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City works to resolve complaints

300 violations at mobile home park

By LeAnne Roger
Staff Writer

City officials are working to resolve more than 300 ordinance violations and a \$150,000 unpaid water bill at Westland Meadows Mobile Home Park.

"We met with the staff here without any improvement. The reason for that was not

their fault per se," said Wayne-Westland Assistant Fire Chief/Fire Marshal John Adams.

Complaints from residents prompted the city to look at conditions at the mobile home park located on Van Born near Merriman at the south end of Westland.

When improvements weren't made, Adams said a meeting was held with Westland Mayor William Wild.

That meeting prompted a letter from City Attorney James Fausone to Parkland

Ventures, the Glen Allen, Va., company that purchased Westland Meadows in August 2012.

"We reached out to the CEO. She responded and will make the necessary improvements to upgrade the property," said Adams.

Correct problems

A spokesperson for Parkland Ventures said that the company had no comment at this time except that they were working to rectify the problems at Westland Meadows.

"We are confident that we will have the problems rectified within a short time," said spokesperson said.

An ordinance sweep of the Westland Meadows resulted in the notice of more than 300 violations for overgrown weeds and grass, some broken windows and damaged skirting on mobile homes.

"They are on a short string (for corrective action). We've already sent crews out to address some items," said Adams. "They (Parkland Ventures) are full aware of the

problems and our expectations. It's the broken window syndrome and it's not acceptable."

Fausone's letter requested a meeting to discuss the issues within 21 days of the Aug. 28 letter.

Information provided recently to the Westland City Council included a letter from a resident who complained about overgrown conditions in the park encouraging insects and vermin and no winter

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Helaine Binstock of Canton reacts to spelling "plagiarism" correctly. Binstock finished the competition in second place. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Westland woman spells it out to win senior bee

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Clinching her title by correctly spelling "catalog" and "catalogue" both ways to be sure, Westland resident Linda Waara is Wayne County's top senior citizen speller.

It isn't the first time the retired teacher has topped a spelling

competition.

"I was thinking that 60 years ago in 1953, I won the district spelling bee in Detroit. I was 13 and in the eighth grade," said Waara, who was a student at the now-closed Volney-Smith School. "It was the (whole) district - it was a pretty big deal. Time really flies."

During the Spell Off for Seniors, Waara was among 18 finalists who had spelled their way into the final competition. The spelling bee was held at the Dozier Recreation Complex in Inkster, with Inkster Mayor Hilliard Hampton giving the contestants their

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Change in attorney delays hearing

Bomb threat case prelim rescheduled for Oct. 10

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

The man charged with terrorism and kidnapping after a bomb threat at Westland City Hall wanted a new defense attorney causing his preliminary examination to be delayed again.

Prior to the preliminary examination set for Thursday in Westland 18th District Court, Sean William Quigley, 37, had written a letter to defense attorney William Winters ending his representation.

"I had a discussion with Mr. Quigley regarding how to conduct his defense," Winters said. "I believe we have reached the point of irreconcilable differences on his defense. It is certainly not personal animosity."

Quigley, who has already been found competent to stand trial, agreed with Winters' description of the situation.

"It's not that we don't like each other. We don't agree on how to move forward on my defense," said Quigley, who has been in custody without bond since his arrest on May 13.

After being appointed to take over representation of Quigley, attorney David Lank-



Quigley

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Jackie Demmer (from right) joins Jack and Margaret Demmer and aunt Marianne Nelson at the unveiling of a plaque at Starfish Family Services annual honoring her grandfather.

Starfish honors Jack Demmer for his many contributions

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Jack Demmer remembers the weekend he and a few of his fellow Kiwanians painted the former school gym at Starfish Family Services in Inkster. They tackled the job with paint brushes and rollers.

Sitting in that same gym more than 20 years later, Demmer looked around and broke

into a smile.

"There may have been some beer, too," he said.

The Dearborn resident was the guest of honor at Starfish's 50th annual meeting on Thursday. He was there with his wife Margaret, daughter Marianne Nelson of Novi and granddaughter Jackie Demmer of Plymouth to unveil a plaque recognizing his contributions to the organization.

"I've been with Starfish almost since it started," said Demmer. "I bought Jack Demmer Ford in Wayne in August 1963 and soon after someone asked me if I'd like to be part of an organization that helps children and low-income families. I said absolutely, I can't turn them down."

"I was very happy I became

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Spaghetti Dinner

The Dyer Senior Center in Westland is holding its first monthly spaghetti dinner of the fall from 4-6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27. Cost: \$6.

Flower sale

With summer dwindling down, winter is right behind. But before Old Man Winter comes, why not take a moment

to plan out your flowers for the spring and help out the Ss. Simon and Jude Catholic Parish.

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snow plowing along with the removal of a long-standing manned security gate. Residents were charged \$20 for a key to unlock the security gate during off hours.

Escrow account

That resident also notified the mobile home park management that effective Sept. 1 she planned to pay her rent to an escrow account until the problems were corrected.

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ford asked for the preliminary examination to be adjourned until Oct. 10 to allow him time to review the case.

Quigley is charged with four felonies, including terrorism and kidnapping, both of which carry a sentence of up to life in prison, making a false report or threat of terrorism and making a false report or threat of a bomb/harmful device, both four-year felonies. A not guilty plea has been entered.

A mental competency examination at the Center for Forensic Psychiatry found that Quigley was competent to stand trial.

The incident which resulted in the charges occurred during the funeral for Wayne-

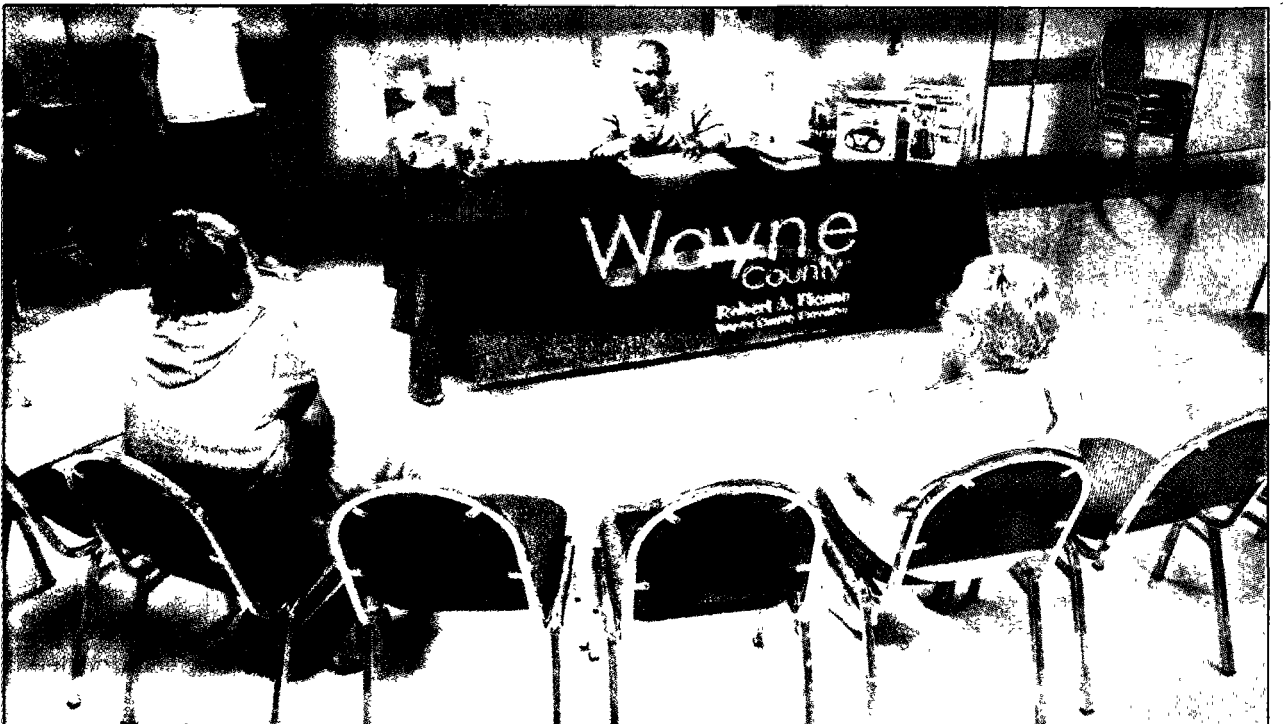
Westland Firefighter Brian Woehlke, who had been killed in the line of duty on May 8.

Described as homeless and staying around the Westland area, Quigley went to City Hall looking for Westland Mayor William Wild. Wild, along with other city staff, was attending the funeral.

Upset at not being able to see Wild, Quigley is charged with claiming he had a bomb and holding an employee hostage. About 25 other employees managed to flee.

The hostage was eventually able to escape and Quigley was reportedly taken into custody. No one was injured. The incident resulted in Ford Road being closed for several hours.

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It's down to two contestants, Linda Waara of Westland and Helaine Binstock of Canton. Inkster Mayor Hilliard Hampton gives the words for the final rounds. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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words.

"I like spelling. I used to study for spelling bees - I didn't study this time," said Waara, who taught for 41 years at Roosevelt Elementary School in the Redford Union School District. "I read a lot. If I didn't know how to spell a word, I'd look it up."

This spelling bee found Waara being eliminated for a misspelling

until she successfully challenged it. After a dictionary was consulted and she was proved right, Waara was back in the competition.

"It was exciting to win this year. After I challenged, I was right back in there. That felt good. Then I knew I would win," said Waara, who had won the county competition previously.

For her victory, Waara received a \$25 gift card from CVS Pharmacy and a toaster oven. Receiving prizes for second place and third place, respectively, were Canton residents Helaine Binstock and

Norm Kotarsch.

The Spell Off for Seniors is part of Wayne County's services to seniors that also includes the Senior Olympics events, senior picnics and the Senior Fun Fest.

For information on programs for seniors available through Wayne County, visit the Wayne County website at www.waynecounty.com and click on the Senior and Veterans Services tab.

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a part of this organization," he added.

'A vision'

Demmer's connection with Starfish dates back to the start of its predecessor Youth Living Centers and its founder, the late Ouida Cash. Demmer recalled Cash coming on board with "a vision, determination, dedication and oodles and oodles of energy."

When YLC bought the boarded-up school in Inkster in 1989 and turned into its offices and a community center, it was Cash who got Demmer and members of the Dearborn Kiwanis to refurbish the gymnasium.

But his contributions go beyond a paint job. He also served on the YLC Board of Directors and through his business has provided financial support. Last Christmas, employees at his dealerships in Wayne and Dearborn decide to do a basket raffle at their annual Christmas party to benefit Starfish.

Six baskets, one for each department, grew into 12, and the raffle raised \$6,000. The dealership matched that, bring the donation to \$12,000.

"I'm here to tell you we will be doing it again this year," he said. "You can take Jack Demmer out of Starfish, but you can't take Starfish out of Jack Demmer. You have 56 family members and 200 employees there for you."

Connections

Starfish CEO Ann Kalass thanked Demmer for his many years of helping to build connections for and with the agency.

"We're so grateful to have someone who is a leader and has a vision and a belief in what we are," Kalass said. "You have been a great part of helping get us to where we are today. You've always been there for us, helping us, not just as a donor but in connecting us with other donors."

"You helped build connections with the organization and helped us connect with organizations like the Detroit Auto Dealers Association," she added.



Guests watch as Jack Demmer (left) and Ron Sollish, chairman of the Starfish Board of Directors, uncover the plaque honoring Demmer's contributions to the agency.

Starfish board member Dennis Pheny described Demmer as a source of institutional memory about the Starfish organization.

"When you listen, you see that what's going on today and what we've achieved is through Jack and people like him," he said. "He was someone you could lean on and get financial help. We have achieved a great deal that wouldn't be possible without the resources of Jack and people like him."

"You quietly went around and influenced your friends to assist Starfish, and we are everlastingly in your debt," he said.

Demmer admitted he never expected to receive the recognition, and as if in response to Kalass' comment that she learned something more about Starfish each time she met with him, he read from a 1999 letter from Cash about the agency receiving a Torch Leadership Grant. In the letter, Cash pointed out that the "little agency you're proud of what it is becoming."

Also congratulating Demmer was former Wayne County Commissioner Kay Beard who like Demmer served on the YLC board.

"It's wonderful to see how this organization has grown through the years," she said.

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ANNUAL MEETING

Inkster-based Starfish Family Services, a nonprofit organization dedicated to creating brighter futures for the children of at-risk families in metropolitan Detroit, announced today the results of its annual meeting with its Board of Directors.

Two new members were elected to the Starfish Board of Directors - Marcia Nunn of Nopthville, an attorney who worked for over 30 years in the Office of the General Counsel at Ford Motor Company, and Carla Burney Jones of Southfield, Chief Compliance Officer and Director of Financial Reporting at Lear Corporation.

New board officers also were elected. They are: Chairman - Ron Sollish of Huntington Woods and a partner at the law firm of Maddin, Hauser, Wartell, Roth & Heller, P.C.

