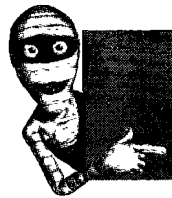


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Voters head to the polls Tuesday

Mayor, council seats and millage on local ballots

By **LeAnne Rogers**
Staff Writer

Voters in Wayne and Westland will be heading to the polls Tuesday, Nov. 5, for local elections, choosing mayors, council members and, in one city, deciding on a millage increase. Wayne voters will be electing a mayor

and filling four council seats, as well as considering two charter amendments that would levy up to 7 mills for 10 years to establish and a P.A. 345 police-fire retirement fund. Both questions need to be approved or the separate police-fire retirement fund fails.

So far, 747 absentee ballots have been requested in Wayne, with 450 returned early last week.

"More will come back the rest of the week and we will send out more," Wayne City Clerk Matthew Miller said.

Near 2011 numbers

Despite the millage issue on the ballot, Miller said those totals aren't much different than the 673 absentee ballots returned in 2011 city election.

Wayne has approximately 13,000 registered voters and had an 18.5-percent turnout in 2011.

"I expect this election we will have a 20-percent turnout, approximately 2,600 voters or so," Miller said. "I'm really not seeing a lot more interest due

to the ballot questions. It seems kind of in line with the last city election."

In addition to the two charter amendments, incumbent Mayor Al Haidous is running for re-election against challenger Donald Flynn. The winner will receive a two-year term.

Running for three four-year terms on the council are incumbents James Hawley and James Henley and challengers Jamie Conn, Brenda Ozog,

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TREE PLANTED TO HONOR FIREFIGHTER

Wayne Rotary Club assists in ceremony for Brian Woehlke

By **LeAnne Rogers**
Staff Writer

A red-leaved dogwood tree has been planted in front of the Wayne-Westland fire station on Wayne Road in memory of fallen firefighter Brian Woehlke.

"When people pass by this tree, we want them to think of Brian and his family, but also the firefighters and their service," Wayne Rotary President Trish Hampton said. "Brian gave his life doing what he loved. We donated the tree so that he will always be remembered."

Rotarians, members of the fire department and Wayne city officials gathered Tuesday for the tree planting ceremony.

The tree was planted on the south side of the fire station, not far from Wayne Road above the Rouge River.

The Rotarians had wanted to do something to remember Woehlke, killed May 8 in the line of duty, Hampton said, and decided on a tree.

"We felt really bad (about Woehlke's death) and wanted to do something to make a difference - to give something back to the family," she said.

Thanking the Rotarians for their donation, Wayne Mayor Al Haidous said the tree honors the memory of Woehlke, but also recognizes the sacrifices of men and women who serve the community.

"I hope with the new (merged) fire department concept in Wayne, they (firefighters) know how much we appreciate their efforts and job," he said.

"We continue to work to minimize the dangers for them, but the danger is always there."

Representing the fire department, Assistant Chief/Fire Marshal John Adams also thanked the Rotarians for their donation.

"We (firefighters) are very active in community outreach. We support you as you support us," Adams said.

The official investigation into the death of Woehlke, killed fighting the fire that destroyed the Electric Stick and Marvaso's Italian Grille, has not yet been finalized.



Wayne-Westland Assistant Chief/Fire Marshal John Adams, Capt. Lee Triltsch, Mayor Al Haidous and Wayne Rotary Club's John Van Stipdonk plant the memorial tree. **BILL BRESLER** | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Wayne Rotary President Trish Hampton, John Van Stipdonk, Mayor Al Haidous, Fire Capt. Lee Triltsch and Assistant Chief/Fire Marshal John Adams work on planting the memorial tree. **BILL BRESLER** | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

City settles civil suit involving police

Westland man awarded \$700,000 in malicious prosecution case

By **LeAnne Rogers**
Staff Writer

A Westland man has received a nearly \$700,000 settlement in a civil lawsuit charging Westland Police officers with false imprisonment and malicious prosecution.

The initial criminal case and subsequent trial eventually made its way on appeals to the Michigan Supreme Court.

The incident occurred March 18, 2009, when officers were called to a home on South Hanlon by Marlyn Koldowski. She wanted her cellphone returned by her husband Jeffrey, who took the phone to try to confirm his accusation of infidelity.

