her fifth in the D2 individual all-around standings. Red's Mikaela Hille also earned top-10 acco-

lades in D2, placing fifth with 35.475 points.

Rounding out the top-five spots in the 12-team competition were Plymouth (142.425), Howell (142.025) and Brighton (139.550).

Red took sixth place with 139.50 points.

Blue surged out of the gate on the vault as Weak, Claire Chapski and Rhoad placed 3-4-5, respectively, in D2.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Altercation curtails Stevenson-WLC game

No injuries in game won by the Vikings, 82-66

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Monday night's Kensington Lakes Activities Association boys basketball game between Walled Lake Central and host Livonia Stevenson was called with just over a minute to play after the teams engaged in a brief altercation.

There were no injuries during the late-game scuffle, which unfolded with the Vikings on top, 82-66.

"We played (Walled Lake Central) this past summer at Concordia University (in Ann Arbor), and there was some talking between players that created some bad blood," said Stevenson head coach Kareem Smartt. "Before the game, I told our players that we don't hold grudges and to put it behind us."

"Everything was fine the entire game until the last few minutes when one of our players got into it a little. There was only about one minute and thirty seconds left, so the refs made the right call to stop the game."

Central jumped out to an

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KAREEM SMARTT
Stevenson head coach

early lead before the Spartans' second unit nearly brought the hosts back in the second half.

"Our starters came out really flat tonight, so our second unit played the entire second half, and they cut Walled Lake Central's lead down to four points in the fourth quarter," said Smartt. "When we got it close, they'd bring their starters back in and open up the lead."

Junior Nader Kandalraft led Stevenson with 17 points while junior Chris Tanderys added 15.

The result left the Spartans with a 9-9 record heading into Thursday's game at Lakeland. The Vikings improved to 15-3.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL

St. Raphael's wins CYO's Division K

Rebels going out on top

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The final official seventh/eighth-grade girls basketball team at Garden City's St. Raphael's School is on the verge of going out with a slam dunk, so to speak.

Earlier this month, the Rebels placed first in the Catholic Youth Organization's Division K after finishing

with a stellar 8-2 record.

The Rebels appeared poised to make a strong run in next week's CYO playoffs.

This year's group of eighth-graders will be among the final graduating class at St. Raphael's, which will join the new Divine Mercy Regional Catholic School along with students from St. Robert Bellarmine, St. Damian and St. Genevieve.

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Pictured are St. Raphael seventh/eighth grade basketball team members (front row from left) Amanda Mykrantz, Lilli Whittaker-Dunn, Elissa Simmons, (back row from left) Stassie Wickett, Madiyn Roy, Caleigh Muglia, Emma Gausden, Elaina Ryan and Dan Wickett. Not pictured is Doug Boston.

GIRLS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Milford holds off Stevenson in KLAA crossover

Thurston, Ladywood record wins; RU, LW lose

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Livonia Stevenson's season-long offensive funk stretched on Tuesday night in the Spartans' 35-30 loss to visiting Milford.

Still looking to find some consistency with the ball, the Spartans were out-scored 25-16 over the final 16 minutes in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association cross-over contest.

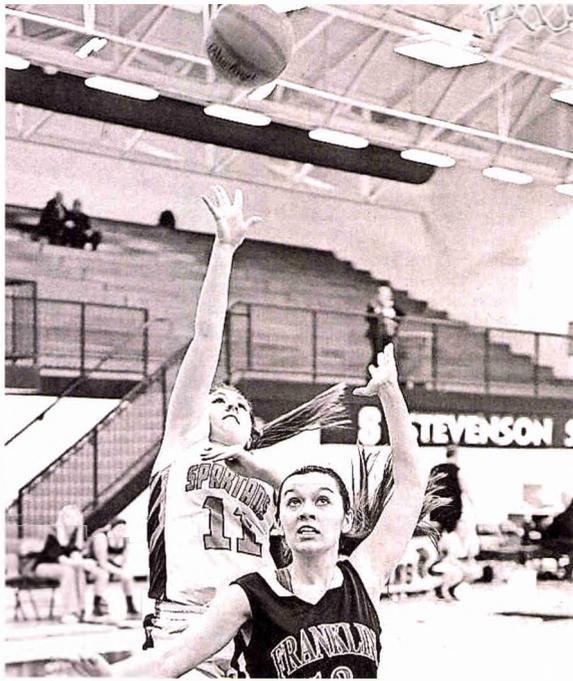
The outcome left Stevenson with a 9-10 mark with only Friday's regular-season finale at Grand Blanc still on the docket.

"We win or lose with our defense, and tonight we lost with our defense," said Stevenson head coach Tim Newman. "We're still looking for something to click; something to get us out of our offensive woes."

Grace Lamerson led the Spartans with seven points. Hailey Gorsuch provided a scoreboard spark when he connected on to long three-point shots to finish with six.

Milford won the game at the free-throw line, where it swished 16 of 21 attempts. Stevenson, on the other hand, was just four-for-10 from the stripe.

Eighteen of Milford's free throws came in the second



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Stevenson's Hailey Gorsuch, pictured shooting during a game earlier this season, hit a pair of three-point shots during Tuesday's loss to Milford.

half.

Hawks soar

Huron Valley Lutheran handed Lutheran South a 48-20

setback on Friday. The Hawks soared to a 26-10 halftime lead and were never threatened over the final 16 minutes. "We came out strong to-

night," said HVL head coach Kris Ruth. "We let our defense turn into offense by being aggressive. We had a balanced scoring attack, and 21 steals."

Sam Golchuk led the Hawks with a school double-double: 18 points and 13 steals, while Ashley Setian added 10 points.

South was led by Sarah Salewske's seven points.

The Hawks made two of six free-throw attempts; South was just five-for-17 from the line.

Eagles nip HVL

Host Redford Thurston earned a tight 42-40 victory over Huron Valley Lutheran on Tuesday night.

Thurston was led by Kianna Shepard, who scored 12 points. Freshman Tristan Wesenberg also played well, adding 11.

Golchuk led the Hawks with 27 points.

Thurston improved to 6-11 with the win.

Every Thurston player scored points in the final game of their regular season.

Warriors edged

In a game that determined second place in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Red Division, visiting Parkway Christian outlasted Lutheran Westland, 52-40, Tuesday night.

Despite the loss, the Warriors will take an impressive 15-4 record into their final

game of the season on Friday.

Junior Taylor Jones continued her torrid play for the Warriors, finishing with 14 points and four steals. She now has a school-record 101 steals this season.

Also playing well for the Warriors were Bethan Hoehne (eight points), Rachel Reddeman (eight points, 10 rebounds) and Eleanor Storck (six points).

Parkway held a slim 21-18 lead at the half before stretching it to 35-31 with eight minutes to play. Lutheran Westland was within four points late, but Parkway sealed the game at the free-throw line.

The Warriors shot 40.5 percent from two-point range, 18.2 percent from beyond the three-point arc and 36 percent from the free-throw line.

RU toppled

Dearborn High defeated Redford Union 68-19 Friday night.

Cliffangela Stafford led the Panthers with six points.

Ladywood wins

Livonia Ladywood defeated short-handed Wexom St. Catherine, 42-27, Tuesday night. The Stars' depth was decimated by injuries and illness that sidelined four players.

Becca Wyeth led the Stars with 12 points and six rebounds.

BOYS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Unbeaten Lutheran Westland rallies past Parkway

Burk sets school record with 41 points

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

On a historic night, before a ramped-up "Parents Night" crowd, Lutheran Westland's boys basketball team not only protected its house, it earned a pretty sweet wall hanging to help decorate it.

In a game played at a dizzying, NSCN (No Shot Clock Necessary) pace, the Warriors ran their record to 18-0 and clinched their first Michigan Independent Athletic Conference title in decades (and the plaque that goes with it) by rallying from a 52-42 halftime deficit to topple Sterling Heights Parkway Christian, 80-72.