Vice Chairman - Boyd Pethel of Birmingham, senior vice president of commercial banking at PNC Bank. Treasurer - Rebecca Boylan of Ann Arbor, philanthropist and former finance executive at various local companies.

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State Rep. Phil Cavanaugh, D-Redford, put Westland resident Velda Nasal together with a contractor who built a wheelchair ramp at her home.

New ramp allows woman to return home

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Having spent three months hospitalized, Westland resident Velda Nasal was finally able to return home earlier this month thanks to a new wheelchair ramp at her house.

"It's exciting. I can get in and out to rehab," said Nasal, 56, who is recovering from a June leg amputation.

The ramp, which was being completed last week, was added to Nasal's home on Oregon thanks to help from State Rep. Phil Cavanaugh, D-Redford, and contractor John Cook.

With her Medicaid coverage running out, the disabled former machinist couldn't afford to stay at a Heartland Rehabilitation Cen-

ter but also wasn't able to get into her home which required using stairs.

"I put a jug on the counter at the party story by my apartment to help collect money for a ramp," said Dee Landstra, Nasal's sister.

While she was in the party store, located on Warren Road in Westland, Landstra talked to Cavanaugh aide Celeste Lehman.

"I was lucky that the store owner let me put out the jug and that he asked Celeste if there was anything she could do to help. It was really nice of him," said Landstra, who also lives in Westland. "I had called the Salvation Army, Amputees of America and United Way. My sister emailed the mayor's office and the fire

department. We didn't hear back."

Cavanaugh was able to identify a contractor, John Cook, who agreed to build the ramp for free. Cook is founder and executive director of The Really Living Foundation, an area non-profit, which built the ramp.

A dialysis patient related to diabetes, Nasal had a diabetic ulcer that resulted in leg amputation below the knee. An infection resulted in further amputation above the knee.

"I'm proud of her. She's getting around good," said Landstra, who like her sister is a lifelong Westland resident.

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State Rep. Knezek hosts education town hall

State Rep. David Knezek, D-Dearborn Heights, will have a member of the state Board of Education at a town hall meeting on education, planned for 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19, at the Riverside Middle School Library, 25900 Warren Road in Dearborn Heights.

John Austin, state school board president, will give his "Michigan Dream Restored" presentation at the meeting.

"Education is one of my top priorities as a state representative," said Knezek whose 11th

House District includes Garden City, Inkster and portions of Westland, Livonia and Dearborn Heights. "With so many changes coming out of Lansing, I wanted to continue my outreach to the community in an effort to keep everyone informed."

"This is also a rare opportunity to hear from experts in early childhood, K-12, and higher education. We owe it to our children to identify the problems in our state's education system and then determine how we solve those problems together,

as a community," he said.

Knezek and Austin also will be joined by Stanley Henderson, vice chancellor at the University of Michigan-Dearborn; Dr. Michelle Cline, superintendent of Garden City Public Schools; and Ann Kallas, CEO of Starfish Family Services, for an open dialog with those in attendance.

Parents, students, teachers, support staff, administrators and concerned citizens are welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

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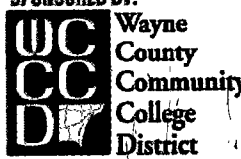
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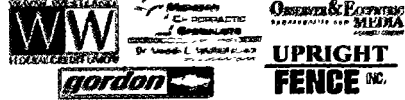
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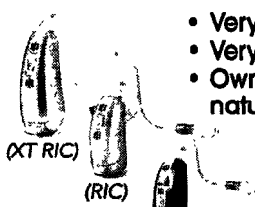
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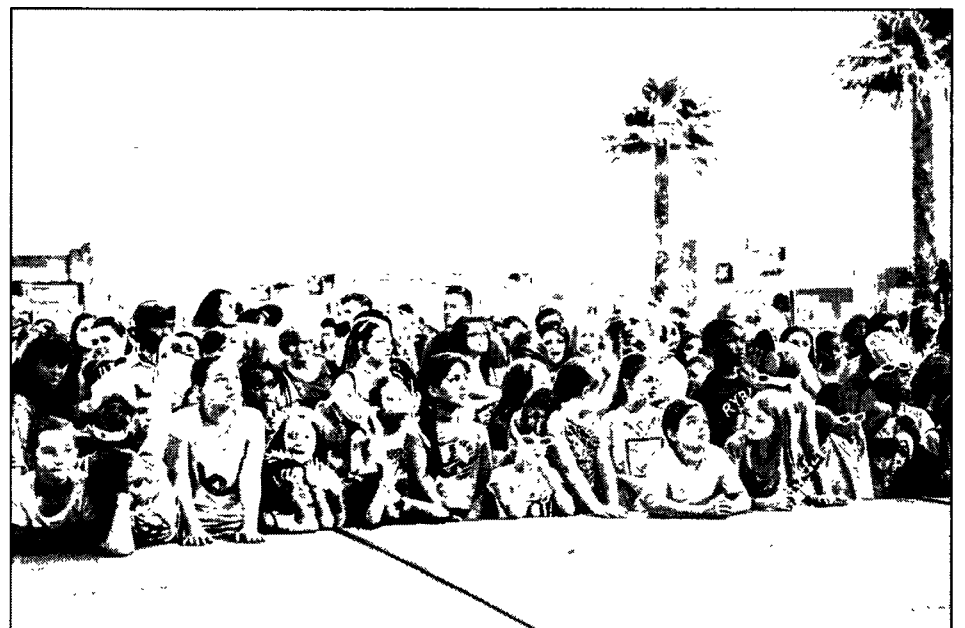


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Five-year-old Allison Jones and her mom Jennifer of Redford watch as kids try to get picked for the next contest.



Youngsters surround the stage as they wait to be picked for a contest on one of many topics, such as Internet safety. ALL PHOTOS BY TOM BEAUDOIN

Wayne-Westland rocks into new school year

The crowd may not have been as large as in previous years, but the enthusiasm was plentiful as the Wayne-Westland Community Schools partnered with Radio Disney and Westland Shopping Center for its fifth annual Back to School Celebration.

Kids, tweens and their families packed the East Court of Westland Shopping Center last Saturday for a three-hour event highlighting the school district and featuring Chrissie Fit, who played CheeChee in the Disney Channel's *Teen Beach Movie*.

"There weren't as many people, but it was later this year," said Paul Salah, deputy superintendent for instruction. "But it's still good exposure for the district."

There event was geared for students of all ages - from preschool to high school - with activ-



The faculty and students in the culinary arts program at Wayne-Westland's William D. Ford Career-Technical Center provided fresh baked cookies and brownies for crowd at Radio Disney's Back to School event.

ities and information about the district and its programs. There also was something for the sweet tooth provided by Chef Tony Paquette, culinary arts instructor for the William D. Ford Career Technical Center, and his students.

There also were contests for the kids and performances by the Wayne Memorial High School JROTC and cheer-

leaders and John Glenn High School Marching Band. Kids also had a chance to win an authentic surfboard from the *Teen Beach Movie*.

Radio Disney has been worked with district on several projects, including two Rockin' Dance Party Open Houses at Hicks and Walker-Winter Elementary Schools this past spring.

- By Sue Mason

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And it doesn't go away on graduation day. Wayne Memorial High School alumni have a tradition of giving back to their alma mater. A case in point: Richard Helppie, a 1974 graduate, entrepreneur and philanthropist, is the financial support behind the Champions of Wayne program.

Champions is an innovative and unique educational program for students that involves adult mentoring, customized academic goals and financial incentives. Helppie has donated \$310,000 to Champions of Wayne since he was brought on board in 2009.

"Champions of Wayne has played a role in making a positive change in the culture at Wayne Memorial High School. It has been rewarding to see students strive for academic achievement," Helppie said. "If we can be successful in broadening our base of support to the greater community, we will be able to elevate the program even further."

"The Champions of Wayne Program has really gotten the attention of students and it is contagious," said Wayne-Westland School Superintendent Greg Baracy. "Students are participating in a program that they find exciting, rewarding, goal oriented, and provides interaction with adult mentors that help guide and support them in reaching new levels of success. This is a great program for Wayne Memorial students and the community."

In the beginning

Champions began in 2008 with a group of 50 students



Entrepreneur and Wayne Memorial graduate attends the end-of-the-semester banquets to present checks to students who have met their academic goals. CHAMPIONSOFWAYNE.ORG

and a handful of mentors who wanted to help them set and achieve their goals. Today there are 550 students and 130 mentors. Once a student and mentor are paired, an academic goal is set for the semester. The mentor guides the student and, if the goal is met, students are invited to an end-of-semester banquet where they receive a \$200 check.

More than 2,000 students have participated in the Champions program and nearly two-thirds of participating students have shown an increase in their academic achievement. The program, in part has improved the percentage of students completing the ninth-grade which has doubled since 2009.

But the program is about more than just academic improvements. The mentors do more than just make sure students complete their homework or score well on a test. The Champions program is creating a supportive and safe environment for students while helping them

gain confidence in themselves.

"If my Champion (David Daigneau) wasn't around, I probably would have dropped out of high school. He gets excited when I do well, I can tell he is proud of me," said Miranda Taylor, a former Champion student and member of the Class of 2013.

"In middle school, I lived in a homeless shelter and was unmotivated. Last year, I stayed after school with my Champion every day after school," said Aaron Journey. "I achieved my goal of a 2.5 GPA. This year, my goal is a 3.0 and I plan on making it happen."

"No one can force an education on you, you have to want it. Now, I know I want it," said Anissa Forbes, Class of 2012.

Next objective

"Our next objective is to create enough capacity with Champions of Wayne so that all students who are eligible might participate. We have some exciting ideas about

increasing the employability of graduates and in supporting those that go on to higher education," Helppie said.

It is Helppie's intention for the Champions program to be a catalyst to the entire community.

It could "play a role in the strengthening of the cities that students reside in," he added.

Alumni continue to give back. Recently 1984 graduate and local businessman Jeff Styers offered support to the program with a generous donation.

Now Champions of Wayne is sponsoring the Midwest movie premier of Infiltrators at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 28, at the State Wayne Theater, 35310 W. Michigan Ave. in Wayne. The movie, which recently premiered in Cannes and in Dallas, includes WMHS alum and Tony Award winner Greg Jbara. It was produced by another WMHS alum, Sally Helppie.

The proceeds from the fundraiser will be used by the Champions program to take their goal-oriented program to the next level, including the possibility of increased job-ready skill training, and possibly the addition of college scholarship money.

Tickets for the premiere are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Tickets can be purchased online at championsofwayne.org or at the box office.

"It seems that people choose where to live based on employment, education and or entertainment," said Helppie. "If Champions of Wayne is successful in our greater vision, certainly that would provide an incentive for those choosing their residence based on the quality of education."

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE BRIEFS

New fall classes

In response to student demand, Schoolcraft continues to add sections of popular courses for the Fall 2013 semester. The 12-week sections begin Wednesday, Sept. 18. Students can check the course schedules page for updated information on course availability.

Anatomy and physiology, English and history are examples of recently added course sections. Decisions to add are based on the continual monitoring of student course demand.

While the official start of 15-week classes was Aug. 28, Schoolcraft has reshaped the semester to make it more flexible for busy students. There are the 12-week classes, starting Sept. 18, seven-week classes starting Oct. 23, and Open Entry/Open Exit classes, which are open for registration until Oct. 20.

Revisiting Watergate

Dr. Alec Thomson, associate professor of political science and history, will discuss the constitutional crisis that the Watergate Scandal of 40 years ago created for the United States at 11 a.m. Thursday Sept. 19, in the VisTaTech Center.

"While many Americans are well-versed in the events surrounding the scandal itself, a deeper exploration of the events and people involved in the scandal can provide meaningful insights into our Constitution," said Thomson.

Constitution Day is a federal observance that recognizes the adoption of the United States Constitution in 1787. Each year the faculty of Schoolcraft College's political science and history departments host an event for students, faculty, staff and the community to raise awareness and appreciation of the Constitution, which established America's national government and fundamental laws and guaranteed certain basic rights to its citizens.

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Anderson introduces bills to combat human trafficking

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, has introduced five bills that seek to more heavily punish those convicted of human trafficking, as well as raise awareness throughout the state. The legislation is the result of months of work and collaboration.



Anderson

According to Anderson, the bills came about after passage a resolution that he introduced in January proclaiming the month to be Human Trafficking Awareness

Month. He was approached by several legislators who expressed interest in working on further legislation to address human trafficking in Michigan. A group of senators from both sides of the aisle came together to brainstorm what steps that the Legislature could take to reduce and ultimately eradicate human trafficking in our state, he said.

"The bills that I am introducing today represent my part in this greater effort," Anderson said. "I appreciate all those legislators on both sides of the aisle who provided input in addressing this very serious problem in Michigan. The Polaris Project, which has been fighting this crime across the country, was extremely helpful in shaping this legislation."

The bipartisan coalition of state senators working on this issue includes Judy Emmons, R-Sheridan; Anderson, John Proos, R-St. Joseph; Rebekah Warren, D-Ann Arbor; Tory Rocca, R-Sterling Heights; Mike Nofs, R-Battle Creek; Mark Jansen, R-Gaines Township; Tonya Schuitmaker, R-Lawton; Dave Hildebrand, R-Lowell; and Rick Jones, R-Grand Ledge.

