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Worker describes being held hostage

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

"Call 911. I have a bomb and you're my hostage."

That's what Sean William Quigley said after being told Westland Mayor William Wild and Deputy Mayor Jade Smith weren't in their City Hall offices on May 13, Shannon Ackron testified Thursday in West-

land 18th District.

The rest of City Hall was evacuated as Ackron was reportedly held in the reception area of the mayor's office for nearly an hour by Quigley.

Found competent to stand trial, Quigley, 37, is charged with four felonies, including terrorism and kidnapping — both of which carry a sentence of up to life in prison — mak-



Quigley

"I froze. He said he wasn't kidding. I hit the panic button," said Ackron, administrative

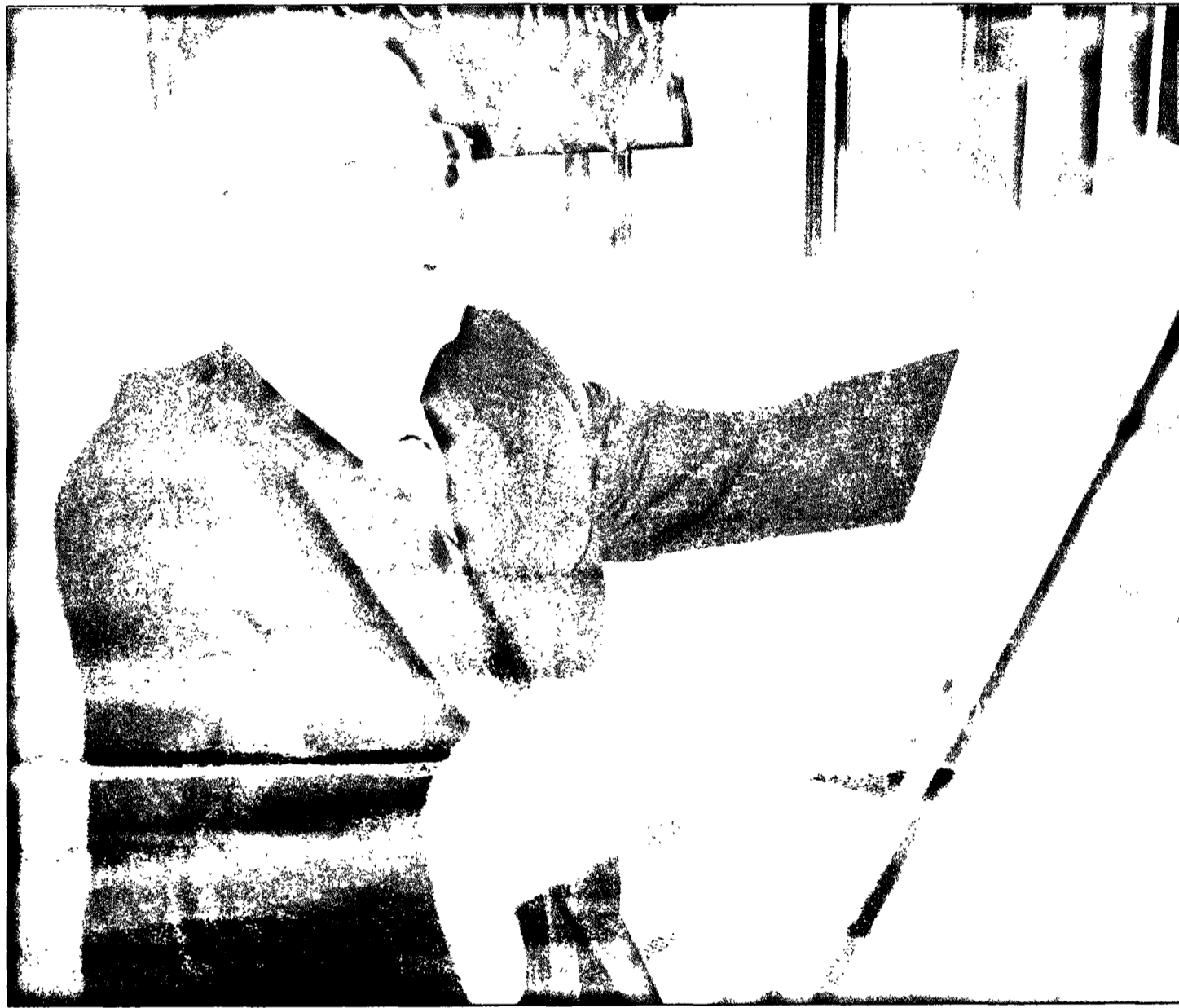
assistant to Wild. "I was scared. I called 911 and said I needed assistance in the mayor's office."

The only witness at the preliminary examination, Ackron testified she explained to Quigley that both Wild and Smith were at the funeral for Wayne-Westland Firefighter Brian Woehlke, who had died in the line of duty May 8.

Having told her that he had a bomb, Ackron said Quigley had his finger on what he had described as a trigger to a blasting cap — a silver metallic device that led into his coat.

Once she had an emergency dispatcher on the telephone, Ackron said Quigley told her to repeat what he said about hav-

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Curtis Mathison will use selections from a book of music he bought for \$4.50 while in college for his Oct. 27 concert at the First United Methodist Church of Wayne and Westland. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

'LITTLE BIT OF HEAVEN'

Church organist presents concert filled with classics, hymns

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Curtis Mathison would like to think the music played at Sunday services at the First United Methodist Church of Wayne and Westland are "a little bit of heaven."

"Good music enhances the senses and, surely, it sometimes is entertaining, but I

hope it's also worshipful, so Sundays are out of the ordinary, not a mundane thing," Mathison said.

The church's organist for more than 30 years, he will take his seat at the church's pipe organ Sunday, Oct. 27, and do more than enhance the worship service. The Canton resident will present his biennial concert, performing the works of Bach, Franck and Mendelssohn and traditional church hymns, on the organ and piano.

The concert will be at 4 p.m. in the church, located at 3 Towne Square, between

east and west Michigan Avenue at Newberry Street, in Wayne.

Mathison began preparing for the concert six months ago, coming to the church for two hours three or four times a week to practice; he also sometimes practices at home. Selections of Back and Franck will be performed on the organ. Mendelssohn and variations of 10 church hymns will be performed on the piano, a gift to the church from Mathison in honor of his late wife Patricia.

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Curtis Mathison plays Bach's 'Tocatta' and 'Fugue in D Minor,' his favorite piece of classical music.

Unofficial count: W-W enrollment rising

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Wayne-Westland school officials are still crunching the numbers, but it appears that the district for the first time in a decade has gained students.

The district's unaudited number from the last week's Count Day was 11,916 students which is more than 40 students more than the 11,873 students counted in the fall of 2012.

"It's a slight increase, but the important fact is that it's the first year in many we haven't seen declining enrollment," said Wayne-Westland School Superintendent Greg Baracy. "We have a higher number of families moving into the district. The district has reasonably priced homes that are a great value. Young families are moving in and that's a great sign."

The numbers don't include students who are part of the district's shared time program or who from other districts who attend the William D. Ford Career Technical Center.

Count Days

Student Count Day is when all public schools in Michigan tally the number of students attending their schools. Count information is critical to districts because each student translates into state funding. Count days and school funding are mandated through the State School Aid Act.

The calculation schools receive is based on a blend of both winter and fall student count data during the same calendar (not school) year. Fall counts occur on the first Wednesday in October and represent 90 percent of state funding. Winter counts occur on the second Wednesday in February and represent 10 percent of state funding.

In June, school officials had pared back the projected loss of students from the usual 300 students based on a lower than expected loss — 70 students — during the winter count in February and the expansion of the district's schools of choice program to K-11. It projected a blended count of 11,935 for 2013, down from 2012's 12,185 students.

Wayne-Westland is receiving \$7,076 per student in State School Aid for 2013-14.

Wayne-Westland also took in students who had attended the former Inkster Public Schools. The Inkster Public Schools was dissolved in late July by the Wayne County RESA board after the school district failed to file documentation with showing it had money to operate through the end of the 2013-14 school year.

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Charges in teens' murder may be coming

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

More than a year after two Westland teens were found shot to death in Detroit, murder charges may be coming soon.

Jacob Kudla, 18, and Jordan Bobbish, 17, were reported missing after they failed to return home from a visit to a family member's Detroit home in July 2012. Several days later, their bodies were

found in a field on Detroit's east side not far from where they were last seen.

Two men pleaded guilty to stripping items from the car in which the teens were last seen but no one has been charged in their murder.

"No charges have issued on the Bobbish/Kudla homicides. We have received warrant requests for the case," Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Maria Miller said. "They were returned to the

police for further work that was requested in the case. However, we have been continuing to work on the case on our end while waiting for the work to be completed."

Some media sources have identified seven men, some already convicted of another homicide, as being involved in a larger crime spree that began with the deaths of Kudla and Bobbish. Miller said her office was not releasing information regarding the

number of suspects named in warrant requests submitted by Detroit Police.

Police believe the teens left a family member's home and went to a Detroit gas station to purchase drugs. It was there that police believe they met the men who drove them to the field and shot them.

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Condo owners meet to discuss water charges

The Westland Condominium Organization will hold its fall meeting 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 14, in the clubhouse of the Woodview Condominiums.

The meeting will focus on increases in water meter fixed rates imposed upon condominium associations by the City of Westland. Many associations are faced with

increases of up to \$22,000 per year without actual water use charges, according to Sherry Springer, WCO vice-president.

Earlier this year, the council approved rate increases including fixed administrative fees on water meters charging different prices for home meters and larger meters including condominiums. Home meters went up

approximately \$3.00 per meter, per billing to \$27.95 six billings per year; condo meters went up from \$24.95 per meter, per billing to \$130.00 per meter, per billing for an increase of \$105.05 or 405 percent, Springer said.

"I am the property manager/resident at the Deerhurst Condominiums. There are 28 water

meters and with this increase the association will pay \$21,840 for a fixed fee before we use a drop of water in 2014," said Springer, adding residents plan to take the issue to Mayor William Wild and council.

Representing the more than 52 condominium associations in Westland, WCO membership is open to all condomini-

um owners and association board of directors.

The purpose of the WCO is to provide an open forum for networking to improve association successes and living standards by monitoring and assimilating statewide trends and addressing civic issues to community leaders and legislators.

The Woodview Condo-

miniums are at the northwest corner of Warren Road and Central City Parkway, with the entrance on Central City Parkway. The clubhouse is at the back of the complex.

For more information, contact WCO President, Ed Turnquist at eturnquist@sbcglobal.net or 734-788-5537.

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"I hope everyone will like my concert, but the part I think they'll like best will be the songs, because they know them," Mathison said. "People love the hymns because they know them."

Childhood interest

Mathison's musical interests date back to his childhood. Born on a farm and the "tail end child," he stayed at home to help his mother rather than work in the fields. He was introduced to the piano at age 9 and by age 10 he was practicing two hours a day.

He started playing the organ when he was a senior in high school and went on to college to study music, receiving his bachelor's and master's degrees in music theory and piano performance and his doctorate's degree in music education.

Mathison met his wife while in college and they literally made great music together, playing duets.

"We played organ and piano duets; people were crazy about our duets," Mathison said. "When she died, I got about \$4,500 in memorials and added to it to buy the piano for the church."

His late wife was from Detroit and the couple came to the city in 1954, when he became a



Curtis Mathison sits at the organ of the First United Methodist Church of Wayne and Westland, a seat he's had since 1984. ILL. BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

church organist. In the 38 years since, he has been at Trinity United Methodist Church and West Outer Drive Methodist, both in Detroit, before joining First United Methodist in Wayne in the 1980s.

He taught music in the Detroit Public Schools at the elementary and junior high levels for 30 years before retiring, but still has a private practice with about six students. He also worked with Music on the Move, teaching and supporting music education in private schools.

Always there

Mathison has a stellar attendance record. He plays every Sunday unless "I'm on vacation" and has missed only one

church practice since 1954 and one Sunday due to illness - and that was because he was in the hospital and wasn't released until Sunday afternoon.

"He doesn't miss Sundays," member Keith Demolay said. "I get here at 7:30 a.m. and he's usually here by 8:15. If he's not here by 8:30, we're in panic mode and put out an APB."

Mathison has done concerts at other churches and in five different states. He also has been invited to perform in Florida and Virginia over the years. He said he gets a small intimate crowd of about 150 for his concert at First United Methodist, adding that he's "made 75

phone calls" this year.

Those who attend will be treated to his performance of his favorite piece of classical music, Bach's *Toccata and Fugue in D Minor*, as well as Mendelssohn's *Variations Serieuses* and church hymns like *Oh Come All Ye Faithful*.

He isn't sure how long he will be able to continue being the church organist and doing his concerts. At age 83, he said that decision will be made by someone else. "How long do I keep doing this? God knows that answer," he said.

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AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

Cut-A-Thon

The second annual cut-a-thon fundraiser for Children with Hair Loss will be held noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13, at Santa Fe Salon, 34367 Plymouth Road, Livonia.

Hair cuts will cost \$10 for adults (cash only), \$5 for kids and \$5 for brow and lip wax. There also will be raffles, prizes, refreshments and 20 percent off Paul Mitchell products.

All proceeds go to Children with Hairloss, a Michigan based company that provides hair pieces to children with medically related hair loss.

For more information, call 734-427-8228 or visit www.childrenwithhairloss.us.

Coffee Hour

Wayne County Commissioner Richard LeBlanc will host his monthly Coffee Hours in Garden City and Westland on Monday, Oct. 14.

Coffee Hours in Westland will be held 9-10:30 a.m. at Mr. Mike's Grill, 6047 N. Wayne Road. State Sen. Glenn Anderson and State Reps. David Knezek and Robert Kosowski will also co-host the event.

Coffee Hours in Garden City will be held from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Maplewood

Center. Rep. Knezek will co-host the event as well.

State Sen. Glenn Anderson will host district coffee hours Monday, Oct. 21, in Westland and Redford. Citizens of the 6th Senate District are welcome to attend. This is a change from his usual month coffee hour due to a scheduling conflict. No appointment is necessary.

The District Coffee Hours will be 9-10 a.m. at Mr. Mike's Grill, 6047 N. Wayne Road, Westland, and 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway, Redford.

Constituents who would like to address an issue with the Senator but are unable to attend may contact him by mail at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48909, by phone at 866-262-7306 or by email at SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov.

Trunk or Treats

The First United Methodist Church of Wayne-Westland, 3 Town Square in Wayne, will hold an Angels Night Costume Party and Trunk or Treat from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 31, in the south parking lot of the church. Bring treats to give to the "angels" as the "parade" walks from trunk to trunk. There will be crafts, activities and refreshments.

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ing a bomb and holding her hostage.

Quigley agreed to speak with the dispatcher and subsequently her supervisor - a conversation that Ackron said she could hear on a speaker phone.

Seeking help

Having unsuccessfully contacted the FBI and other agencies seeking help for a woman he'd met online and believed to be in danger, Quigley wanted the mayor's help, Ackron said.

Initially, Quigley was seated in a waiting area opposite a counter behind which Ackron was seated.

Quigley then got up and sat next to Ackron at a second desk behind the counter, Ackron said.

"I was terrified. He was actually right next to

me. He asked me if I wanted to smoke. I said no thank you," Ackron said. "He said I better smoke them while I can. I thought that was because I wouldn't be able to later. I didn't think I was going to be getting out of there."

Other comments from Quigley included offering to swap Ackron as a hostage for an unarmed police officer, she said. Quigley had also told the dispatcher to evacuate the building, Ackron said.

"He said he wouldn't release me until he saw the woman (he thought was in danger) outside," Ackron said. "I thought I'd be there a long time. I didn't believe she existed at that point. Mr. Quigley said he hadn't planned to leave City Hall alive."

Cup of coffee

Later, Quigley asked if there was coffee and asked Ackron to get him a cup, she testified. She

said he asked if she drank coffee and told her to get herself a cup as well.

The coffee was cold, she said, but Quigley tasted it and told her it was OK. Ackron asked if she could heat up her coffee in microwave in the kitchen area, located off the hallway leading into the mayor's private office and also a door to the stairwell.

"I went into the kitchen. I was thinking about escaping. He was watching," Ackron said.

"Then he looked away. I ran down the corridor to get outside. There were a lot of men with rifles."

It was another couple of hours before Quigley, who had no bomb, surrendered to police and was taken into custody. Police located the woman who reported not being in any danger.

Defense attorney David Lankford argued that Quigley lacked the

specific intent required for the charges. With questions to Ackron, he established Quigley expressed no political, religious or philosophical dispute with the city.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Eric Sterbis countered that Quigley's actions were deliberate and purposeful.

Judge Sandra Cicirelli ordered Quigley bound over for trial as charged and that he continue to be held without bond. She also responded to a concern voiced by Quigley indicating Ackron was hired by Wild, who attended the hearing, and had not been Cicirelli's secretary during her five years as mayor before being elected judge.

Quigley is scheduled to be arraigned in circuit court Oct. 17.

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the smallest portion of the district, which included the closed Blanchet Middle School and 65 K-12 students.

"We probably got about 30 or so kids," said Baracy. "It was the same with the other (receiving) districts; they didn't get as many as was in their numbers."

He is hopeful the count is a good sign for the district.

"We've declined every year for the last 10 years, hopefully we've broken that trend," he said.

Other districts

The news is different in neighboring school districts. Both the Livonia Public Schools,

which includes the north end of Westland, and the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools saw their enrollment decline.

"They appear to be close to our projections, which was to see a decline of about 300 students, offset by a slight increase with our partnership with Northville for the career center and other non-K-12 programs," said Livonia School Superintendent Randy Liepa.

Plymouth-Canton's count also showed enrollment down about 300 students from the same period a year ago, which is just what the district had anticipated.

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In his original paper, Charcot described what happens to the feet and proposed the cause as being disrupted pain fibers. Physicians' experience in the intervening 150 years has not improved on his original paper.
At present the most common cause of a Charcot joint is diabetes. It sets up conditions that cause nerve endings in the feet to lose their ability to transmit the signal of pain when injury or infection occur in the feet. Because a diabetic loses the perception of pain, examination of the diabetic foot becomes a medical responsibility.
Looking at the toes, between the toes and at the heel and ball of the feet is a periodic examination that physicians feel is as important as checking the blood sugar. Preventing a Charcot Joint is as necessary as preventing hypoglycemic syncope or diabetic coma.

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Officials envision water system changes

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

After decades of political battles over rates and how Detroit's massive water and sewer system should be run, state Rep. Kurt Heise sees "dramatic action" coming, much of it positive for suburban water customers.

Detroit's bankruptcy and work by Gov. Rick Snyder and Kevyn Orr, the city's emergency financial manager, could result in suburban communities having more say in the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, save money through greater efficiencies and make rate-setting methods more transparent.

Meanwhile, Heise, a Republican from Plymouth Township, has two bills waiting in the wings that call for a regionally run department, plus a third that would subject water rates to state approval.

"Clearly, we all want Detroit to succeed. ... If Detroit suffers, we all suffer," Heise told about 30 people Thursday during a town hall at the Livonia Civic Center



State Rep. Kurt Heise, Livonia City Council member Laura Toy and Vyto Kaunelis speaking on the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Library. "Let's cooperate. Let's work with the city. Let's work with each other."

Heise, who represents the Northville and Plymouth area and eastern Canton Township, is the former director of the Wayne County Department of Environment. His experience with DWSD dates back nearly 20 years, to when he was a municipal attorney for Dearborn Heights.

Also speaking Thursday were Laura Toy, the Livonia City Council president, whose attempts as a state legislator to put DWSD under regional control were

met with a veto by then-Gov. Jennifer Granholm; and Vyto Kaunelis, a civil engineer with Orchard, Hiltz and McCliment Inc., who talked about Detroit's current rate-setting methods.

The Detroit system supplies water to about 125 communities, treats the sewage from 76 communities and serves more than four million people, about 40 percent of the state's population.

Shared optimism

Toy shared Heise's optimism about DWSD customer communities getting more say in how the system is managed.

"Kurt has the ear of the governor and Kevyn Orr ... and he's doing a very fine job," she said. "I think we're going to get somewhere."

Kaunelis, a former co-worker of Heise's in Wayne County government, said communities are charged differently for water based on their distance from Detroit, their elevation and the amount of water used, plus water usage during periods of maximum demand. Sewage treatment rates are based largely on flow, but measuring or estimating flow is difficult, he said.

Heise indicated Orr's emergency manager powers and Detroit's bankruptcy proceedings have made it more likely that changes in the water department will come soon.

"This environment that we're operating in now is radically different

than it was in March and it's changing by the day," he said. "We're all in uncharted waters now."

Heise said his bills regarding DWSD are in the state House Committee on Natural Resources, but are pending action by Orr and Snyder. One would create a nine-member regional water authority with representation from Detroit, Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties and the customer communities, though Detroit would retain ownership of its system. Another would create a looser "alliance" with less control, but still a means of regional input. The third would subject DWSD rate increases to approval by the Michigan Public Service Commission.

Water caveats

Heise did object to Orr's proposal, floated a couple of weeks ago, to

use some DWSD assets to pay some of the pension obligations the city owes. He said water rate-payers shouldn't have to pay the city's debts.

Heise also said that, in his opinion, the region is not in full compliance with the Clean Water Act, despite the dismissal earlier this year by Sean Cox, a federal judge, of the 1977 lawsuit brought to force compliance. Heise said the sewage system, in some areas, still has untreated sewage flowing into rivers and that fixing that problem will be costly.

Five years ago, the cost of remedying Detroit's combined-sewer overflows, which allow sewage to be dumped into streams in some areas during periods of heavy rain, was estimated at between \$1.2 billion and \$1.5 billion, Heise said.

Man found competent for trial in stabbing of elderly neighbors

A Westland man has been found competent to stand face charges in a stabbing attack on his elderly neighbors.

Jeff Peters, 50, is charged with stabbing the couple, ages 77 and 78, after they answered the door early July 27. Police said Peters knocked on the door of another neighbor earlier, yelling obscenities, but that person didn't open her door.

Peters is jailed in lieu

of bond facing seven felony charges: two counts of assault with intent to commit murder, two counts of assault with intent to commit great bodily harm, two counts of felonious assault and one count of first-degree home invasion.