While multiple players contributed to their team's fate, two stood out: Lutheran Westland's Zach Burk, who scored a school-record 41 points (on 18-for-28 shooting) and grabbed 19 rebounds; and Parkway's Micah McClain, who torched the nets for 33 points, despite having to shoot with a hand in his face most of the night.

How? The two was the game's tempo? Torrid was combined for 80 shots — just in the



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Lutheran Westland senior Luke Smith gets a hug from his coaches following Tuesday night's exciting 'Senior Night' game.

first half, which works out to one shot every 12 seconds.

And nearly half of all shots taken in the first 16 minutes were from beyond the three-point arc.

"I couldn't be prouder of such a great group of guys," said Lutheran Westland head coach Jim Hoefl. "They battled all night to get this win. They

knew what was at stake, and I could see it in their eyes that they were not going to let this opportunity pass by."

"We knew as long as we could keep Parkway out of its transition game, we'd have complete control. We had to limit our turnovers and not allow them to get on the run. That's exactly what happened in

the second half. We took care of the ball."

Down 42-32, the Warriors stormed out of the half-time locker room and scored the first 10 points of the third quarter.

"In the locker room at half-time, we talked about how this was our house and we weren't going to let them come in and take it over," said Warrior senior captain Brent Croft, who finished with 12 points, six rebounds and three assists. "We may have forced a few shots in the first half — I know I did — just because of the adrenaline, but we settled down and played our game in the second half."

Despite the Warriors' spotless record, they remained unranked in various Class C polls.

No worries, Croft assured. "We're 18-0, and that's more important than a ranking," he said, as the Warriors' gym still buzzed with excitement 10 minutes after the final horn sounded.

The setting throughout the game was electric, thanks to an energetic student cheering section (which included one student dressed as a banana and another as a cow), jam-packed bleachers, with most Lutheran Westland fans decked out in

head-to-toe black.

"The crowd was phenomenal tonight," Hoefl emphasized. "This is what a high school basketball home game should look and feel like. It was a great atmosphere."

The Warriors never trailed in the fourth quarter, which started with the score knotted at 56-all.

The pivotal stretch occurred three minutes in when the winners broke a 62-all deadlock with a 9-0 run, which was fueled by a Barikmo put-back, a Burk reverse layup, a triple from Croft and a put-back by Jordan Williams.

Burk added three transition layups in the final 1:48 to seal the deal.

Chargers sprint past GC

Dearborn Heights Crestwood hit the floor running Tuesday night in its 88-65 victory over Garden City in a Western Wayne Athletic Conference cross-over game. Vinnie Baker (18 points), Moyerson Walter (12), Robbie Meyers (11) and Jake Sadowski (10) all scored in double figures for the Cougars, who slipped to 9-8. Malik Rogers led the Chargers with 24.

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BOYS SWIMMING

Mustangs speed past KLAA Central foes

Brad Emmons
Staff Writer

The boys swim season began to heat up in earnest Saturday as Northville continued its stranglehold on KLAA Central Division championships by scoring 746 points to out-duel host Novi for the title.

The Mustangs, who have captured every Central Division meet since the Kensington Lakes Activities Association was formed in 2008-09, turned in an impressive performance while tuning up for this weekend's Kensington Conference championship, which begins at noon both Saturday and Sunday at South Lyon East.

Rounding out the five schools were the Wildcats (532.5), Livonia Stevenson (332), South Lyon Unified (324) and Salem (263.5).

Despite winning only three races, Northville used its depth to win comfortably against the Wildcats, who won an earlier dual meet between the two teams this season, 100-86.

"This meet doesn't say a whole lot about anything that will happen next week, but our boys who were rested for this meet swam extremely

well," Northville coach Rich Bennetts said. "Jacob Tebbe had an amazing meet. Conor Hart, David Handy and Kenta Kikumori all did very well, as did a bunch of our other young kids."

The 200-yard medley relay team of Kirk Maibach, Chris Geng, John Duan and James Xue took first in 1:40.58.

Maibach also added a win in the 100 butterfly (52.37), while Xue led a one-two-three-four Mustangs sweep in the 100 breaststroke (1:01.43).

"We hope to compete well next week at the conference meet and, even though today didn't have everyone's best lineup, they still kept score and, as long as they are keeping score, I would always rather win than lose," Bennetts said. "We accomplished that, so I'm encouraged for next week."

Novi's Ryan Katulski captured the 200 freestyle (1:45.94) and teamed with Philip Billiu, Siddhartha Kareddy and Joel Kotyk for first in the 400 freestyle relay (3:20.44).

"The division meet was very successful for us," said Novi coach Brent Pohlonski, who guided the Wildcats to a 4-0 dual record in the KLAA Central. "Our number one

goal for this meet is to drop as much time as we can. This year, our combined time drops totaled five minutes and 46 seconds.

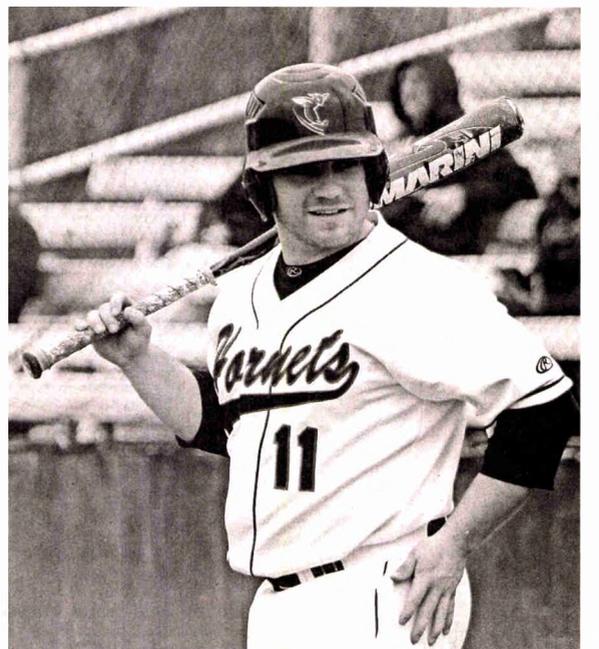
"For all of our swimmers that do not get to compete in the conference meet, this was their shave and taper meet. Our division swimmers dropped a ton of time. Based on how great our division swimmers performed, our conference meet swimmers have a lot to look forward to next weekend."

Stevenson got individual victories from Jackson O'Dowd, 200 individual medley (1:59.1); Benjamin Rojewski, 500 freestyle (4:54.14); and Parker Wasielewski, 100 backstroke (55.83).

South Lyon captured three firsts, led by Oliver Joy in the 50 freestyle (22.46) and Matt Meadows in the 1-meter diving (414.70 points). Joy also teamed with Max Kempisty, Zach Victory and Brandon Bell for a victory in the 200 freestyle relay (1:29.83).

Salem's lone victory came from Eugene Li in the 100 freestyle (48.56).

Cameron shining at next level



SUBMITTED

Former Livonia Churchill baseball standout Dan Cameron is off to a sizzling start at Shenandoah University, the No. 16-ranked team in the NCAA Division 3 polls. Cameron, who graduated from Churchill in 2013 and played for Henry Ford Community College in 2014 and 2015, has earned the starting catcher spot for the Hornets, who swept Case Western Reserve University in a three-game series this past weekend. He went 6-for-11 with two doubles, six RBI and five runs scored as the Hornets outscored CWRU, 25-6.