The issue of human trafficking in Michigan has been gaining increased attention in the last several years and, as re-

cently as late July, the issue was put into the spotlight in Michigan after the FBI conducted an investigation in southeast Michigan that resulted in the arrests of 59 people associated with human trafficking.

Regarding Michigan's legal sufficiency to address human trafficking, the state has been ranked as 39th in the country by The Polaris Project, a non-profit organization whose mission is to fight human trafficking and modern-day slavery through the establishment of stronger federal and state laws.

Anderson's bills seek to:

- » Create a Human Trafficking Prevention fund and a State Human Trafficking Hotline, to be administered by the Michigan State Police.

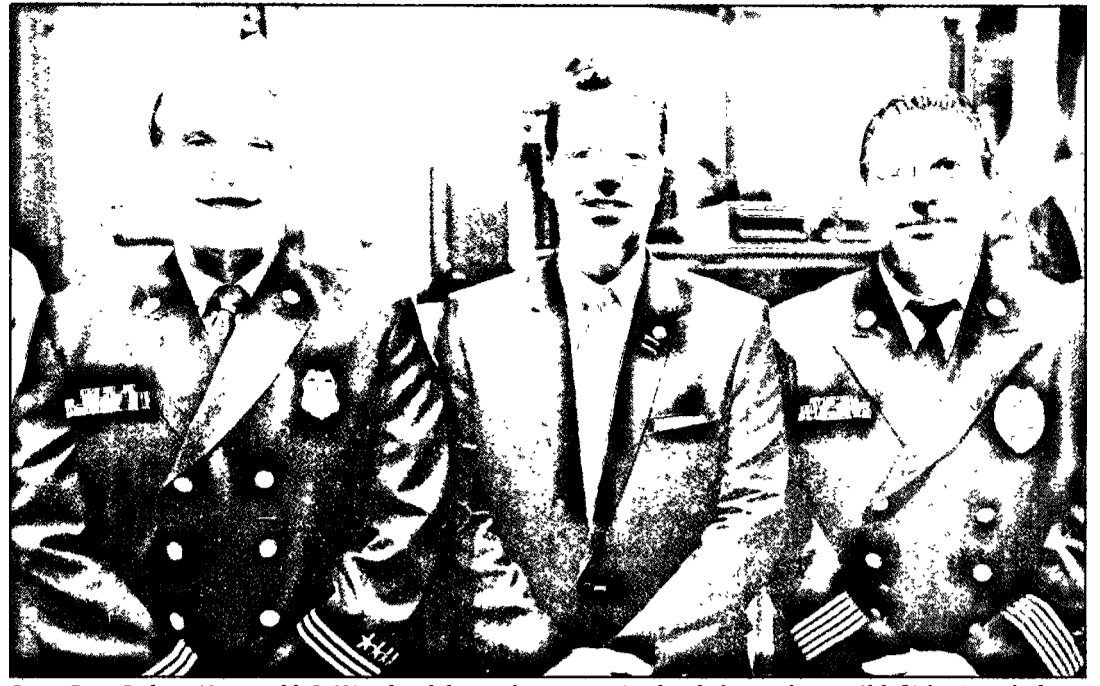
- » Allow for assets seized during human trafficking related arrests and convictions to be forfeited and dispersed to the Human Trafficking Prevention fund, the Crime Victims fund and local law enforcement for training and enforcement of human trafficking laws.

- » Criminalize the failure to report knowledge of human trafficking activities.

- » Add convicted human traffickers to the Sex Offenders Registry and enhance the penalties for those crimes committed against minors.

- » Create a testimony shield for victims of trafficking so their conduct committed while being trafficked cannot be used to impugn their credibility as a witness against their trafficker(s).

"I believe that these bills will give our state's law enforcement the tools that they need to more easily put a stop to these vile crimes," Anderson said. "These bills are not controversial and I fully expect that they will pass easily, especially given the bipartisan nature by which they were created."



State Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland, hosted Wayne-Westland Fire Assistant Chief/Fire Marshal John Adams (left) and Fire Chief Michael Reddy at the Capital for a 9/11 memorial and first responders recognition.

First responders honored in Lansing at 9/11 ceremony

Rep. Robert L. Kosowski, D-Westland, hosted Wayne-Westland Fire Chief Michael Reddy and Assistant Chief/Fire Marshal John Adams at a ceremony at the state Capitol remembering the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. The event honored the memory of those who lost their lives in the attack and the first responders who

stand ready to help their neighbors in any emergency.

In addition, Kosowski joined two other legislators in remembering the sacrifice of Wayne-Westland firefighter Brian Woehlke, who gave his life in the line of duty earlier this year.

"We all remember the bravery of New York first responders on 9/11, but police

officers and firefighters continue to give their lives in service to their communities," Kosowski said. "Firefighters like Chief Michael Reddy and Assistant Chief John Adams are always ready to give everything they've got to protect their neighbors, and they deserve our utmost gratitude and respect."

Culinary Extravaganza benefits Schoolcraft scholarship program

More than 30 area restaurants, pastry shops and beverage vendors from throughout southeast Michigan will be on hand 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 22, at the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia for the 22nd annual Culinary Extravaganza event hosted by the Schoolcraft College Foundation.

Tickets are \$50 per person (\$20 of which is tax-deductible) and proceeds benefit the Foundation's scholarship program for students.

Attendees of Culinary Extravaganza will not only enjoy a delightful afternoon tasting some of the finest culinary delicacies in the area, they can join Schoolcraft College's own Certified Master Chef Jeff Gabriel and expert vintner Lee Hershey as they share their expertise on wholesome healthy food and wine accompaniments. The event also features a silent auction featuring sporting events packages, getaways, fine dining, gift baskets and more. Raffle

tickets (\$5 each or three for \$10) can be purchased for a chance to win cash prizes or dinner for two at the American Harvest.

More information about the event, including a current listing of participating restaurants, pastry shops and beverage vendors and how to purchase tickets, can be found in the Foundation area of the college's website, www.schoolcraft.edu, or by calling 734-462-4689.

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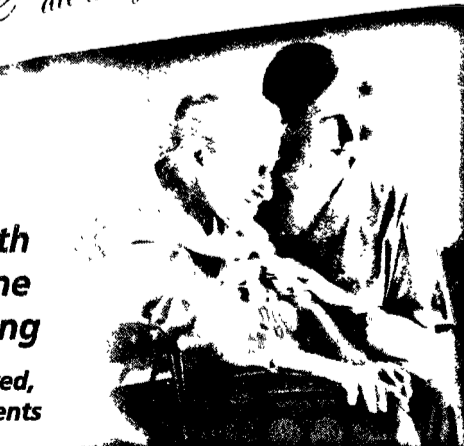
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GARDEN CLIPPINGS

Football tickets

The Garden City Rotary Club is selling tickets for its UM-Ohio / State Football Fund Raiser. The fundraiser provides funding to support the many club activities of the club.

Tickets are \$10 each or three for \$20. First prize is two tickets to the game on Nov. 30, at UM Stadium and hotel accommodations for Nov. 29-30 at the Holiday Inn Express- Ann Arbor.

There also is a second prize of \$500 cash and a third prize of \$300.

Tickets are available from Rotary club members. The drawing will be at 1 p.m. Nov. 21 at Amantea Restaurant in Garden City.

Test drive benefit

Take a free test-drive of a new Ford vehicle and Ford Motor Company will donate \$25 per drive up to \$6,000 to Garden City High School's Project Graduation.

The test drive will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, at Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt, Garden City. The time required to participate is approximately 15-20 minutes, and the more people who drive, the more earned for Project Graduation.

Golf outing

Garden City High School Project Graduation is holding its second annual golf outing Saturday, Sept. 21, at the Gateway Golf Club in Romulus.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. for the four-person golf outing that has a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. The cost is \$80 per person or \$320 per foursome and includes hot dog, drink and chips on the turn, a 2:30 p.m. banquet dinner, prizes and raffles.

There also will be a Skins Contest - \$5 per person or \$20 per team.

Contact Holly Maszatics, GCHS Project Graduation, 6500 Middlebelt, Garden City, MI 48135-2129, or call 734-516-3652.

Zumba class

Zumba fitness is back at Merriman Road Baptist Church, on Merriman just south of Ford, Garden City. The class is for women age 18 and older. Class time is 8-9 p.m. Thursdays through Oct. 24. Registration begins at 7:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the Girlfriends of Grace Ministry at Merriman Road Baptist Church, the class will be held on Thursdays at the church. Donations will be taken at the door to cover the cost of the instructor.

For more information, call 734-421-0472.

Community action campaign gets attention

Wayne Metro's new billboards and slogan, "Little Lives, Big Dreams" campaign is creating quite a buzz. The tagline that reads, "Where parents are heroes and kids are super learners," is drawing attention and really hitting home for many metro Detroiters.

The giant roadside signs located in Redford and Highland Park has quickly become a conversation piece and the community is rallying around it. Callers are reaching out to the agency just to say that the bright colors and super hero theme helped lift their spirit.

Wayne Metro recently expanded its original early learning program hub on the east-side of Wayne County into western Wayne with the addition of 10 Head Start and Great Start Readiness sites located in Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City and Redford. The expansion has added more than 650 children ages 3-5 and their families to Wayne Metro's growing client base.

In the wake of last week's announcement that Governor Rick Snyder will ask for an additional \$65 million in state funding for early learning programs, Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency is doing its part to help build awareness and support. National research and Wayne Metro outcomes data continues to show that a child's success in school and in life can be tied directly to brain development and socialization within those first 3-5 formative years.

Critical years
"Study after study tells us



Wayne Metro has located one of its new billboards, "Little Lives, Big Dreams" can be seen in Redford Township.

that those early years so critical," said Wayne Metro Head Start Director Teresa Harrington. "The more we invest in early education, the greater the chances a child will grow up with the tools and confidence to reach his or her full potential in life."

In the spring of 2013, Wayne Metro was selected by Wayne County Health and Human Services to be the interim provider of the western Wayne early learning programs when the previous provider was unable to continue delivering services.

To ensure continuity and avoid disruption in vital ser-

vices to children, the agency conducted a Herculean recruitment and hiring effort in late April, bringing on 102 staff and 650 families into the Wayne Metro family. With less than six weeks left in the school year, the agency's staff was able to keep the classroom doors open, allowing the children to finish out the school year as planned.

"Wayne Metro Head Start looks at each of those 1,047 little lives holistically so that they and their families are set up for long-term success," said Wayne Metro CEO Louis Piszker. "Every child, family, and individual we help is unique and we encourage them to participate in

designing their own personalized service plan - one that fits their specific needs. And we are seeing very positive results."

Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency is the Community Action Agency serving all of Wayne County, including the City of Detroit. It has more than 50 integrated programs, including educational, housing, financial, health-care and basic needs services to individuals, families and children and has more 20 sites, including one in Westland.

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Among programs applicable to the 50 plus population are:
 » Conversation and Coffee lecture series. This semester's topics include Worldview and Religion: East Meets West and Great Lakes Shipwrecks: Exploring Underwater Treasures
 » Computer classes that will increase computer knowledge and provide skills to work confidently with tech-

nology, software and the new social mediums so students can better communicate with kids and grandchildren.

» A variety of culinary seminars that teach individuals how to make healthy food choices.

» Physical fitness classes that focus on specific exercises for arthritis, range of motion, flexibility, endurance, strength, balance and relaxation.

» Dance including Ballroom, Line Dancing, Latin, Swing, and others

» Adult aquatics that are low impact, yet gets the blood flowing.

» Art classes for ceramics, drawing, painting and photography.

For more information, go online to www.schoolcraft.edu. Schoolcraft College offers classes at its main campus on Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile in Livonia, the Radcliff Center in Garden City and the Public Safety Training Complex in Livonia.

Collaboration makes book on teen boys insightful

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

In the spring of 2011, educator and author Rosalind Wiseman was in a Cartoon Network meeting to discuss an anti-bullying campaign. A participant said she had "boys in her eyes."

Wiseman, a Boulder, Colo., resident, will speak at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18, at the Marquis Theatre in downtown Northville on her new book, *Masterminds & Wingmen: Helping Our Boys Cope with Schoolyard Power, Locker-Room Tests, Girlfriends, and the New Rules of Boy World* (Harmony Books/Random House).

"I laughed," the mother of two sons, ages 10 and 12, said of that Cartoon Network meeting. "I felt revealed. The bloom is off the rose, as it were. It's funny that people can see it on you."

Wiseman, with 20 years of experience as an educator, earlier wrote, *Queen Bees and Wannabes: Helping Your*



Author and educator Rosalind Wiseman.

around him. It really depends on the kids."

More affluent communities aren't immune from social pressures. "Every community has its challenges, regardless of how much money there is," Wiseman said. There are "haves" and "have-nots" in even the best-intentioned school.

Her *Queen Bees and Wannabes* helped girls and their families. "I'm hoping this helps to change the conversation we have about boys," she said of the new book.