On Thursday in Westland 18th District Court, the prosecution and defense stipulated to a report on the examination that found Peters

competent to stand trial.

Peters has been prescribed psychotic medications at the Wayne County Jail, defense attorney David Lankford said, requesting that the treatment continue.

The preliminary examination for Peters was adjourned until Oct. 24. Judge Sandra Cicirelli ordered that Peters continue to be held without bond.

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OfficeMax makes W-W teacher's day 'better'

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Christmas came a little early to Corina Caird's sixth-grade classroom, thanks to a group of "elves" from OfficeMax in Westland.

Caird, a teacher at Marshall Upper Elementary School in Westland, was on the receiving end of the presents after being selected as a recipient of OfficeMax's "A Day Made Better" program. Held on Oct. 1, Caird was among 1,000 teachers around the country who received classroom supplies and whose schools also received additional supplies.

"I had a lot of mixed emotions," Caird said. "When my principals and the deputy superintendent walked in my classroom, I thought 'Oh, my God, they only come in when you're in trouble.' I was so shocked."

It was the idea of co-principals Bobby Kelly and Kelly Kaminski to have the staff nominate a teacher in the building for the "A Day Made Better" program and write something about that teacher. The consensus was that Caird deserved the honor.

"It's the biggest honor I have ever received," said the Livonia resident who was nominated for the award by her fellow teachers. "I work with the most fabulous teachers and knowing this comes from them means a lot."

'Very comfy'

Caird received a "very comfy" leather desk chair and a large box containing \$1,000 in school supplies, including a Kindle Fire, digital camera, label maker, markers, notebooks and folders. The school also received \$5,000 in supplies.

Since her students were so excited about her surprise, Caird shared the bounty, pulling out the "cutesy pencils and ear buds" and raffling them.

"I started pulling out their names. It was like Christmas, they were so excited," she said.

She also invited other teachers to take something from the box of supplies. The school supplies the school received was divided up among the teachers, but a lot went into the school store to where students spend the Marshall bucks they earn for good behavior.

Caird loves her new chair

and has already put the digital camera to good use taking photos for thank-you cards. Her favorite photograph is one of her in her chair, surrounded by her students holding up some of the supplies and sheets of paper spelling out the word thank you. She also had several get in the box.

She also plans to use the Kindle in the classroom. She's taken it out of the box and charged it, but before letting students use it, she wants to get a "heavy duty cover."

Caird is no stranger with the OfficeMax store that provided the Surprise. She shops at the store located on Central City Parkway in Westland

National initiative

The "A Day Made Better" program is a national initiative that aims to relieve and support teachers who spend their own money on much-needed classroom supplies. OfficeMax consumers and business clients contributed nearly \$700,000 in additional school supplies through this summer's in-store supply drive. The additional supplies were donated to the schools where teachers were honored.



Corina Caird, a sixth-grade teacher at Marshall Upper Elementary School, has the seat of honor after being named a top teacher by the OfficeMax in Westland. She was awarded a new chair and \$1,000 in classroom supplies, including a digital camera and Kindle. On hand for the surprise presentation were co-Principals Bobby Kelly and Kelly Kaminski (on the left), Deputy Superintendent Paul Salah (right) and staff from OfficeMax.

"The OfficeMax people asked the students how much they thought their teacher spends on classroom supplies and one said \$300," Caird said. "He said, 'Nope, it's more like \$1,000.' My husband said, 'Your whole pay goes to your classroom,' and I told him 'yep, because we do this for a different reason.'"

Caird describes herself as low key. She's "so not a center

of attention type of person," but the surprise has had a positive effect on her classroom.

"My students are so nice now because they think I'm famous," Caird said. "They think it's a privilege to be in my class."

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Fire Safety comes to school

The Students at Tipton Academy enjoyed a visit from members of the Garden City Fire Department who came to the school for a presentation during Fire Safety week. The children watched a fire safety video and then Firefighters Gary Gallo and Darren Candela demonstrated what they should do in case of a fire. They also showed students the protective clothing fireman wear when they go to a fire.

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Festival of the Arts coming to shopping center

Garden City Fine Arts Association has joined Three Cities Art Club in the third annual Festival of the Arts at Westland Shopping Center Friday-Sunday, Oct. 18-20.

The festival will be in the East Court of the mall and will feature art, music and dancing by some of the area's best visual and performing artists.

Guest judges of the fine art include Dick Isham, president of the Westland Rotary Club, Carol Rutz, general manager of Westland Shopping Center, Garden City Mayor Randy Walker, Westland Mayor William Wild and State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland.

Each judge will select their favorite from more than 100 pieces of quality art created by some of the area's most talented artists. Their decision will be announced at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19. The winning artists will each receive a prize donated by local businesses dedicated to supporting the arts.

Those attending the event will be able to vote for their three favorite pieces of art with their entries making them



"Amethyst Vase Arrangement" is an acrylic painting done by Susann J. Smith.

eligible for a chance to win a prize donated by a local business.

This third annual three-day event offers an ever growing list of creative art, live performances by local instrumental groups and dancers plus family fun events. Weekend events include:

- Free art classes - On Friday at 2 p.m. Marilyn Meredith will conduct an adult drawing workshop and at 4 p.m. Sharon Lee Dillenbeck will have a class for kids. On Sunday at 2 p.m. Meredith will do a second

workshop. Preregistration is required for the workshops and can be completed by emailing marilynmeredith@wowway.com.

- Free face painting for the kids on Friday afternoon and on Saturday.

- Painting demonstrations will be 2-4 p.m. with artists drawing and/or painting in different mediums and styles.

Check the Three Cities website at www.threecitiesartclub.org/events for an updated schedule of events.

In addition, many pieces of art will be specially priced just for the festival. There also will be framed and matted prints, note cards, refrigerator magnets and more available.

People interested in art are invited to attend the clubs' meetings. Three Cities Art Club meets at Canton Township Hall. Garden City Fine Arts Association meets at the First Methodist Church in Garden City.

For more information, Meredith at 313-231-3939 or email marilynmeredith@wowway.com.



This pastel, entitled "Old North Bridge," is the work of artist Ronald J. Warunek.

Tribute honors late parks and rec director, Melvin G. Bailey

State Rep. Robert L. Kosowski, D-Westland, presented members of the family of Melvin G. Bailey with a tribute during the Michigan Recreation and Park Association's annual Hall of Fame Awards ceremony Oct. 3.

Mr. Bailey was inducted into the MRPA Hall of Fame along with eight other parks and recreation professionals. He was nominated by Kosowski and Westland

Mayor William Wild. "It was a distinct pleasure to join the family of Melvin G. Bailey in acknowledging the significant role he played in the building of Westland and its parks and recreation facilities," Kosowski said.

"As a former parks and recreation director for the city, Mel was an inspiration for my work. I am honored to have been able to celebrate his career and life through

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Making an IRA charity gift

Q: Dear Rick: I read your column where you discussed donating one's minimum required distribution to a charity. I have about \$100,000 in my IRA and I would like to donate about \$5,000 of that to charity. The problem is I am not yet 70½. I turn 70½ February 2014. Even though I am not 70½ can I still donate a portion of my IRA without any tax consequences? I no longer itemize my



Rick Bloom
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deductions; I just use the standard deduction.
A: Unfortunately, you are too young to take advantage of that treatment this year. However, that doesn't mean you can't take money out of your IRA and donate it to a charity.

Next year, when you turn 70½ you will be able to take your required minimum distribution and have that directly transferred into a charity. For those who are generous in nature and who are required to take minimum required distributions, there is a very good tax break available. Donate your minimum required distribution to a charity and avoid having to recognize that distribution as taxable in-

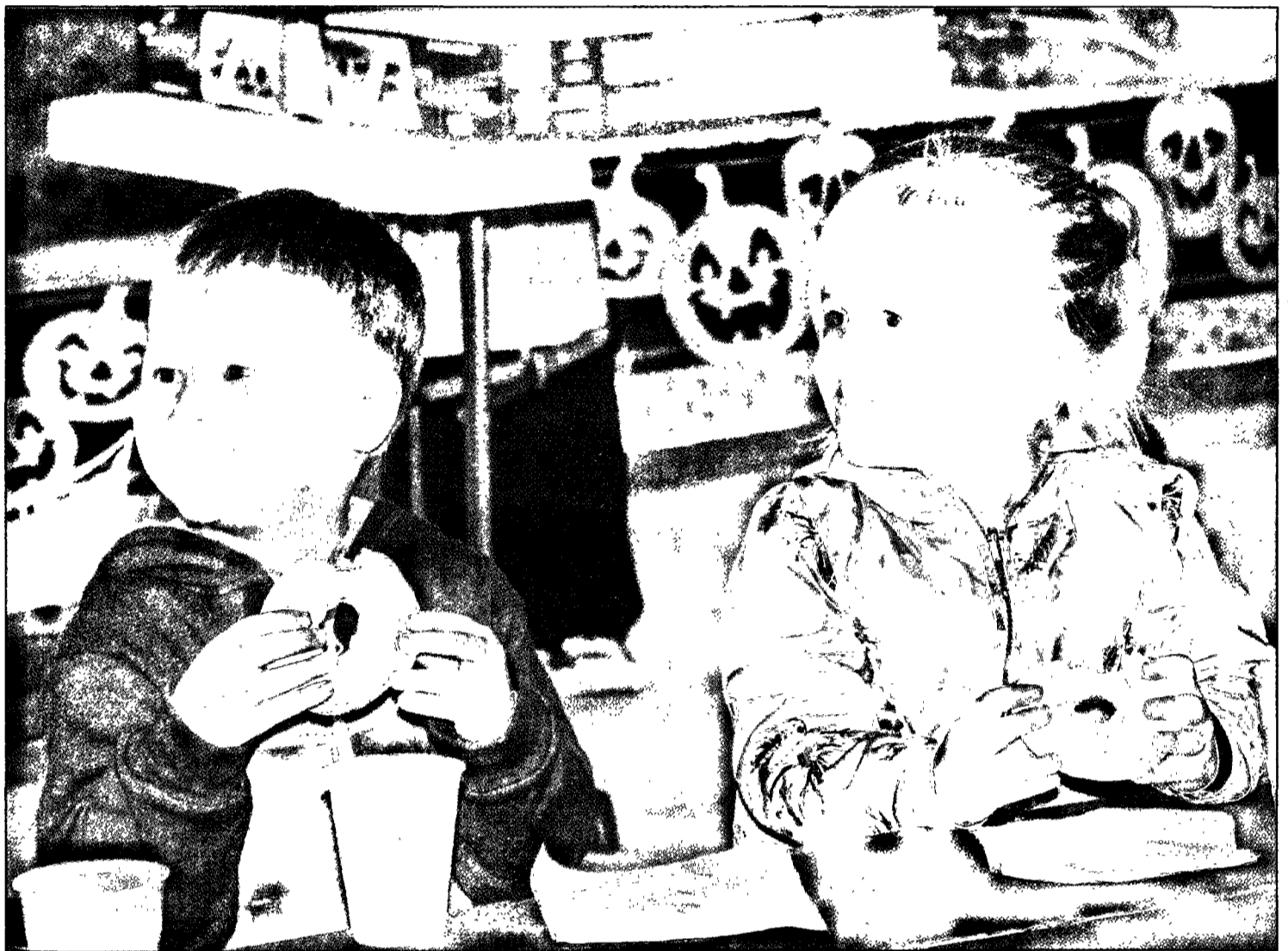
come. For people who do not itemize deductions, this is a way to donate to a charity and at the same time, receive a favorable tax break. I believe people who donate to charities are doing so not for the tax breaks but rather they are trying to accomplish a charitable purpose. However, if you accomplish a charitable purpose and receive a tax break, all the better. Like most things re-

garding our tax laws, you have to make sure you dot the i's and cross the t's to take advantage of this break. The key to accomplishing this is a direct transfer of the money. If your IRA custodian issues a check directly to you and then you write a check to the charity, you do not qualify for the break. As we approach the end of the year, IRA custodians get very busy. Therefore, if you are

going to do this transaction this year don't wait much longer. The transaction must be completed by Dec. 31. If it's not, you lose on the favorable tax treatment. There is no time to delay. Good luck.
Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like him to respond to your questions, email rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.

It's a hoedown at Attwood Park

There was fall fun for entire family at the Family Hoedown at Wayne's Attwood Park. Along with hayrides, there was square dancing, a pumpkin hunt and pumpkin painting, bonfires and horses for petting. It wouldn't be a fall event without cider and doughnuts. The Wayne Parks and Recreation Department sponsored the night of family fun. More fall fun will be in the offing, including trick or treating and storytelling, at HalloWayne. Sponsored by Destination Wayne and the Wayne Chamber of Commerce, the event is scheduled for 4-9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26, in downtown Wayne. The Wayne Library will also host trick or treating 3-4:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 31. It's open to youngsters up to 18 years in costume.



Cousins James Neal and Kilee Ianni of Westland enjoyed powdered doughnuts and cider at the Family Hoedown. TOM BEAUDOIN



Sydney and Logan Kosin of Wayne pose for a picture at the Wayne Family Hoedown. TOM BEAUDOIN



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Dressed for the occasion, Wayne resident Brenda Thomas and Chris Kozin get ready to square dance at the Family Hoedown. TOM BEAUDOIN

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Exec: Manufacturing to play huge role in area

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

It's time to make manufacturing cool again to the youth of western Wayne County.

That was part of the message delivered by James Tetreault, the vice president of North American manufacturing for Ford Motor Co., at the inaugural Western Wayne Business Leadership Banquet Tuesday night.

"We expect so much more than we did 100 years ago. It's very high-tech," he said. "It's really critical we have the best workplace in the world."

The dinner, which had a wide array of business and political leaders from the 18 communities that make up the Conference of Western Wayne, saw leaders from communities such as Livonia, Redford, Canton, Plymouth, Westland and Wayne attend. More than 350 people attended the event, which was spearheaded by members of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce.

Dan West, president of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, said he was very pleased with how the night went, and hopes it becomes an annual event among the communities. He said the message of bringing better manufacturing hit home in the area, which has three Ford facilities, including ones in Wayne and Livonia.

"We were very ecstatic," he said. "To me, it's just not the matter of having the networking message and the manu-



Wayne County Commissioner Richard LeBlanc represents the Westland-Garden City area. To his left is Livonia Schools Superintendent Randy Liepa. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

facturing message, which is important for our communities' young people to hear. When our manufacturers thrive, all of our communities thrive."

Tetreault spoke on the importance of keeping intelligent young people in manufacturing, an area that has seen significant changes in recent years. More work is being done by technically-skilled employees using skills such as problem solving and arithmetic.

He said that future can happen in western Wayne County, since it already has a base for manufacturing especially through Ford. He said almost one-fifth of Ford's plant workers work in the area today.

"This is over 11,000 hourly workers all working in western Wayne County," he said. "A little more than 15 percent of our workforce operation is in western Wayne County."

Dan Dwyer, the mayor of Plymouth, said the event was a great way to help champion the positives happening in the area, something that doesn't get a lot of regional attention. He said other communities have taken strides to market themselves positively, and it's something the communities west of Detroit need to do as well.

"We see that Oakland County does a really good job of bragging about itself," he said.

"Then there's western Wayne County, which is doing some incredible things. We do a terrible job of promoting that."

Canton Supervisor Phil LaJoy could not stay for the entire evening as he and other board members had a meeting that night, but he said bringing the communities all together is a good start.

"It's all about economic development, it's all about showing the advantages of western Wayne County," he said. "I'm looking forward to the next one, hopefully it will be on a different day."

Bill Wild, the mayor of Westland, said what manufacturing companies, such as Ford, do in western Wayne County also benefits the cities and



Garden City Councilwoman Jaylee Lynch listens to the program. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Schoolcraft College President Conway Jeffress and Trustee Brian Broderick. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

townships where these plants are located.

"Ford is a great corporate partner," he said. "They shop in our stores, and use our restaurants, and buy homes in our communities. We appreciate what Ford does in all of our communities."

To do that, Tetreault said companies are turning to communities to help train their future workers for jobs that are rewarding and good-paying.

It's crucial people know that the option of

working in a technical plant is a feasible option for people looking for work, he said.

"We need community partners to build this workforce for the future," he said. "We're falling behind."

Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey said he was impressed with how the inaugural dinner went in Dearborn, and looks forward to attending them in the future. He said Tetreault's address made it clear to him that educators and employers need to forge a stronger relationship to help grow the area's economy.

"I think the message was that unless the providers of education get together with the provider of jobs and find out exactly how we use education to produce the workforce that is necessary, it isn't going (to work)," he said. "I think education is a key part of it, and it won't happen unless you have communication between the providers of jobs and those creating the skills."

Dwyer said the presentation got him thinking about putting those ideas into action sooner as opposed to later. He said he's already reached out to his fellow city officials about what they can do in Plymouth to bring and keep a skilled workforce to the area.

"This morning, I sent a message to my city commission team. It's something we have to start thinking about," he said. "That's a dialogue, if not for last night, would have never happened."

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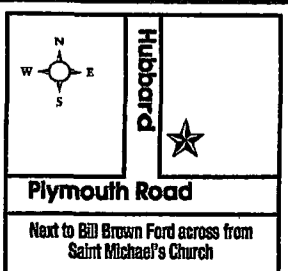
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Runners set 4 course records at Red October Run

Runners laced up their shoes and took off running and in the process set several course records for Oakwood Healthcare's 23rd annual Red October Run.

Held in the city of Wayne, the event attracted 1,333 runners and walkers of all ages to the city of Wayne. They competed in four events this year, said Cynthia Cook, community benefits coordinator for Oakwood Healthcare. There were 345 registered in the 10K run, 544 in the 5K run and 318 in the 5K walk. The 1-Mile Jr. October race attracted 126 youngsters.

"We had a great turnout, and there were a number of course records set this year," said Cook, who organizes the event every year.

The top finishers were:

» In the Men's 10K run, Colby Lowe of Southlake, Texas, set a course record with a time of 31:20, which is a pace of 5:03/mile.

» For the women's 10K run, Stephanie Smith of Detroit also set a course record with a final time of 38:57, good for a 6:17/mile pace.

» Eric Loveland of Dundee set a course record in the Men's 5K with a 16:17 finish, a pace of 5:15 minutes/mile.

» Kimberly Peterson

of Farmington Hills was the top female finisher in the 5K run with a time of 16:17.

» Rick and Shelly Huber of Montrose were the top finishers in the men's and women's 5K walks, respectively. Rick Huber's 28:06 finish also was a course record. Shelly Huber came in at 34:02.

Cook said the event was designed to promote health and fitness to families and attract runners and walkers of all ages and abilities. It did just that.

The Youngest 5K run finisher was 6-year-old Kenna Farmer of Canton, while the oldest was 81-year-old Michigan running legend Harrison Hensley of Pinckney. Hensley is the founder and director of the popular Run Thru Hell event. He's run about 80 races so far this year.

The youngest 10K finisher was 13-year-old Nicole Gadon of Canton. The oldest was 74 Vindra Mehta of Wayne, who finished the race in 1:18:00.

The event, which starts in front of Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne and follows a course through the nearby neighborhoods, is popular with regulars and beginners alike.

"It's always such a great event," said Jerry



Runners wait for the start of the 23rd annual Oakwood Red October Run held Oct. 5 in Wayne.



Youngsters were all number one in the 1-mile Jr. October race.

Mittman, 68, of Northville. Mittman, a former top finisher in his age group, returned to the event after a one-year hiatus.

"They really do a good job with it. It's a great course, a great community. It is always a good time."

For complete race results, visit www.oakwood.org/redoctoberrun.



Former Gov. Jennifer Granholm and husband Daniel Mulhern speak with Mary Zatina, senior vice-president of communication and government relations for Oakwood Healthcare. Granholm and Mulhern competed in the Red October.

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Attorneys Bleske and Alfonsi can often make a winning difference at the application stage. And, if an appeal is necessary they have won several hundred cases before a court date is even set.

Those denied can appeal on their own but statistics for many years reveal that those represented by attorneys win a much higher percentage of appeals. And attorneys who specialize in Social Security Disability cases win a much higher percentage yet.

In addition to practicing only Social Security disability law attorney Bleske has written a book for attorneys about the

subject and has been interviewed on various television programs. Both attorney Bleske and Alfonsi have also been interviewed on radio programs and have given speeches to many groups.

Attorneys Bleske and Alfonsi offer free phone or office consultation. If they represent you, there will be no fee charged until after the case is won. The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.

Bleske and Alfonsi represent clients from all over the state of Michigan. Their Livonia office is on Six Mile Road just west of I-275. Their Novi office is located on Haggerty Road just north of 12 Mile Road. Call them at 1-800-331-3530 for a free consultation if you have been denied, or if you are thinking of possibly applying for Social Security benefits.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Community Development Division, 32715 Dorsey, Westland, MI 48186, on **October 30th, 2013 at 10:30 a.m.** (no exceptions will be made for late filings) for the following:

Demolition of Condemned Buildings

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

Devin J. Adams
City Controller

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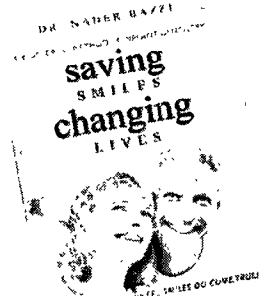
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A friendly mole and vulture are among the animals that will be found on the Halloween Forest Fun Hike on Friday.

Spooktastic events take over Nankin Mills

Wayne County Parks is offering a dose of spooktastic fun sure to rattle the whole family. With two family-friendly events over a two day period, there's no shortage of a good time this fall.

The first event is the Halloween Forest Fun Hike on Friday, Oct. 18. Wayne County Parks is offering an hour-long, guided hike beginning on the grounds of Nankin Mills in Westland. Bring children

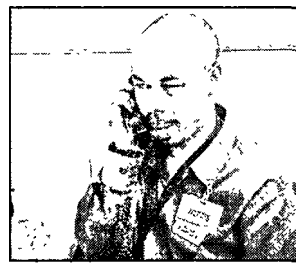
dressed in costumes to enjoy this unique outdoor Halloween event. The "not-so-scary" funny forest dwellers have surprises in store for the night hikers. Afterward, guests will meet intriguing live creatures from around the world during an indoor presentation. Participants must preregister as event space is limited. Pick starting times of 6 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 7 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$6 for

children and \$2 for adults for Wayne County residents. For out of county residents, costs are \$7 per child and \$3 per adult. Call 734-261-1990 to register. The fun continues Saturday, Oct. 19, with a Halloween Festival from 1-3 p.m. Enjoy afternoon of free games and activities at the Hines Park Nankin Mills Picnic Area. Children dressed in costumes are welcome.