RELIGION CALENDAR

FEBRUARY FAMILY FUN DAY

Time/Date: 3-6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27

Location: Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Games, prizes and special activities for kids, including a bounce house. Chair massages, chiropractic screening and a talk on health and wellness for adults. Sponsored by Applied Modern Health Chiropractic

Contact: 734-421-1760

FILM

Time/Date: 6:45 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26

Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills

Details: "A Pattern of Evidence - the Exodus" is a documentary by filmmaker Timothy Mahoney. Dinner is available and features chicken gyros. Make reservations by Wednesday, Feb. 24

Contact: 248-553-3380

FISH FRY

Time/Date: 4:30-7 p.m. Friday, through March 18

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

Details: All you can eat, \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, \$5 for kids, ages 3-13, free for kids under 3, carry outs, \$9 and \$10

Contact: 734-261-1455, ext. 200

LENTEN DISCIPLINES

Time/Date: 10:10-11 a.m. Sunday, through March 20 and 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, through March 16

Location: Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. Sunday series is held in the refectory; Wednesdays in the St. Andrew's room

Details: Sunday morning series explores the meaning of Lent. Wednesday sessions focus on Richard Foster's Celebration of Discipline

Contact: 248-626-2515, ext. 117

MARCH

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, March 4 through 8:30 a.m. closing Mass on Saturday, March 5

Location: St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: The event will feature several Masses, special Mercy Stations of the Cross, several opportunities for reconciliation, and 24 hours of Eucharistic Adoration. There will also be some special snacks, activities, and "time-outs" for families and children during the 24-hour period. The celebration is open to all area Catholics. A full schedule is listed at livonia-st-michael.org. Anyone interested in being part of the round-the-clock Adoration Team should call the parish office or visit the church website

Contact: 734-261-1455

BUDDHISM CLASS

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, March 24, April 14 and 28, and May 12 and 26

Location: The Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington, 25301 Halsted, Farmington Hills

Details: Free five-week secular practical Buddhism class will apply Buddhist teachings to daily life through meditation, reflection and discussion. Secular Buddhism emphasizes the teaching of Eastern philosophy practices in a way that allows each individual to become their own teacher. Ideas such as "awakening" and "enlightenment" are goals in which there is no "one true way"

Contact: 248-478-7272; uuFarmington.org

EASTER SERVICE

Time/Date: 7:15 a.m. Sunday, March 27

Location: Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Details: Service will be held outdoors except in extreme weather conditions. Coffee and refreshments will be served after the service. An Easter breakfast will start at 9 a.m.

Contact: Mary at 248-471-1322

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Time/Date: 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 13-May 15; no class on March 27

Location: Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601

Hubbard, Livonia

Details: Course consists of 9 video lessons with guided discussions and planning tools for people at all stages of life. The course teaches how to get out of debt, save for the future, plan for emergencies, and save for college and retirement. Cost is \$93. Scholarships can be arranged

Contact: Bruce Walrad at brmwalrad@aol.com; 734-748-4427

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: Noon-2 p.m. Sunday, March 6

Location: Divine Mercy Roman Catholic Regional School, at the current site of St. Raphael Catholic School, 31500 Beechwood, Garden City

Details: Preschool-eighth grade

Contact: 734-425-4420

SOUP SUPPER, SPEAKER

Time/Date: 5:30 p.m. Friday, March 18

Location: Resurrection Catholic Parish, 48755 Warren Road, Canton

Details: A meatless meal of soup and bread is followed by Deacon Paul F. Lippard's discussion of "Living Lent with Mercy." Stations of the Cross will follow. RSVP to the parish office

Contact: 734-451-0444; resoffice@resurrectionparish.net

VESPERS

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sunday, March 20-April 17

Location: Orthodox Serbian Orthodox Cathedral Ravanica, 4575 E. Outer Drive, Detroit, March 20; St. Mary the Protectress Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral, 21931 Evergreen Road, Southfield, March 27; Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church, 39851 W. Five Mile, Plymouth, April 3; St. Michael Russian Orthodox Church, 26375 W. Chicago Road, Redford, April 10; and St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church, 2160 Maple, Troy, April 17

Details: Members of the Clergy Brotherhood of St. John Chrysostom of Metropolitan Detroit will conduct the services. An inter-Orthodox chorus will sing the responses

Contact: Olga Liskiwsky at 248-252-8184; Olga-liss0910@gmail.com

VIDEO SERIES

Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. Thursday, through March 10

Location: St. John's Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: "Sacred Conversations on Racial Justice"

Contact: 734-721-5023

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Our Lady of Loreto

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

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township

Details: Scripture study

Contact: 313-534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel Parish

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

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

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

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

Faith Community Wesleyan

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

Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia

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

Contact: pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

EXERCISE

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

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

Details: Instructor Wendy Motta, a seven-year Zumba practitioner, teaches Zumba through drop-in classes. Each

costs \$3. Participants should bring water, a towel and wear athletic shoes. For more information, email Motta through zumba.com

Contact: 313-408-3364

FAMILY MEAL

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

Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

Details: Free meal

Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

HEALING SERVICE

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

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

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

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

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

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

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

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

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

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

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

Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

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

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

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday

Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

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

Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

St. Edith Church

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

Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

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

Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1223

St. Michael Lutheran Church

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

Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

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

Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

RISEN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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

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

Contact: Lynn Hapman at 734-466-9023

SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach

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

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304

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

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

Steve's Family Restaurant

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

Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 14 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia

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

Contact: 313-534-0399

SONG CIRCLE

Congregation Beth Ahm

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

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

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

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

SUPPORT

Apostolic Christian Church

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

Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

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

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

Connection Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday

Location: 3855 Sheldon, Canton

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

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

Detroit World Outreach

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

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202

Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems

Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

Farmington Hills Baptist Church

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

Location: 28301 Middlebelt,

between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills

Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group

Contact: 248-433-1011

Merriman Road Baptist Church

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

Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City

Details: Metro fibromyalgia support group meets; donations accepted

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

Fireside Church of God

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

Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

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

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

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

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

Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia

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

Contact: 734-421-8451

St. Thomas a' Becket Church

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

Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton

Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly

Contact: Margaret at 734-838-0322

Unity of Livonia

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday

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

Details: Overeaters Anonymous

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

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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

Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township

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

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

THRIFT STORE

St. James Presbyterian

Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford

Contact: 313-534-7730 for additional information

Way of Life Christian Church

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

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

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

Contact: 734-637-7618

TOUR

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

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

Details: Led by Capuchin friar Larry Webber, the director of the Solanus Casey Center, the tour focuses on the spirituality and holiness of Father Solanus, a humble Capuchin friar credited with miraculous cures and

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The Detroit Pleasure Society will play the 7th Annual Benefit for Doctors Without Borders, Saturday, Feb. 27, at the Ancient Order of Hibernians Hall in Redford.

Doctors Without Borders benefit adds dance, jazz

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Traditional jazz meets Americana, southern square dance and Irish music at the 7th Annual Benefit for Doctors Without Borders, Saturday, Feb. 27, at the Ancient Order of Hibernians Hall in Redford.

"We have a huge melting pot of music," said Mick Gavin, a Redford resident, musician and the event's organizer. "We have a lot of Irish musicians and singers coming as well, and step dance. We cut down on the number of bands this year so we could get in more dancers."

Doors will open at 4 p.m. at the hall, 25300 Five Mile. Admission is a donation at the door. Doctors Without Borders provides emergency medical care to individuals caught in crises around the world. Performances will include:

- » 5 p.m. Lac La Belle, an acoustic duo influenced by Americana, sings and plays mandolin, banjo, ukulele, organ, guitar, and accordion.
- » 5:45 p.m. Eddie McGlinchey, Ray Maguire, Michael Gavin, Frank Kennedy, Colin Paige and Mick Gavin will play Irish music for dancers from the Ardan Academy of Irish Dance.
- » 6:30 p.m. The Detroit Square Dance Society Band will play tunes for square dancing.
- » 7:30 p.m. The Detroit Pleasure Society performs traditional New Orleans jazz.
- » 8:30 p.m. The acoustic trio, Behind the Times, with mandolin, guitar



JOEL WILLIAMS
Jennie Knaggs and Nick Shillace, known as Lac La Belle, will perform at the Doctors Without Borders concert Saturday, Feb. 27 in Redford.

horns and banjo. I'm delighted to have them."