Firsthand view

Wiseman said some will ask, "Why does she have the right to talk about boys?" Her boy editors made the book an accurate, collaborative project.

"Boys are emotional," said Wiseman, who also wrote a companion book to help teen boys. "They just show it differently."

She wants boys to express what they're thinking and feeling "and be proud of themselves. Boys' emotional lives are at risk. We as a community face the consequences of that. The stakes are really high and we've got to be able to reach them as they want to be reached."

Parents need to take ownership when they and their children make mistakes. "That's what makes communities strong," Wiseman said. "They can take ownership when it's hard."

Sue Campbell, director of Northville Youth Assistance, said no tickets are required for the Marquis Theatre presentation, although donations to NYA are welcome. "I do expect really good turnout," Campbell said of the theater, which seats 450 to 500.

Daughter Survive Cliques, Gossip, Boyfriends, and the New Realities of Girl World, which became the basis for the *Mean Girls* movie. On *Masterminds & Wingmen*, published Sept. 10, she worked with about 160 boy editors in middle school and high school, along with some 40 girls and men in their 20s. The young students ranged from fourth to 12th grade.

She's looking forward to her Northville visit, hosted by Northville Youth Assistance.

"It was such a great community," said Wiseman, who has spoken in Northville several previous times. "I wanted to come back." She has a friend who used to live in Northville.

Wiseman was also pleased to see The Next Chapter Bookstore & Bistro in downtown

Northville: "It's refreshing to find bookstores opening up," she said. She was also impressed with local educators.

"I wanted to support it however I could," she said of the community and region.

What boys need

In *Masterminds & Wingmen*, Wiseman writes boys need meaningful relationships, freedom to pursue what interests and challenges them, a feeling of belonging and social connection and a sense that they're contributing to something larger than themselves.

Size of a school can make a difference, Wiseman and her boy editors found.

She said high school isn't necessarily better for boys than middle school: "It really depends on the boy and the support he's getting

CITY OF WESTLAND INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI 48186, on **September 24th, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.** (no exceptions will be made for late filings) for the following:

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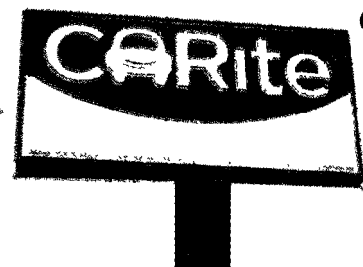
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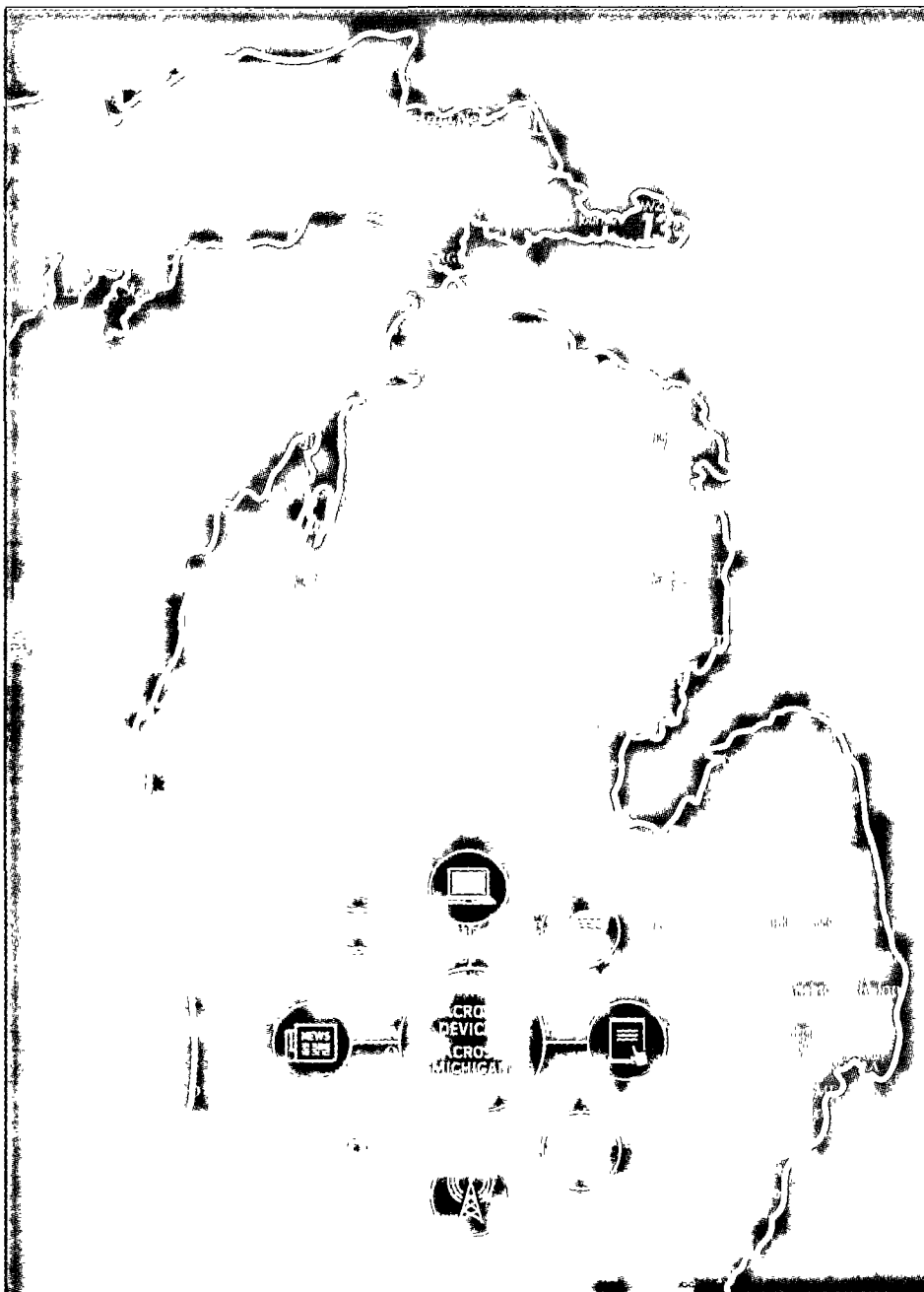
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U.S. and Middle East: Not so new involvement

Tensions are running high around the world with all eyes on Syria. Each day, we hear news updates on possible U.S. military intervention, peace talks, chemical weapons bans – the list goes on. While the current conflict is centered around the Syria and its civil war, the Middle East as a whole is one of the most complex and important regions in the world. Any actions and events that take place there create huge ripple effects around the globe.

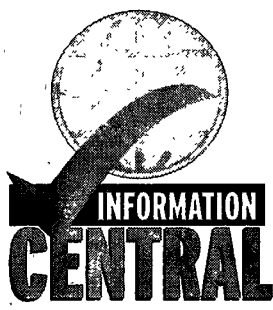
The Middle East has long been volatile. Crises and conflicts are always popping up, but this is nothing new. To gain greater understanding of the current importance of the area, we would need to go back centuries, starting with the Roman and Persian empires, to see where its history and cultures began.

Three religions and many civilizations began in the Middle East. For a quick introduction of the most "need to know" information, Melissa Rossi's *What Every American Should Know About The Middle East* is a great place to start. Once you've got a handle on the fast facts, *The Middle East: A Brief History of the Last 2,000 Years* gets more in depth.

U.S. involvement is also not new. America's interest in the Middle East stretches much further back than only being about oil. Starting with the Barbary Wars in the early 1800s, our country has sailed the Atlantic Ocean to protect economic and political interests. The best book on this subject is *Power, Faith, and Fantasy: America in the Middle East 1776 to the Present* by Michael B. Oren. For a stronger focus on the more current policy, there's Noam Chomsky's *Perilous Power: The Middle East and U.S. Foreign Policy*.

To check out these books and many others about the Middle East, swing by the Westland Public Library. We are now open seven days a week so stop in anytime to see what we have on our shelves. You can also check our online catalog at www.westlandlibrary.org or call the Reference Desk at 734-326-6123 for further information.

HIGHLIGHTED ACTIVITIES
New program for children – **Rhythm & Rock Time**, 1:30-2 p.m. Sept. 15, Ages 1-5: Sing, play and move along with your child! Your little one's natural rhythm will shine in this interactive music program for children with a caregiver. This program will be conducted every Sunday during September. Join us for one, two, three or all four sessions. No sign up required, **Adult Book Discussion Group**, 7 p.m. Sept. 18: In Tim Rob Smith's debut novel *Child 44: A Novel*, Leo Demidov wants nothing more than to be loyal to his country. Having served in the war and worked for the government in the past, he understands and agrees with how the Soviet Union is run in 1953. When children go missing and are later discovered dead – murdered – Demidov rethinks his dedication to his country. The police department and governmental officials are ignoring the murders and claiming that they were accidents, or random acts of violence. Though they are



on their own, with little aid from their family and friends, Demidov and Raisa begin their own investigation into the murders. Gathering evidence is easy. The real challenge lies in convincing the government that a killer exists and that they must do something to stop the murders. Limited number of copies will be available at the Reference Desk.

eReader and Tablet Support Group, 2-4 Sept. 19: Do you have an eReader or Tablet? Want to learn more about it? Stop in to meet with other users, share your expertise, or learn some tips and tricks for getting the most out of your device. An eReader/ Tablet expert will be on hand to answer the difficult questions. No sign up required.

Friends of the Library Preview Book Sales, 3-6 p.m. Sept. 19: The Preview Sale is a chance for members of the Friends of the Library (or those who wish to join) to get first pick in this month's book sale. The Book Sale will be open to the general public for the next three days.

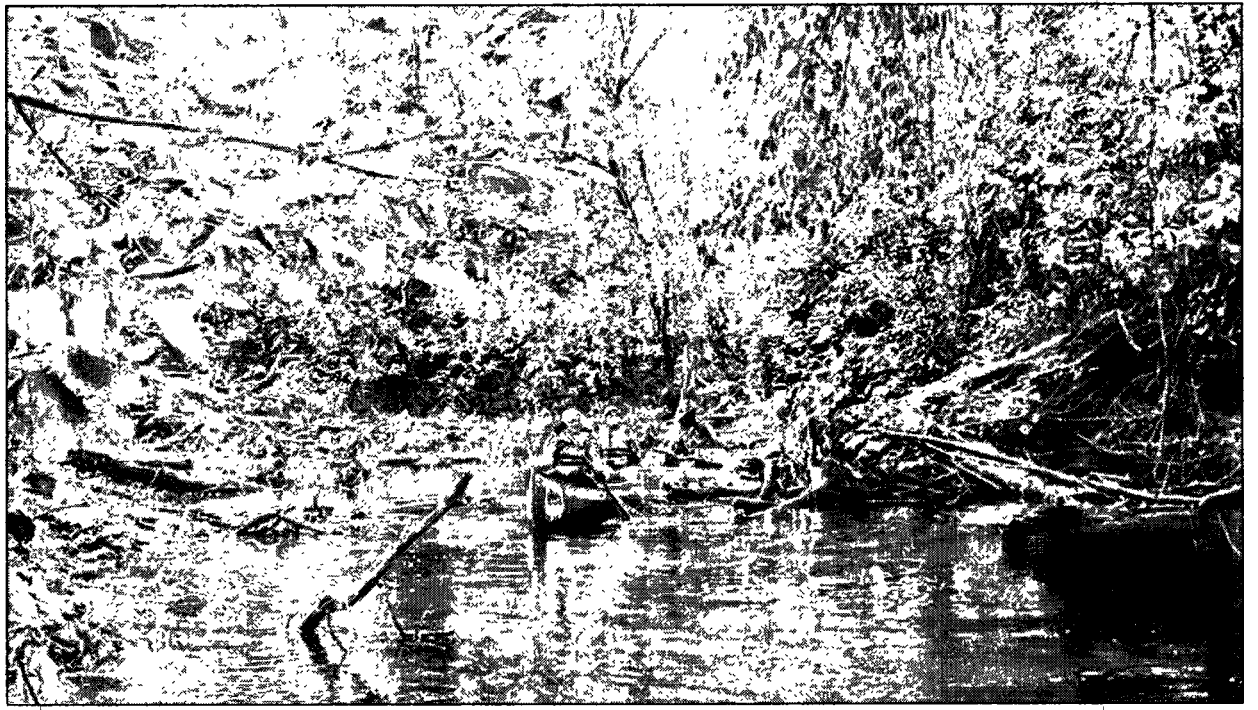
Friends of the Library Public Book Sale, 10 a.m. to 4 Sept. 20-21, noon-3 p.m. Sept. 22: Great prices for great books. All proceeds go to the library.

ESL (English as a Second Language) Class and Friday Night Movie will not be held this week, so the Friends of the Library may conduct their quarterly Book Sale. Both programs will be back, Friday, Sept. 27. **Kindergarten Book Club**, 2 p.m. Sept. 21: Join us as we read Nancy Carlson's book, *Look Out Kindergarten, Here I Come!*, talk about what we have read, and do a lot of other fun, book-related activities. Register for this program online, at the Youth Services Desk or by calling 734-326-6123.