The event includes hayrides, inflatables, a costume parade, games, trick-or-treating and entertainment. The Hines Park Nankin Mills Area is located on Hines Drive, east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. For more information on these or any other Wayne County Parks event, visit parks.waynecounty.com or call 734-261-1990.

Blind Walmart associate inspires staff, customers

With the voice of Barry White and the drive of Stevie Wonder, Norris Hull ranks among the most popular and productive associates at the Walmart store at Plymouth and Middlebelt in Livonia. Blindness is seldom an obstacle.



Norris Hull has earned Employee of the Month several times running at the Walmart store at Plymouth and Middlebelt.

"I like to be a go-getter," said Hull, who manages five constantly ringing telephone lines at the bustling 220,000-square-foot store Monday through Friday. "We can get up to 400 calls for a popular video game at holiday time. I find out how many games we have in stock and what other Walmart stores have in inventory if we are sold out."

Twice, Walmart has invited him to its stockholder meetings at the home office to mingle with upper management and tell them why he loves working at the Livonia store. Customers write thank-you notes when he goes out of his way to find a sale item. Managers cite his acuity for quality and cleanliness.

"Norris has a keen sense of order," said Ken Brewer, store manager. "He could identify a spill on the floor or an item left in the dressing room. He likes to have everything in its proper place. He gives a new perspective to visual."

Walmart makes a point of hiring veterans, senior citizens and people with disabilities, Brewer said. Employment is based on an ability to do the job, he added. Hull, who lives in Detroit, has earned Employee of the Month several times.

Hull said he knows how to make minor modifications to make his job work. He has a digital watch that speaks the time on command. He takes 3 x 5 cards to make Braille numbers and letters on his telephone, both the cards and the watch purchased from the shelves of the store.

The walkie talkie is always nearby to call various departments and

find the status of items customers request. Each day he questions managers if they are conducting job interviews so he can send an applicant to the proper department. Once more, he keeps a list of all the surrounding Walmart stores and knows their telephone operators' names by heart so he can check availability.

"If the phone lines are jammed, I will take a customer's phone number, repeat it back to get it correct and call them when I get the answer," Hull said.

Hull was born with congenital cataracts. He has some light and depth perception. The desire to work burned in his soul. With the help of D-DOT's Metro Lift that transports the blind to work and errands, he attended Wayne County Community College and went job hunting.

Walmart hired him in 2001 to answer telephones because of his baritone voice and passion for work.

"I was determined to be the best telephone operator," he said.

Hull takes the compliments in stride. He comes to work each day in a pressed blue shirt and blue pants. He often cooks his meals on the George Foreman grill he bought at Walmart and plays games on the X-box he bought at the store.

"I enjoy what I do here. I appreciate the company and its commitment to customer service. I know, when it comes to what I do, with faith all things are possible," Hull said.

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County Parks offers home school programs

The sounds of singing and dancing filled the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in Westland recently as Livonia resident Reg Pettibone and his wife Marca presented a program on Native American culture for home schoolers.

Pettibone, a member of the Ho-Chunk Nation, drew on his traditional upbringing to share true Native American culture through dance, song, stories, artifacts and audience participation.

A champion PowWow dancer, Pettibone and his wife came dressed in traditional Native American regalia for the program.

It was one of many monthly educational programs offered through Wayne County Parks for home school students and their parents.

The programs have covered such topics as Michigan mammals, Harriett Tubman and the Underground Railroad and Michigan's salt mine, as well as a trip to Cass Benton Park in Northville for maple sugaring and a visit to the Bennett Arboretum, also in Northville.

The remaining programs for 2013 included:

» **Leaf print T-shirt and nature hike** on Tuesday Oct. 15, in which students will take a hike to learn how to identify local floodplain tree species and then make leaf prints on a light-colored T-shirt.

» **Birds of prey** 1:30-2:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24. A presenter from Leslie Science and Nature Center Raisin River Raptors will speak about birds of prey include hawks, owls, falcons and eagles and provide and close-up look at live birds.

» **Natural plant dyes** on Tuesday, Nov. 19, in which participants will look at the history of plant dyes and try making natural dyes from a couple of different plants, such as

black walnut husks. Participants need to bring a few small white clothing items or cloths to try to dye in the homemade solutions.

» **Michigan geology** on Tuesday, Nov. 21. Students will discover Michigan's amazing geological history, which includes volcanoes, mountains, oceans and glaciers. They'll take a look at the "big" picture, including plate tectonics, and explore the "smaller" picture by learning rock and mineral classification. Students also will do mineral testing and make a mineral collection to take home.

» **Extreme physics in motion** 1:30-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10. The Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum will present a physics program focusing on roller coasters and Newtonian Catch, a large physics demonstration in which participants experience relative motion first-hand.

» **Winter hike and seed craft** on Tuesday, Dec. 17. A naturalist will lead students on a hike through Holliday Nature Preserve in search of seed pods. After the hike, they'll warm up in the classroom and create a craft from what they've have found.

Unless indicated programs are held 1-3:30 p.m. at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland.

Each program costs \$6 per student and \$2 per adult for Wayne County residents and \$7 and \$3 respectively for out of county residents.

Pre-registration and prepayment are required. Registration can be mailed in, called in with a credit card or paid at the Park Office.

For more information, call 734-261-1990 or visit the Wayne County Parks website at www.waynecountyparks.org.



Zachary Lang does the "Dance of respect to our father and our four-legged friends" with Reg Pettibone and Nathan Warner of Lathrup Village. TOM BEAUDOIN



Reg Pettibone of Livonia, a member of the Ho-Chunk Nation, explains to the children that the "dances are a way of saying thank you to mother Earth." TOM BEAUDOIN



Jeremiah Dajos of Livonia makes a friendship bracelet at the Native America Dance at Nankin Mills. PHOTO BY TOM BEAUDOIN

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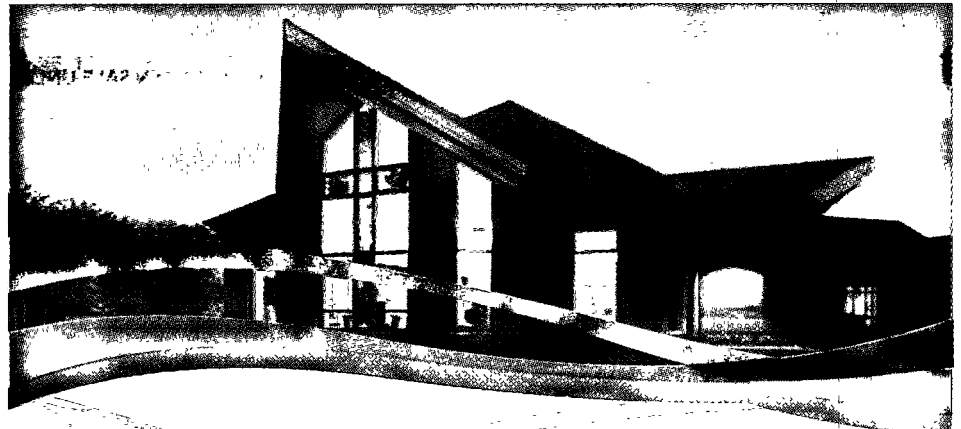
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The Health Insurance Marketplace opened on Oct. 1. The Marketplace was created in response to the 2010 ratification of the Affordable Care Act. The Affordable Care Act, commonly referred to as Obamacare, is intended to improve health care for Americans through increased affordability and crack down on abuse by insurance companies.

Marketplace open enrollment has begun, and will continue through March 31, 2014. If you are interested

in using the Health Insurance Marketplace at healthcare.gov, there are four steps to the enrollment process. First, create an account at healthcare.gov. Then you can enter information about you and your family in order to apply. Once you have applied, you will be able to review information for various plans that are available to you and your family. After you have chosen a plan, enroll and you can begin receiving coverage as early as Jan. 1, 2014.

It is possible to apply for coverage by mail, online at www.healthcare.gov, by telephone at 800-318-2596, or in person with aid from a certified Navigator. Wayne County residents can contact Community Bridges Management at 586-741-8360, the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services at 313-216-2200, or the American Indian Health and Family Services of Southeast Michigan at 313-846-6030 for assistance from a certified navigator.

While the healthcare.gov website has been available to the public since Oct. 1, it has encountered difficulties handling the amount of traffic the website has seen. If you visit the website and have any trouble, try calling the Health Insurance Marketplace 24/7 Toll Free Help Line at 800-318-2596.

If you would like help navigating the healthcare.gov information, are looking for

paper forms, or for any other basic information about the Health Insurance Marketplace, the Westland Public Library can help. Stop by the Reference Desk or come to our Job Seekers and Health Care Help Lab, open Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesdays from 5-8 p.m. and Fridays from 1-4 p.m.

For more information, visit www.westlandlibrary.org, call 734-326-6123 or stop by the Reference Desk.

Highlighted Activities

Lego Read & Play, 2 p.m.
Oct. 13 - Come build with us. A nice big room with friends who like to build = fun. We'll have lots and lots of Lego® bricks for building, along with books for inspiration.

Tween Candy Sushi, 6 p.m.
Oct. 14, Grades 5 and up - Join us as we create tasty sushi from a variety of candy and other sweets. Bring your creativity and imagination, and we'll provide everything else. Register at westlandlibrary.org/teens/event or call 734-326-6123.

Yoga for Beginners, 10 a.m. or 7 p.m.
Oct. 14, Adults - Join experienced yoga instructor Lois Gannon as she leads a beginning Hatha yoga class. Yoga mats will be provided, if you don't have one. Please wear loose clothing. One of four morning classes this month. The yoga classes will be drop-in only, no sign-up required.

Teen Minecraft Club, 4 p.m.
Oct. 15, Ages 12-18 - Minecraft on the Westland Teen's multiplayer server and try some cool Minecraft crafts. You don't need a Minecraft login to come.

Bi-Lingual Storytime, 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 15 - Bienvenidos! Celebrate the conclusion of Hispanic Heritage Month with an evening of fun stories and songs in English and Spanish followed by a simple craft. Ages 3-7 with a caregiver, siblings welcome. No registration.

Affordable Care Act Information Night, 6 p.m.
Oct.

16 - Join us for a free information session about the Affordable Care Act. Open enrollment for the Health Insurance Marketplace began Oct. 1. How will it all affect you? Marcy Gilstad, who is the Marketplace Education Coordinator at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, and insurance agent Anthony Pollicella will be here to talk about the ACA and answer any questions you have. Presented with the help of Joanne Darga, Community Liaison for Comfort Keepers of Plymouth. Sign up by going to westlandlibrary.org/events or call the library at 734-326-6123.

Adult Book Discussion Group, 7 p.m.
Oct. 16 - This month's selection is *Under the Banner of Heaven*. Journalist Jon Krakauer re-creates the brutal murders committed by two Mormon brothers, Ron and Dan Lafferty, who claimed to have acted in response to a revelation. Krakauer uses the story as a point of departure to examine the history of the Mormon religion, as well as its troubling modern-day offshoots, many of which cling to the practice of polygamy with a violent determination. Limited number of copies will be available at the Reference Desk.

eReader and Tablet Support Group, 2-4 p.m.
Oct. 17 - 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. Drop in.

ESL (English as a Second Language) Class, 9:30-11:15 a.m.
Oct. 18 - Get help practicing your English skills in a classroom setting with a conversation emphasis taught by Diane and Richard Goers. Classes run from Nov. 8. Students with children are welcome.

Friday Night Dinner and a Movie, 6 p.m.
Oct. 18 - What's better than dinner with

friends? Well, dinner and a movie with friends, of course. We're getting in full-gear with this Friday Night Movie institution with a super story and a super dinner. Tonight's movie is *Iron Man 3*: "When Tony Stark's world is torn apart by a formidable terrorist called the Mandarin, he starts an odyssey of rebuilding and retribution." (imdb.com). The night's featured restaurant will be Loaf & a Pound, Italian Deli and Cafe from Westland. Dinner will include choice of turkey or roast beef sandwich, four-bean salad, potato chips, soft drink, and light dessert for \$5. Tickets are available at the Westland Library Circulation Desk. Cash or check only. Doors for dinner and movie attendees open at 6 p.m. Doors for movie-only attendees open at 6:45 p.m. Movie starts at 7 p.m. Snacks and refreshments (suggested donation).

Being Muslim in America, noon Oct. 19 - If you've ever been curious about Islam or how the lives of Islamic followers are similar to and different from others in America, please join us for this special Saturday afternoon program. Speakers for this program include Dewed Walid, executive director of the Michigan chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR-MI). Walid is a preacher of Islamic faith delivering sermons at Islamic centers across America and is a political blogger for the *Detroit News*. Essra Moussawi is a first generation Arab-American born in East Lansing. She is the administrator for one of the largest Muslim youth groups in Michigan. A question and answer session will follow the talks. This program is presented as part of our 2013 Bridging Cultures: Muslim Journeys programming.

Kindergarten Book Club, 2 p.m.
Oct. 19, kindergarteners - Join us as we read Lucille Colandro's book, *There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed Some Leaves*, talk about what we have read, and do a lot of other fun, book-related activities.

Register online, at the Youth Services Desk or by calling 734-326-6123.

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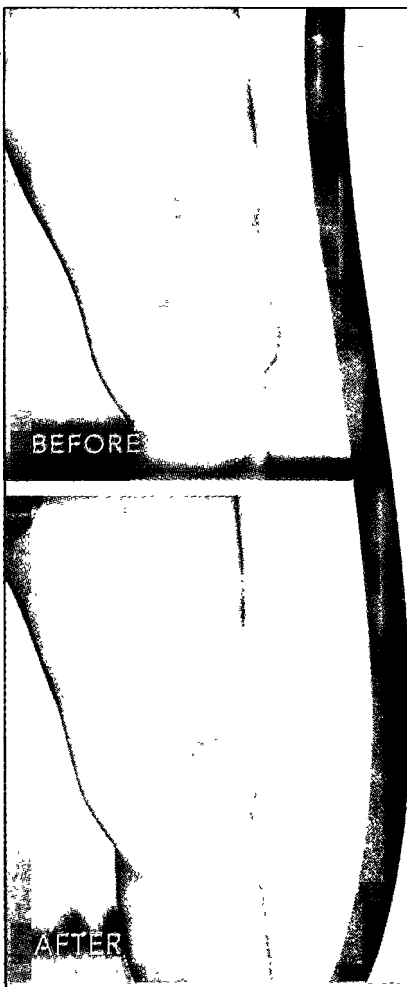
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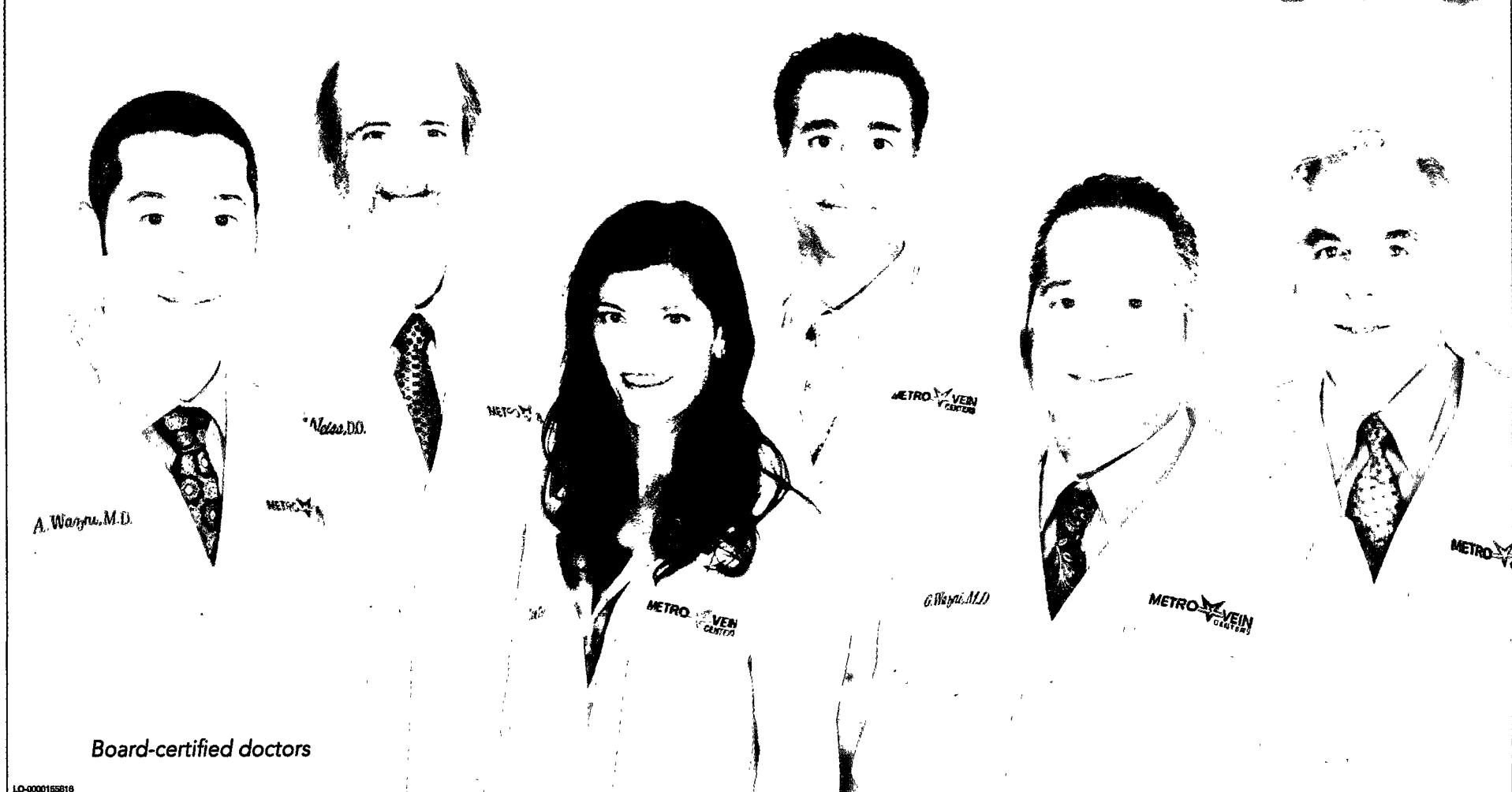
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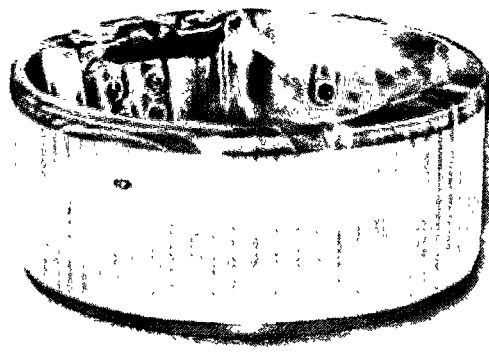
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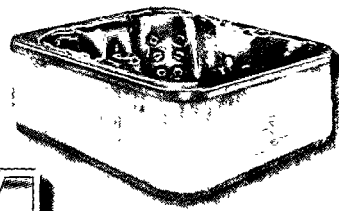


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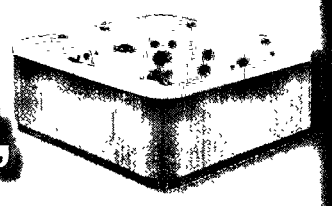
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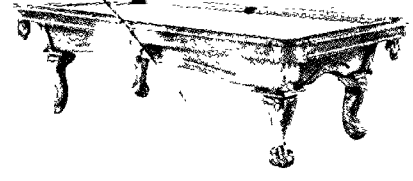
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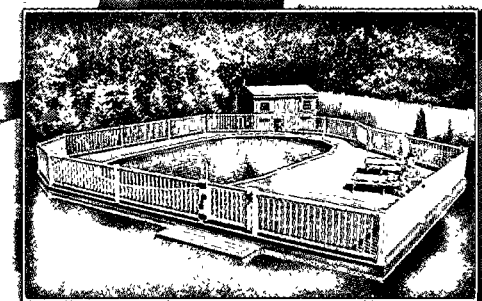
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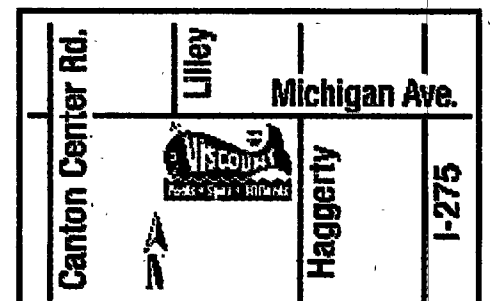


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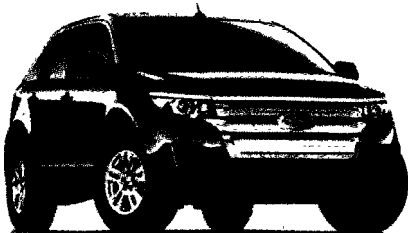
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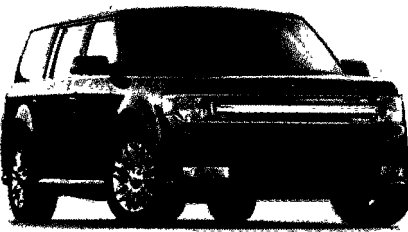


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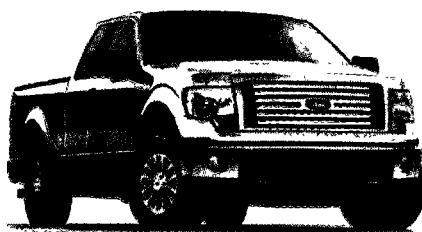


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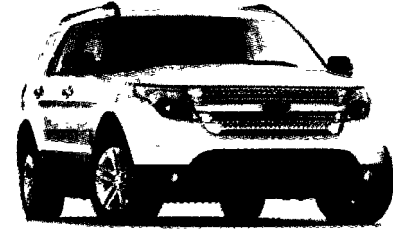


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John Glenn orbits around rival Wayne, 48-6

Rockets tally 48 straight points after falling behind

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Westland John Glenn wrapped up third place in the KLAAs South Division with a 48-6 football win Friday against rival Wayne Memorial. The Rockets, who improved to 4-3 overall and 3-2 in the

division, will host most likely Novi in a third-place Kensington Conference crossover game next Friday.