There were no reported signs of

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Progress reported at mobile home community

By **LeAnne Rogers**
Staff Writer

Following complaints, improvements are being made at the Westland Meadows mobile home park, although probably not at a fast enough pace for residents.

"They recently had multiple crews on site. Twenty-one homes were roofed and eight homes had new skirting," Wayne-Westland Assistant Chief/Fire Marshal John Adams said. "They were cutting grass. Management is doing what they said they would do. It took a period of time to get like it is."

Adams, who heads Westland's ordinance enforcement, recently met with a representative from Parkland Ventures, the Glen Allen, Va., company which bought Westland Meadows in

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Photos released of suspect in three bank robberies

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Information is being sought about a man suspected of robbing three Westland banks.

"We are actively looking for the suspect in these bank robberies. He is also a suspect in one bank robbery in Lincoln Park," Westland Police Lt. Todd Adams said.

Two photos of the suspect, taken from bank security cameras, have been released. The suspect, who was wearing a ball cap, was described as a white male, approximately 5 feet, 7 inches tall, medium build and 30-40 years old. He was described as having a mustache at one robbery and a couple of days growth of facial hair at the other two incidents. The three Westland

robberies took place Aug. 27, Sept. 24 and Oct. 18 at three different banks.

» The Aug. 27 robbery was reported at 9:19 a.m. at Chase Bank, 31311 Cherry Hill. A teller told police the suspect approached with a note demanding money. He told her not to do anything stupid, saying he had a gun and warning that he would shoot her.

The suspect was reported to have stolen \$843 in cash before fleeing on foot south on Merriman. He was last seen in the parking lot of a nearby Taco Bell.

» The Bank of America, 121 N. Wayne Road was robbed at 9:49 a.m. Sept. 24. In this case, the teller said she was also handed a note demanding money and warned not to make any noise. The suspect pulled up his



This photo of the suspect was taken from security cameras at TCF Bank, which was robbed Oct. 18.

jacket to reveal the handle of a semi-automatic handgun, the teller told police.

The suspect was reported to have obtained approximately \$1,200 before walking from the bank. The teller said she pushed the alarm button as the suspect left the bank.

» The most recent robbery was reported at



This man is suspected of robbing three Westland banks. This photo was taken during a robbery of a Bank of America branch office Sept. 24.

6 p.m. Oct. 18 at the TCF Bank, 360 S. Merriman. As in the other robberies, the suspect was reported to have approached the teller with a note demanding money and indicating her had a gun. The teller told police she gave the suspect

\$439 in cash and several rolls of coins from her drawer. She said the suspect took the cash and his note, but left behind the coins. When the suspect turned away to leave, the teller said she pushed the alarm. The suspect was

last seen on foot walking north through the bank parking lot. Anyone with information about the robberies is asked to call Westland Police at 734-722-9600.

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MOBILE

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August 2012. Also attending the meeting were City Attorney James Fausone and Westland Finance Director Steve Smith.

After receiving complaints from residents, the city conducted an ordinance sweep, finding more than 300 violations for overgrown weeds, broken windows and missing skirting, in addition to an unpaid \$150,000 water bill and unpaid property taxes.

"We let them know what we expected and what would happen if it wasn't resolved," Adams said. "They are moving in a positive direction. They aren't doing one unit at a time. We assessed every unit."

Part of the maintenance problems stemmed from staff changes at Westland Meadows after the ownership change. Employees had quit, Adams said, until there was

only one maintenance worker for the 700-unit community.

"The ordinance issues were stuff that should have been taken care of by maintenance staff," Adams said. "I'm confident with follow-up on the ordinance side that they are doing what they say. In the big picture, there is no way you can say it's not improving."

A spokesperson for Parkland Ventures offered no comment except to say the concerns would be resolved. The company owns 40 mobile home parks nationwide.

One thing that will not be resolved to residents' satisfaction is the elimination of on-site security controlling access to Westland Meadows. During off-hours, residents had to use a key to get inside the complex.

"This was the only complex that had security. According to Parkland Ventures, it wasn't the norm and not necessary," Adams said.

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violence when officers met Marilyn Kodlowski at her vehicle. Two officers entered the home demanding return of the cellphone.

The lapel microphone worn by one officer was engaged and recorded the officers berating Jeffrey Kodlowski, who repeatedly told the officers to leave.