Using Gmail, (part of our Internet Special Topics Classes), 7 p.m. Sept. 23: If you have a Gmail address and would like to become more comfortable using it, this is the class for you. We will practice performing basic and intermediate tasks like sending an email, attaching documents, downloading files, searching your inbox, and creating and managing filters and labels.

Job Seekers Lab, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays, 5-8 p.m. Wednesdays and 1-4 p.m. Fridays: Have a question regarding formatting your resume, setting up an e-mail account, attaching your resume to an online application, searching for a job, or any other job-related activity? Stop by the library, where computers are set up specifically for job seekers. A librarian will be available to help. Drop in. No reservation needed.

Information Central was compiled by Andrea Pérez, homebound delivery coordinator. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123 or go online to westlandlibrary.org.



On Saturday, Oct. 12, Friends of the Rouge will partner with Heavner Canoe Rental to offer a trip following the Lower Branch within the city of Wayne. FRIENDS OF THE ROUGE

Paddle the Rouge River with Friends of the Rouge

There will be two opportunities to paddle on the Rouge River. The tours are being organized by Friends of the Rouge in conjunction with two local liveries. The two tours offer contrasting perspectives on this recovering urban river.

On Saturday, Sept. 21, Friends of the Rouge partners with Riverside Kayak Connection on a tour that highlights the river's industrial past. Beginning in Melvindale, paddlers are dwarfed by industry as they cruise past the Ford Rouge complex, awed by history as they pass under historical suspension bridges, surprised by the great blue herons and kingfishers that still frequent the area

and always on the watch for the occasional freighter that makes its way up the river.

On Saturday, Oct. 12, Friends of the Rouge partners with Heavner Canoe Rental to offer a trip that feels like an up north paddle. Following the Lower Branch within the city of Wayne, paddlers are surrounded by a surprisingly healthy forest with towering cottonwoods, several steep riverbanks and even a bit of whitewater to negotiate.

This year's paddle is part of Rouge-A-Palooza, a river celebration taking place in Wayne's Goudy Park.

Both tours are limited to experienced paddlers due to water

quality concerns.

To sign up for the Sept. 21 Kayak Tour, contact Riverside Kayak Connection at 734-285-2925. The cost is \$45, including a kayak, or \$20 to bring your own. Both include shuttle and lunch.

To sign up for the Oct 12 paddle, contact FOTR at 313-792-9621 or spetrella@therouge.org. The cost is \$35 per canoe or \$10 to bring your own.

The Rouge River covers 466 square miles in three counties and 42 communities in metropolitan Detroit. Friends of the Rouge is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization dedicated to promoting restoration and stewardship of the Rouge River.

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Youth bounces back after kidney transplant

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Jared Petzold never really thought of himself as small, even though a year ago he was only about the size of his 6-year-old brother.

But 12-year-old Jared, now in his mom's words "about a foot taller" than he was a year ago, walked into Pioneer Middle School in Plymouth Township at the start of the school year feeling as big as can be.

Jared missed basically all of last school year - which would have been his first as a middle schooler - as he battled kidney disease and, ultimately, underwent a kidney transplant that saved his life.

"I was excited," Jared said. "I knew I could see my friends a lot."

A lot more than he had been, anyway. Born with

acute kidney failure, Jared lived most of his first month in the hospital. He's taken a lot of medication and "spent a lot of his babyhood in the hospital," said his mom, Kristy Petzold.

Jared, the middle of Canton residents Jeremy and Kristy Petzold's three sons (the others are 15-year-old Ethan and 6-year-old Gavin), saw his kidney function decrease as he aged, though he was still doing better - "They told us he'd be on dialysis within a year, but he made it to 11," Jeremy said - than doctors had originally thought.

According to Jeremy, Jared "ran around like a normal" kid for a while, but his activity diminished as his kidney function slowed.

"I was sad for him," Kristy says now. "It's hard on a kid."

According to his par-

ents, the disease didn't slow Jared much until early 2011. With his kidney function dropping fairly steadily - it fell to about 12 percent by the time he had surgery, according to Kristy - doctors started preparing the family for the need for a transplant.

Early testing had already told them Jeremy was a match, though Jeremy himself had some health issues to take care of before doctors would allow him to donate a kidney. He took care of them, dropped some weight in the process and the transplant happened in August 2012.

There was never any question Jeremy would donate the organ.

"As soon as I found out I could do it, I said, 'Let's do it,'" he said. "I thought they were moving too slow."

Not that he was without reservation about the surgery itself. The picture of health all his life, Jeremy had never had any sort of surgery and so wasn't sure what to expect. He wasn't scared - until he got into the operating room.

"I've never had surgery, so I had no idea what it would feel like," said Jeremy, who works in IT for Oakwood Hospital. "I didn't think I'd be anxious, but I got in there and I could feel it."

Both patients came through the surgery, then had slight struggles immediately following it, for different reasons. Jared contracted what his mom, a pediatric nurse, called "a really bad fungal infection" that mirrored the symptoms of rejection.

"But he got through it," she said.

Jeremy's issue was a little more ... self-inflicted.

"Right after the surgery, I pushed myself a little too hard," he said, smiling. "I didn't realize



Mom Kristy Petzold with her son Jared, who received a kidney transplant in August 2012.

how exhausted I would be."

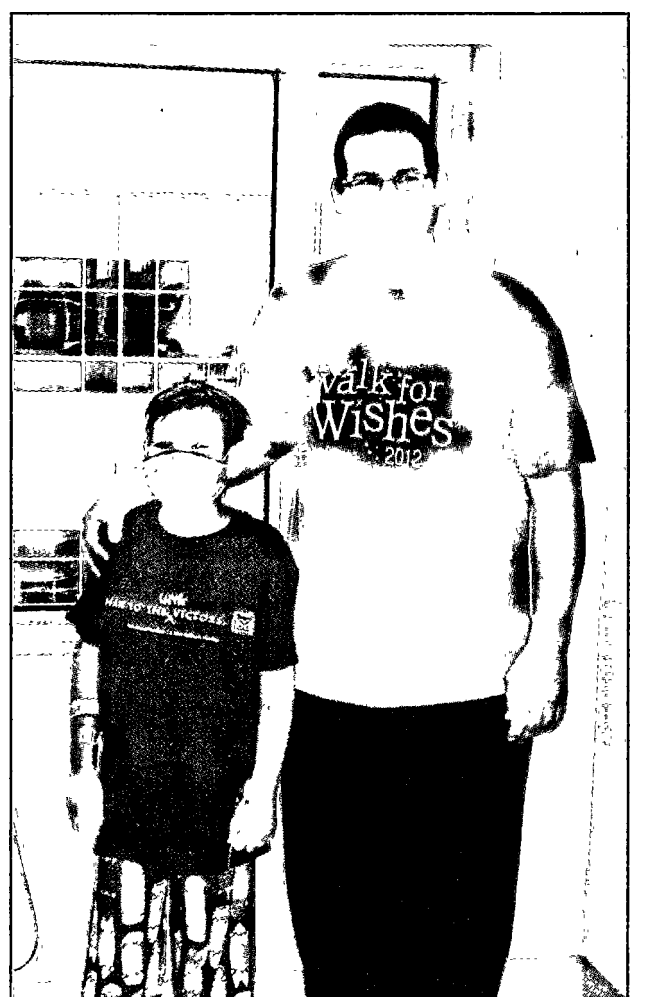
The family, who moved from Redford to Canton, has recovered enough that "Team Jared" - the family and some friends - is walking in the National Kidney Foundation's kidney walk in Ann Arbor today (Sunday). "Team Jared" was formed when friends, some folks at Tonda Elementary School and supporters at Friendship Church organized an earlier fundraiser.

T-shirts were made, money was raised and friendships were formed. Now the team is taking part in today's walk.

"It's our first year doing the walk," Kristy said. "The group is small this year, but we're hoping to expand it."

All the family's other hopes are expanding, as well. Jared is happy to be back at school and his parents are happy to see life returning to some semblance of normal.

"Life is starting to calm down," Kristy said. "The doctor's appointments aren't as frequent, things like that. I'm hoping it stays that way."



Jeremy Petzold said there was never any doubt, once he found out he was a match, that he would donate a kidney to his son Jared.

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Mental Health Board takes oath of office

Twelve city and county appointed officials have received the oath of office, officially making them members of the new Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency Board.

The group was sworn in by Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Timothy Kenny at a special board meeting. Kenny is the supervising judge of the nationally recognized Mental Health Court Pilot Project.

"I am fortunate to have a capable, competent, dedicated board committed to establishing policy and direction to assure we and our provider agencies strive to reach our stated goals," said Tom Watkins, D-WCCMHA president and CEO. "Their experience is immeasurable and I look forward to what we can accomplish together."

The Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency is currently a Wayne County agency. It will be converted into an authority on Oct. 1. That authority will be run by a 12-member board with six members appointed by the mayor of Detroit and six by the Wayne County Board of Commissioners.

The Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency currently serves over 72,000 consumers and provides services for people with mental illness, developmental disabilities, serious emotional disturbance and substance use disorders.

Being an authority allows the organization to develop its own policies and procedures and be able to better serve persons with mental illness, developmental disabilities and substance use disorders.

disorders.

The enabling resolution that was approved by the Wayne County Commission and sent to the Michigan Department of Community Health was put in place to offer changes to be put in place for the new organization.

Serving on the board are George Gaines, chairman, Tim Killeen, vice-chairman, Constance Rowley, secretary, Frank Ross, treasurer, Angelo Glenn, Terence Thomas, Thomas Kochis, Dr. Cynthia Taueg, Dr. Cheryl Munday, Dr. Herbert Smitherman, Erin Murria and Roberta Sanders.

"This is a vital time for this new board to take their seats as so many decisions are on the horizon in regards to health care and how the new Authority will be of better service to the community we serve," said Gaines.

Clergyman pens book on love, marriage

By Karen Smith
Staff Writer

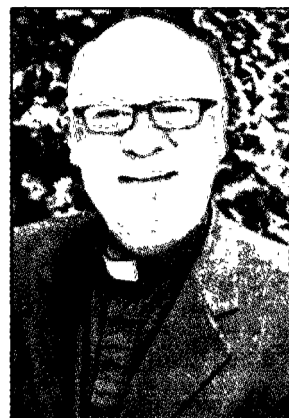
The Rev. George Shalhoub, founder of the Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of St. Mary in Livonia, has written a book to help couples discover the clues to a happy live together.

The Mystery of Love & Marriage is a 200-page "road map for anyone looking to be in a relationship" based on Shalhoub's 42 years of marriage to wife Nouhad, four decades of counseling couples as a priest and 25 years of teaching about marriage and family at Madonna University in Livonia.

"People think happiness lies with money or getting your own way or buying stuff or winning an argument," Shalhoub said. "The reality is happiness is the reward that comes our way when we utilize our God-given gifts such as compassion, forgiveness, generosity."

Shalhoub, who uses the book as a textbook for his class, said people are disappointed to hear that marriage is hard work. "A common misconception about marriage is that love can solve all your problems," he said.

In reality, love carries with it a high price, he said. It requires being patient when you have no more patience, enduring when the



The Rev. George Shalhoub

ing." That good foundation starts with loving ourselves by realizing we were created in God's image, he said: "We are more to God than the moon, the sky and the mountains and people mesmerize about nature, but only you and I are a copy of that beauty (God's image). This is where self-respect is born."

Each chapter of the book ends with points to ponder.

The book is Shalhoub's first, other than a history he wrote about the Basilica of St. Mary, which he founded with a handful of parishioners in 1972.

He self-published it so he could have control of the content.

Shalhoub has a bachelor of science degree from Eastern Michigan University in sociology and psychology, a master's degree in theological studies from St. John's Provincial Seminary and a doctor of ministry degree in pastoral counseling from the Graduate Theological Foundation. For 10 years, he served as a governor-appointed member of the Michigan Mental Health Advisory Board.

The book is available at www.StMaryPress.com, amazon.com, Barnes & Noble, amazonkindle.com and nook. It can also be ordered by calling 734-743-1041.

mood is heavy, forgiving yet one more time. "The problem is most often not in your spouse; it's in oneself, one's attitude, perception," he said.

Forgiveness is No. 1 principle

Forgiveness, he said, "is the No. 1 principle for a long and happy marriage." He gives tips on how to become more forgiving, not just for the sake of the marriage, but for the long-range benefit of the one doing the forgiving.

Forgiveness replaces negative thoughts and feelings with peace, happiness and healing, he writes.

Another misconception is that marriage shouldn't change us. "Yet marriage changes your entire life, like a hurricane," he said. "If you have a good foundation, you remain stand-

German author, son of decorated Nazi hero, to talk of his journey

The Holocaust Memorial Center Zekelman Family Campus will host author Dr. Bernd Wollschlaeger for a discussion of his book *A German Life: Against All Odds, Change Is Possible*, Sept. 29.