Host Wayne (0-7, 0-5), which lost for the 37th straight time dating back to the 2009 season, actually scored first on a nine-play, 80-yard drive, capped by Angelo Wiggins' 6-yard TD pass to Brian Williams.

But Glenn answered with 48 unanswered points while invoking a running clock in the

second half.

Kimari Johnson (10 carries, 161 yards) and Devon Spalding (14 carries, 156 yards) led the Glenn rushing attack. Quarterback Chris Scheffer was 4-for-4 passing for 93 yards.

Spalding scored on an 8-yard run with 2:44 left in the first quarter to even the count at 6-6.

In the second quarter, Spalding added TD runs of 3, 1 and 6 yards, while Scheffer hit

Jaylen Peete on a 36-yard touchdown pass.

Sean Foreman also intercepted a Wiggins pass and ran it back 28 yards for a TD.

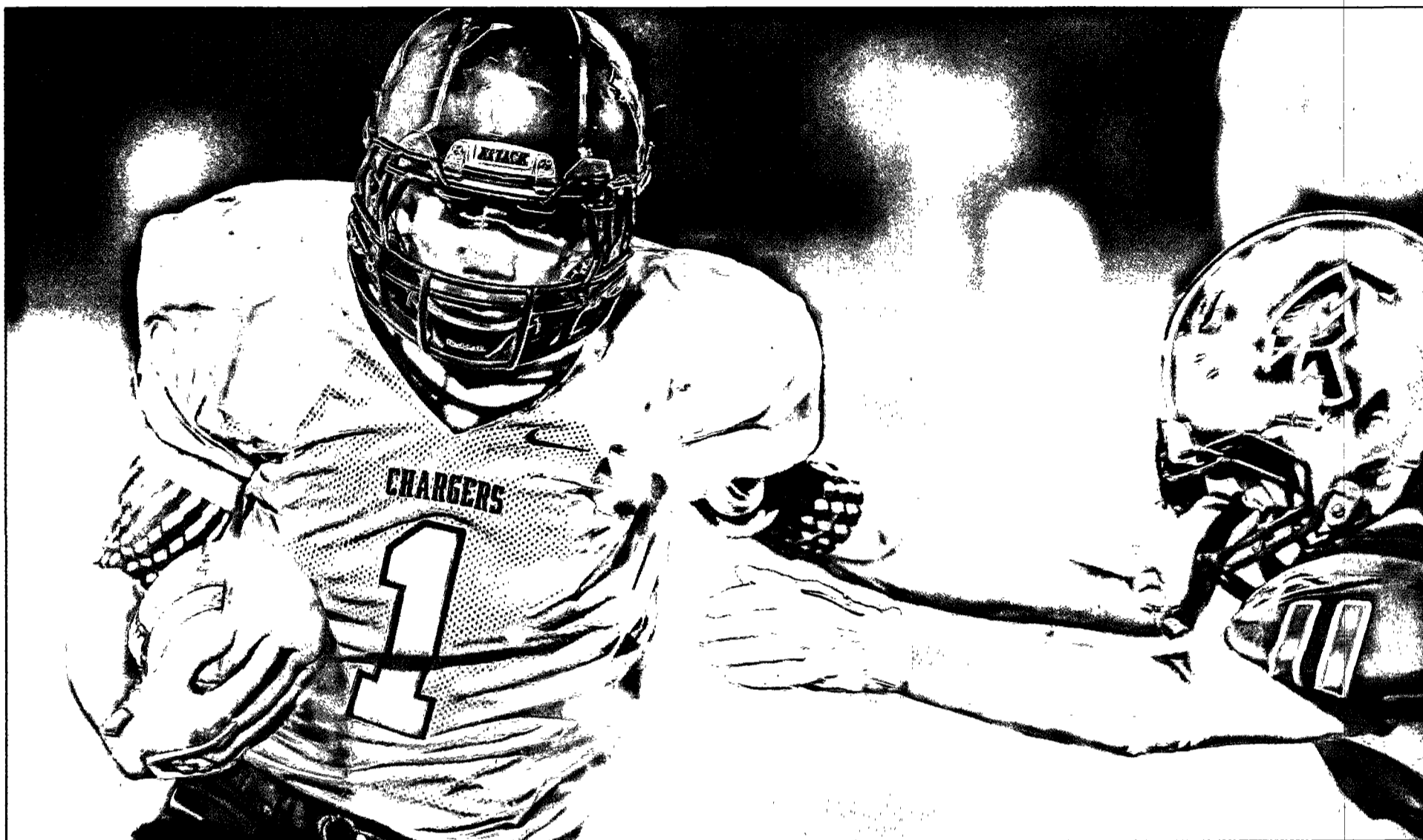
Johnson then ripped off a 47-yard third-quarter TD run to end the scoring.

Glenn had 468 total yards to Wayne's 143, but more importantly, the Rockets are just two wins away from a postseason playoff spot.

"I think we've gotten a lot

better over the last few weeks," Glenn coach Tim Hardin said. "Equally as important is that we've gotten more confidence. We're young and early on in the season our guys were lacking some confidence. I think confidence started to build and it's certainly helped in a lot of ways."

"These guys have made it their goal to make the playoffs and we control our own destiny, so we've got to get it done."



Churchill's Malik Johnson (left) stiff-arms Franklin tackler Danny Cline. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

Chargers get past Pats

Johnson stars in 34-29 win

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Malik Johnson wears the No. 1 jersey for Livonia Churchill's football team – and for good reason.

The 5-foot-8, 170-pound senior proved to be the difference in the fourth quarter as he scored on a pair of pivotal touchdown runs to lead the Chargers to a 34-29 victory at Livonia Franklin.

Johnson finished the night with 246 yards on only 14 carries, but none was bigger than his 28-yard TD run early in

the fourth quarter to put the Chargers back on top 27-22 after they squandered a 21-0 second-quarter lead.

After Franklin opted to punt on fourth-and-three at midfield, Johnson then put the game away with a spectacular 69-yard run, zig-zagging his way down the field with 5:00 remaining. Brian Alsbrooks booted the PAT to make it 34-22.

The Patriots, however, refused to fold, going 85 yards in seven plays as quarterback Kyle Riley scored on a 3-yard keeper with 2:50 to go. Alejandro Castillo's PAT pulled Franklin to within five, 34-29.

The onside kick, however, went out

of bounds as Churchill retained possession.

But the Chargers had to give up the ball as the Patriots got a sack at the 20. But Alsbrooks boomed a 59-yard punt down to the Franklin 21 and Steve Szymanski intercepted Riley's pass with 1:41 left to end the suspense.

Johnson credited his line play for another big game on the ground.

"They (Franklin) came out strong, but I believed in my team the whole time," Johnson said. "My O-line did great – Matt Skibinski, Alex Promo, Nick Najarian, Zach Barrick, Nick Davis – were blocking great. It was a great feeling. We just kept on fighting

and pulled through.

"I was real tired. Very exhausting. You just got to keep fighting."

Churchill improved to 2-5 overall and 2-3 in the KLAAs South Division, while Franklin's postseason playoff chances took a hit as the Patriots slipped to 3-4 overall and 2-3 in the division.

Alsbrooks missed a 42-yard field goal with 8:21 left in the first quarter after the Chargers' opening drive was stalled at the Patriots' 25.

Churchill scored on its third possession of the first quarter on Johnson's

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7-0 Clarenceville pounces all over Panthers, 43-0

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The crowd was large, the floats were sweet and the queen was photogenic.

Unfortunately for Redford Union's football team, its homecoming opponent Friday night was good and hungry.

After sitting idle last week with a bye, visiting Livonia Clarenceville played like a tiger who hadn't been fed in a while as it shredded the Panthers, 43-0.

The entire second half was played with a running clock after the Trojans built an indestructible 37-0 halftime advantage.

Surging Clarenceville im-

proved to 7-0 overall and 4-0 in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference's Red Division. The Panthers dropped to 1-6 and 0-4, respectively.

Among the main men for the winners' offense were junior quarterback Jacob Kubiak, who completed 8-of-10 passes for 120 yards, senior running back Jalen Bryant, who contributed 52 yards and four touchdowns on 10 carries, and junior running back James Hill, who busted loose for 72 yards and a TD on just five hauls.

Defensively, Jumal Pritchett set the tone for the Trojans by recording two sacks in the game's opening seven minutes. David Curvin was also a

swarming menace for Clarenceville's defense, which yielded just 90 yards to the Panthers' offense.

"The guys have been beating up on each other the past two weeks, so they were really eager for tonight," Clarenceville coach Ken Fry said. "The rest was well worth it because we had a couple guys who were banged up from our game against Romulus (Sept. 27), so the two weeks off was perfect. But they were eager to hit somebody besides themselves."

After the Trojans' defense forced a quick RU three-and-out, the offense struck quickly,

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Clarenceville's Jumal Pritchett (No. 58) tries to bring down Union QB Alex Shimmons, who managed to pitch the ball to Jalen Smith (No. 4). Smith was eventually chased into the end zone for a safety. ED WRIGHT



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PREP VOLLEYBALL

Churchill surprises division-leading Canton

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Livonia Churchill put Canton's KLAA South Division volleyball title plans on hold Thursday night with a convincing 25-17, 25-19, 25-23 victory.

The Chargers, who improved to 23-9-3 overall and 7-2 in the division, were led by the red-hot attacking of Mackenzie Hamill, who finished with 12 kills.

Despite playing with an injury, sophomore Natalie Panek added nine kills, while freshman Annie Yost chipped in with five kills and three solo blocks.

Sophomore setter Rayna Yetts dished out 38 assists, while Lauren Fallu paced the defense with 10 digs.

Megan Damico, meanwhile, was 100 percent (16-for-16) on serve receive.

"It was a very good win," Churchill first-year coach Anna Gatt said. "The girls played with confidence and energy. We moved the ball around to make their middles work to try force the ball to the outside where we could funnel the ball to our libero."

The loss drops Canton to 21-6-2 and 8-1 in the KLAA South. The Chiefs, however, can still earn the title outright with a

win Tuesday at home against Westland John Glenn.

Churchill closes out its division schedule at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at home against Livonia Franklin. The Chargers can gain a share of the South title with a Canton loss and a Churchill victory.

"After losing to them in four pretty badly the last time, we had nothing to lose the second time around," Gatt said. "We focused only on our side of the court, in the sense that we cannot make a ton of unforced errors. Last time we faced Canton we made 56 errors on our side, whereas this time we made 30 errors. Keeping the ball in play will make a huge difference."

Glenn triumphs

Val Ernat led the way with 10 kills as Westland John Glenn (14-16-1, 5-4) rolled to a 25-17, 25-11, 25-18 KLAA South Division win Thursday against rival Wayne Memorial (4-25-4, 0-9).

Setter Courtney Schaber added eight assists, while Erin Parriello and Ryan Clemmons provided a strong block as the visiting Rockets won their third straight and second of the season against Wayne.

Glenn also got sterling



Churchill's Natalie Dzewit goes to floor for the dig in Thursday's win against Canton. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

play in the back row from Hannah Staples, Bri Robison and Ernat, each of whom collected seven digs.

In the second set, Glenn erased a 6-4 deficit as Staples served 16 straight points, including eight aces.

"Once again, our struggle was serve receive versus Glenn," Wayne coach Samantha Dye said. "I haven't given up faith in this team and I know we can be competitive. We just have to play together on the court. We'll definitely be working on things these next couple of weeks preparing for districts and turn our game play around." Leaders for Wayne

included Karley Buford (three blocks, three kills); Deja Tamlin (four kills, three blocks, seven digs); and Danielle Robbins (four kills, four digs).

Franklin falls

In a KLAA South Division match Tuesday, host Plymouth (19-7-1, 5-4) turned back Livonia Franklin (11-11-2, 2-7) in three sets, 25-19, 25-15, 25-17, despite 25 digs from Kelly Newton.

Other leaders for the Patriots included Mikayla Sienkiewicz (46 set attempts), Bailey Goldberg (three aces) and Riley Kangas (five kills).

Spartans romp

Senior Katie Tomasic finished with 13 kills and eight digs Thursday to lead Livonia Stevenson (24-6-2, 6-3) to a lopsided victory over Salem, which slipped to 2-7 in the KLAA's Central Division.

Setters Sarah Soave and Carmen Disler combined for 29 assists with 15 and 14, respectively, while Taylor McLeod contributed four blocks for the victorious Spartans.

Hawks trip PCA

Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (19-7-3, 4-4) avenged an earlier season loss with a 25-17, 25-21, 25-20 MIAC Blue Division victory at Plymouth Christian Academy.

Madison Dest paced the Hawks attack with 17 service points, along with six aces. She also contributed nine kills.

Senior Lexus Medina also chipped in with a team-high 15 kills and three aces.

Other contributions came from Dayna Schroeder (seven kills, three blocks); Anne St. John (31 assists); and Sarah Setian (five kills, five digs).

"We played well tonight," HVL coach Mike Dest said. "They (PCA) came into our place a couple weeks ago and

beat us in four sets. The girls were not happy the way we played that night, so I think the girls felt like they had something to prove tonight."

"And Dayna (Schroeder) passed the ball great to help set up our offense."

Patriots runner-up

Livonia Franklin made it all the way to the finals of last Saturday's University of Michigan-Dearborn Invitational tournament before Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central captured the title in the gold finals, 25-12, 25-14.

The Patriots (11-9-2) went 4-1-1 on the day.

In pool play, Franklin defeated Waterford Mott (25-17, 25-17), Flat Rock (25-20, 25-14), while splitting with Oak Park (25-17, 12-25).

The Patriots advanced to the finals with victories over Waterford Mott (25-17, 25-15) and Detroit Cass Tech (20-25, 25-16, 15-7).

Sarah Cramton was Franklin's top attacker with 23 kills in 71 attempts. Alaina DeFrain added 42 service attempts with nine aces and only three errors.

Other Franklin attempts leaders included Kelly Newton (101 passes); Mikayla Sienkiewicz (146 sets) and Riley Kangas (91 blocks).

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Freeman propels No. 4 Madonna past Davenport

Emilie Freeman continued her strong front row play as the unbeaten Madonna University women's volleyball team knocked off its fifth top-25 ranked team of the season with a 25-22, 25-21, 25-20 victory Wednesday at home over No. 24 Davenport.

Freeman, a 6-foot-3 senior middle hitter from Livonia (Lutheran High Westland), finished with a match-high 17 kills and four block-assists as the No. 4-ranked Crusaders improved to 26-0 overall.

Stacey Catalano and Kayla

Vogel chipped in with 12 and nine kills, respectively, while senior All-America setter Evia Prieditis collected 39 assists.

First-place MU upped its Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference mark to 6-0.

MU's defense was led by Roxey Duzey and Amanda Obyrcki with 12 digs apiece, while Payton Maxheimer contributed 11.

Olivia DenHartigh paced the Panthers (16-7, 5-1) with 11 kills and 14 digs, while setter Amber Getty added 33 assists.

Big Guns victory

Setter Evia Prieditis had 32 assists and 13 digs to lead the Crusaders (27-0) to an opening round win Friday over Viterbo (Wis.) in the Big Guns Classic hosted by the University of St. Francis (Ill.).

Top attackers for MU included Stacey Catalano and Emilie Freeman with 13 and 10 kills, respectively.

Amanda Obyrcki and Payton Maxheimer led the defense with 19 and 15 digs, respectively.

Viterbo (21-6), which received votes in the latest NAIA poll, got 24 digs from Jennifer Krentz and 27 assists from Brianna Brinkman.

Emilee Wiersma and Erica Willadsen led the hitting attack with 11 and 10 kills, respectively.

Ocelots prevail

Ajsha Davie racked up 16 kills, while setter Amber Staudt added 27 assists and 14 digs Thursday as Schoolcraft College (14-15, 5-3) outlasted host Mott Community College

(7-9, 2-5) in an MCCA Eastern Conference match, 22-25, 27-25, 25-22, 24-26, 18-16.

Other standouts for the Lady Ocelots included Stephanie Gibson (10 kills, 20 digs); Katie Summers (nine kills); Lindsey Umin (16 digs); and Karlee Harding (12 digs).

Third-place Schoolcraft can earn a spot in the MCCA playoffs with a win Tuesday at home against fourth-place Macomb CC (6-15, 3-6).

BOYS SOCCER

Chargers take down Walled Lake Western, 5-1

Five different players got onto the score sheet Wednesday as Livonia Churchill closed out the regular season with a 5-1 boys soccer victory at Walled Lake Western.

Churchill, which improved to 10-7-1 overall, led 2-0 at halftime on Brian Cavicchio's unassisted goal at the nine-minute mark, followed by Erlin Guri's goal from Krishna Midathada in the 15th minute.

The Chargers added three more scores in the second half - Andrew

Smutek from Tyler Piotrowski (45th minute); Brendan Dilloway from Michael Adegbite-Martins (69th minute); and Mario Shkembli from Tyler Guzowski (72nd minute).

Walled Lake Western (6-7) got its only goal with 13 minutes left in the KLAA crossover match.

Churchill goalkeeper Colton Robison made one save in the first half, while backup Jay Hague made three stops.

Both teams will enter

MHSAA Division 1 district play next week

STEVENSÓN 3, COUNTRY DAY 0: On Friday, host Livonia Stevenson (9-7-2) closed out the regular season with a non-conference victory over Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day (9-7-1).

Dominic Rea notched his first career goal in the 18th minute on a header off a Billy Werthman free kick.

Alex DeFlorio then added his first career goal in the 50th minute on another header off a cross from Hunter Mullett.

Mullett capped the scoring in the 75th minute on a header off a Werthman free kick.

Goalkeepers Mike Bolin and Austin Kazmarek combined to make one save for Stevenson's eighth shutout of the year.

"It was a nice win for us on senior night," said Stevenson coach Ken Shingledecker, whose team outshot the Yellow-jackets, 13-3. "We got contributions from everyone. We're looking forward to getting the state tournament started Monday."

GARDEN CITY 2, JOHN GLENN 1: In a non-conference game Friday, the Cougars spoiled Senior Night for host Westland John Glenn (15-12-1) in the regular season finale for both teams.

Jake Shea scored unassisted in the first half for Garden City, while Austin Akers' goal with 16 minutes remaining in the second half led the victory.

Daniel Savor's goal with only five seconds remaining ruined the shutout bid

by Garden City goalkeeper Nick Stephens, who made seven saves.

David Petkov had six saves for the Rockets.

BRIGHTON 1, STEVENSON 0: Adam Houston's goal in the fourth minute enabled the Bulldogs (9-7-2) to squeak out a KLAA crossover win Wednesday at home over Livonia Stevenson (8-7-2).

Brighton had the edge in shots 9-7.

Brighton goalkeeper Adam Swain made three saves to post the shutout, while Stevenson sophomore Austin Kazmarek had four stops.

JOHN GLENN 0, KETERING 0: David Petkov posted the shutout in goal Wednesday as Westland John Glenn (5-11-1) and host Waterford Kettering (5-8-4) fought to a scoreless draw in a KLAA crossover.

MOTT 2, WAYNE 0: Short-handed with only 13 varsity players due to injuries, Wayne Memorial (2-15) came up short in a KLAA crossover Wednesday at Waterford Mott.

The Corsairs got on the board late in the first half and added a goal in the second half to put match away.

"We had three chances one-on-one with their keeper, but did not capitalize," said Wayne coach Jason Dean, who singled out the play of James Herdon at forward along with goalkeeper Nam Nguyen, who played the first half.

MILFORD 3, FRANKLIN 0: In a KLAA crossover Wednesday, the host Mavericks (8-8-1) earned the victory over

Livonia Franklin (9-8-1).

MADISON HTS. 1, CLARENCEVILLE 0: Phillip Abbo's first-half goal proved to be the difference Thursday as Madison Heights downed host Livonia Clarenceville (4-13-1) in a non-conference match.

Clarenceville goalkeeper Evan Gregg made eight saves, while Alan Baumgardner and Elijah Spens were among the defensive standouts in the setback.

RU 3, CLARENCEVILLE 0: In a Western Wayne Athletic Conference Red Division match Wednesday, host Livonia Clarenceville (4-12-1, 2-7) fell to Redford Union.

Jeff Okerstrom, Dylan Borczak, and Adam Chernavage each scored first-half goals for the Panthers.

Clarenceville goalkeeper Evan Gregg made seven saves.

Steven Spens and Armin Andelija also stood out for the Trojans.

PARKWAY 4, HURON VALLEY 0: Sterling Heights Parkway Christian delivered two goals each half Tuesday and went on to beat host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (1-11, 1-10) in a MIAC Red Division match.

Noah Ramsby scored in each half (28:55 and 63:30), while Mike Van Proyen tallied the first goal (25:30) and Ben Turner scoring added a direct free kick (52:34.)

HVL goalkeeper continued his stellar play despite the four goals stacking up 22 saves, including some individual outstanding saves.

MU soccer gets back on track with win

The Madonna University women's soccer team got an early goal from sophomore Kelly Capoccia and a late tally from junior Katlyn Krysiak to snap a two-match losing streak with a 2-0 victory Wednesday over host Concordia at Rummel Field.

The Crusaders, who improved to 5-6-1 overall and 2-2 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, took a 1-0 lead at the 8:46 mark when Amanda Jenaway (Livonia Stevenson) made a steal, dribbled to the right corner and connected with Capoccia (Livonia Ladywood) for a header.

The win moved MU to the .500 mark in WHAC play at 2-2 and improved the Crusaders to 5-6-1 overall.

Krysiak put the match away for MU in the 83rd minute, finishing off a pass from junior Ashley Parent.

MU goalkeeper Blaire Schmalenberg stopped nine shots for her third shutout of the season.

Stephanie Finilla made three saves for Concordia (7-5-1, 1-2-1).

MADONNA (MEN) 1, CORNERSTONE 1 (2 OT): Madonna University (5-5-1, 3-2-1) and host Cornerstone University (7-4-1, 3-2-1) battled to a draw in 110-minute double-overtime Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference match played Wednesday in Grand Rapids.