For Nick Shillace, who plays banjo with the group, the Detroit Pleasure Society is a "dream come true."

"I had always wanted to play traditional jazz but didn't have the people around me doing it," said Shillace, who also performs Americana-influenced music with his wife, Jennie Knaggs, as Lac La Belle. "I was recruited by a fan of Lac La Belle who was playing in Detroit Pleasure Society at the time. We got together and there's been a core group of five the past several years."

Shillace, a Detroitier and owner of Orion Music Studio in Lake Orion, describes the Detroit Pleasure Society as a tight knit band that plays traditional jazz with its "own spirit."

"We're traditionalists, not revivalists. A lot of times groups try to bring back the visual esthetics and aping of the period. That doesn't necessarily give life to the music," he said. "We have two saxophones instead of clarinet and trumpet ... sousaphone, banjo and trombone, there's enough there that gives us a unique sound."

He said the Doctors Without Borders event will give the audience a rare opportunity to enjoy both dance and a variety of music, while supporting a good cause.

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and upright bass, plays original music influenced by bluegrass, country, jazz and popular favorites.

» 9:15 p.m. Irish set dancing with Anne McCallum, the Crossroads Ceili Band and the Conor O'Neill's session group

Guest square dance caller, Becky Hill of West Virginia, will call the square dances at both the Doctors Without Borders event and at the monthly Detroit Square Dance Society gathering, 5-9 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, at the Gaelic League, 2068 Michigan Ave., Detroit. Admission is \$10 for the square dance. Gavin and many of the other musicians will perform at both events.

New bands

Square dancing and both Lac La Belle and the Detroit Pleasure Society are new to the Doctors Without Borders benefit.

"We've been trying to come to some of our gigs and we go to their gigs," said Gavin, who plays with Crossroads Ceili. "There seems to be this revival of folk crossing over with jazz and also crossing over into the Irish set dancing"

"It really is fantastic. They are excellent musicians. I love that kind of music and have for years. We have the Detroit Pleasure Society, a traditional jazz band, playing. Their music is swifty and dancy, with all of the

Festival Singers, EMU choir perform free concert

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Choral music fans will get a chance to hear two choirs for free Saturday, Feb. 27 in Plymouth.

Plymouth-Canton's Educational Park's (P-CEP) Festival Singers and Eastern Michigan University Choir will perform at 7:30 p.m. at Plymouth First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial.

"My choir will sing a few selections and Eastern will sing a few and we'll come together at the end for a combined piece," said Jennifer Neumann, P-CEP teacher and choir director.

The two choirs, 100 voices in total, will sing "Exultate Deo," by Scarlatti. It's a piece the Festival Singers also will perform next month during its tour of Venice and Rome in Italy.

"It is an important piece of music and to collaborate with a university choir will be a tremendous thing to hear and observe. It's very exciting," Neumann said.

Brandon Johnson, director of choral activities at EMU and director of the University Choir, has been working with Neumann's students on the music. Both choirs will come together for the first time during a rehearsal at the church before the concert.



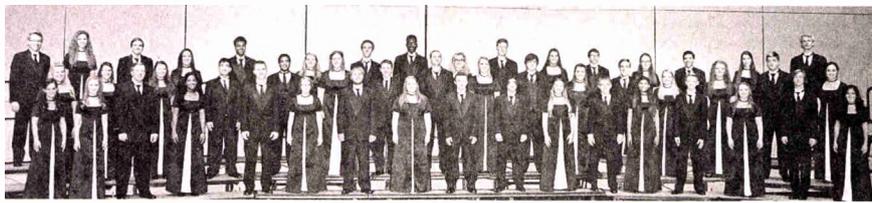
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Jennifer Neumann directs the P-CEP Festival Singers.



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Choir members carol during the holidays.



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The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Festival Singers will perform with the Eastern Michigan University Choir on Feb. 27 in Plymouth.

Advanced music

The 49-member Festival Singers is one of 10 after-school choirs at Salem High School, where the P-CEP's choral program is located. Students, mostly juniors and seniors, must be enrolled in one of two specific choral

classes in order to join the group. Neumann said Festival Singers is considered the most experienced of the extra-curricular choirs.

"It sings the most advanced music. It is an audition group and is extremely select," she said. "This is the group that historically travels. My choir

has done things with the U of M Men's Glee Club, the Women's Glee Club, and we've collaborated with other high schools. We've sung with the Plymouth Oratorio Society and Measure for Measure."

Over the years it has performed at Carnegie Hall in New York, in London, England,

Chicago, Ill., and Toronto, Ont.

A travel agent, who heard the group sing in England, suggested the Italy trip. Neumann said the agent helped her secure a performance at St. Mark's Basilica in Venice. The group also will perform at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.

Concert, Masses

"At the two Masses we're the music for the Masses. I had to submit recordings and get approved," Neumann said. "This is during Holy Week, the week of Easter. It's an opportunity of a lifetime."

The Festival Singers will leave March 25 for Italy and return April 1. The choir also will sing a full concert while on tour, in addition to the Masses. Students held several fundraisers to help pay for the tour.

Donations will be accepted at Saturday's concert and will be divided between the Festival Singers, the Eastern Michigan University Choir, which will tour Scotland and Wales this year, and Plymouth First United Methodist Church.

Neumann said her choir will sing sacred and classical choral music, mostly a cappella, at the upcoming concert.

"This is the first time we and Eastern will share a concert together and as an alum, I'm excited about that," she said.

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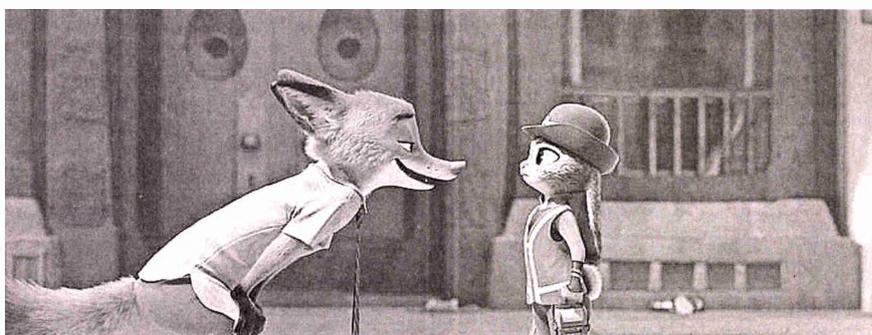
Classic myth, true events inspire films opening Friday

Friday, Feb. 26

» **"Eddie the Eagle,"** inspired by true events, is a feel-good story about Michael "Eddie" Edwards, an unlikely but courageous British ski-jumper who never stopped believing in himself. With the help of a rebellious and charismatic coach, Eddie takes on the establishment and wins the hearts of sports fans around the world by making an improbable and historic showing at the 1988 Calgary Winter Olympics. Starring Taron Egerton, Hugh Jackson and Dexter Fletcher. Directed by Christopher Walker. Rated PG-13.

» **"Gods of Egypt,"** is an action-adventure inspired by the classic mythology of Egypt. The survival of mankind hangs in the balance as an unexpected mortal hero Bek undertakes a thrilling journey to save the world and rescue his true love. In order to succeed, he must enlist the help of the powerful god Horus in an unlikely alliance against Set, the merciless god of darkness, who has usurped Egypt's throne, plunging the once peaceful and prosperous empire into chaos and conflict. Starring Nikolaj Coster-Waldau, Brenton Thwaites, Chadwick Boseman, Elodie Yung, Courtney Eaton, with Gerard Butler and Geoffrey Rush. Directed by Alex Proyas. Rated PG-13.