Eventually, the officers decided to arrest Kodlowski, who was Tasered and struck with a police baton. He received a large laceration on his head and was taken to a local hospital

We will continue to train and educate our officers in order to maintain community confidence and a professional standard.

JEFF JEDRUSIK
Westland police chief

for treatment. Kodlowski was charged with assault and battery, along with resisting arrest. He was convicted of the resisting arrest charge during a trial in which 18th District Judge Mark

McConnell didn't allow photos of Kodlowski's injuries to be used as evidence.

Upheld by the Michigan Court of Appeals, McConnell's ruling was overturned by the state Supreme Court earlier this month. The defense had wanted to use the photos as evidence that the officers fabricated the charges against Kodlowski.

In addition, Kodlowski sued for malicious prosecution and false imprisonment, which resulted in the civil settlement.

"Police calls like this are the most difficult to handle, having one half of a party insisting that the police officers stay

there to work out a dispute while the other half insists that the officers leave," Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik said. "It will always be the intentions of the Westland Police Department to help resolve family conflict to the best of our ability, whether criminal or civil."

"I assure you that we strive for and expect nothing less than professionalism. We will continue to train and educate our officers in order to maintain community confidence and a professional standard," he added.

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ELECTION

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Susan Rowe and Shari Welch. Long-time councilwoman Pam Dobrowski isn't seeking re-election.

In Westland, incumbent Mayor William Wild

is unopposed in his bid for re-election. Four incumbent council members - Christine Cicirelli Bryant, Meriem Kadi, Michael Kehrer and Dewey Reeves - are on the ballot, along with three challengers - Donna Stottlemeyer Beaupre, William Campbell and Kevin Coleman.

Less interest

Just under 4,200 absentee ballots have been sent out, City Clerk Eileen DeHart Schoof said, with half having been returned earlier in the week. Westland has 63,032 registered voters.

"Over 90 percent of absentee ballots come back, usually," Schoof said. "I expect the turnout at the polls to be 17 to 18 percent, which is pretty comparable with other city elections." "There was a 22-per-

cent turnout in 2011, but there was a library millage, so it garnered a little more interest," she added. "There has been low interest in this election, unfortunately."

In both cities, absentee ballots can be obtained until 4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 4. However, absentee ballots picked up that day must be completed on site and turned in at that time.

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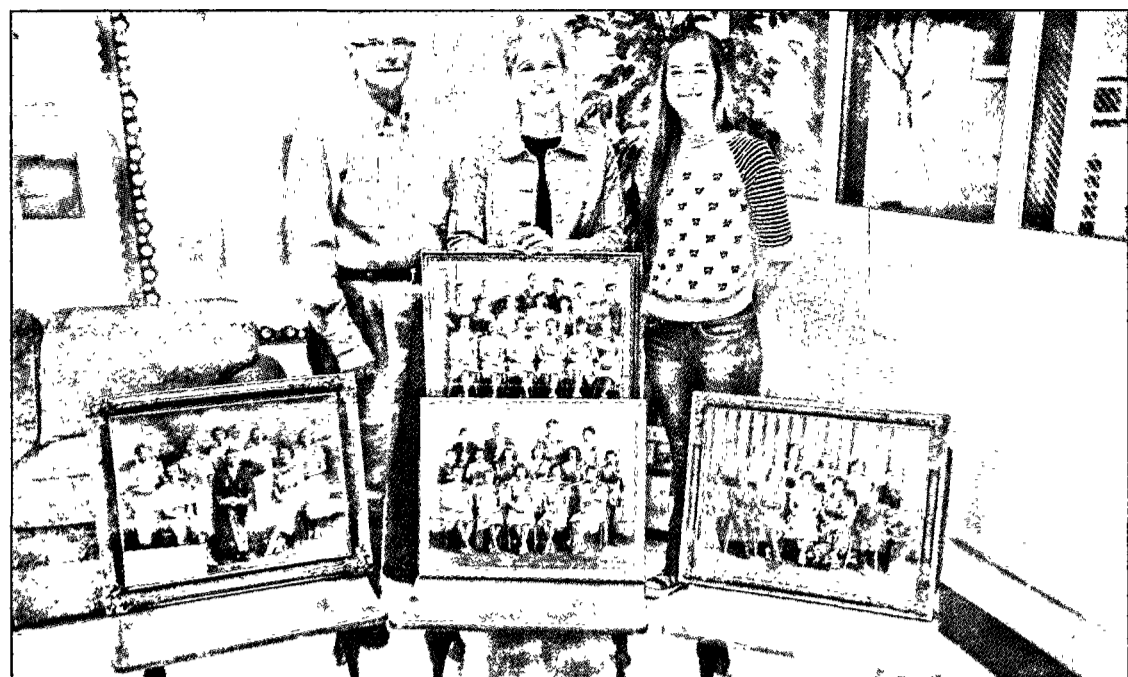
By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Walker-Winter Elementary School in Canton has received a treasured gift from the Canton Historical Society – framed black-and-white class photos of students from the 1930s and 1940s.