Beginning at 3 p.m., at the Holocaust Memorial Center, 28123 Orchard

Lake Road in Farmington Hills, Wollschlaeger will detail his inspiring story of a man

whose journey of discovery ultimately led to a crisis of faith, family and religion. The discussion is sponsored by Harry Grabel of A. Scott Grabel and Associates.

Wollschlaeger was the son of a Nazi war hero who received the Iron Cross (Germany's highest military honor) from Adolf Hitler. In his quest to find answers to questions about his parents and nation's past, the author set out to find the truth and, in doing so, found a new life and separation from family, friends and country. His search eventually led him to Israel, where he converted to Judaism, served with distinction in the Israel Defense Forces, confronted his family's past and built a new life. The book describes how history can impact and devastate a family.

Admission for the event is \$8 (free for Holocaust Memorial Center members). Wollschlaeger will be available to sign copies of *A German Life: Against All Odds, Change Is Possible*, which can be purchased for \$19 each (tax included), following his presentation.



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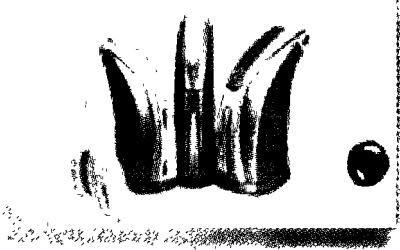
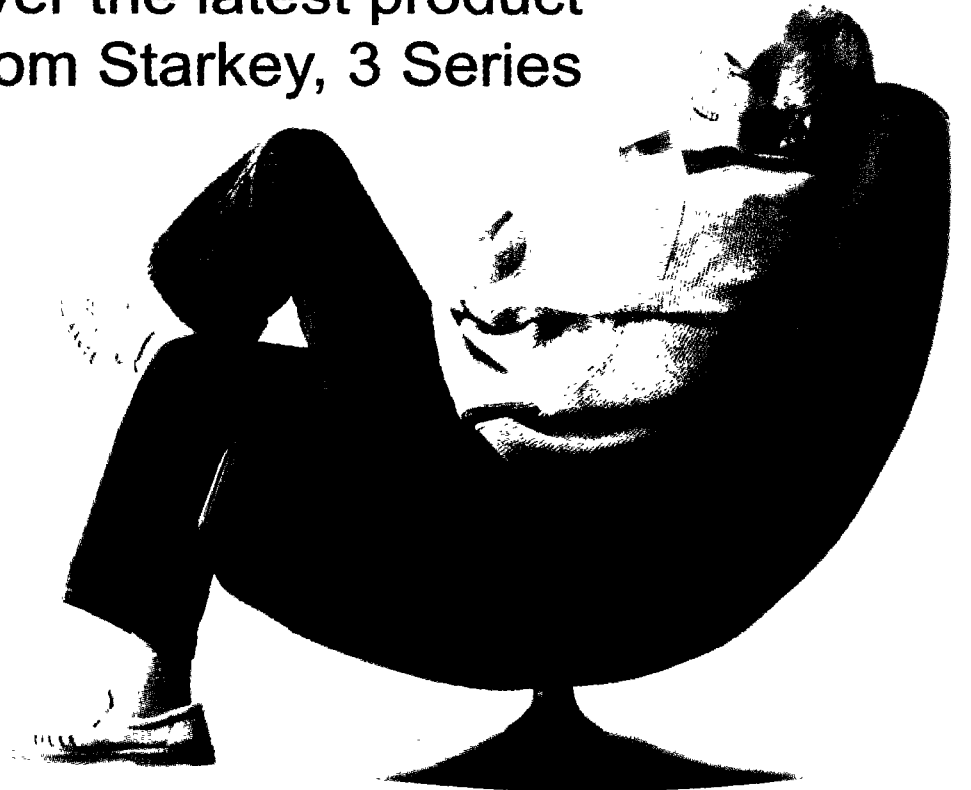
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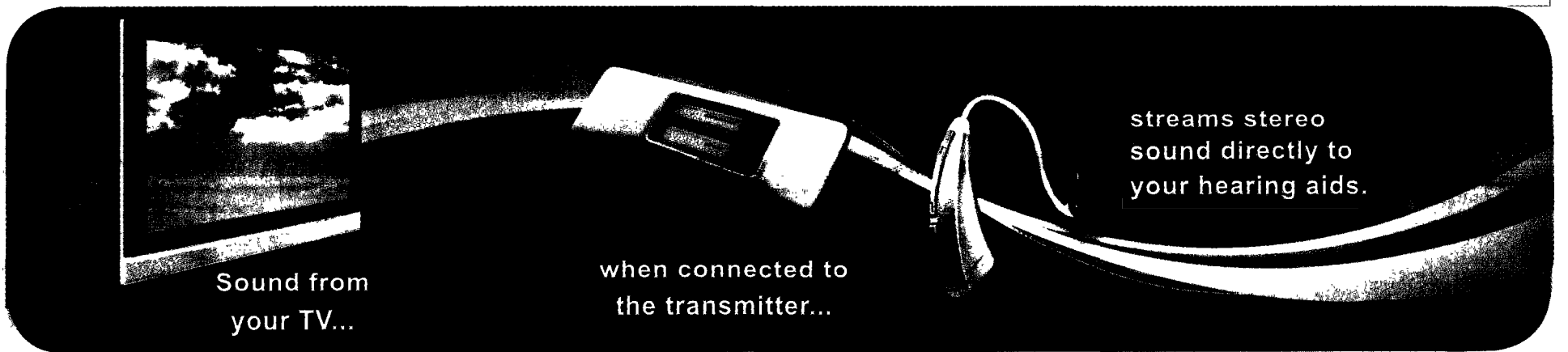


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PREP FOOTBALL



Glenn Devon Spalding (13) shakes Franklin tackler Jake Mushinski (8) in Friday's KLAA South Division game. BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Glenn tops Pats, 42-14

Spalding runs for 222 yards to power Rockets

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Devon Spalding has found a home at running back. And that was no more evident Friday night as the former quarterback ran for 222 yards on 31 carries and two touchdowns to lead Westland John Glenn to a

41-14 KLAA South Division football win over host Livonia Franklin.

The 5-foot-9, 187-pound Spalding shared the QB duties as a junior with Chris Scheffer, who also got into the act himself when he caught a 4-yard TD pass on a trick play on fourth-and-goal to even the game at 14-14 with 11:08 left in the second quarter.

Glenn went on to score 28 unanswered points to improve

to 2-1 overall.

"Several things make him unique," Glenn coach Tim Hardin said. "First and foremost is his work ethic. He's one of the hardest-working guys I've been around, going back to the weight room, going back to practice. He's a guy when he sprints, he goes all out on everything. Every little thing, every big thing, he goes all out."

See GLENN, Page B3

Warner on GAM team

Livonia Churchill High grad Shannon Warner will represent the Golf Association of Michigan in the 10th U.S. Golf Association Women's State Team Championship, Sept. 17-19, at NCR Country Club in Kettering, Ohio.

Teams from all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico are eligible for the 54-hole stroke play competition. Three players from each team play, with the low two scorers counting toward the team score in each of the three rounds.

The competition will be held on NCR's par-73, 6,253-yard South course. The team was selected based on a points system administered by the GAM, along with eligibility for the event.

Warner, a two-time MHSAA Division 1 medalist (2006-07), formerly played at both Michigan State and Eastern Michigan universities. Earlier this summer she captured the GAM Women's Championship at Gull Lake Country Club.

She will be joined on Team Michigan by MSU women's golf coach Stacy Slobodnik-Stoll, along with Jacqueline Setas, a senior at Lansing Catholic High School, who has verbally committed to play at MSU.

Hines races for Heroes

Wayne County Parks will sponsor its first Heroes on Hines half-marathon and 5-kilometer races Saturday, Oct. 5, with proceeds going toward the creation and maintenance of the First Responders Memorial to be erected at Hines Drive and Haggerty.

The half-marathon starts at 8 a.m., followed by the 5K at 8:30 a.m. The event is sponsored by Running Fit and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. The cost is \$34 (5K) and \$59 (half marathon) if registered by Oct. 3.

For more information, visit heroesonhines.com.

Golf & Tri

PGA professional Tami Bealert will be staging a 5-kilometer run-walk, 20K bike and nine-hole golf scramble at 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 29 at Hickory Creek Golf Course.

The cost is \$65 (if registered by Sept. 15) or \$75 (by Sept. 24).

Included in the cost is two free group golf lesson, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18 and Friday, Sept. 27.

The event includes greens fees (with cart), wrist band, prizes and lunch on race day.

For more information, visit TrainWithTami.com or call 734-731-0238.

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Chargers stave off Glenn in four

Money raised for congenital heart disease

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

It's still early in the prep volleyball season, so there's no need to panic.

Unless you have a player named Natalie Panek, who proved to be Livonia Churchill's go-to hitter in a 25-23, 16-25, 25-16, 25-22 win Thursday over host Westland John Glenn in the KLAA South Division opener for both teams.

The 5-foot-9 transfer from Livonia Ladywood finished with a match-best 15 kills and added five ace serves as the Chargers improved to 13-4-1 overall.

"It was a slow start, not where we wanted to be, but first set you're going to have some first set jitters," Churchill first-year coach Anna Gatt said. "We came out a little sloppy and cleaned it up at the end, but we're still not where we need to be."

"Passing was rough at the beginning and serve receive was tough. But at the end of it we kind of got out of it a little bit. But again, still not where we need to be."

Panek racked up six kills in the opening set as Churchill rallied from a pair of three-point deficits, which was capped by McKenzie Hamill's set-winning kill.

"Panek was my all-star," Gatt said. "She swings at everything. No matter if it's off the net, on the net, she'll swing at it. She's an aggressive kid that jumps out of the gym that was a great gift to us from



Churchill libero Lauren Fallu had a team-high 16 digs in a four-set KLAA South Division win Thursday at John Glenn. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

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PREP FOOTBALL

Wildcats rally for another late win

Plymouth scores late TD to edge Churchill, 23-22

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Once again, Plymouth ground out a win. Once again, it wasn't easy.

First off, already trailing 22-16 with less than five minutes remaining in Friday's KLAA South Division contest at Plymouth-Canton Education-

al Park, the Wildcats needed Livonia Churchill to miss a field goal.

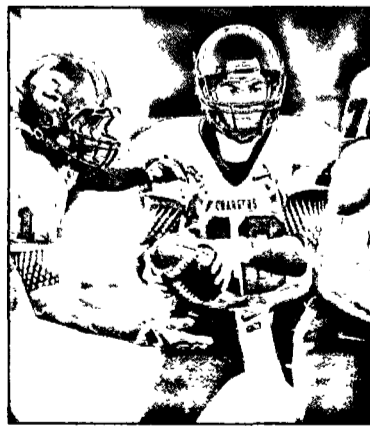
That 33-yard attempt by junior Brian Alsobrooks missed the right uprights, although Chargers head coach Bill DeFillippo wasn't so sure.

"I'm still trying to figure out about the field goal because all of our kids said it was good and that would have been the difference in the game," DeFillippo said. "So I usually don't make excuses, but I feel like

the officials took one away from us tonight."

Given that chance to come back, Plymouth senior quarterback AJ Convertino expertly led an 80-yard scoring march to give Plymouth the game-winning score in a 23-22 victory.

Churchill did get the football back with 2:25 left and moved the ball into the Plymouth zone following two double-digit com-



Churchill quarterback Brian Alsobrooks (middle) hands off to Malik Johnson. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

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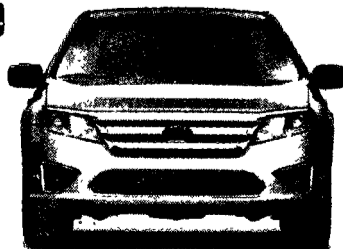
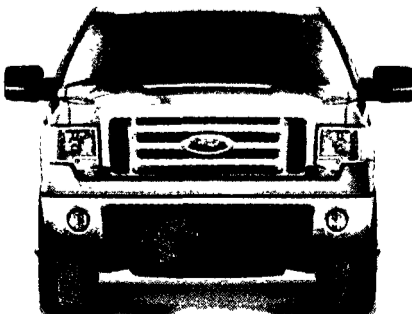
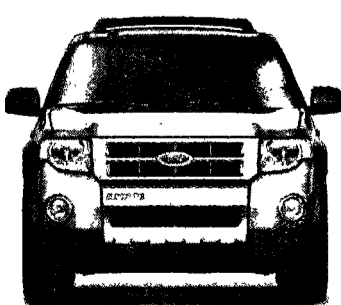


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GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Patriots dig out victory vs. Wayne

Livonia Franklin first-year girls volleyball coach Desiree Betts liked her team's effort in Thursday's 25-22, 25-18, 25-20 win at Wayne Memorial.

"I thought we played well, came together as a team and excelled in all three sets," said Betts, whose team improved to 4-2-1 overall with the KLAAs South Division victory.

Kelly Newton led the way for the victorious

Patriots with 39 digs and four ace serves.

Sarah Cramton chipped in with four kills in 14 attempts, while setter Mikayla Sienkiewicz finished with 26 assist-to-kills.