MU jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the 25th minute on a goal by David Edwardson off an assist from Derek Rosiek.

Marcel Schmid had nine stops for the Crusaders.

SCHOOLCRAFT (WOMEN) 2, KELLOGG 0: On Wednesday, goals by Tiffany Gates and Kelly McKay gave host Schoolcraft College (11-1, 8-0) the MCCA victory over Kellogg Community College.

Gates notched her first goal of the season from McKay just 9:46 into the match. McKay then added her 11th of the season in the 79th minute off an assist from Jessica Parry.

Schoolcraft outshot the Bruins, 43-3, as goalkeeper Alexis Smith (Livonia Franklin) made three saves to post the shutout.

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Stevenson's three-headed monster pounds Rocks

A trio of backs ran for 100-plus yards Friday as Livonia Stevenson earned a 49-28 KLA Central Division football victory over host Salem at the Plymouth High JV field.

The Spartans, who improved to 3-4 overall and 2-3 in the division, got sterling running performances from Dom Ferrera (22 carries, 117 yards), Devin Kelly (11 carries, 105 yards) and C.J. Weiss (12 carries, 102 yards along with 42 yards in receptions).

Stevenson led 13-7 after one quarter thanks to touchdown runs of 10 and 6 yards by Ferrera, the senior.

Salem (1-6, 1-4) countered with a 30-yard TD pass from Alex Nicholson to Brendon Sharrod.

In the second quarter, Stevenson scored three more touchdowns as quarterback J.T. McCallion hit Devin Kelly for 8 yards and Weiss for 17 yards. Weiss also contributed a 7-yard TD run.

Drake Jordan also scored on a 3-yard run early in the second quarter, but the Rocks still trailed 32-14 at intermission.

In the third quarter, Salem scored twice to cut the deficit to 32-28 as Jordan had a 17-yard TD run followed by a 31-yard passing play from Nicholson to Jordan.

That came after the Rocks' Anthony Gueorguiev recovered an onside kick.

But the Spartans put the game away with 17 straight points in the final quarter.

McCallion, the senior, threw his third TD pass of the night to Weiss for 21 yards to make it 39-28. Chris Bladecki then added a 30-yard field goal and Kelly put it away with a 41-yard scoring run with only four minutes remaining.

Stevenson had the advantage in total offense, 401-284. The Spartans had 326 of those yards on the ground, while McCallion was 7-of-9 passing for 75 yards and three touchdowns.

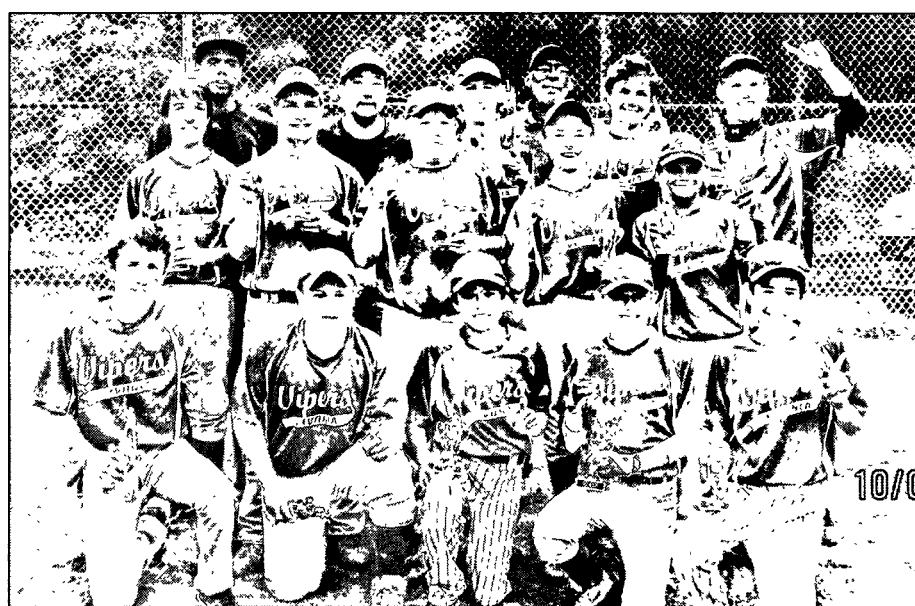
Robert Schneider paced the Spartans' defense with seven tackles and a quarterback hurry.

Weiss also enjoyed a big night on the defensive side with three interceptions, a blocked field goal and four tackles.



Stevenson's Dom Ferrera scores a TD in front of the Rocks' GuWoin Ingram (No. 27) and Jon Nushi (No. 99). BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Fall ball champs



On Oct. 6, the Livonia Junior Athletic League Vipers captured the 14-and-under minor division fall baseball league championship. Team members include (front row, from left): Cody Helfer, Ethan Hromek, Michael Ohtake, Alex Livingston, Tim Ohtake; (middle row, from left) Matt Brenton, Joe Hattley, Alton Loftis, Joe Schiffer, Jalen Lewis; back row, from left): assistant coach Jordan Williams, assistant coach Tad Ohtake, Tristin Thompson, head coach Chester Godley, Christian Nichols and Matt Rodeman. ANNE DWYER

Jags CYO champs



The Livonia St Genevieve JV No. 1 girls softball team posted a 7-1 record en route to the program's first-ever Catholic Youth Organization division title. Members of the Jaguars include: Skylar Crawford, Caitlyn Kenney, Emily Mills, Bridget Parnis, Sam Serra, Meghan Tabone, Madelyn Wagner, Sarah Gum, Koryn Parmenter, Ale Aguirre, Sophia Chopp, Mia LaMontagne, Gabbie McCoy and Elizabeth McLaren. Head coach Jeff Crawford was assisted by Jo Crawford, Julie Gillis, Dan LaMontagne and Terry Wagner. JOHN BRADFORD

Greyhounds stymie Whalers

The early season struggles for the Plymouth Whalers continued Friday night against host Sault Ste. Marie.

Plymouth dropped a 3-2 decision to the Greyhounds before 4,132 at Essar Centre.

With the loss the Whalers dropped to 3-6-0-0 to open the Ontario Hockey League season.

Getting the visitors off to a good start just 1:43 into the game was defenseman Alex Peters.

He scored his first of the season, on assists by Victor Crus Rydberg and Zach Lorentz.

Following Saturday's home game against Kitchener (which took place after his issue of the *Observer* went to press), the Whalers return to the road for three games.

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scoring 1:54 into the contest on Bryant's 5-yard run. The score was set up on the previous play, a 40-yard strike from Kubiak to Kimani Dooley down the sideline.

David Vanderkerckhove split the uprights for the first of his five extra points to make it 7-0.

The play that epitomized the night for the Panthers unfolded moments later. Facing a second-and-12 from the RU 18, Panthers quarterback Alex Shimmons was wrapped up by Pritchett. Shimmons managed to underhand the ball to running back Jalen Smith, who secured the pigskin on one hop, but while trying to elude a mass of Clarenceville tacklers, he retreated to the end zone, where he was brought down by Curvin for a safety.

Four plays after the ensuing free kick, Bryant busted into the end zone

from 2 yards out to pad the Trojans' lead to 16-0. Hill ripped off a 38-yard gallop to set up Bryant's TD.

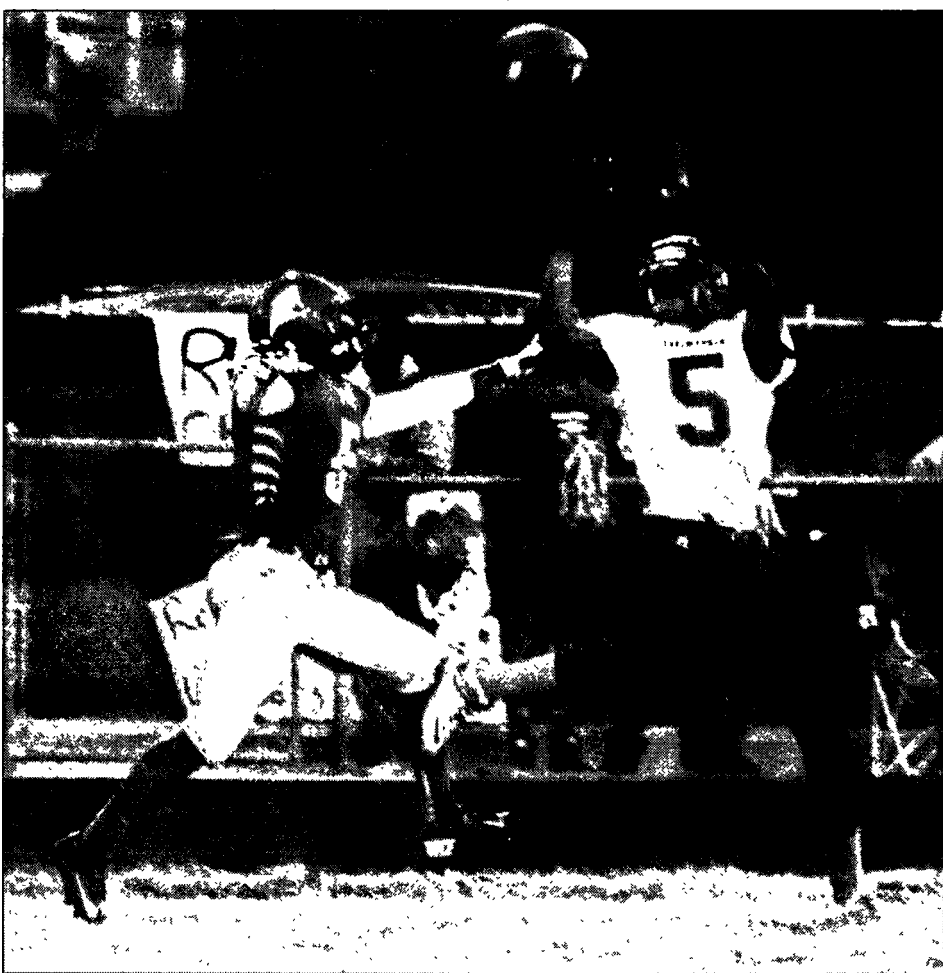
Clarenceville's three scores before the half came on a 34-yard run by Hill, a scintillating 57-yard scamper by Jawan Nelson, who appeared to be boxed in by the RU defense before finding daylight down the sideline, and a 7-yard burst by Bryant.

The brightest highlight for the Panthers in the first half was a 32-yard pass play from Shimmons to Rashawn Wilkins-Bailey.

The game's final points came on a 3-yard TD run by Bryant. A 39-yard Kubiak-to-Dooley connection set up the score.

Clarenceville senior running back Kelvin Doss received the biggest cheers of the night. His teammates chanted "Kelvin! Kelvin! Kelvin!" on every one of the scout-teamer's six second-half carries.

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Livonia Clarenceville's Kimani Dooley hauled in this first-quarter Jacob Kubiak pass to give the Trojans a first-and-goal at the Redford Union 5-yard line. ED WRIGHT

CHARGERS

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56-yard run around end with 3:09 left.

Despite being pinned in on its own 3 by a Franklin punt, Churchill scored again with 6:44 remaining in the second quarter when Also-brooks, the junior quarterback, hit Mark Leja on a 36-yard TD. The drive was aided by a Franklin roughing the passer penalty.

Churchill took command, 21-0, when Johnson scored on a 56-yard TD run with 2:48 left, capping seven-play, 79-yard drive.

Franklin, however, got on the board with only 12 seconds left in the half, going 80 yards in 12 plays as Kyle Riley hit Dan Cline on a 10-yard TD pass, followed by Alejandro Castillo's PAT. The scored was set up by Charlie Roth's 56-yard third-down halfback bomb to Caleb Finamore to get the Patriots out of

a big hole.

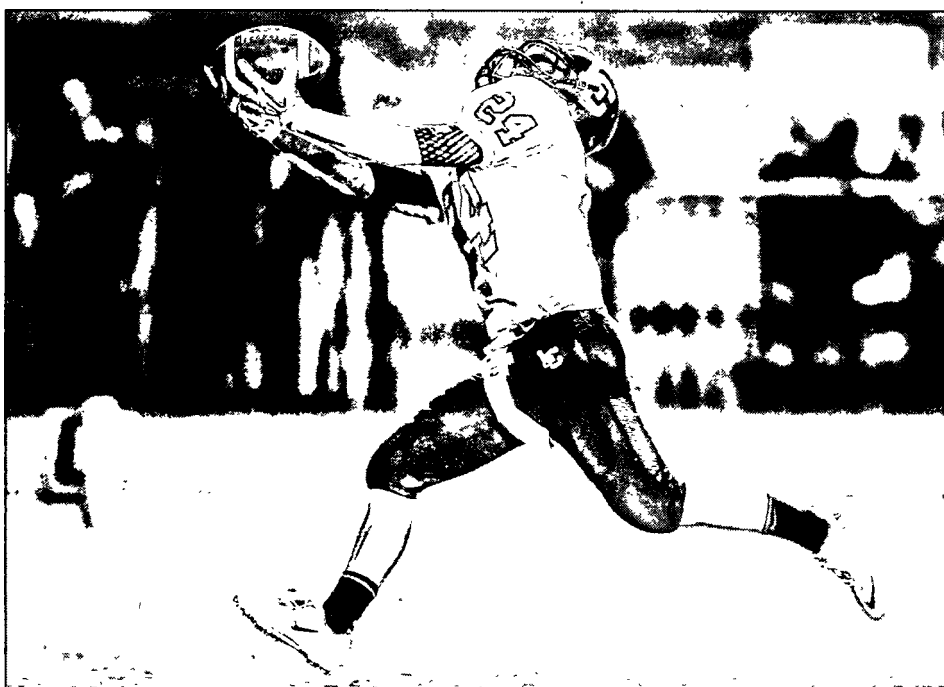
"When they scored right before the half, they got a lot of momentum on the reverse pass," Churchill coach Bill DeFillippo said.

The Patriots took the opening kickoff of the second half and marched 80 yards in 16 plays, capped by Riley's 2-yard sneak with 4:28 in the third quarter to put the Patriots back in the game, 21-14.

Franklin cut the deficit to 21-16 when Also-brooks, playing out of the pistol, watched a snap sail over his head. By the time he gathered the ball, he decided to take a safety with 2:43 left in the third.

After Jake Mushinski returned the ensuing kickoff 49 yards, the Patriots cashed in with 10:08 left to take a 22-21 advantage on a 5-yard TD run by Brandon Davis. The key play was a 10-yard bootleg run by Riley on fourth-and-one to keep the drive alive.

"They got the kickoff to start the third quarter



Churchill's Mark Leja makes an over-the-shoulder catch for a TD against Franklin. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

and scored," DeFillippo said. "Then we took the safety and they were riding some momentum. "We lost momentum for a while, but our kids kept fighting and pulled one out."

Franklin's lead, how-

ever, was short-lived as Johnson did it again with a 25-yard kickoff return followed by runs of 16 and 28 yards (TD with 8:48 left) to put the Chargers back on top, 27-22.

"He's a fast kid, but he's so shifty and agile,"

DeFillippo said of his star back. "He can make great cuts. He gives us a totally different style than we had with Romello (Brown), who was a power back last year. He can make cuts back and he's one of the fastest

kids in our league. Once he gets some open space, he's dynamic."

Franklin had its chances in the second half, but No. 1 for Churchill seemed to always come up with a big play.

"He's good, but we played terrible ... flat out," Franklin coach Chris Kelbert said. "Give him credit. He ran through holes and made things happen in the open field, but we gave too much ground."

And what led to the Patriots' undoing was the 21-0 first-half hole they dug themselves, only to come back in the third quarter and take the lead.

"We actually starting playing football at that point," Kelbert said. "I think even at halftime we told them they had to start making the plays. We challenged them at half and that's kind of the story of our year. When play to our potential we're good, but when we don't, we're bad."

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GIRLS GOLF

Regional champ Plymouth returns to finals

It was time to put away the golf clubs after four area teams missed the cut following Thursday's MHSAA Division 1 regionals held at two different sites. But Plymouth will be defending its state championship once again after winning the Region 2 tournament at the University of Michigan Golf Course with a team total of 335. Also advancing to the state finals, Oct. 18-19, at Michigan State University's Forest Akers (West Course), will be regional runner-up Saline (339) and third-place finisher Ann Arbor

Pioneer (347). Saline's Emily White blistered the tough U-M course with a round of 67 to take individual medalist honors. The senior was seven shots better than Plymouth's Sydney Murphy, who carded a 74. Rounding out the Plymouth scoring contingent was Katie Chipman, sixth (82); Kayla Whatley, eighth (84); and Ariana Strzalka, 17th (95). Additional individual state qualifiers included Jami Laude (Ann Arbor Skyline), 75; Kelsey McDougall (Canton), 78; and Hannah Kochedoerfer

(Temperance Bedford), 85. Rounding out the top six teams were Canton (351), Skyline (390) and Salem (411). Livonia Churchill and Livonia Franklin finished 11th and 12th, respectively, with team totals of 481 and 494. Churchill finishers included Alyssa Mazur, 36th (115); Katie Shereda, 39th (116); Marin McGowan, 49th (124); Kristen McLean, 51st (126); Elizabeth Haviik, 58th (135). Franklin finishers included Kendall Payne, 31st (108); Angelina DiPonio, 47th (123); Jacquelyn Hansen, 53rd (129);

Brenna Campau, 57th (134); and Carly Cuij, 61st (143). Westland John Glenn's lone golfer, Haley Arai, took 41st with a 118. Spartans take eighth In the Division 1-Region 4 tourney Thursday at Dunham Hills, Novi came away with the team title by winning the fifth-player tiebreaker against Brighton after both teams shot 349. Also headed to East Lansing is North Farmington (353), led by individual medalist Sophie Kollin, who shot an 80.

Just missing the cut were Farmington Hills Mercy (356) and Hartland (359). Livonia Stevenson placed eighth with a 396 as Megan Gronau took 29th with a 95. Other finishers for the Spartans included Mary Peltz, 37th (99); Rachel Crachiola, 40th (100); Kristen Szabelski, 41st (102); and Maddison Maurier, 61st (119). Additional individual state qualifiers included Katie Childers (Northville), 81, along with Kelsey Erickson (Hartland) and Erica Heath (Mercy), 83 each.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL Friday, Oct. 18 Chavez at Lutheran Westland, 3:45 p.m. Novi at John Glenn, 7 p.m. Stevenson at Churchill, 7 p.m. Salem at Franklin, 7 p.m. S.L. East at Wayne, 7 p.m. Annapolis at Clarenceville, 7 p.m. BOYS SOCCER DISTRICT TOURNAMENT DIVISION 1 CANTON (Host) Tuesday, Oct. 15: (A) Livonia Churchill at (B) Salem, 7 p.m.; (C) Plymouth at (D) Livonia Franklin, 7 p.m.; (E) Westland John Glenn at (F) Wayne Memorial, 4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17: A-B winner vs. C-D winner, 5 p.m. at Canton; E-F winner at Canton, 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19: Championship final, noon at Canton. Winner advances to the regional semifinals 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 23 at Saline vs. Southgate Anderson district champion. NORTHVILLE (Host) Monday, Oct. 14: (A) Livonia Stevenson at (B) Farmington Hills Harrison, 3:30 p.m.; (C) North Farmington at (D) Northville, 7 p.m.; (E) Novi at (F) Farmington, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16: Novi-Detroit Catholic Central vs. A-B winner, 5 p.m. at Northville (Turf Stadium); C-D winner vs. E-F winner, 7 p.m. at Northville (Turf Stadium).

Saturday, Oct. 19: Championship final, noon at Northville's Turf Stadium. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 23 at Saline vs. Dearborn Heights Crestwood district champion.) DIVISION 3 LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE (Host) Monday, Oct. 14: (A) Parkville Academy of Excellence at (B) Clearview, 5:30 p.m.; (C) Harper Woods at (D) Dearborn Henry Ford Academy, 4:30 p.m.; (E) Detroit Cesar Chavez at (F) Livonia Clarenceville, 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 15: C-D winner at E-F winner, TBD; Hamtramck Frontier Academy vs. E-F winner, 6 p.m. at Clarenceville. Thursday, Oct. 17: Championship final, 7:30 p.m. at Clarenceville. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 23 at Farmington vs. Flat Rock district champion.) DIVISION 4 PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN (Host) Tuesday, Oct. 15: (A) Plymouth Christian Academy vs. (B) Birmingham Roepert, 4:30 p.m. (C) Royal Oak Shrine at (D) Lutheran High Westland, 5 p.m.; (E) West Bloomfield Jewish Frankel Academy at (F) Novi Franklin Road Christian, 4:30 a.m.; (G) Westland Huron Valley Lutheran at (H) Southfield Christian, 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17: C-D winner at A-B winner, TBD; G-H winner at E-F winner, TBD.

Saturday, Oct. 19: Championship final, 3 p.m. at Plymouth Christian. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals 5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 22 at Madison Heights Bishop Foley vs. Grosse Pointe Woods University-Uggett district champion.) GIRLS VOLLEYBALL Tuesday, Oct. 15 Franklin at Churchill, 6:30 p.m. John Glenn at Canton, 6:30 p.m. Wayne at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m. Stevenson at Northville, 6:30 p.m. Luth. Westland at HVL, 6:30 p.m. Clarenceville at Robichaud, 7 p.m. Ladywood at Mercy, 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17 HVL at Oakland Christian, 6:30 p.m. Thurston at Clarenceville, 7 p.m. Ladywood at Regina, 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19 Roepert Tournament, 8:30 a.m. Michigan Elite Tourney, 8:30 a.m. UM-Dearborn Invitational, 9 a.m. GIRLS SWIMMING Thursday, Oct. 17 Churchill at Franklin, 6:30 p.m. Canton at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m. Plymouth at Wayne, 6:30 p.m. Stevenson at Novi, 6:30 p.m. PREP CROSS COUNTRY Thursday, Oct. 17 KLA Kensington Conference Meet at Huron Meadows, Metropark, 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18

MIAC meet at Nankin Mills, 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19 Catholic League Meet at Kensington Metropark, TBA. GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY Tuesday, Oct. 15 Novi at Ladywood, 4:15 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17 Ladywood at C.P. South, 6 p.m. COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL Tuesday, Oct. 15 Macomb at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16 Madonna at UM-Dearborn, 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17 Schoolcraft at Oakland CC, 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18 Madonna at Lawrence Tech, 7 p.m. MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER Sunday, Oct. 13 Cincinnati St. at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m. Monday, Oct. 14 Madonna at Rochester College, 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16 Madonna at Maygrove, 2 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER Sunday, Oct. 13 Parkland (Ill.) at Schoolcraft, noon. Monday, Oct. 14 Madonna at Rochester College, 3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16 Schoolcraft at Delta College, 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19 Madonna at Davenport, noon.

BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

KLAA ASSOCIATION 'A' BOYS TENNIS TOURNAMENT Oct. 5, 8 at Novi TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Novi, 36 points; 2. Northville, 22; 3. Grand Blanc, 17; 4. (tie) Canton and Plymouth, 12 each; 6. Walled Lake Central, 7; 7. (tie) Livonia Stevenson and Brighton, 6 each; 9. Walled Lake Northem, 5; 10. (tie) Howell and Walled Lake Western, 3 each; 12. Livonia Franklin, 2. FINAL FLIGHT RESULTS No. 1 singles: Tim Wang (Novi) defeated Connor Johnston (N'ville), 6-1, 6-4; semifinals: Wang def. Zachary Bureau (GB), 6-0, 6-0; Johnstons def. Denali Kitayami (WLC), 6-0, 6-1. No. 2: Andre Liu (Novi) def. Hunter Li (GB), 7-5, 6-2; semifinals: Liu def. Vinay Hanogge (WLC), 6-2, 6-3; Li def. Oliver Daniel (N'ville), 6-1, 6-1. No. 3: Koushik Kondapi (Novi) def. Adam Bureau (GB), 6-0, 6-1; semifinals: Kondapi def. Vivek Hanogge (WLC), 6-0, 6-0; Bureau def. Andrew Schaffer (N'ville), 6-1, 6-2. No. 4: Max Anderson (Novi) def. Ben Walters (GB), 6-4, 6-2; semifinals: Anderson def. Jon Conn (Ply), 6-0, 6-0; Walters def. Matt Wenzel (Howell), 6-0, 6-0. No. 1 doubles: Michael Chang-Andrew Ying (Novi) def. Sam Lal-Trevor Schick (GB), 6-2, 6-3; semifinals: Chang-Ying def. Tom Cwik-Neal Adams (LS), 6-0, 6-1; Lal-Schick def. Dan Baldwin-Umais Rao (N'ville), 4-6, 7-6 (8-6), 6-1. No. 2: Shashank Chitta-Kevin Xu (Novi) def. Jaon Wang-Jonathan Bi (N'ville), 6-2, 6-2; semifinals: Chitta-Xu def. Kevin Hou-Justin Kapke (Ply), 6-2, 6-3; Wang-Bi def. Josh Mckerzie-Arth Patel (GB), 6-1, 6-4. No. 3: Tim Lu-Ryan Fernandes (Novi) def. Veer Shah-Evan Simoff (N'ville), 6-4, 6-4; semifinals: Lu-Fernandes def. Michael Kang-Kirk Wang (Canton), 6-0, 6-0; Shah-Simoff def. Yogesh Mohanraj-Tyler Smith (Ply), 7-5, 6-4. No. 4: David Mehl-Raymond Wen (Novi) def. Nick Chatas-Sam McCutcheon (N'ville), 6-0, 6-1; semifinals: Mehl-Wen def. Matt McDonald-Ramona Ramanathan (Ply), 6-1, 6-1; Chatas-McCutcheon def. Varun Krishnamoorthy-Alex Boudreau (Canton), 6-0, 6-0. No. 5: Srivatsav Gotur-Ashwin Kumar (Novi) def. Michael Pui-Jonathan Oh, 6-4, 7-5; semifinals: Gotur-Kumar def. Chandler Larimore-Aaron Cannon (Canton), 6-4, 6-3; Pui-Oh def. Tyler Fueling-Nate Everest (WLN), 6-3, 6-1.

KLAA ASSOCIATION 'B' BOYS TENNIS TOURNAMENT Oct. 5, 8 at Plymouth-Canton TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Salem, 29 points; 2. Livonia Churchill, 24; 3. White Lake Lakeland, 18; 4. Pinckney, 17; 5. Hartland, 13; 6. South Lyon East, 10; 7. (tie) Milford and South Lyon, 6 each; 9. Wayne Memorial, 3; 10. (tie) Westland John Glenn and Waterford Kettering, 2 each; 12. Waterford Mott, 1. FINAL FLIGHT RESULTS No. 1 singles: Alexander Kim (Lakeland) defeated Jonathan Martin (LC), 4-6, 6-1, 6-2; semifinals: Kim def. Tyler Harnos (WLN), 6-0, 6-2; Martin def. Nick Romano (Pinckney), 6-4, 6-2. No. 2: Sean Mulka (LC) def. John Kochanek (SLE), 7-5, 6-2; semifinals: Mulka def. Connor Cothran (Hartland), 6-2, 6-0; Kochanek def. Ben Schmitter (Pinckney), 6-0, 4-6, 6-1. No. 3: Charlie Liu (Salem) def. Rishabh Arvikar (LC), 6-2, 6-4; semifinals: Liu def. Noah Evans (Lakeland), 6-1, 6-1; Arvikar def. Addison Jensen (Hartland), 6-1, 7-5. No. 4: Shivan Patel (Salem) def. Colin Scott (Lakeland), 6-1, 6-0; semifinals: Patel def. Robert Reid (SLE), 6-2, 6-3; Scott won by Nolan Hubbard (Pinckney). No. 4 doubles: Grant Kulik-Rohan Thana-dar (Salem) won by default over Jeremy Wimmer-Terry Haren (Lakeland); semifinals: Kulik-Thana-dar def. Patterson-Swan-son (Pinckney), 6-1, 6-2; Wimmer-Haren def. Mark Denstaedt-Steven VanWormer (LC), 6-3, 6-2. No. 2: Jon Clack-Lou DeVeto (Salem) def. Riley Prince-Aditya Vemulapati (LC), 6-4, 4-6, 6-4; semifinals: Clack-DeVeto def. Zade Koch-Adam Zammit (Lakeland), 6-2, 6-1; Prince-Vemulapati def. Adam Flicke-ma-Edwin Bredick (Pinckney), 6-3, 6-4. No. 3: Anthony Zomez-Ali Thiruvankat (Salem) def. Raymond Peters-Shantam Ravan (LC), 6-3, 6-4; semifinals: Zomez-Thiruvankat def. Nick Marlett-Wilson Wagner (Pinckney), 7-6 (7-2), 6-4; Peters-Ravan def. 4-6, 6-1, 6-4; Andy Auvenshine-Nick Daniels (Hartland). No. 4: Keerthi Sajja-Ben Stanz (Salem) def. Cooper King-Mit Patel (LC), 6-1, 6-3; semifinals: Sajja-Stanz def. Mason Cothran-Chris def. Casey Haberland-Tom Cremonte (Pinckney), 6-4, 6-4. No. 5: Steven Blockson-Ryus Karim (Salem) def. Sullivan David-Paul Moenart (Pinckney), 6-4, 6-2; semifinals: Blockson-Karim def. Drew Lang-Joe Healy (LC), 6-2, 6-0; Davis-Moenart won by default over Wyatt Kowal-Jack Orrico (Hartland).

GIRLS SWIM RESULTS

WAYNE COUNTY GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING MEET Oct. 5 at Salem TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Grosse Pointe South, 368.5 points; 2. Salem, 329; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 323; 4. Northville, 321; 5. Canton, 179; 6. Plymouth, 156; 7. Livonia Ladywood, 104; 8. Grosse Ile, 100; 9. Dearborn, 97; 10. Gibraltar Carlson, 94. 200-yard medley relay: 1. Salem (Julia Suriano, Linda Zhang, Katie Xu, Lisa Zhang), 1:51.85; 2. Stevenson (Rebecca Arakelian, Sara Bowen, Rachel Archer, Brenna Erickson), 1:55.57; 3. Ladywood (Alanna Tarnacki, Monica Rzepka, Abby Peton, Morgan Jones), 2:02.24. 200 freestyle: 1. Sarah Dombkowski (P), 1:55.45; 2. Arakelian (LS), 1:58.68; 3. Morgan Jones (LL), 2:00.94; 4. Merrill Frony (LS), 2:01.53; 10. Melissa Flannigan (LS), 2:02.98. 200 individual medley: 1. Claire E. Young

(GPS), 2:11.27; 5. Arceri (LS), 2:14.61. 50 freestyle: 1. Cassandra Morse (GPS), 25.18; 2. Erickson (LS), 25.26; 12. Tarnacki (LL), 26.54. 1-meter diving: 1. Jessica Weak (LS), 324.05 points; 3. Alex Zukavski (LS), 281.45; 4. Samantha Ellis (LS), 266.00; 9. Molly Griffin (LL), 227.15. 100 butterfly: 1. Lisa Zhang (S), 59.55; 6. Arceri (LS), 1:02.20; 13. Pelon (LL), 1:06.66; 15. Paige Longhi (LS), 1:08.61. 100 freestyle: 1. Linda Zhang (S), 54.05; 2. Erickson (LS), 54.46; 10. Bowen (LS), 58.05; 12. Andrea D'Amour (LS), 58.05; 14. Tarnacki (LL), 58.90. 500 freestyle: 1. Dombkowski (P), 5:04.31; 2. Arakelian (LS), 5:11.80; 6. Jones (LL), 5:19.87; 7. M. Frony (LS), 5:21.13; 9. Bayne Frony (LS), 5:29.39; 15. Flannigan (LS), 5:37.28. 200 freestyle relay: 1. G.P. South (Anne Crowley, Amy Krausmann, Morse, Katie Gra-

ham), 1:43.55; 3. Stevenson (Bowen, D'Amour, Flannigan, M. Frony), 1:45.12; 8. Ladywood (Tarnacki, Tiffany Pijor, Jones, Pelon), 1:50.15. 100 backstroke: 1. Young (GPS), 57.74; 8. B. Frony (LS), 1:05.30. 100 breaststroke: 1. Linda Zhang (S), 1:07.76; 12. Bowen (LS), 1:14.71. 400 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Arceri, Erickson, M. Frony, Arakelian), 3:40.02; 11. Ladywood (Katie Franzak, Monica Rzepka, Pijor, Pelon), 4:12.50. DUAL MEET RESULTS LIVONIA LADYWOOD 112 MADISON HEIGHTS BISHOP FOLEY 70 Oct. 10 at Livonia Comm. Rec. Center 200-yard medley relay: 1. Ladywood (Katie Franzak, Monica Rzepka, Renee Cole, Tiffany Pijor), 2:16.18; 2. Ladywood (Grace Doyle, Morgan Jones, Abby Peton, Morgaine Rendell), 2:17.77. 200 freestyle: 1. Jones (LL), 2:10.24; 2. Cole (LL), 2:39.19. 200 individual medley: 1. Rzepka (LL), 2:33.05; 2. Alanna Tarnacki (LL), 2:47.41. 50 freestyle: 1. Franzack (LL), 29.14; 2. Pijor (LL), 29.29. 1-meter diving: 1. Molly Griffin (LL), 153.30 points. 100 butterfly: 1. Pijor (LL), 1:08.94; 2. Cole (LL), 1:21.02. 100 freestyle: 1. Pelon (LL), 1:01.03; 2. Doyle (LL), 1:15.74. 500 freestyle: 1. Franzack (LL), 6:10.3. 200 freestyle relay: 1. Ladywood (Tarnacki, Rzepka, Pijor, Pelon), 1:55.37. 100 backstroke: 1. Tarnacki (LL), 1:15.18; 3. Doyle (LL), 1:26.04. 100 breaststroke: 1. Jones (LL), 1:19.41. 400 freestyle relay: 1. Ladywood (Jones, Rendell, Cole, Pelon), 4:36.41; 2. Ladywood (Tarnacki, Doyle, Rzepka, Franzack), 4:36.96.

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Take a guided nature tour and see autumn color at its peak

By Sharon Dargay

Staff Writer

Cheryl Bord says there's no better time than fall to head into the woods.

There's a crunch underfoot along the trail and an earthy scent — drying leaves mingled with damp soil — permeates the air. Red and yellow leaves swirl and dance in the breeze, falling from tree tops to the forest floor. Ruby-colored berries gleam like gems on green spicebush shrubs. Deeply-etched bark on hophornbeam and smooth beech tree trunks invite hands to touch.

"It's so quiet and pleasant," said Bord, president of the Friends of Miller Woods, the organization that tends to the 10-acre tract of sugar maple-beech tree forest, at Powell and Ridge roads in Plymouth Township. "We don't have enough places like this to go to anymore. We've chopped it all down."

"There's one other sugar maple-beech forest on Beck and Ann Arbor Road, but otherwise this is it for Southeast Michigan."

Autumn tours

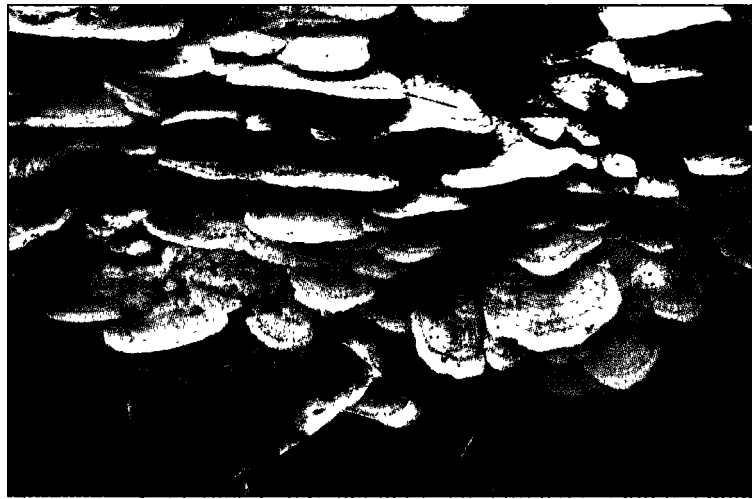
Miller Woods, a fenced nature preserve owned by the Plymouth-Canton school district, is open to the public year-round, but Friends members conduct public, guided tours twice annually, in the spring and fall.

"In the spring you're going to see all of the native wildflowers. I think people love that," said Bord, a tour leader. "In the fall we focus on some of the mushrooms and the trees."

Tours are free and last approximately one hour. They



Cheryl Bord, president of the Friends of Miller Woods, carries a book with information about the trees and shrubs found inside the Woods.



Fungus on decomposing trees PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Spicebush grows near the entrance to Miller Woods. Various birds, raccoons and opossums are known to eat its bright red berries, which are called drupes.

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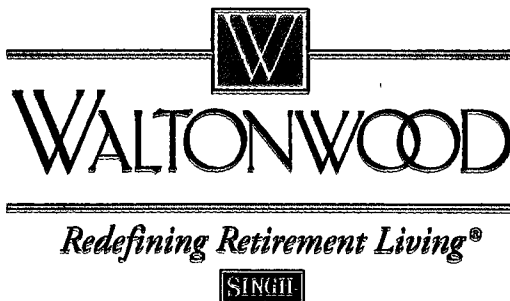
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start every half hour from 2-4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 20 and 27. No dogs are allowed in the nature preserve.

The trail through Miller Woods stretches approximately one-third of a mile starting and ending at the Woods' entrance. Benches are stationed along the path.

Bord, who works as a nurse for the University of Michigan Health System, carries a thick binder of facts and photographs to enhance what she already knows about the trees and their histories. She started volunteering for Friends of Miller Woods after attending one of its public tours.

"There are about eight or nine of us now," she said, referring to tour guides. "We actually had a Ph.D. from U of M come out and train us. Another of his associates helped us label trees."

Beech and sugar maple are among 12 species of trees in Miller Woods. Visitors also see oak, basswood, and elm, among others.

"U of M brings their students out to use the property. Because a beech-sugar maple forest is so rare, this is actually their first field trip," Bord said.

"They've been using it for over 40 years. The Woods also have been mentioned in several books."

Becoming a preserve

Norman and Cornelia Miller bought approximately 1,100 acres of farm land and forest — including Miller Woods — in 1902. They farmed the land and tapped the sugar maples in the forest, until Norman's death in 1958. Ten years later, the family sold 40 acres to the school district, stipulating that Miller Woods remain protected



Father and daughter bicyclists, Jason and Sarah Ellsworth of Plymouth Township, head out to the road after making a quick stop to walk the nature trail at Miller Woods.

as a nature preserve. Community members formed the Friends of Miller Woods in 1975 to preserve and protect the property, as well as offer educational programs. Friends members clean litter from the trail, remove invasive plants, maintain the benches, and keep fallen trees from the path.

"We try to keep everything as natural as possible," Bord said. "Garlic mustard plant is one of the invasive plants we fight. Whenever we see it we pull it. We usually have a garlic mustard pull in the spring. Someone showed up at one of the pulls, he had picked a bunch of it, made salsa with it and brought it in as a treat for the volunteers. It is in the mustard family."

Bord hopes the upcoming tours will draw both nature lovers and residents who are wary of the forest.

"I think some people are afraid of woods. They think they're going to get mugged or that people are hanging out in here, but they're not. Once you get them in, I think they see there's nothing to be afraid of," she said.

For more information about Miller Woods, visit the Friends' website at www.millerwoods.com.



Cheryl Bord walks near the base of a Sugar Maple, thought to be 350 years old. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

FALL NATURE

Here's a sampling of other fall nature tours:

» See fall color from horseback at Maybury Riding Stable, 20303 Beck at Maybury State Park in Northville. Rides are three miles, guided and open to ages 8 and over. Fall hours are noon to 4 p.m. Thursday-Sunday. Call 248-347-1088.

» Celebrate with the Holiday Nature Preserve Association as it unveils a monument at the nature preserve, 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, at the Cowan entrance on Central City Parkway, west of Wayne Road, north of Warren Road, in Westland. The event will include refreshments, guest speakers and a hike. Holiday Nature Preserve is a part of the Wayne County Park system and includes more than 500 acres of forest and wetlands along River Rouge tributaries. Take a guided late fall hike at noon, Saturday, Nov. 16, at the Hix Park entrance, on Hix at Warren Road. www.hnpa.org.

» See fall colors from aboard the Island Queen, a 37-passenger pontoon boat at Kensington Metropark in Milford. Sunday, Oct. 13, is the last day of the season. The boat departs every half hour from noon-6 p.m. Afterward, lace up your hiking boots and trek over seven miles of scenic trails through woodlands, wetlands and fields around the park's nature center. www.metroparks.com

Animal rescues set seasonal events

Howlween Bowl-A-Thon

Guardian Angel Animal Rescue is gearing up for its Halloween-theme bowling event, 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 20, at Novi Bowl, 21700 Novi Road, Novi.

Admission is \$18 per person and includes two games, shoes, pizza and pop. The event also will include a 50/50 raffle, goodies, prizes and awards for the best costume. Call 734-788-6857 for more information.

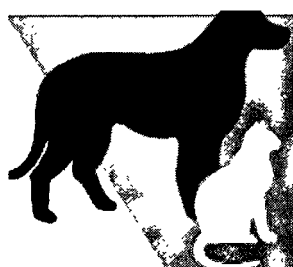
Meow-Loween Open House

Don a costume and head out to New Beginnings Animal Rescue's "Haunted Adoption Center" 4-7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26, 2502 Rochester Road, in Royal Oak. There will be trick or treating for the kids and lots of cute cats and kittens in the center's free-roam cat rooms. For more information, visit nbarmichigan.org.

Compassionate Feast

Mark Tuesday, Nov. 12, on your calendar for the Humane Society of Huron Valley's (HSHV) vegetarian feast, silent auction and roast of University of Michigan softball coach Carol Hutchins.

The event will start with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres (limited to 50 individuals) with Hutchins from 5:30-6:15 p.m.,



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followed by a reception and silent auction, from 6:15-7 p.m. and dinner and roast at 7 p.m., at Barton Hills Country Club, 730 Country Club Road, Ann Arbor.

"Coach Hutchins has many achievements in her illustrious career and is asked to speak at many engagements so we are especially grateful that she was so quick to agree to be our honoree at this major fundraiser for HSHV," said Tanya Hilgendorf, HSHV president and CEO.

Hutchins recently completed her 29th season at the helm of the University of Michigan softball team. She's an animal lover who supports the Humane Society of Huron Valley.

All proceeds from the event support homeless, abused, abandoned and injured animals at HSHV.

Tickets range from \$5-\$200. Pay and register online at hshv.org. For more information, call Joy Johnson at 734-661-3536 or email to joyj@hshv.org.

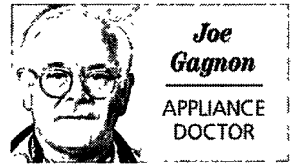
Does technology today fit your needs?

Here is an email from Barb: I have a Whirlpool drop-in Range, purchased in May. The oven temperature fluctuates 25-50 degrees when I bake. Cookies which I have always done at 375 degrees now have to be done at 425 on the top shelf nearest the broiler. I have had service in almost since the day it was installed. Before I call service again, what is the acceptable fluctuation? Whirlpool says up to 50 degrees is fine.

Now folks, what's wrong with this email Barb recently sent me? I would say not a thing but there is something wrong with having this kind of a problem with a new product. This is a very common problem reported by homemakers who have replaced their old kitchen range with a new one. The old range would have just a slight fluctuation of oven temperature to what they set on the dial. It simply was not an issue and in the old days, if it needed adjustment, you could pull off the temperature knob and move a little dial behind the knob to make the adjustment. You didn't need a service technician, you did it yourself. Today, there is no way to make any adjustment and in many such cases the electronic motherboard needs to be replaced. The service industry will not change parts for a 50 degree variance because this is permissible. I can tell you that it is not approved by the person who takes pride in their cooking skills.

Difficult to do-it-yourself

For some 30 years I have been appearing at area Home Shows and I sit at a table decorated with my picture all over the front and trust me, that table is a huge magnet for people walking by. Not too long ago I could give consumers an answer to solve their problem in the majority of cases. That is not true today. Manufacturers produce a major home appliance loaded with electronics that perform with pin point accuracy. That is not true either as evidenced by Barb. Today the people who make these appliances don't want you to be a do-it-yourselfer. They make it very difficult to even



Joe Gagnon
APPLIANCE DOCTOR

get into the product. Service technicians today arrive on the scene and have to admit to consumers that they have never worked on the particular product. It's called on-the-job training without the benefit of a service school to at least make you look smart. My job is becoming harder with the new products of today and my frustration grows with so many complaints filed by the typical homeowner.