CHS volunteer Jordan Taylor said the photos harken back to a time when students graduating from the eighth grade would “get all dressed up” and head to the Bonish Photo Studio in Detroit to have their pictures taken.

Taylor said the pictures, displayed long ago when Walker was a one-room schoolhouse, have been returned to their long-ago home. She said Walker was one of nine one-room schools in Canton.

“The Canton Historical Society had in its collection a group of these photographs and had the great opportunity to return them to the site where they were first hung,” Taylor said,



Walker-Winter Principal Julie Mytych (center) accepts historic photos of the school's students from Canton Historical Society President Bill Tesen and CHS volunteer Jordan Taylor.

to receive these historical class photos of graduating students from when Walker was a one-room schoolhouse,” school Principal Julie Mytych said.

Mytych said the pictures are proudly displayed in the school lobby and in a hallway.

Taylor, a Canton resident and University of Detroit-Mercy history student, has worked at Greenfield Village as she immerses herself in history. She said she is glad local historians were able to return the historic photos to the Canton school, saying “it was very exciting to return them to the school where the students in the photos used to attend.”

adding that the collection brings a bit of school history back to the walls for modern-day students, employees and

parents. Taylor and CHS President Bill Tesen recently delivered the photographs to the Michi-

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Students salute veterans at annual concert

High school singers to perform Nov. 7

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

It's become a tradition dating back to 2007 and it continues Thursday, Nov. 7, when the chorale groups at Garden City High School honor veterans at their annual fall concert.

The Garden City Chorus, the Garden City Chorale and the Garden City Singers, under the direction of Steven H. Olsen, will take to the stage of O'Leary Auditorium to perform a selection of patriotic songs, including Lee Greenwood's *God Bless the U.S.A.*, when a 20-foot by 30-foot American flag will unfurl and become a backdrop for the concert.

"When the flag comes down, people stand up," Olsen said. "It's really moving."

More than 100 students will participate in the 1½-hour concert, which will open with a performance of *Awakening* and end with the singing of *Let There Be Peace on Earth*. The students also will perform a selection of 1940s songs, including *Pennies from Heaven*, *In the Mood* and the girls performing *Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy*

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The high school's AFROTC cadets will present the colors for the concert and serve as ushers, while the high school band will also make a guest appearance. In addition to the music, the concert also will include the cadets reading of the names of veterans who have died, provided by members of the audience.

Tickets for the concert are \$2; veterans are free.

"They are our guests of honor," Olsen said. "They come dressed in their fatigues and their uniforms."

Olsen plans on having his 89-year-old father at the concert. His father Charles, a Westland resident, is a World War II veteran. He served on a Liberty ship that carried munitions and gasoline across the Atlantic.

This is the sixth year Olsen and his students have presented the concert that has attracted 500-600 concert goers. It has become a "neat tradition" with people come



The Garden City High School Girls Chorale will perform "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy of Company B," made popular by the Andrews Sisters in 1941.

from outside Garden City to attend, Olsen said, adding that "there's nothing in the area like it."

"Every concert, I try to do

differently, but this one really a good thing," he said.

After the fall concert, Olsen and his students will shift gears and get ready for

their winter concert Dec. 19.

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Edison, Wildwood elementary schools get new principals

Wayne-Westland's Edison and Wildwood Elementary Schools have new principals following the school board's recent approval of the hiring of Jenna Mullins and Christine Swanson.

Mullins replaces Shannon Blick as top administrator at Wildwood, while Swanson

takes over from Sandy Kingston at Edison.