» In **"Triple 9,"** a crew of dirty cops is blackmailed by the Russian mob to execute a virtually impossible heist. The only way to pull it off is to manufacture a 999, police code for "officer down." Their plan is turned upside down when the unsuspecting rookie they set up to die foils the attack, triggering an action-packed finale filled with double-crosses, greed and revenge. Starring Casey Affleck, Chiwetel Ejiofor, Anthony Mackie, Aaron Paul, Clifton Collins Jr., Norman Reedus, Teresa Palmer, Michael K. Williams, Gal Gadot, Woody Harrelson, Kate Winslet. Directed by John Hillcoat. Rated R.



Officer Judy Hopps (voice of Ginnifer Goodwin) meets a scam-artist fox (voiced by Jason Bateman) in "Zootopia," opening in theaters March 4.

covers that being the first bunny on a police force of big, tough animals isn't so easy. Determined to prove herself, she jumps at the opportunity to crack a case, even if it means partnering with a fast-talking, scam-artist fox, Nick Wilde, to solve the mystery. The comedy-adventure is directed by Byron Howard and Rich Moore and co-directed by Jared Bush, with the voices of Jason Bateman and Ginnifer Goodwin. The film is rated PG.

Friday, March 11

» **"Knight of Cups"** follows a writer named Rick on an odyssey through Los Angeles and Las Vegas as he undertakes a search for love and self. Even as he moves through a desire-laden landscape of mansions, resorts, beaches and clubs, Rick grapples over complicated relationships with his brother and father. His quest to break the spell of his disenchantment takes him on a series of adventures with six alluring women. Directed by Terrence Malick. Rated R.

» In **"The Perfect Match"** Charlie is a bachelor who's convinced that relationships are dead even though his sister, a therapist, tries to tell him otherwise. His best friends bet him that if he sticks to one woman for one month, he's bound to fall in love. Charlie takes the bet because he believes that he's immune to love, until he crosses paths with the beautiful and mysterious Eva. Turning on his irresistible charm, Charlie coaxes Eva into a casual affair but soon finds out that Eva has turned the tables on him. Starring Terrence J, Paula Patton and Casie Ventura. Directed by Billie Woodruff. Rated R.

» **"The Young Messiah"** is the story of Jesus Christ at age 7, and his family as they come to a fuller understanding of his divine nature and purpose. Directed by Cyrus Nowrasteh and based on the novel "Christ the Lord: Out of Egypt," by Anne Rice. Starring Adam Greaves-Neal, Sara Lazzaro, Vincent Walsh, Clive Russell, Christian McKay, and Sean Bean. Rated PG-13.



"Gods of Egypt," inspired by Egyptian mythology, opens Friday, March 26.

Friday, March 4

» **"London Has Fallen"** is a sequel to the worldwide smash hit "Olympus Has Fallen," a non-stop, suspenseful action thriller. After the British prime minister passes away, his funeral becomes a target of a terrorist organization to destroy some of the world's most powerful leaders, devastate the British capital, and unleash a terrifying vision of the future. The only hope of stopping it rests on the shoulders of the U.S. president, his formidable Secret Service head, and an English MI-6 agent. Starring Gerard Butler, Aaron Eckhart, Morgan Freeman, Angela Bassett, Melissa Leo, Radha Mitchell, Robert Forster, Jackie Earle Haley, Charlotte Riley, Sean O'Bryan, Alon Aboutboul, Waleed Zuaiter. Rated R.

» In **"The Other Side of the Door,"** a family lives an idyllic existence abroad until a tragic accident takes the life of their young son. The inconsolable mother learns of an ancient ritual that will bring him back to say a final goodbye. She travels to an ancient temple, where a door serves as a mysterious portal between two worlds. But when she disobeys a sacred warning to never open that door, she upsets the balance between life and death. Starring Sarah Wayne Callies and Jeremy Sisto. Directed by Johannes Roberts. Rated R.

» **"Whiskey Tango Foxtrot,"** When reporter Kim Barker's life needs something more, she decides to take an assignment in a war zone. There, in the midst of chaos, she finds the strength she never knew she had. Starring Tina Fey, Margot Robbie, Martin Freeman, Alfred Molina and Billy Bob Thornton. Directed by Glenn Ficarra and John Requa. Rated R.

» **"Zootopia"** is an animated film about a city of animals. When rookie officer Judy Hopps arrives, she dis-

CITY OF GARDEN CITY BOARD OF REVIEW DATES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO all property owners of the City of Garden City that the Board of Review will meet in session on the following date and time to examine the assessment roll for the current year:

Tuesday	March 8, 2016	9:00 a.m.
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The Board of Review will meet in session on the following days and times to hear appeals on the assessment roll:

NOTE: Meetings located in THE GARDEN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE ROOM with late night appointments on Wednesday only

Monday	March 14, 2016	9:00am -4:30pm
Tuesday	March 15, 2015	9:00am -4:30pm
Wednesday	March 16, 2015	1:00pm- 9:00pm

APPEALS BY APPOINTMENT or WRITE-IN. Write-ins must be received by Wednesday March 16th.

Taxes are paid on **TAXABLE VALUE**, which is the lesser of the calculated Assessed and Capped value, unless there is a property transfer. The capped value is based on the CPI (Consumer Price Index), which is .03% for 2016.

The 2016 Assessment Roll will be open for inspection March 9, 2016 and March 10, 2016 in the Assessment Office from 9:00a.m. To 5:00 p.m.

ALLYSON BETTIS
TREASURER-CLERK

Published: February 21, 25, and 28, 2016

CITY OF WAYNE PUBLIC NOTICE ELECTION NOTICE TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF WAYNE, COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Michigan Presidential Primary Election will be held in the City of Wayne, County of Wayne, Michigan, on Tuesday, March 8, 2016, from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., for the purpose of selecting presidential candidates of the Republican and Democratic parties for the General Election, November 8, 2016. The Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, March 5, 2016, from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., for the purpose of receiving applications for absentee ballots.

All polling locations are accessible to persons with disabilities. Voting instructions are also available in alternative formats, audio and Braille, at each polling location.

A sample of the ballot may be obtained at the City of Wayne City Clerk's Office or on the City website at <http://www.ci.wayne.mi.us/>.

If you are not currently registered to vote or have changed your address in the above stated jurisdiction in which you live, you may do so at the following locations and times listed in this notice.

Qualified electors may also register to vote or change their address in the following manners:

In Person:

- At the City Clerk's office or at the office of any county clerk during normal business hours.
- At any of the Secretary of State Branch offices located throughout the state during normal business hours.
- At the specified agency for clients receiving services through the Family Independence Agency, the Department of Community Health, Michigan Jobs Commission and some offices of the Commission for the Blind.
- At the military recruitment offices for persons enlisting in the armed forces.

My Mail:

By obtaining and completing a Mail Voter Registration Application and forwarding to the election official as directed on the application by the close of registration deadline. Mail voter registration applications may be obtained by contacting:

CITY OF WAYNE
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
3355 S. WAYNE RD.
WAYNE, MI 48184

Telephone number: 734.722.2204

Each person voting in the election must be:

- (a) A citizen of the United States of America over eighteen (18) year of age;
- (b) A registered elector of the city or township in which he or she resides.

The places of voting are as follows:

- Precinct 1 and 2 Hoover Elementary School, 5400 Fourth St.
- Precinct 3 and 6 Wayne Senior Activity Center, 35000 Sims Ave.
- Precinct 4 and 5 Taft-Galloway Elementary School, 4035 Gloria St.