My own complaint today has to do with the surge protectors sold throughout this country. I have always thought they were a piece of junk and last night on the local news, I viewed a story that proved my point. Again, another product made in China comes under a national recall. Some 15 million surge protectors sold between 1993 and 2002 are prone to catch fire. The recall involves APC 7 and APC8 Series and you can call 888-437-4007 for a free replacement. Let me give you a service tip that can better serve your intent to protect anything electronic in your home. Call an electrician and have them install a whole house surge protector right at your circuit breaker box. This will do a much better job of saving you heartaches in the future. Should there be a manufacturer reading this column, let me say something. I don't need a refrigerator that doesn't get cold enough, a washer with 15 cycles or a dishwasher with eight different settings. I want a stove that is accurate and boils water fast and a clothes dryer which is safe to use.

Stick your technology into producing products that last a reasonable amount of years and watch how quick Americans will love buying the American made product. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@twmi.rr.com

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Send material for the Garden & Nature Calendar to Sharon Dargay, *Observer & Eccentric*, sdargay@hometownlife.com

Jr. naturalist

The Junior Naturalist club meets from 10-11:30 a.m. the second Saturday of the month, at Heritage Park, located on Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, in Farmington Hills. It's designed for ages 5 to 11 and is a "drop-off class." Upcoming topics include "Preparing for Winter" on Nov. 9 and "Rocks & Fossils" on Dec. 7. The fee is \$10 per class in advance and \$12 per class, paid at the door. Register online at <https://re-reg.fhgov.com>. For more information call the Heritage Park Nature Center at 248-477-1135.

English Gardens

English Gardens stores in metro Detroit offer a variety of programs and workshops for gardeners.

» "Putting Your Garden to Bed" will include information on preparing the garden for winter. It's free and starts at 10 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 19, at all stores.

» Get holiday decorating tips, 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 26 at all stores.

» The store's Halloween party for kids is 11:30 a.m. Saturday,

Oct. 26. It's free. Youngsters can wear costumes and bring a pre-decorated pumpkin for judging.

Area English Gardens stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, 734-332-7900; 22650 Ford Road, Dearborn Heights, 313-278-4433; 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, 248-280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, 248-851-7506.

Bible garden

The Louis and Fay Woll Memorial Bible Garden is open sunrise to sunset from spring through fall, on the campus of Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. The garden contains plants mentioned in the Bible and is meant to serve as a place of inner reflection, of education and for social and community gatherings. It is available for group tours as well as for informal individual visitation. Group tours can be arranged for any day of the week except Saturday. If interested in a group tour of the garden, along with a visit to the sanctuary with a Beth Ahm docent, call Rabbi Steven Rubenstein at 248-851-6880, Ext. 17, or email ravsteven@cbahm.org. Garden visits are free, although donations are accepted. www.wollbiblegarden.org.



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REUNIONS

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FERNDALE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1973

A 40-year reunion is set from 7 p.m. to midnight Friday, Nov. 29, at the Iroquois Club, 43248 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Call 248-451-9653. Tickets are \$75 presale only. Includes dinner, dancing, good times. Get tickets from www.73fhs40.reunionmanager.com. Join the reunion Facebook page at www.facebook.com/groups/503456823023714. Reunion contact is Sande Easterwood Rouke.

GARDEN CITY CLASS OF 1963

The class will celebrate its 50-year reunion from 6-11:30 p.m., Oct. 26, at Sheraton Novi, 21111 Haggerty, Novi. For more information email to Carolyn Koloski Kohler at CKohler36801@yahoo.com or Shirley Kilgore Knight at shirleyknight@msn.com. Call Knight at 210-862-5859. Visit the reunion's Facebook page — Garden City High School Class of '63.

LADYWOOD CLASS OF 1983

A reunion is set for 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9, at Station 885 in Plymouth. Cost is \$30 per person. Spouses may attend. For more information call Claudia (Kuras) Garcia at 313-561-2139.

REDFORD THURSTON ALL '80S REUNION

The reunion runs 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Nov. 30, at

Greektown Hotel and Casino Hotel Ballroom in Detroit. It will include reception-style appetizers, desserts, late-night pizza and entertainment. Tickets are \$70 each in October; \$90 each in November. For more information, contact Heidi Saunders at heidirs325@gmail.com or Dan Phillips at danielp-422@comcast.net. Or search for 2013 Thurston: All '80s Reunion Plus or Minus on Facebook.

REDFORD UNION CLASS OF 1963

A 50th class reunion is set for Oct. 19. Looking for former classmates. For more information, contact Jamie (Stafanson) Fraley at fraleymj66@yahoo.com.

ST. LADISLAUS CLASS OF 1973

A 40th reunion is set for Oct. 26 in Warren. Contact Chuck Malorana at 248-705-5206 or charley4@sbcbglobal.net for more information.

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1983

From 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Oct. 26, at Burton Manor Banquet and Conference Center, Livonia. Tickets are on sale now. The is \$75 per person or \$140 per couple. The price includes a strolling dinner and open bar with DJ. Make checks payable to Brian Baker, JGHS Class of '83 Reunion and send to P.O. Box 0876, Wayne, MI 48184. For more information, email Linda Harbison at jghs.1983@gmail.com.

CRAFT SHOWS

Send craft show information to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

Open Arms Church

The church seeks vendors and crafters for its craft show, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 23, at 33015 W. Seven Mile, Livonia. Table rental is \$25. Call Ginger at 734-455-6496 for more information.

Knights of Columbus

The event will include arts and crafts items and flea market goods, such as furniture, household and vintage wares, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 26, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 19801 Farmington Road, Livonia. Proceeds from vendor table rentals will help the Knights of Columbus fill Christmas baskets for the needy. For more information, call Denise Book at 248-474-4162.

Seeking crafters

The Plymouth Historical Museum is accepting applications for its annual juried craft bazaar, which will be held Saturday, Dec. 7, at the museum. Applicants are required to submit three to four photos of craft items for judging. Table rentals are \$30 each and most are eight feet wide, although there are some space variations available. Space is tight, so displays must be limited to the size of the table. The museum will offer free admission that day for both museum

patrons and craft bazaar shoppers. The museum asks crafters to donate an item for its raffle. The application is available at http://www.plymouthhistory.org. Crafters that are not accepted for the bazaar will receive a full refund. The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main Street, one block north of downtown Plymouth.

Delta Kappa Gamma

Delta Kappa Gamma is an international society of women in education that provides scholarships for Plymouth-Canton students pursuing a degree in education. Its 29th annual Craft Show runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, at West Middle School, 44401 Ann Arbor Trail, in Plymouth. Juried crafters will sell handmade jewelry, pottery, clothing, seasonal decor, metal sculptures, gourmet foods and more. The event will include drawings for several prizes, including two handmade Amish quilts, a golf outing at Fox Hills Country Club, tickets to a 2014 Detroit Tigers game, a gift package to 932 Penniman Bed and Breakfast and gift certificates to local restaurants. The American Association of University Women will sell used books at the craft show. Breakfast and lunch items will be available in the cafeteria. Admission is \$2. For more information, contact Debbie Cortellini at debcortellini@comcast.com or Alice Chrenko at dachrenko@hotmail.com.

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Canton auction benefits Newcomers Club

The Canton Newcomers and Neighbors Club will hold a "Quarter Auction Friendly" 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16, at the Plymouth Elks Lodge, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Doors open at 6 p.m.

Participants pay a \$5 entry fee, which includes one bidding paddle. Two

paddles are \$7 and three are \$8. Auction item bids range from one to four quarters per paddle. Quarters will be available for purchase. The auction will include more than 50 baskets and gift certificates.

The event will include a complimentary dessert buffet and food and

drinks for purchase. Proceeds benefit charitable and social efforts of the Canton Newcomers and Neighbors Club.

For more information, contact Betty Nolan at 734-968-9313 or bnolan101@aol.com or Kristina Wittner at 734-787-9954 or kwittner@gmail.com.

RELIGION CALENDAR

OCTOBER

ANNIVERSARY MASS

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. Oct. 20
Location: St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Archbishop Allen Vigneron will serve at this 50th anniversary Mass. Dinner, entertainment and guest speaker also are planned at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Cost is \$60
Contact: 734-425-5950

BLOOD DRIVE

Time/Date: 1-7 p.m. Oct. 14
Location: K of C Council Monahan Hall, 19801 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Donors will receive free Guernsey Ice Cream instead of the traditional juice and cookies. Call to make an appointment to donate blood
Contact: Dan at 734-591-3237

LIVING ROSARY

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: Candlelit recitation of the rosary
Contact: 734-261-1455

MASS OF ANOINTING

Time/Date: 1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 19
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: The annual Mass is designed for Catholics who are in need of physical, mental, or spiritual healing. Those planning to attend should register with the church office
Contact: 734-261-5331

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 15 and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16
Location: First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, west of Sheldon, Plymouth
Details: This fundraiser for a youth mission trip to Appalachia will include household items, clothing, jewelry, books, toys and much more for sale. Bag sale starts at noon on Wednesday.
Contact: 734-453-5280

TRUNK OR TREAT

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 23
Location: Presbyterian Church of Farmington, 26165 Farmington Road, at 11 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: Youngsters wear costumes and trick or treat from car trunk to trunk in the church parking lot
Contact: 248-474-6170

NOVEMBER

CONCERT

Time/Date: 6-8:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 10
Location: St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia
Details: "Praisefest," will include performances by five praise bands, with free will donations to help three local charities
Contact: 734-422-6038

CONCERT

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 17
Location: Congregation Shaarey Zedek, 27375 Bell, Southfield
Details: Laurie Berkner will bring her "The You & Me Tour" to the Congregation. Berkner plays frequently on "Nick Jr." and has released eight CDs and three DVDs. Tickets range from \$18-\$118 per person. The VIP \$118 ticket includes a meet and greet, gift bag and best seats in the house. Buy tickets on line or by calling the Congregation
Contact: 248-357-5544; shaareyzedek.org/education/laurie-berkner

ONGOING

CLASSES/STUDY

Men's Bible study
Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.
Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township
Contact: John Shulenberg at 734-464-9491

New Life Community Church
Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m. Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m. Sundays.
Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville
Contact: 734-846-4615

Our Lady of Loretto
Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday
Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford
Details: Scripture study
Contact: 313-534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday.
Location: School library, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Catholic author and Bible scholar, Gary Michuta, leads a study of Peter.
Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 200, or www.livonlast-michael.org

Ward Presbyterian
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays
Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville
Details: Learner's Bible study is held
Contact: 248-374-5920

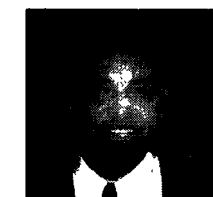
FAMILY COMMUNITY MEAL
Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday
Location: The Salvation Army, 27500 Shilawesee, Farmington Hills
Details: Free meal
Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

FOOD BANK
New Hope Church
Time/Date: 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only
Location: 44815 Cherry Hill, Canton
Contact: Call pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at 734-270-2528.

MOMS
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, MOPS; 7-8:30 p.m. first and third Thursday, MOPNext. Both programs run September-May
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Mothers of Preschoolers is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners; MOPNext supports mothers of school-aged children.
Contact: Rebekah Creeden at 734-522-6830 for MOPS and Susan Wagner at 248-478-3643 for MOPNext details.

Dunning Park Bible Chapel
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays
Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford
Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.
Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

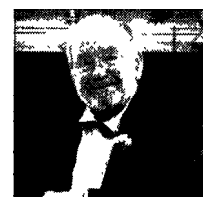
PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE
Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sundays
Location: Dunk N Dog, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.
Contact: 313-563-0162



BEER, DAVID W.

Age 51 October 9, 2013. Loving father of Janet and Jennifer G. Dear grandfather of Camron. Beloved son of David G. and Donna. Dear brother of Craig (Kate) and the late Jennifer A. Loving uncle of Charlie and Emily. He was dearly loved and will be deeply missed by many family members and friends. Funeral services were held. In lieu of flowers family would like donations to the American Diabetes Foundation.
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LAMSON, FREDERICK WILLIAM

Loving Husband, Father, Grandfather & Friend. Frederick William Lamson, "Fritz", cherished his family & friends, and was a resident of Birmingham for 51 years. He was a naval veteran of World War II, University of Michigan Alumnus, an engineer, inventor, business owner and entrepreneur. Fritz gladly supported many charitable organizations in his lifetime. He had a passion for golfing, gardening, music, fine wines and his beloved Wolverines, Lions, and Tigers. He took great joy when his children and grandchildren gathered at home for the holidays. Surrounded by his wife and children, Fritz died peacefully on October 4, 2013. Fritz was born on January 15, 1927 in Kalamazoo, Michigan to Jesse and Esther Lamson. He graduated from Kalamazoo High School and promptly served in the Navy on the West Coast during World War II. After the war, he studied engineering at U of M, where he met his wife, Nancy McComb. They were married at the U of M Student Union Chapel, on September 9, 1950 and graduated the following year in 1951. They were married for 63 years and had four children together. Fritz worked as an engineer in the 1950's to oversee the building of A&P grocery stores in the Midwest. In the 1960's he started working in the material handling industry and by the 1970's he became President and owner of Lockwood Manufacturing Company. He enjoyed designing and manufacturing material handling equipment for a variety of businesses. Fritz worked with his son, David Lamson, who has now carried on the family business. Most important to Fritz was his family. He was the father of Susan Patton (Scott), David Lamson (Debbie), Laura Grafton (Edward) and Michael Lamson. He was the proud grandfather of Walter Grafton, Ellen Grafton, Kara Kenny (Mike), Kelly Lamson, Trevor Lamson, Ian Patton and Kaitlyn Patton. A private memorial will be hosted by his family for close friends & extended family. Memorial tributes may be sent to the University of Michigan College of Engineering in honor of Frederick William Lamson, Class of 1951. Checks made out to: University of Michigan, Memo line: Fritz Lamson memorial gift, Address: University of Michigan College of Engineering, 1221 Beal Ave., Suite G264, Ann Arbor, MI 48109. A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500. View obituary and share memories at: DesmondFuneralHome.com

PARDO, DUANE "BUDDY" STEVEN

Age 64, of Garden City. Passed away at home October 9, 2013 surrounded by his loving family. Duane was a proud U.S. Marine Vietnam Veteran and Purple Heart recipient. He was a gentle and caring person who loved all people and animals. Beloved brother of Sandra and Pamela Pardo. Dear son of the late Howard and Frederica Pardo, and grandson of the late Marie Speck. Services were held at the R.G. & G. R. Harris Funeral Home on Saturday. Memorials can be directed to the Purple Heart Society or to Angela Hospice. Please sign the on-line guestbook at: www.rggharris.com



BENNETT, MAE M. (nee ROOT)

Of Farmington. Age 83. October 9, 2013. Beloved wife of Alton L. Bennett for 63 years. Loving mother of Deborah (Norman) Butler-Desimone and Jonathan (Beth) Bennett. Proud and loving grandmother of Joseph (Kali) Smith and Lisa (Kyle) Cleland, Kristi Bennett, Michael Bennett and Lauren Bennett. Proud and loving great-grandmother of Wyatt Smith, Benjamin Cleland and Abigail Cleland. Survived by twin sister Marie M. Bennett, brother Alfred A. Root and sister-in-law Norma J. (Bernard) Weeks and a loving family of nieces and nephews. Mae was a faithful member of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church since 1966. Mae was employed as a nurse at Farmington Family Physicians for 28 years. Funeral Service Monday, October 14th, 11 AM (In-state 10 AM) at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville. Visitation Sunday, October 13th 1-8 PM at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., Downtown Farmington (1 blk. W. of Farmington Rd.). Memorial contributions may be made to Ward Presbyterian Church Graveside burial Monday, October 14th, 4PM at Lakeside Cemetery, Lake Odessa, Michigan.
www.thayer-rock.com

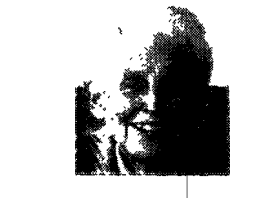


CAREY, TREASURE J.

Age 70, of St. Petersburg FL, formerly of Grand Rapids/ Newaygo MI, passed away on October 2, 2013. She was preceded in death by her daughter Tami R. Carey-Schaap and father Neil DeWitt. She is survived by her loving husband, Thomas G. Carey; four children, Treasure Wakefield (Kirk), Sherri Johnson, Darrell Johnson (Kristine), Jeanine Schaap (Brian); nine grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends. Memorial Mass will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, family requests donations in her name be made to St. Paul's, SVDP Society, 1800 12th St North, St. Petersburg, FL 33704 where Treasure attended church and volunteered over the years. Please sign the guestbook at: www.VeteransFuneralCare.com Veterans Funeral Care 800-467-7850

LEACH, MURIEL J.

October 5, 2013 age 73 of Livonia. Beloved mother of Brady W. Sister of Janice Rose Windsor and sister-in-law of Karen Morath. Services held privately through Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com



SMITH, ELLA KATHLEEN

93, of Wayne, Michigan, died Thursday, August 29, 2013. She was born April 11, 1920 in Ionia to the late Hal and Jenny Orser. She married Robert L. Smith on July 3, 1942 in Ionia. He died May 19, 2013. Prior to World War II, Mrs. Smith taught in a one room school house in Ionia County. In the late 60's, she began working as a teacher's aide with Wayne Westland School District. She was a member of the Wayne Golden Hour Club, an avid reader, and loved tending to her flowers. She is survived by three children, Kayla (Ken) Vineyard, Greg (Barbara) Smith and Douglas Smith; six grandchildren; three great grandchildren; and a sister-in-law, Yvonne Smith. A memorial visitation will be held from 2-4 pm on Friday, October 18, 2013 at the Wayne Activity & Banquet Center, 35000 Sims Ave., Wayne, MI 48184. A brief service to celebrate her life will be held at 3:30 pm. Burial will be in Glenwood Cemetery, Wayne. Memorials may be made to the Wayne Golden Hour Club c/o Parks and Recreation Dept. 4635 Howe Road, Wayne, MI 48184. Arrangements are by Pollock-Randall Funeral Home, Port Huron.

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Botsford Commons program looks at health care reform

Botsford Commons, a senior living community in Farmington Hills, will present an informational session on the Affordable Care Act, 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6, in the Town Commons Dining Room. A social hour precedes the program at 4 p.m..

Margaret Lightner, Botsford Commons president and CEO, will talk about the legislation and related health care reform topics with an emphasis on the impact to those who use Medicare and other governmental assistance. There will be an opportunity for audience members to ask questions.

"With the rapidly changing health care landscape, it is impor-

tant for people to get reliable information to help them make the best decisions," said Lightner, in a press release. "We are looking forward to addressing the questions people have, and helping make the changes understandable. It will be invaluable for anyone who is concerned about Affordable Care Act's implications for seniors and their families."

For more information, contact Camille Grendon at 248-798-3003. Botsford Commons is located between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake Road, north of Eight Mile and south of Grand River Avenue and M-5.

NEW FACES

Garden City Hospital appoints new VP of administration

Saju George, M.B.A., PT, has been appointed Garden City Hospital's new vice president of administration.

George is returning to the metro Detroit area after working seven years in northern Michigan. He has 10 years of health care leadership experience, most recently working as an administrative director of operations at St. Joseph Health System in Tawas City. He also is a trained physical therapist and spent the first part of his career in various roles within both inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation centers. He has a bachelor's of physical therapy from MGR Medical University and a master's degree in health care management from Baker College.

As the vice president of administration, George will be involved in various administrative duties and oversee departments such as

Surgical Services, Imaging, Physical & Occupational Therapy, Cardiology, Wound Care, BioMedical Services and the Center for Sleep Disorders. Working with individuals with similar strategic direction and an opportunity to set and achieve measurable goals within multiple service lines was what attracted George to the position.

"I was immediately impressed by both the passion that the senior team displayed for enhancing Garden City Hospital, as well as the welcoming, friendly environment that was portrayed by all," he stated in a press release.

President and CEO Gary Ley is eager to see what new ideas George will bring to Garden City Hospital. "Saju's enthusiasm and energy is very exciting and his personality will be a perfect fit for Garden City Hospital and our senior leadership team," Ley stated. "With his background operating as a leader within a hospital system and numerous health care facilities, we feel he is the perfect fit for Garden City Hospital and our focus on growth."



George

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Ask A Garden City Hospital Health Expert



In recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Dr. Evita Singh, Clinical Director at the Garden City Hospital Center for Breast Care, answers questions on all issues breast related.

Q: How often do I really need to do a self-exam?

A: You know your breasts best, so really a breast exam is just about noticing changes in the way your own breast looks and feels. There is no need to follow

a fancy routine, but it's best to do the exam only once a month, typically the week after your period. Pick a comfortable space—in the shower, when dressing in front of the bathroom mirror, standing up or lying down. If you find anything unusual, or are worried, see your physician as soon as possible. For a step-by-step guide go to www.gch.org/breastcare.

Q: My mother, sister, and aunt are all breast cancer survivors. What are the odds I will get it too?

A: Having a family history of breast cancer does increase your personal risk. However, only 10 percent of all breast cancers are related to inheriting an abnormal gene. A risk assessment screening, like the one we perform at the GCH Center for Breast Care, takes into account your family history, lifestyle and personal history and is a great way to determine your actual risk, as well as develop a plan to monitor your unique situation.

Q: Can deodorant or antiperspirant impact my breasts at all?

A: While there has been some conversation about an association between chemicals in skin care products, specifically deodorants, and breast cancer, there have been no research studies to confirm this association to date. In general, I personally try to use natural products when possible.

Q: When should I get a mammogram and how often?

A: Despite recent controversy about this topic, the American Cancer Society and most medical organizations still recommended women get a mammogram once a year starting at the age of 40. Some women obtain a baseline mammogram at the age of 35 depending on their personal risk and a discussion with their doctor.

Q: Do Lumps Always Mean Breast Cancer?