Mullins has been with Wayne-Westland since 2006, working as a third-grade teacher at Elliott Elementary and most recently as an intervention specialist at Schweitzer Elementary.

A Flat Rock resident, she has a bachelor of arts degree in elemen-

tary education from Spring Arbor University and a master of arts in educational leadership from Michigan State University.

"It's a privilege to be a principal at Wildwood," Mullins said. "It's a beautiful school with an exemplary staff, wonderful students and supportive parents. I go to Wild-

wood elated and so excited to foster a relationship with the students, staff and parents and to promote a 21st century education."

Swanson, a Livonia resident, started her career in 2001 as special education teacher at Kingsley Montgomery School in Waterford. She joined the Wayne-Westland district in 2009 as a media specialist at Marshall and Stevenson mid-

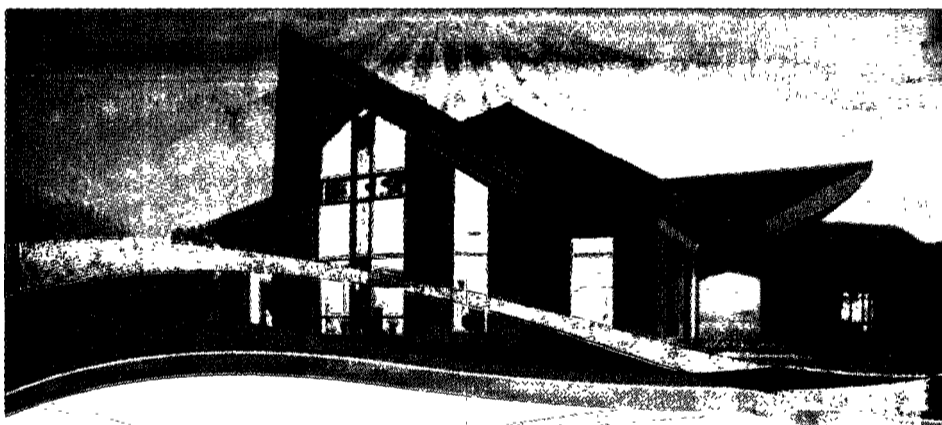
dle schools before becoming an intervention specialist at P.D. Graham Elementary in 2010.

She has a bachelor of science degree in special education/elementary education from Eastern Michigan University, a master's degree in library and information science from Wayne State University and a master's degree in educational leadership from Madonna University.

"When I left to be a media specialist, I thought that's what I wanted to be and then I met these amazing people," Swanson said.

"Now I look forward to continuing to work with these amazing individuals. It's exciting to take on this challenge and I look forward to the great adventures that are in store for us."

— By Sue Mason



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State Sen. Glenn Anderson (center), D-Westland, greets students from William D. Ford Career-Technical Center in Westland who participated in the 13th annual AT&T/MACUL Student Technology Showcase, held Oct. 23 at the state Capitol Building in Lansing. The students were (from left) Rebecca Spencer, Kealani Sypher, Haylee Turek and Haley Gnida. The school was one of nearly 35 elementary, middle and high schools statewide that participated in the event, which shows elected members of the state Senate and House of Representatives how technology is being used in the classroom to enhance student achievement. AT&T, Technology Readiness Infrastructure Grant and Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning sponsored the event. DAVE TRUMPIE



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AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

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The Westland Historical Village Park will present an appraisal clinic by DuMouchelle Galleries 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2, in the Octagon House at the park, 857 Wayne Road, north of Cherry Hill.

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"Council members Bryant, Kadi, Kehrer and Reeves have the experience needed to keep Westland moving in a positive direction."

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OUR VIEWS

Election Day

These candidates, proposals deserve voters' support

City of Wayne

Act 345/Tax Proposals

Voters in the city of Wayne face several major decisions in the Tuesday's general election. First and foremost is approving the creation of an Act 345 pension plan for police and fire and the approval of up to 7 mills to fund the plan.

Wayne has seen its property values and tax revenue plummet as the result of recent recession. It has had to reduce staffing and services and has sought out mergers and consolidations to maintain services while cutting expenditures.

Most city departments have one full-time employee and in many cases the department head is doing two jobs. But the city now faces a \$2 million deficit.