Matthew K. Miller
City Clerk

Published: February 25, 2016

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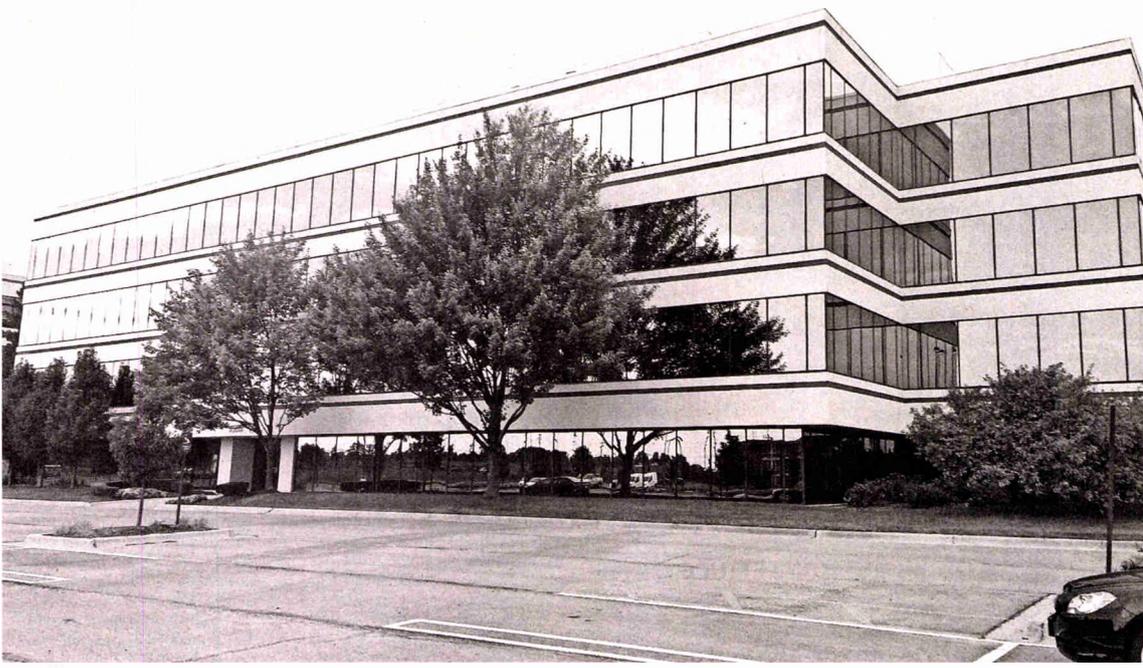
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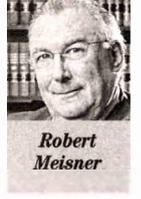
A real estate industry report is positive about long-term trends in that field.

JULIE BROWN

Sign issue: First Amendment generally applies to government actions

Q: With the presidential elections on the horizon, our homeowners association has been discussing political signs in yards. The documents talk about prohibiting signs in general but should we make an exception for this particular season?

A: More than likely, your documents prohibit the display of any types of signs except perhaps for Sale signs under certain circumstances. There can be the argument by some that political signs raise particular issues regarding freedom of speech. However, the freedom of speech that is contemplated by the First Amendment typically applies only to governmental action and not in a private community. You may not even have the authority to vary from the strict requirements of the documents, without an assessment so see your community association lawyer.



Robert Meisner

Q: Our property manager just received a letter from an owner making accusations against the Board of Directors and asking over 25 questions concerning the operations of the association. The board is indicating that it will be very expensive for the managing agent to respond to all these questions but we are wondering whether we have an obligation to do so.

A: There is no specific statute in Michigan although other states require a condo association to substantially respond to inquiries from co-owners that are sent by certified mail or otherwise within, for example, 30 days of the association's receipt of them. However, it is good practice where there is not a requirement statutorily to respond timely, but to give a general response to the co-owner indicating that it might be best for him to narrow his questions or attend a meeting of the Board of Directors for the specific purpose of discussing his issues. If in fact the co-owner appears to be someone who is harassing the association with questions which are not made in good faith, you may wish to turn that over to the association's attorney.

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

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Investors

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

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

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

Short sales

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

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

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

Industry report sees long-term upside in commercial real estate

—Despite various global and domestic hurdles hindering economic growth, steady job gains and stable leasing demand should help keep commercial real estate activity expanding in 2016, according to the authors of an annual report published jointly by Situs Real Estate Research Corporation (RERC), Deloitte and the National Association of Realtors.

According to the report, *Expectations & Market Realities in Real Estate 2016—Navigating through the Crosscurrents*, commercial real estate activity is forecast to gradually grow this year with demand for space holding steady across all commercial sectors. While commercial property values and price gains are expected to flatten after surpassing 2007 peaks in some major markets, investors will still benefit from the strong income flows generated from new and existing

leases. The fifth annual release of the joint report draws on the three organizations' respective research and expert analysis and offers an objective outlook on commercial real estate through forecasts and commentary on the current economy, capital markets and commercial real estate property markets. A research-based assessment of the office, industrial, apartment, retail and hotel property sectors is also provided.

"Historically low interest rates, especially in treasuries, combined with commercial real estate's stable prices and value make this asset an attractive investment," said Ken Riggs, president of Situs RERC. "Looking into 2016, the commercial real estate market should moderate, which could stabilize prices."

Vacancies are expected to continue to decline slightly in 2016 for all property types,

except in the apartment sector, where they are forecast to increase modestly by the end of the year as more new project completions come onto the market. Continued job growth, demand exceeding supply and limited new construction (outside of multi-family) should lead to rising rents and steady investor returns, which overall will shift away from capital appreciation as price growth levels off in many markets.

Continuing on the same slow trajectory seen for many years, the U.S. economy — facing headwinds from a rising dollar, financial market volatility and geopolitical concerns — is forecast to grow at a rate of 2 percent to 3 percent in 2016, which is stronger than most global economies and enough to generate around 2 million net new jobs over the next year. Deflationary pressures related to low gasoline and energy

prices are expected to diminish by mid-2016, in part because of robust growth in apartment rents.

"Supported by solid hiring in most parts of the country, the demand for ownership and rental housing will continue to increase in 2016 despite another year of meager economic expansion," said Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist. "While supply shortages will weigh on housing affordability and push home prices and rents higher, the housing sector will keep the U.S. economy afloat and lead the residential investment component of GDP growth by up to 10 percent this year."

On Thursday, Feb. 4, Deloitte hosted a live webcast covering the report, including discussion on macroeconomic conditions, capital market trends, the main property types and the overall outlook for 2016.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 21-25, 2015, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office.

Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	32260 Arlington Dr	\$285,000
	30414 Georgetown Dr	\$455,000
	16121 Lauderdale Ave	\$259,000
BIRMINGHAM	1751 Birmingham Blvd	\$499,000
	1931 Bowers St	\$669,000
	2085 Dorchester Rd	\$325,000
	935 Gordon Ln	\$600,000
	1733 Latham St	\$5,000
	1701 Pilgrim Ave	\$575,000
	1544 Sheffield Rd	\$220,000
	1387 Smith Ave	\$380,000
	690 Southfield Rd	\$749,000
	620 W Frank St	\$695,000
	1099 Wakefield St	\$340,000
	1885 Washington Blvd	\$409,000
	1371 Webster St	\$600,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	27 S Berkshire Rd	\$268,000
	177 E Fox Hills Dr	\$53,000
	140 E Hickory Grove Rd	\$15,000
	42150 Woodward Ave # 8	\$237,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	1504 Aberdeen Pl	\$165,000
	2915 Berkshire Dr	\$344,000
	2675 Brady Dr	\$255,000
	3928 Columbia Ct	\$643,000
	3055 E Bradford Dr	\$336,000
	2056 E Hammond Lake Dr	\$229,000
	6315 E Surrey Rd	\$320,000
	2065 Eagle Pointe	\$220,000
	3684 Forest Hill Dr	\$404,000
	1997 Kingensmith Rd	\$223,000
	4423 Pine Tree Trl	\$375,000
	1472 Timberview Trl	\$255,000
	3669 W Bradford Dr	\$330,000