A: No, not all lumps are breast cancer. Most women will notice a lump in their breasts at some point in their life. If you are performing your monthly breast examinations, a lump will not take you by surprise, and is not necessarily a cause for alarm. You should, however, have your physician check out any lump that is new. Many are benign, but if not, early detection and prompt treatment offer the best chance for a successful outcome.

For information on how you can receive a breast health risk assessment, or to make an appointment at the GCH Center for Breast Care, call 734.458.4366.

Join Garden City Hospital every month at Westland Mall, for our wellness lecture series. Saturday, November 16, join us for Wake Up to Multiple Sclerosis (MS), an empowering interactive educational program for women and their caregivers. Learn about the latest MS treatment options, MS and Women's Health, and the importance of ongoing therapies and exercise. For more information, go online to GCH.org.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

OCTOBER CELIAC SUPPORT

The Tri County Celiac Support Group will meet Oct. 17 at the First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting, featuring the group's dietitian adviser, Lana Coxton, begins at 7 p.m. Coxton will talk about "Gluten-free Living — Surviving the Holidays." For more information, visit tccsg.net.

HOARDING

Joanne Cruz of the Tri-County Hoarding Task Force, will talk about the roots of hoarding behavior, how it manifests itself, and how friends or family members can help a person with hoarding issues, 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24, at Calvary Lutheran Church, 9101 Highland Road, White Lake Township. The program is free. RSVP at 586-757-5551.

NUTRITION WORKSHOP

Learn how to make healthier food choices at the "Healthy Eating with Diabetes" workshop led by Gina DeAngelis, Botsford Hospital registered dietitian, 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16, at Busch's Fresh Food Market, 24445 Drake, Farmington Hills. Cost: \$5. Includes handouts, recipes, activities, and a \$5 Busch's coupon. Tickets available from Busch's Guest Services Counter or by phoning 248-427-7400. Limited seating. Tickets sell out fast. Registration required.

SUBSTANCE AND DOMESTIC ABUSE

Dawn Farm will offer a free program addressing the intersection of substance abuse and domestic violence, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 15, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center auditorium, 5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti. Presenters include Christine Watson, legal advocate at SafeHouse Center, and David J.H. Garvin, LMSW, founder of Alternatives to Domestic Aggression, and chief operating officer for Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County. For more information, call Dawn Farm at 734-485-8725.

WALK WITH A DOC

Dr. Nathan Foster, cardiologist, will discuss how to prevent sudden cardiac death, during Botsford Hospital's monthly nature walk and discussion, noon, Thursday, Oct. 17, at Heritage Park Nature Center, located on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, in Farmington Hills. The most common cause of sudden cardiac death in adults over age 30 is a build-up of cholesterol plaque in the arteries. Meets rain or shine. Call to register: 877-477-Doc1 (3621), option 1.

NOVEMBER ADDICTION & RECOVERY

» Jeff and Debra Jay, intervention specialists, chemical dependency therapists and trainers, and authors of "Love First: A New Approach to Intervention for Alcoholism and Drug Addiction" and other books, will present "Intervention," 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19. This program will describe how the "Love First" process of intervention can help chemically dependent people find recovery. Admission is free.

» Herbert Malinoff, M.D., president and founder of Pain Recovery Solutions, will present "The Doctor's Opinion on Alcoholism" 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 26. This free program will describe a physician's view of alcoholism, as presented in the literature of Alcoholics Anonymous and updated with the modern neurobiology of addictive illness.

Both programs are free, sponsored by Dawn Farm, and will be held at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Educa-

tion Center Auditorium, 5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti. For more information, call Dawn Farm at 734-485-8725 or visit dawnfarm.org.

NUTRITION WORKSHOP

Learn how to make healthier food choices at the "Healthy Eating with Diabetes" workshop led by Gina DeAngelis, Botsford Hospital registered dietitian, 6-7 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 6, at Busch's Fresh Food Market, 37083 Six Mile, Livonia. Cost: \$5. Includes handouts, recipes, activities, and a \$5 Busch's coupon. Tickets available from Busch's Guest Services Counter or by phoning 734-779-6100. Limited seating. Tickets sell out fast. Registration required.

TEENS AND DRUGS

Dawn Farm presents a two-part workshop for families and others who are concerned about a young person that may be involved with alcohol or other drug use. "Teens Using Drugs: What To Know" is set for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 5 and "Teens Using Drugs: What To Do," will be held 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12. Both programs are free and will be held at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, classroom EC4, 5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti. Call 734-485-8725.

WALK WITH A DOC

Dr. Patricia A. Schmidt will discuss stress and burnout, which can affect emotional and physical health, noon, Thursday, Nov. 21, at Heritage Park Nature Center, located on Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Meets rain or shine and includes a nature walk. Register at 877-477-Doc1 (3621), option 1. This will be the final walk of the 2013 season. Walks will resume in March 2014.

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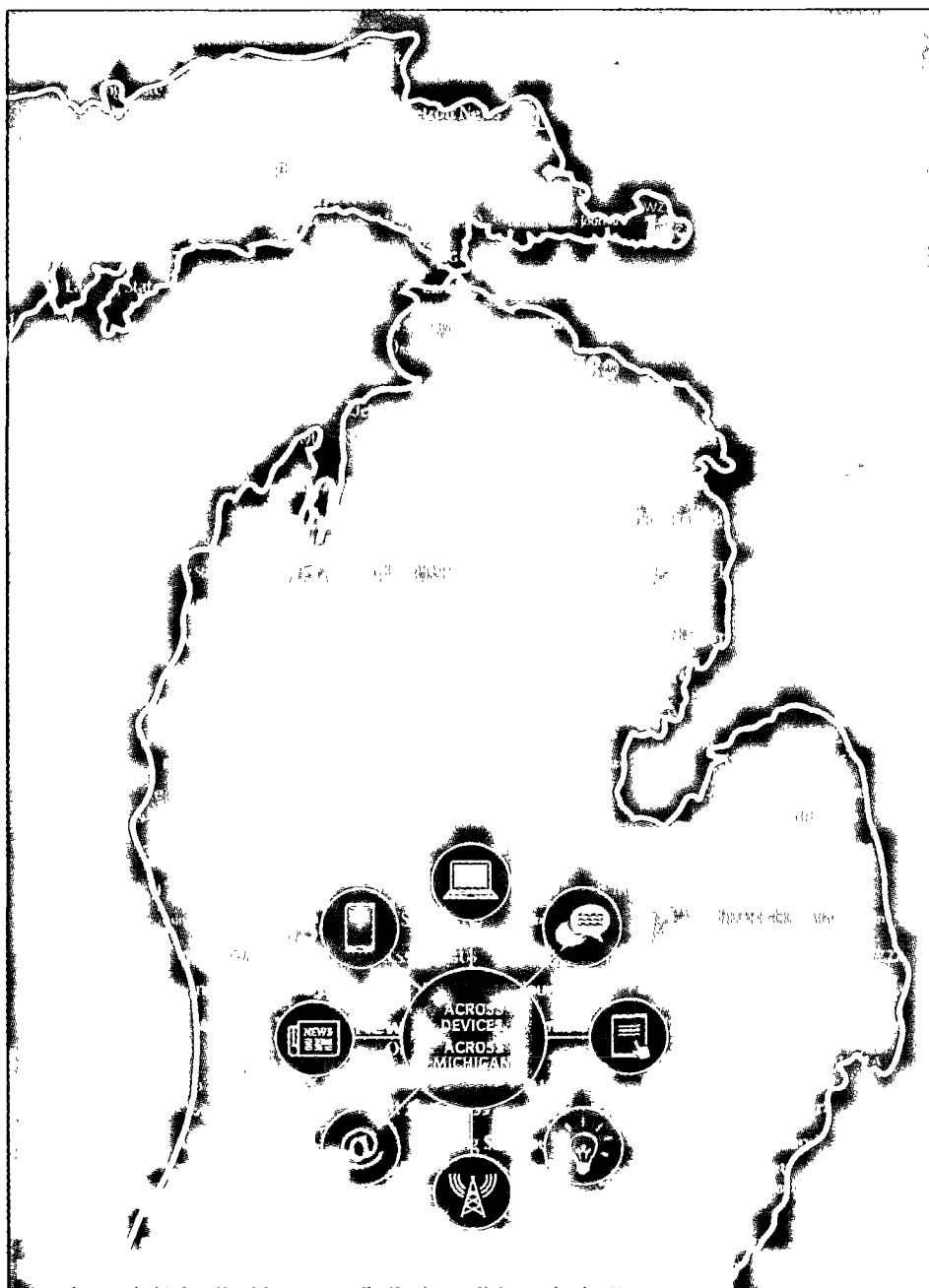
Meets from 6:30-8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan), Livonia. Call 734-655-1100 or visit www.stmarymercy.org.

BLOOD PRESSURE

Garden City Hospital offers free blood pressure testing, cholesterol (\$5), and lipid panel (\$10) testing, 10 a.m. to noon the first Tuesday of each month in the main lobby of the hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. No registration is required. Senior citizens can have their blood pressure tested monthly, free of charge, at 8:30 a.m. the first and third Tuesday and second and fourth Thursdays of each month at Westland Shopping Center, 35000 Warren Road, Westland; 10:15 a.m. every other Wednesday at Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, Garden City; and every second Tuesday at the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway, Redford Township. For more information, call 734-458-4330.

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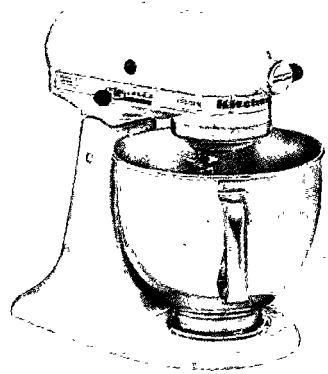
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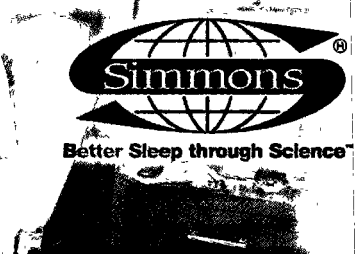
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Come to the Fair -- Prepared!

Kate Lorenz
CareerBuilder.com Editor

Job fairs are a great way to shop for new job opportunities, network and make personal contacts with recruiters at various organizations.

Here are some techniques recommended by experts to ensure that your performance at the fair doesn't turn into a circus:

Do some scouting.

If you've never been to a job fair, attend the next one that comes to your city for observational purposes. Pay attention to recruiters and fellow job seekers to pick up some pointers on how to dress, how to approach a company's booth appropriately and how to successfully work the room.

Do some research.

Find out which companies will be represented and learn about them in advance through corporate Web sites or other tools. The more you know, the more you can converse with the company representative in the booth and the more memorable you will be. You will also appear much more professional than unprepared job seekers who make the mistake of starting off their conversations with

company representatives by asking, "What does your company do?"

Deliver your key messages quickly.

Interviewers are very busy, so don't waste their time. Work on a "sound bite" that says what your skills are, the type of work that interests you and the kind of company with which you want to associate.

Plan some questions.

If you have additional time, be ready to ask intelligent questions. Ask how departments are organized and how your skills might be utilized within the framework of the company. Also show you know something about the company by asking questions about a recent product release, acquisition or other relevant news. And make sure to ask the interviewer what he or she likes best about the corporate culture to better assess if this company is right for you.

Get the interviewer's business card.

If an interview goes well, you will want to follow up with a letter that reinforces the points you made and the facts you learned. If you made a good impression



at the fair, the interviewer probably has made a note to that effect and will remember that you passed his or her on-site screen.

Take advantage of the obvious.

Sometimes recruiters will post job openings at their booth and provide written information. Grab all of the information you can on site before you get in line for an interview so you won't waste precious time discussing the obvious.

Dress appropriately.

You are going to a job interview, so dress the part. Break out the business attire and shine your shoes. It's better to error on the side of

the conservative than to be too casual.

Show your pearly whites.

Smile when you meet the interviewer. Give a firm handshake. (If you are prone to sweaty palms, bring a handkerchief to use as a towel.) Keep breath mints on hand and make eye contact.

Be organized.

Bring plenty of resumes with you. Keep them in a nice folder so you don't get fingerprints all over them. Have a notebook for memos to yourself.

Avoid the shopping spree.

Many companies give out freebies at their booths. It's OK to pick up an item

or two, but don't leave the impression that you are shopping for your kids. The main impression you want to make is that you are very interested and very qualified for a job.

Keep lively.

The lines may be daunting, but don't fail to maximize this opportunity. Talk to every company that fits your experience and ambitions. If you meet with 20 recruiters, at the end of the day you will know 20 people by name. That sure beats sending a blind resume to "Personnel Director."

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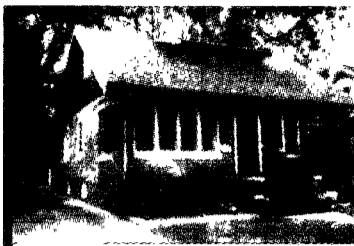
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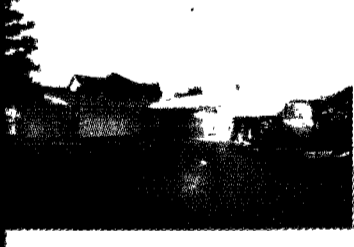
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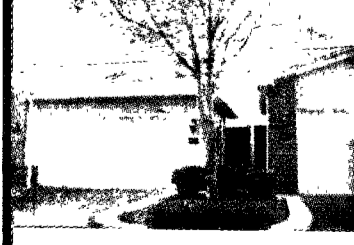
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Lincoln Compares MKZ to Competition in New Campaign



By Dale Buss

Lincoln won't be re-appearing in Super Bowl advertising this season as brand executives admit that they've had to make some significant mid-course corrections while relaunching the Ford-owned luxury brand and introducing the new Lincoln MKZ this year.

But Lincoln Group Marketing Manager Andrew Frick told me that the new, radically redesigned MKZ is beginning to meet its initial sales and demographic targets and, largely because of that, the Lincoln brand finally has reached a solid rebound mode that should only improve as more new products follow and Americans re-familiarize themselves with a brand they only think they know. A new ad campaign for MKZ, "Luxury Uncovered," is meant to help propel that transformation.

"The MKZ launch has started building momentum," Frick said. "We have had record sales for the nameplate five of the last six months, and we've really started to see a change in the customer-client profile. We've got a younger and more affluent buyer—the average age has come down by more than four years, and household income is up by \$22,000."

The "new" Lincoln and refashioned MKZ were slow out of the gate even though Ford began signaling its dedication to reviving the hoary Lincoln marque—and to beginning the new era with a significantly improved MKZ—early in 2012. A prolonged campaign positioning the brand as "Lincoln Motor Company" and even using images of Honest Abe also attempted to cast Lincoln as a more humanly appealing



The spread-eagle grille leads the redesign of the Lincoln MKZ.

premium brand and culminated in Lincoln's Super Bowl ad last February that resulted from crowdsourced tweets and curation by Jimmy Fallon.

But the effort ran into trouble immediately. Ford's supply chain bottlenecked MKZs coming from the plant in Mexico just as Lincoln marketers were beginning to stoke consumer demand. The lack of availability frustrated dealers and consumers and shelved a lot of consideration for the new sedan.

At the same time, it became evident that Lincoln marketers beginning with Ford CMO Jim Farley had taken a bit of a sour tack in emphasizing a refreshment of the Lincoln brand initially over the excitement that is reliably created by a new product.

"We learned some things," Frick admitted. "One is that starting with the overall Lincoln brand as the first point wasn't as successful as diving into the nameplates themselves." So the new campaign emphasizes the MKZ and the MKZ Hybrid and their attributes in direct comparisons

with targeted vehicles including the Lexus ES 350 and Toyota Prius hybrid.

For example, one of the first spots features couples "asking questions" of Lincoln and competitors that are named only in the ad's fine print. Which car has the more powerful

engine? Doesn't charge a premium for a hybrid powertrain? Has the "largest retractable panoramic roof?" Of course the answer in each case is the MKZ.

"Tier One luxury shoppers have noticed MKZ and are shopping between 80 and 200 percent more the MKZ than a year ago," David Rivers, Lincoln marketing communications manager, told me, with the ES particularly suffering "conquest" sales to MKZ. Gasoline-version conquest sales of MKZ—those stolen from other brands—are up about 20 percent compared with the previous MKZ, while the MKZ Hybrid's conquest rate is about 60 percent.

Another major miscalculation by Lincoln, it turns out, was in anticipating demand for the MKZ Hybrid relative to the regular MKZ. Originally, the plan was about 20 percent hybrid sales. But

demand has been much higher, so for 2014 Ford is doubling the hybrid portion of MKZ production, to about 40 percent, Frick said.

Along with all of that, Lincoln has been emphasizing gains in the all-important arena of coddling premium-car buyers. It has innovated with promotions such as Lincoln Date Night, in which "test drivers" got to experience MKZ for 48 hours instead of just a few minutes, and the brand threw in a free dinner. "When clients get in our vehicles and experience the products," Frick said, "we see a 28-percent increase in the way they perceive the brand." The brand is also offering a more personalized service approach with Lincoln "concierge."

And while Lincoln learned a lot about social media marketing through its season of Super Bowl advertising and is applying it through a #LuxuryUncovered aspect of the new MKZ campaign, don't expect to see Lincoln back in Super Bowl XLVIII. That makes conventional sense given that Lincoln doesn't have another major new product to promote just yet, and it is shying away from pitches based on brand alone.

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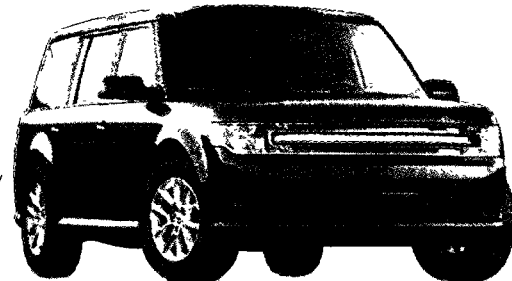
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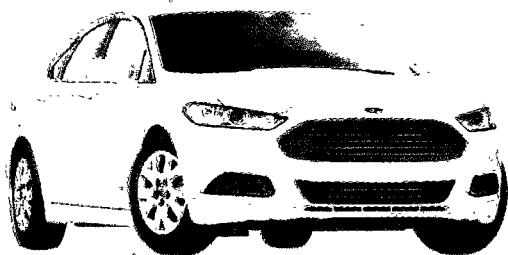
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NEW 2014 Ford Fusion SE Luxury



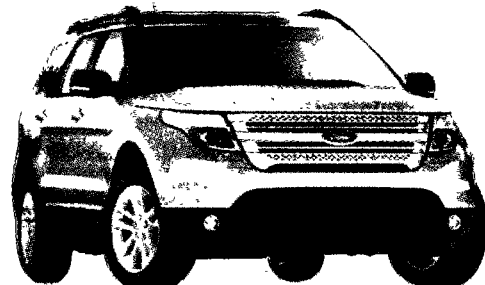
Buy for **\$20,185+**
MSRP \$27,000

Featuring: Leather, Luxury Package, Sync with my Ford.
10 at this price, 390 available.

\$233* with ZERO DOWN payment and \$445 due at signing

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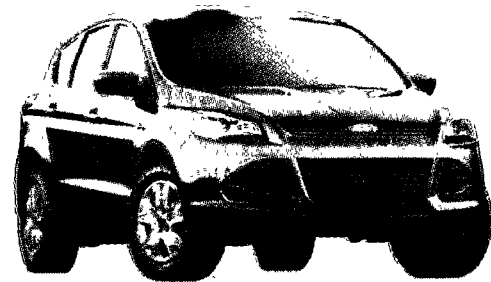
Buy for **\$29,437+**
MSRP \$39,790

Featuring: Leather, SYNC with My Ford Touch, Premium Audio, Keyless Entry, Reverse Sensing.
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NEW 2014 Ford Escape SE



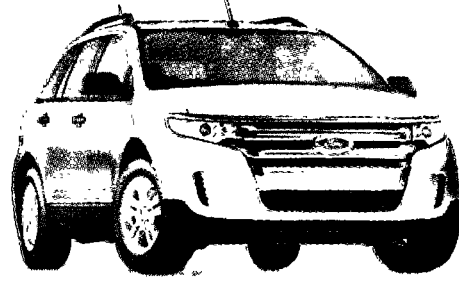
Buy for **\$21,401+**
MSRP \$26,445

Featuring: SYNC with My Ford, Power Windows, Locks, Cruise Control.
5 at this price, 456 available.

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NEW 2014 Ford Edge SEL



Buy for **\$26,599+**
MSRP \$34,615

Featuring: Leather, SYNC with My Ford Touch, Rear View Camera, Heated Power Seats.
5 at this price, 208 available.

\$284* with ZERO DOWN payment and \$416 due at signing

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NEW 2014 Ford Focus SE



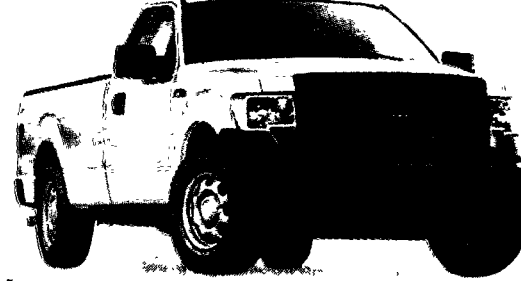
Buy for **\$17,146+**
MSRP \$23,540

Featuring: Leather, Appearance Package, Sync and Sound Package.
40 at this price, 288 available.

\$223* with ZERO DOWN payment and \$416 due at signing

24 month lease
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NEW 2014 Ford F150 XLT 4x4 Super Cab



Buy for **\$27,961+**
MSRP \$42,015

Featuring: 5.0 V8, Chrome Package, SYNC, Power Windows, Cruise Control.
10 at this price, 201 available.

\$293* with ZERO DOWN payment and \$613 due at signing

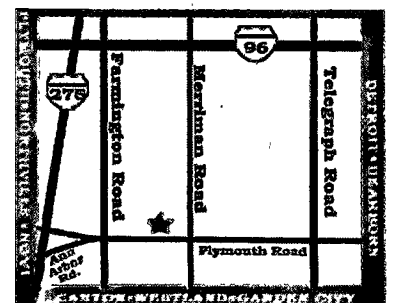
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