Unless it can shift pension costs from the general fund to a 345 pension plan, city officials will have eliminate 15-18 employee positions. With most departments cut already, the brunt of the layoffs could come in the police and fire departments.

The two proposals on Tuesday's ballot, if approved, would set up the 345 Fund and fund it. Both proposals must be approved for the pension fund to be created. City officials estimate the levy would cost \$280 per year or \$23.33 per month on a home with a \$40,000 taxable.

A YES vote on the two proposals is the way to go for the city, which has suffered tremendously because of the recession. Its recovery will be painful slow. Approving the two ballot initiatives will stabilize finances, provide adequate fire and police protection for residents and keep the doors open and the lights on at the library and recreation center.

Mayor, city council

Wayne voters also will select three members of council and a new mayor. Incumbents James Henley and James Hawley are being challenged by Brenda Ozog, Susan Rowe, Shari Welch and Jamie Conn. Incumbent Mayor Al Haidous is being challenged by Donald Flynn.

In the mayoral race, the obvious choice is Al Haidous. He has served as an elective official for 20 years and believes in the city of Wayne. He speaks with pride about the community and is the first to remind residents that the issues facing the community are due to outside forces. Wayne has been caught up in an economic tidal wave that it must sail out of without damaging services.

All of the council candidates have a good grasp on the issues facing the city and each has his or her own opinion on how to address them. They all want to revitalize the downtown and bring new business and families to town. They differ on how to accomplish that. We believe that James Henley, James Hawley and



Hawley



Wild



Henley



Rowe



Haidous



Cicerelli Bryant

Mayor William Wild is seeking a second four-year term in Tuesday's election. He is running unopposed. His business acumen has been beneficial for the city and his ability to work with all sides has also been a plus since he became mayor



Kadi



Kehrer



Reeves

Susan Rowe understand what it is that needs to be done and will make the tough decisions

to move Wayne forward. They understand the importance of finding a new city manager that will take the city in a new direction and has experience in turning around a community.

Rowe has previous council experience and it's apparent she is ready to hit the ground running, if elected. She doesn't see any other alternative to addressing the city's fiscal woes than the 345 plan and associated millage and fears that if voters reject it, the city could face a state-appointed emergency manager. She also believes that if voters do turn down the plan and/or millage, the city should immediately begin taking steps to address the budget crisis rather than wait until after a possible special election next February.

We urge voters to do their homework and get all the information they can about the candidates and the ballot proposals. The direction Wayne takes will be decided Nov. 5. A YES vote on the 345 plan and tax levy and the election of Al Haidous as mayor and James Hawley, James Henley and Susan Rowe are a step in the right direction.

City of Westland

Mayor, city council

While other communities are still struggling with the repercussions of the economic downturn of 2008, the city of Westland is showing major signs of recovery. It is retrofitting a vacant commercial building into its new city hall, using the property of another to construct a new fire station and is making improvements to Central City Park.

Those kinds of things don't happen by chance. It's takes planning and city leaders with a clear vision of what they want Westland to be. At the moment, it is the shining star for economic recovery.

in 2006. He has worked hard to have Westland live up to its All-American City moniker, taking swift action to handle the closing of a contaminated Central City Park and finding a way to resolve the issue of a deteriorating Westland City Hall.

Incumbent council members Christine Cicerelli Bryant, Meriem Kadi, Michael Kehrer and Dewey Reeves are being challenged by newcomers Donna Stottlemeyer Beaupre, William Campbell and Kevin Coleman, who is making a second bid for elective office. The top three finishers will each receive a four-year term; the fourth-place finisher will serve a two-year term.

In talking with five of the six candidates, we found them to be knowledgeable about issues still facing the community - the continuing problems with foreclosures and blight, the need for adequate public safety and the consolidation and merger of services with neighboring communities to manage the city's finances.

Bryant, Kadi, Kehrer and Reeves have proven to be a strong force in helping the city survive and grow in difficult times. They have not faltered and proven they work well together.

Bryant isn't afraid to ask questions and get answers, even if some might think them unnecessary, before making decisions that are based on what she sees as the best interest of residents and the city.

Kehrer, who has served on the council for 12 years, has a good grasp of the city's history and what needs to be done to keep it moving forward.

Kadi is completing her first four-year term on the council. She has proven to be a quick study, taking in the information, processing it and making decisions that helped preserve services. And when Reeves sees an issue that needs to be dealt with, he says so and is prepared to act.