	1056 W Glangary Cir	\$1,820,000
	7395 W Greenwich Dr	\$332,000
	325 Wadsworth Ln	\$350,000
	3856 Westwood Dr	\$340,000
COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP	3138 Belle Terre	\$250,000
	2276 Brigantine	\$252,000
	3857 Ellisia Rd	\$240,000
	2471 Greenlawn Ave	\$55,000
	8352 Lagoon St	\$244,000
	6036 Lochmore Dr#280,000	
	3251 Melrose St	\$83,000
	4629 Newcourt St	\$152,000
	3568 Oak Meadows Ct	\$188,000
	9326 Park Ln	\$425,000
	5408 Plantation Dr	\$425,000
	4830 Sundew St	\$163,000
FARMINGTON	21132 Meadowlark St	\$176,000
	21137 Meadowlark St	\$200,000
	34155 Schulte Dr	\$240,000
	24182 Twin Valley Ct	\$250,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	22188 Albion Ave	\$86,000
	31231 Country Ridge Cir	\$393,000
	29530 Eastfield St	\$157,000
	20140 Hill Rd	\$218,000
	29392 Glencaire Dr	\$175,000
	22462 Haynes Ave	\$125,000
	30030 High Valley Rd	\$288,000
	36680 Howard Rd	\$185,000
	29702 Mirkon Dr	\$280,000
	29608 Murriland Dr	\$207,000
	21245 Loveland Ct	\$139,000
	31810 Fairfield Ct	\$218,000
	28915 Northwick St	\$210,000
	28905 Oak Point Dr	\$360,000
	28101 Power Rd	\$130,000
	22114 Purdie Ave	\$143,000
	22850 Purdie Ave	\$139,000
	29923 Ravenscroft St	\$138,000
	29635 Sierra Point Cir	\$191,000
	28755 Sierra Point Cir	\$173,000
	31840 Staman Cir	\$161,000
	30120 Valley Side Dr	\$248,000
	29087 W 10 Mile Rd	\$165,000
	21825 Westhill St	\$145,000
	26203 Westmeath St	\$200,000

	21615 Wheeler St	\$111,000
	21611 Whittington St	\$147,000
	35581 Woodfield Dr	\$250,000
HIGHLAND	465 Glen Eagles	\$310,000
	3965 Loch Dr	\$226,000
	3410 Maple Rdg	\$180,000
	1009 Tall Pines Dr	\$485,000
LATHROP VILLAGE	61845 Coral Gables Ave	\$128,000
MILFORD	363 Cumberland Trl	\$370,000
	1173 Homestead	\$505,000
	831 Millford Glen Cir	\$310,000
	802 Panorama Dr	\$155,000
	2400 Pinewood Ct	\$235,000
	2213 Twilight Trce	\$430,000
	474 Village Ln	\$133,000
	484 Village Ln	\$148,000
	701 W Dawson Rd	\$280,000
NORTHVILLE	43628 Cottisford St	\$330,000
	20948 E Glen Haven Cir	\$128,000
	51847 Pierce Dr	\$525,000
	38097 Tralee Trl	\$285,000
NOVI	43250 12 Oaks Crescent Dr # 2033	\$185,000
	24694 Apple Crest Dr	\$266,000
	24584 Bashin Dr	\$116,000
	25426 Buckminster Dr	\$228,000
	28296 Carlton Way Dr	\$250,000
	21193 Chase Ln	\$675,000
	39330 Crosswinds	\$320,000
	27954 Declaration Rd	\$153,000
	41689 Dukesbury Ct	\$446,000
	23672 E Le Bost	\$194,000
	22493 Fuller Dr	\$423,000
	26625 Highlands Dr	\$233,000
	22662 Meadowbrook Rd	\$212,000
	21776 Meridian Ln	\$303,000
	49340 Mitchell Rd	\$242,000
	41601 Monterey Dr	\$199,000
	22629 Moorgate St	\$330,000
	24777 Sarah Flynn	\$405,000
	23497 Stonehenge Blvd	\$104,000
	41645 Tera Ln	\$195,000

	41519 Thoreau Rdg	\$375,000
	42492 Wimbledon Way	\$435,000
	23550 Worcester Dr	\$350,000
SOUTH LYON	595 Eagle Way	\$268,000
	934 Hidden Creek Dr	\$255,000
	729 Kestrel Ct	\$238,000
	479 Princeton Dr	\$263,000
	61845 Richfield St	\$192,000
	22865 Saint Andrews Dr	\$540,000
	1156 Shelburne Dr	\$390,000
	26442 Sherrill Way	\$390,000
	24400 Wedgewood Dr	\$380,000
SOUTHFIELD	831 Millford Ave	\$230,000
	17291 Alta Vista Dr	\$190,000
	20880 Avon Ln	\$74,000
	20154 Beechaven St	\$190,000
	16217 Edwards Ave	\$156,000
	29721 Fall River Rd	\$128,000
	25169 Filmore Pl	\$158,000
	29745 Hallcroft Ct	\$130,000
	28320 Heritage Ln	\$175,000
	24195 Lee Baker Dr	\$145,000
	28663 Lowell Ct N	\$87,000
	18409 Magnolia Ave	\$160,000
	25209 Prairie Dr	\$185,000
	29189 Spring Hill Dr	\$112,000
	18301 W 13 Mile Rd Unit A8	\$73,000
	18811 Webster Ave	\$125,000
	18457 Westhampton Ave	\$432,000
	18316 Westhaven Ave	\$68,000
	25033 Woodvale Dr N	\$95,000
WHITE LAKE	4360 Evans St	\$170,000
	10420 Cedar Island Rd	\$280,000
	1036 Ennet Blvd	\$138,000
	1245 Grove Point Dr	\$432,000
	1848 Kristina Dr	\$271,000
	218 Melinda Cir	\$173,000
	362 Rosario Dr	\$281,000
	8106 Springdale Dr	\$174,000
	345 Steephollow Dr	\$209,000
	345 Woodsedge Ln	\$55,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 12-16, 2015, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office.

Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

CANTON	7224 Chichester Rd	\$275,000
	50594 Coollidge St	\$340,000
	40560 Deer Creek Dr	\$313,000
	44385 Fair Oaks Dr	\$203,000
	4261 Fair Bridge Dr	\$200,000
	45575 Hanford Rd	\$285,000
	1262 Hendrie	\$355,000
	1564 Hendrie	\$362,000
	1238 Heritage Dr	\$190,000
	1068 High Ridge Dr	\$245,000
	7133 Kaiser St	\$154,000
	7143 Newgate Ct	\$225,000
	44740 Ridgefield Rd	\$193,000
	45930 S Stonewood Rd	\$306,000
	449 Sandalwood Rd	\$360,000
	1938 Scenic Dr	\$235,000
	43316 Stannington Ct	\$223,000
	1981 Vine Way Dr	\$108,000
	41282 Westfield Cir	\$228,000
	40353 Winfield Rd	\$205,000
	4129 Wrenwood Ln	\$282,000