Wayne (6-3, 0-1) got four kills and four blocks from Deja Tamlin.

"Tonight was our first home game of the season so the girls were extremely excited to start conference play in our house," Wayne coach Samantha Dye said.

uphold through the entire match. Franklin was a very strong team defensively.

Other leaders for the Zebras included Danielle Robbins (three kills, four digs, three aces); Paige Chalmers (three kills, three digs); and Karley Buford (three kills, four aces, five digs).

"We have strong hitters and Franklin did a good job digging out our hits," Dye said. "We have a new team and are still trying to find our chemistry on the court. We only can work harder in practice and move forward improving every step of the way."

Dest leads HVL

Madison Dest had a big night with 14 kills, five aces and seven digs Thursday as host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran defeated Bloomfield Hills Roper in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference crossover, 25-19, 27-25, 25-16.

"I thought the girls played hard all night," said HVL coach Mike Dest, whose team improved to 8-2-1 overall. "I was very pleased with the effort. Roper is a very scrappy team we had a lot of swings tonight that they dug."

Other leaders for the Hawks included Lexus Medina (10 kills, three blocks); Dayna Schroeder (eight kills, three

blocks, four aces); and Anne St. John (27-assists, five kills, three blocks).

Stevenson wins

Livonia Stevenson opened KLAAs Central Division play Thursday with a 25-20, 25-18, 25-8 triumph at South Lyon East.

The Spartans, who improved to 7-0 overall, was led by senior Katie Tomasic's 13 kills, four blocks and 11 digs.

Senior setter Sarah Soave finished with 11 assists to go along with a team-high six blocks. Abby Whitehead and Taylor McLeod chipped in with five and four assists, respectively.

Hawkins also added three aces.

Warriors prevail

Allie Lange and Leah Refenes each collected 14 kills Thursday as host Lutheran High Westland downed Southfield Christian, 27-29, 25-21, 25-23, 25-18, in a MIAA crossover that lasted 1 hour and 53 minutes.

Julia Yancy also chipped in with 33 digs to lead the defense, while Refenes and Sabrina Morrison added 13 and 12, respectively.

Refenes also had a team-best 22 assists, while Bethany Hoehne added 16.

"I was proud of the way we played tonight," said Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade, whose team is 1-5-1.

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CHARGERS

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Ladywood." Glenn (8-6-1) evened the match at one-set apiece thanks to four kills by junior Erin Parnello, who finished with a team-high 11.

But Churchill came back and got re-energized during the third set and dominated as Panek finished with four aces and Gabby Beck contributed three kills.

In the fourth set, Glenn trailed 11-5, but pulled even at 17-10 and was within two, 22-20, before the Chargers put it away.

"We have moments of greatness, then we have these unforced errors that kill us," Glenn second-year coach Krista DePoy said.

"That's what is keeping us from being great honestly. Because we play with the great

teams like we did tonight, but unforced errors are really killing us."

Hamill contributed nine kills in Churchill's victory, while setters Natalee Dziewit and Rayna Yetts combined for 28 assist-to-kills with 15 and 13, respectively.

Libero Lauren Fallu, a junior, paced the defense with 16 digs.

Gatt, who took this season over for one of the state's most successful coaches in Mark Grenier, has been tinkering with her lineup.

"I just keep mixing in kids," she said. "I go from a 6-2 to a 5-1 to a 6-3 (alignment) sometimes. Just trying to find that perfect connection. We're just trying to find the right matchup for them where they'll click and then we'll just go with it."

For Churchill, it's more mental than physical, according to Gatt. "We've just got to

make smarter decisions," she said. "They don't see, I guess, the peripherals, on how they can catch the other team out of their system. They make the same mistakes over and over again. I said, 'You've got to be smart, be smart with it. What to you think they're doing?' It's just be a little bit smarter with the ball and they're just making the same little mistakes over again."

Meanwhile, junior Kelly Epperson contributed eight kills for Glenn, while libero Val Ernat with the defense with 31 digs.

Senior Hannah Staples, normally an outside hitter, has admirably filled in for the injured Shelby Hodges and finished with 25 assists.

Despite the setback, DePoy was not discouraged by her team's play against one of the area's perennial powers.

"It's pretty impressive for a young team," she said. "I think that gives us hope for the conference and in the future."

Both teams donned T-shirts in memory of the late Jake Robinson (1994-2012), a Glenn student who died last November of congenital heart disease. Jake was the brother of Glenn varsity player Bri Robinson.

"We had fantastic turnout tonight," DePoy said. "We raised a lot of money for congenital heart disease. I don't have the final totals, but I know it was quite a lot. Major corporations even donated tonight. It was a great effort from both Churchill and John Glenn to come together tonight to raise money for congenital heart disease."

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FILM TO BRING MESSAGE OF HOPE TO LOCAL PEACEMAKERS

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

While stories about chemical weapons, shootings and murder trials dominated news stories last week, a group of local peacemakers meeting in Livonia found reasons to hope for a better world.

Filmmakers Kell Kearns and Cynthis Lukas showed their 2011 documentary, *Globalized Soul*, at a meeting of Citizens for Peace on Tuesday, Sept. 10, at Unity of Livonia church. They answered questions about their work, which took three years to complete after shooting more than 100 hours of footage on five continents.

The film weaves stories of peacemakers — Jain philanthropists in India who give medical help and prosthetics to the poor and Jewish, Muslim and Christian peace activists in Jerusalem who break bread together — with comments by dozens of spiritual leaders.

"For us, the essence of *Globalized Soul* is that we saw a lot of hope. We are becoming one people globally. It doesn't have much to do with governments any longer," Kearns said. "We see this positive thing happening among people and those are the folks we want to focus on, the people who are doing something."

"Traditional media will show you religions in conflict and will focus on that," Lukas added. "Interfaith cooperation is a phenomenon that is at the heart of *Globalized Soul*. There are very inspiring people in the film and through their stories we wanted to inspire other people ... to show the extent to what one or two or three people can accomplish. We want people to be moved and to get out there, take your spirituality out on the road and get something done in your own community."



Filmmakers Kell Kearns and Cynthis Lukas take questions from Citizens for Peace members after showing their documentary, "Globalized Soul."

News backgrounds

Kearns and Lukas have created six films together in the past 10 years working out of Santa Fe, N.M., as Heaven on Earth Creations. Kearns, a former television news anchor and reporter in Dallas, Texas, said he "bolted" from traditional media as soon as he acquired enough knowledge about using a camera. He began creating his own films on social and spiritual transformation 30 years ago.

Lukas taught English in college and had worked as a print journalist before she met Kearns at a Marianne Williamson conference.

Kearns does most of the camera work and directing. Lukas interviews and researches and both write.

They show *Globalized Soul* at schools, universities and groups, like Citizens for Peace. Some of their previous films, including biographies of Mar-

tin Luther King and the poet, Rumi, were tailored for mass audiences and were broadcast on PBS stations.

"*Globalized Soul* was tailored for folks like you," Kearns told Citizens for Peace. "It was intended to encourage those already on the path. When it was selected as a featured film for the International Day of Peace, nothing could have made us happier."

Audience reaction

Janice Allen and Nancy Lightbody, both of Livonia, said they felt hopeful after viewing *Globalized Soul*.

"Inspirational," Lightbody described the film.

Mita Ghosh of Southfield not only got a chance to watch the Kearns-Lukas film, but was interviewed earlier in the day for their current documentary project, which focuses on Mahatma Gandhi.

Ghosh's parents started a school for Gandhi and his ash-



The Dalai Lama blesses Jain humanitarian Asha Mehta for her work with the needy in Palitana, India, in a scene from the film.



This scene from the movie, "Globalized Soul," shows a dinner attended by members of the Muslim, Christian and Jewish faiths in the ancient city of Nazareth. A grass-roots group called Jerusalem Peacemakers organized the event.

ram (religious retreat) and worked closely with him.

"I am a follower of Gandhi. My real strength in life has always been nonviolence and peace and the faith and belief in God," Ghosh said. "It all goes hand in hand, faith, peace and love."

She said she enjoyed watching the film and being interviewed for their next project.

"What they are doing is impressive. It's what we need for the world today."

Citizens for Peace will celebrate UN International Day of Peace, 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, with a film screening and art display at Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile. For more information, call Colleen Mills at 734-425-0079.

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Hospital seeks patients for cornea procedure clinical trial

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

A procedure known as cross-linking is being tested in clinical trials to help patients with rare eye conditions — keratoconus and post-LASIK ectasia — improve their vision and avoid cornea transplants.

"It has been researched and investigated a long time and has been available in countries outside the U.S. for at least 10 years," said Dr. Colleen Grace, M.D. lead researcher for a cross-linking clinical trial at Henry Ford Hospital. "The reason it hasn't been approved in the U.S. is no one has been able to put together a large enough clinical trial."

She hopes that will change with the current study which seeks approximately 4,000 patients in 100 cities. Each testing site is allowed to enroll 40 patients. Grace said six patients at Henry Ford Hospital have undergone the procedure, which involves temporarily removing the numbed top layer of cornea, placing drops containing vitamin B2 in the eye and exposing the cornea to ultraviolet light.

There is no charge for the treatment and screening visits and follow-up testing generally is covered by insurance.

Stabilizing the disease

Individuals with keratoconus have corneas with an irregular surface, resulting in distorted vision. Wearing rigid contact lenses corrects vision and helps stabilize the disease.

"Keratoconus tends to develop in the teens to the 20s and usually progresses until the 40s," Grace said. "If a patient is 25 and wearing hard contacts, they may be fine. But if the disease gets so bad that hard contacts can't be fitted or won't correct vision, the only option is a corneal transplant."

"Our overall goal is to stabilize the disease...to reduce the number of patients that need corneal transplants. For a 30-something-year-old to need a corneal transplant is a huge deal, so the advantage of this procedure is that it is a relatively minor procedure and can prevent a major procedure."

Grace said there are no major risk factors for the disease, but pointed out that a constant trauma, such as eye-rubbing because of allergies, may lead to keratoconus. Patients with sleep apnea also have a higher incidence of the disease.

Pressure inside the eye pushes the cornea into a cone shape, distorting vision, in



Colleen Grace, M.D. is leading a clinical trial at Henry Ford Hospital.

patients with Post-LASIK ectasia. The condition occurs in approximately 1 in 5,000-10,000 patients who undergo LASIK surgery.

"It's pretty rare, but for someone to go in for cosmetic (LASIK) surgery and end up with post-LASIK ectasia can be devastating."

Other uses

Grace said patients in the study "have done very well generally," although long-term follow-up — five years worth of data — can help determine if the procedure has stabilized the disease.

She said after the procedure is approved for correcting keratoconus and Post-LASIK ectasia, it's likely to be used "off-label," meaning it could be applied to other eye diseases.

"There are quite a few studies of cross-linking being used to treat infections to the cornea," she explained. "They're looking at cross-linking to treat astigmatism."

In other studies, individuals who normally would not be good candidates for LASIK surgery are being treated with cross-linking in conjunction with the surgery. The cross-linking adds strength and stability to the cornea during and after a Lasik procedure.

Grace suspects the procedure may be approved within a year.

"Once it's approved we'll all breathe a sigh of relief. It has been frustrating to know there is a treatment out there that can help patients, but we don't have it in the U.S."

For more information about enrolling in the clinical trial, call 313-916-2481.

Run aids cancer programs



Keith Erichsen of Farmington Hills runs his way to a winning time in the annual Embrace Life 5K run/walk for Cancer, which was held Sept. 8 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. The race raised nearly \$45,000 for the hospital's cancer services.

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Ask A Garden City Hospital Health Expert



Dr. Sikorski
Family Medicine

More than a third of school-aged children in the United States are currently considered obese, a 15% increase since 1980. Of course they would prefer to eat marshmallows, cupcakes and gummy bears every day, but as parents it's our job to send them off to school with meals which are good for both the body and the mind. Family Practice Physician and Garden City Hospital Health Expert, Dr. Robert Sikorski, provides us with some valuable tools for building a better lunch box.

Q: My husband and I both work, and always try to pack lunches that are good for our children, but sometimes there's just not enough time. I feel they prefer us to give them money to buy lunch, which causes me to worry they're only eating junk food. How can I do a better job of ensuring they will eat well?

A: Buying lunch at school may be the first time kids get to call the shots about which foods they'll eat. Luckily, school lunches have improved over the years, both in taste and nutrition, with many serving healthier dishes such as grilled chicken sandwiches and salads. However, the typical school cafeteria still offers a mix of less nutritious options often available a la carte or in the vending machine. Use school lunches as a chance to steer your children toward good choices. Explain how a nutritious lunch will give them energy to finish the rest of the school day and enjoy after-school activities.

There really is no substitute for fresh meals made at home. Try preparing some items in advance when you have more time. Instead of sandwiches everyday, homemade stew, soup and chili can be frozen in single serving containers and provide a warm hearty meal that anchors a lunch. I place the emphasis on homemade because pre-packaged lunches are loaded with fat and sodium, and you can often make your own for less money. Use microwavable, paraben-free containers, and move those items from the freezer to the refrigerator the night before. Most school cafeterias have microwave ovens for warming and reheating.

I cannot stress enough how important good nutrition is for a developing child. Try to get in the routine of "creating" good lunches. Involve your children and explain why you're giving them certain combinations of foods. Also, let them make decisions between several choices. These are great teachable moments for the whole family.

Remember, children are always learning and not just about math or science. They are learning about life and developing lifestyle behaviors that will follow them the rest of their lives. Now is the time to help them develop proper eating habits and fully appreciate the benefits of a balanced and healthy diet. The specific nutritional choices you and your youngster make are crucial.

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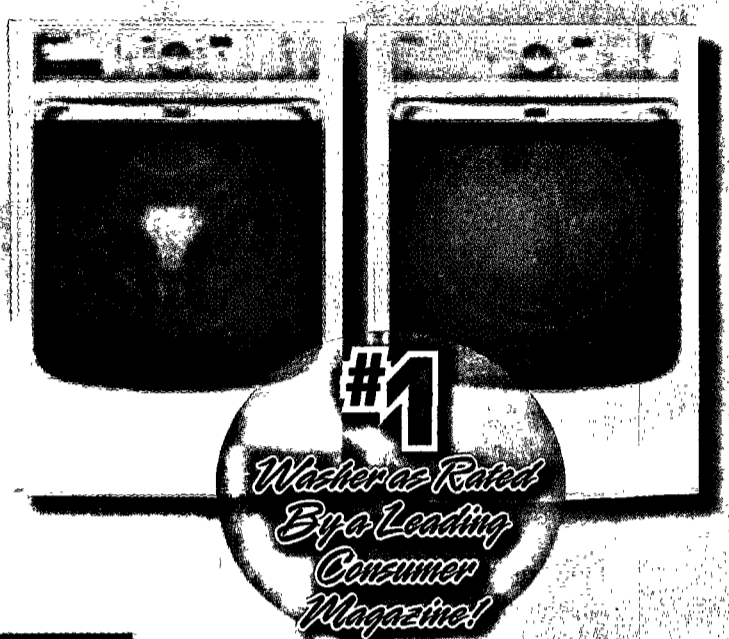
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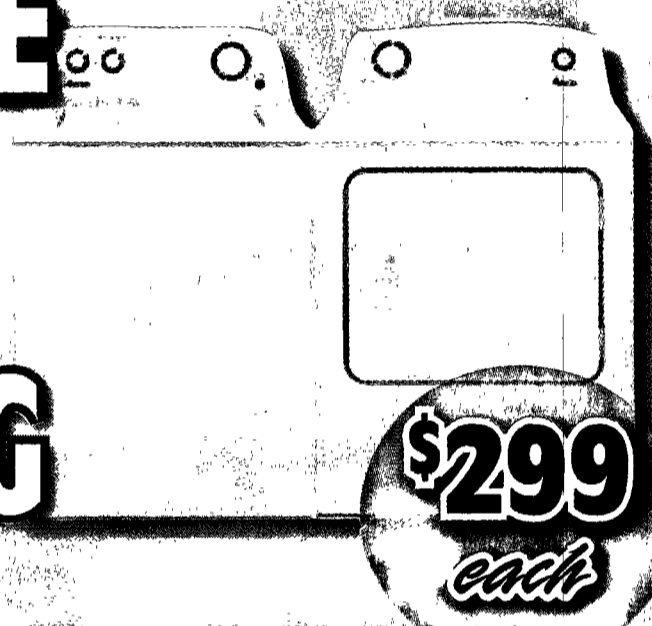
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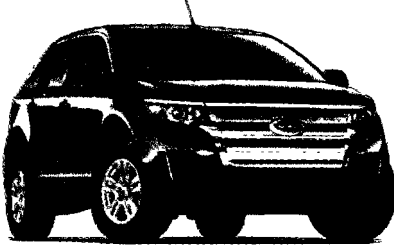


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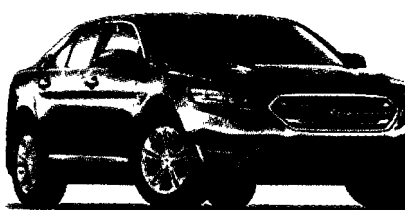


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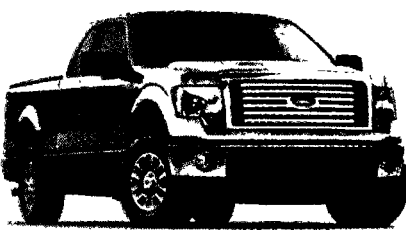


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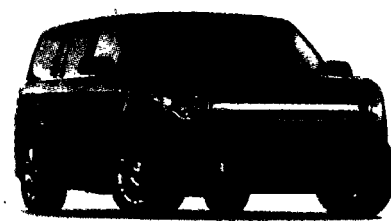


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Car Report

Advertising Feature

Nissan Hits High Note with New Versa, Sets for New Rogue



By Dale Buss

Nissan is getting feisty with new products and new advertising in the U.S. market these days – as well as with aggressive pricing – and that could mean trouble for rivals.

The brand just began airing an effective new TV ad for the first-time Note version of its Versa hatchback. The spot dynamically demonstrates the versatility of the little hatch in a variety of settings, from the beach to a campsite to curbside at a concert.

At the same time, Nissan has begun promoting the fact that its revamped 2014 Rogue crossover will be available this fall for the first time with optional third-row seating along with improved fuel economy. The starting price gets a bump, too. It's \$2,180 higher than the outgoing 2013 model.

And all of this follows an interesting summer during which Nissan became one of the most aggressive brands in the market in consumer incentives and pricing. It slashed prices on most Nissan models earlier this year and has seen a resulting surge in sales.

In August, in fact, Nissan was one of the leaders of the American-market sales surge, seeing a 22-percent increase over last year to sales of more than 120,000 vehicles in the month. It was the first time Nissan exceeded 100,000 U.S. retail sales in a month. Altima sales surged nearly 20 percent, the new Pathfinder performed well, and even Nissan Leaf had its best-ever month, with more than 2,400 August deliveries.

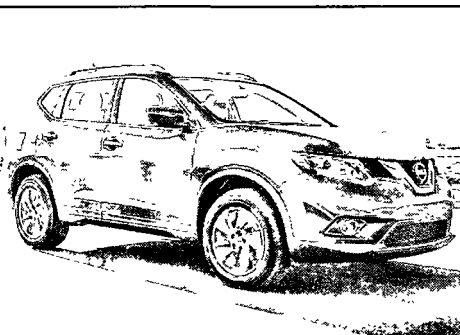
"The recent introduction of the all-new

Versa Note and the all-new Rogue launching this fall will only help Nissan sales to continue the winning streak," said Fred Diaz, divisional vice president of sales and marketing for Nissan U.S.A.

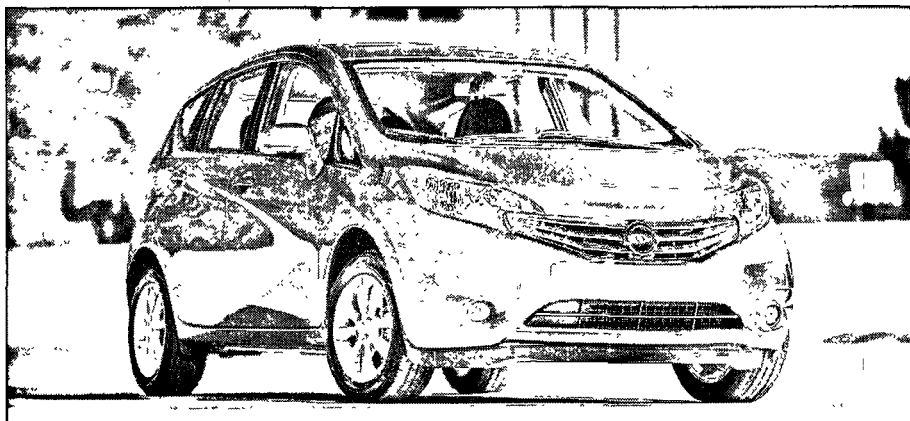
Versa sales in August increased by 9 percent over a year earlier, in part because of the launch of Note, Nissan said. Versa continued to be the leader among U.S. sub-compact, as it topped the segment for the 21st of the last 24 months – even without much help yet from Note.

Featuring an energetic new take on Versa styling that excited Nissan executives and dealers as they anticipated the reaction of consumers, the new hatchback "celebrates the unique qualities of its 5-door hatchback design -- something we are calling 'Your Door to More'" in TV ads and marketing materials. "Versa Note is a passion enabler, thanks to its exceptional combination of versatility, technology and value. It's transformative, satisfying owners' emotional and rational needs with features such as sleek styling and features like our Around View Monitor at an affordable price."

Following the high-value Versa sedan, the new Versa Note also offers more value on all grades than the previous Versa



The new Note hatchback version of Versa is versatile.



Nissan's 2014 Rogue will upgrade a well-performing nameplate.

hatchback (model year 2012), beginning with its starting MSRP of \$13,990, Nissan said. It went on sale in June.

At the same time, Nissan has been looking forward to this month's launch of the second-generation Rogue. The first-generation vehicle is the oldest model in a hot segment: small, crossover SUVs. But Nissan has managed to hold its own pretty well with the six-year-old Rogue, which ranks a solid No. 5 in the segment behind newly refreshed versions of Honda CR-V, Ford Escape, Chevrolet Equinox and Toyota RAV4.

In fact, in August, sales of Rogue set a record for the month of more than 17,000 units, an increase of nearly 37 percent over the prior year. For the year to date, sales of the current-generation Rogue were up by 16 percent.

But Nissan clearly is looking to leapfrog the competition with the new Rogue. It's the first U.S. product to embody what the Renault-Nissan Alliance calls its Common Module Family platform. For component modules such as front ends and cockpits, the new architecture is engineered to give designers and engineers more flexibility.

"By sharing development costs, while adapting powertrains, designs and equipment offerings for each specific region, Nissan has been able to add features and technologies while keeping prices affordable," Diaz said. "No matter the specific market nameplate, it's a guaranteed winner."

The Rogue's bold new styling certainly represents a leap forward: what Nissan calls "a premium, high-quality look and feel." Available are a power panoramic moon roof and power rear lift gate. And Rogue can offer optional three-row, seven-passenger seating for the first time thanks to its improved interior packaging efficiency.

The car's higher base price of \$22,490 remains well below entry-level models from other makers, which range up to \$26,000. Standard features include a five-inch color display screen, air conditioning, four-speaker audio system, LED map lights, Bluetooth audio, power windows and a rear-view monitor.

Nissan is building the Rogue at its Smyrna, Tenn. plant for the first time. The first generation Rogue, introduced in 2007 as a 2008 model, had been built in Japan.

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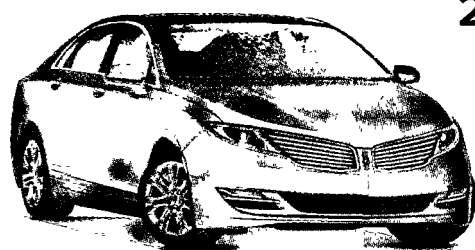
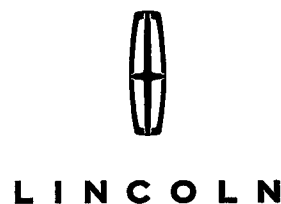
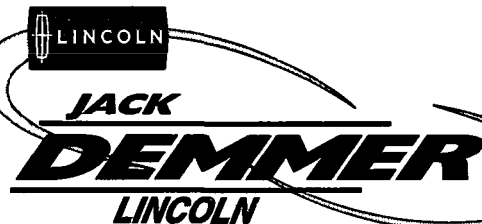
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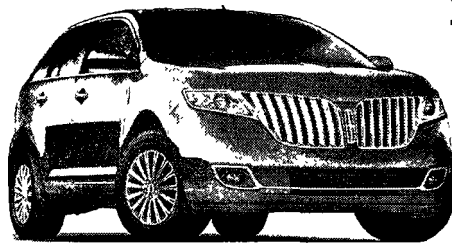


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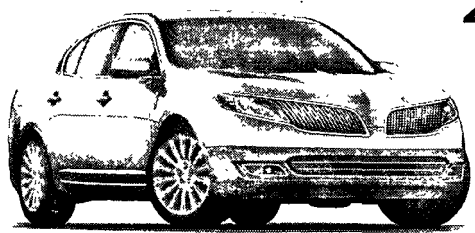


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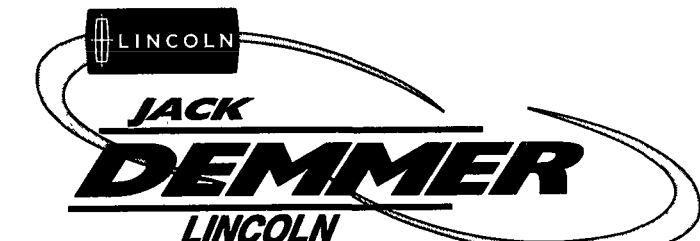


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