	4105 Wrenwood Ln # 46	\$261,000
GARFIELD CITY	29865 Brown Ct	\$105,000
	1013 Cardwell St	\$97,000
	32426 Manor Park	\$205,000
	29553 Marquette St	\$68,000
	33161 Pardo St	\$92,000
	31795 Pierrest St	\$160,000
LIVONIA	19259 Auburndale St	\$123,000
	27815 Barkley St	\$163,000
	31741 Cambridge St	\$265,000
	10226 Cavell St	\$100,000
	17276 Country Club Dr	\$280,000
	14000 Ellen Dr	\$170,000
	39080 Elmwood St	\$205,000
	18110 Fairfield St	\$218,000
	33007 Fargo St	\$30,000
	14401 Henry Ruff St	\$285,000
	18883 Inkster Rd	\$85,000
	29542 Lamar Ln	\$155,000
	18665 Louise St	\$70,000
	9036 Lathers St	\$153,000
	21245 Loveland St	\$139,000
	32421 Lynden St	\$182,000
	29998 Munger Dr	\$250,000
	20481 Osmus St	\$176,000
	29527 Ravine Dr	\$190,000
	14640 Ronnie Ln	\$210,000
	30540 Saint Martins St	\$239,000
	18413 University Park Dr	\$110,000

	31600 Vargo St	\$184,000
	15954 Whittier	\$168,000
	31748 Whyming St	\$143,000
NORTHVILLE	16741 Carriage Way	\$156,000
	39471 Champion Ct	\$325,000
	16132 Cherrywood Ct	\$453,000
	17861 Cranbrook Dr	\$730,000
	39566 Danielle Dr	\$439,000
	16835 Dover Dr	\$165,000
	39645 Glenview Ct	\$320,000
	16292 Johnson Creek Dr	\$530,000
	45963 Riviera Dr	\$450,000
	17418 Stonebrook Dr	\$610,000
PLYMOUTH	51058 Beechwood Ct	\$219,000
	49940 Crosswinds	\$320,000
	8840 Elmhurst Ave	\$85,000
	4424 John Alden Rd	\$206,000
	5905 Marlowe Ave	\$90,000
	650 Pacific St	\$235,000

Make some magic

Blend mushrooms with meat for a healthier meal

Finding the right daily nutritional balance is no easy feat. Managing sugar, carbohydrate, fat and red meat intake takes serious effort and planning, but transforming your favorite recipes into more nutritious family meals may be easier than you realize.

Adopting the "blenditarian" lifestyle is a simple solution to healthier eating. It involves, simply, blending ground beef to meat to make every day dishes more healthful and delicious. Adding chopped mushrooms to ground beef at a ratio of at least 25 percent mushrooms can enhance the taste of dishes, deliver an extra serving of vegetables and beneficial nutrients, and trim total calories and fat intake.

Any mushroom variety will work. Creminis and portabellas lend rich, earthy flavors to any meal, while white button mushrooms offer a more delicate taste. For the more adventurous eaters, maitake and shiitake varieties bring a bold woody taste and meaty texture to the plate.

The key to blending is developing the perfect mushroom consistency. For example, if using ground meat for tacos or burgers, chop mushrooms to mimic the familiar crumbled texture, using a knife and cutting board, food processor or vegetable chopper. For stews, halve or quarter mushrooms, or slice them to match strips of meat in fajitas or stir-fry.

Practice your blending technique with these recipes and find more deliciously blended dishes to share with your family at MushroomInfo.com.

Courtesy of Family Features

CLASSIC BLENDED BURGER

Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 10-15 minutes
Servings: 4

½ pound cremini or white button mushrooms
3 tablespoons olive oil, divided
1 pound ground beef
1 teaspoon salt
4 buns

Finely dice mushrooms or gently pulse in food processor. In skillet, warm 2 tablespoons olive oil on medium-high heat and add mushrooms, sauteing 5-7 minutes, or until golden brown. Remove from heat and cool 5 minutes. Transfer cooled mushrooms to medium bowl. Add ground beef and salt, mixing until combined. Make 4 pat-



ties. Add remaining olive oil to pan and cook burger patties on medium-high heat until desired doneness. Plate and add desired toppings to bun. Topping recommendations: feta cheese, romesco sauce, sweet peppers and sauteed red onions.

MUSHROOM TACOS WITH SALSA VERDE

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 12-15 minutes
Servings: 8

Tacos:
¼ pound 85-percent lean ground beef
salt and pepper, to taste
¼ pound white button mushrooms
¼ pound cremini mushrooms
4 tablespoons olive oil, divided
2 cups julienned sweet onions
1 tablespoon minced garlic
4 tablespoons ground chili pepper
lime juice, to taste
1 cup shredded green cabbage
2 tablespoons chopped cilantro
8 corn tortillas
4 tablespoons Avocado Salsa Verde (recipe below)
4 tablespoons Cotija cheese, grated
Avocado Salsa Verde:
1 large, ripe avocado, peeled, pitted and cut into ½-inch dice
½ cup diced tomato
2 tablespoons finely chopped onion
½ teaspoon seeded and minced serrano chili
½ teaspoon minced garlic
1 tablespoon lemon or lime juice
2 tablespoons chopped cilantro
¼ teaspoon sugar

Heat saute pan over medium-high heat. Add ground beef; season with salt and pepper



Saute 3-5 minutes, or until golden brown. Chop mushrooms to size and texture of ground beef and saute in separate pan with 2 tablespoons olive oil 3-5 minutes. Combine mushrooms and meat and set aside. Heat pan used for ground beef over medium-high heat. Add remaining olive oil and onions; saute until golden brown. Add garlic and cook until fragrant. Add mushroom and beef mixture and chili pepper. Saute 2-3 minutes, stirring frequently. Adjust seasoning with salt, pepper and lime juice. Toss shredded cabbage with salt, pepper, lime juice and cilantro. To make Avocado Salsa Verde, combine all salsa ingredients and refrigerate at least 1 hour. To serve, place 2 tablespoons shredded cabbage on tortilla and top with 2 tablespoons of mushroom and beef mixture. Top with 1 tablespoon Avocado Salsa Verde and sprinkle with Cotija cheese.

ASIAN LETTUCE WRAPS

Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 15 minutes
Servings: 4

8 ounces fresh mushrooms
1 onion, chopped
4 cloves garlic
1 tablespoon minced ginger
½ pound lean ground beef
1 tablespoon canola oil
½ teaspoon dried thyme leaves
½ teaspoon dried oregano leaves
½ teaspoon ground mustard
¼ teaspoon dried minced garlic
¼ teaspoon dried minced onion
1 red pepper, finely chopped
2 tablespoons hoisin sauce
1 tablespoon soy sauce
1 tablespoon rice wine vinegar
1 head Boston lettuce
½ cup shredded carrots
¼ cup chopped cashews (optional)

In food processor with metal blade, pulse mush-



rooms, onion, garlic and ginger until finely chopped. Add ground beef; pulse until combined. In large, nonstick skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat. Add mushroom mixture, thyme, oregano, mustard, garlic and dried onion. Cook, stirring often, 10 minutes, or until browned. Stir in red pepper, hoisin sauce, soy sauce and vinegar. Simmer 5 minutes; remove from heat. Serve in Boston lettuce leaves garnished with shredded carrots and chopped cashews.

BLENDED CHILI AND MACARONI

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 25 minutes
Servings: 8

½ pound mushrooms
1 pound lean ground beef
1 package chili seasoning
1 can beef broth
1 can (15.5 ounces) kidney beans, rinsed
1 can (6 ounces) tomato paste
1 cup medium salsa
2 cups elbow macaroni, uncooked
shredded cheese
sour cream
cilantro

In food processor with metal blade, pulse mushrooms until finely chopped. In large saucepan, brown meat and mushrooms with

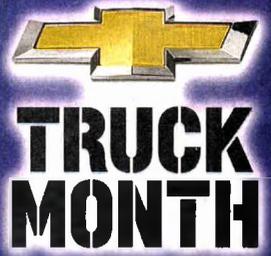


chili seasoning. In another saucepan, mix broth, kidney beans, tomato paste, salsa and macaroni. Bring mixture to boil and cover. Simmer on low 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. When noodles are al dente, stir in browned meat and mushrooms. Serve topped with cheese, sour cream and cilantro.



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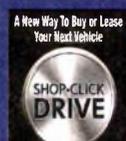


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