Mayor William Wild is more than deserving of a second term in office. Also deserving seats on the council are Christine Cicerelli Bryant, Meriem Kadi, Michael Kehrer and Dewey Reeves. Westland city government is functioning very well and these candidates will continue to help keep Westland moving forward.

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OUR VIEWS

This election charts new course for Garden City

With veteran Councilwoman Joanne Dodge deciding against seeking another term, the Garden City Council is poised for a change in Tuesday's general election.

Dodge is the most senior member of the council. She has served on the council since 1995 and, during her almost 20-year tenure, has always stayed focused on her belief that government "is here to work for the people and the people always come first." She has always taken the office and its responsibilities seriously and hasn't been afraid to ask questions or speak up about issues she doesn't agree with or take a negative stand where necessary.

Her departure leaves some big shoes to fill and there are plenty of candidates wanting to take her place. Nine candidates are vying for council seats in Tuesday's election. Seven hope to win one for four seats that are scheduled to be filled. The top two finishers will each get a four-year term. The third- and fourth-place finishers both will receive a two-year term. The top candidate also will become mayor pro tem.

The candidates for the four regular terms are incumbents Dave Fetter, Jim Kerwin and Jaylee Lynch, appointed incumbent Mike Jones and challengers Pat McKarge, Pam King and Mike Collard.

Two candidates are vying to fill a partial two-year term created by the departure of former council member George Kordie, who resigned earlier this year. Campaigning for a partial term are former council member Al Briscoe and retired city employee Margo Ciecierski.

In looking at the four regular terms, we believe residents would best be served by electing re-electing Dave Fetter, Mike Jones and Jaylee Lynch and challenger Pam King, while selecting Margo Ciecier-



Ciecierski



Jones



King



Lynch



Walker



Fetter

done well in his short time on council by doing his homework and showing a willingness to work with other council members in resolving problems.

As a longtime member of council and former mayor, Lynch has the institutional knowledge to draw on in addressing issues that arise. She is adept in dealing with the public, understands the need to work with the other members of council and is a good listener. King, as a newcomer, shows an understanding of the issues facing the city and the importance of marketing the community to attract families and start rebuilding the city's tax base.

It's easy to see that Ciecierski is all about Garden City from her many years as an employee to her work on the Relay for Life and annual Downtown Garden City Santaland Parade. She also has a good working knowledge of the city's day-to-day operations.

In the mayoral race, incumbent Randy Walker is

facing Everette "Buddy" Wallace for the two-year term.

Walker is seeking a third term as mayor. He has worked hard to improve the city and present it in a positive light, taking the lead in keeping the city's Memorial Day and Veterans Day programs. As the leader of the city council, he has taken a no-nonsense stand on bad behavior at meetings and hasn't been shy about ejecting residents who don't follow protocol. It shows his focus is on properly conducting the business of the city and in presenting Garden City in a positive light.

The *Observer* recommends re-electing Dave Fetter, Mike Jones and Jaylee Lynch, electing newcomers Pam King and Margo Ciecierski to the city council and returning Randy Walker as mayor.

Voters also will be electing members of the Garden City Library Board, created when they approved the 1-mill levy two years ago. There are six seats on the elected board and the six members of the provisional board are the only candidates on the ballot.

We hope voters will not gloss over this portion of the ballot and take time to fill in the ovals by the names of Paul Werhane, Nancy Bailey, Nancy Schultz Speck, Mary Jane Schildberg, Janet Smith and Andrew McMechan.

The six board members have worked hard to restore the library since taking control of it in 2011. They wear their love of the library on their sleeves and have already proven they will work to return it to its previous prominence.

Tuesday is not a day to stay home. Garden City residents need to get out and let their voices be heard at the polls. Government is meant to be of the people, for the people and by the people and that starts Election Day.

LETTERS

Not happy about proposals

To the citizens of Wayne,
As a homeowner and taxpayer of this city, I would like to share my thoughts on the ballot proposals that city leaders are trying to get approved. If approved, the city would generate \$2.6 million more in taxes. They say it would be for essential city services. What are essential city services?

I wanted to get as much information as I could, so I could make the best decision I could make. I listened to my neighbors. I went online. I was invited by a councilman to go to an informational meeting at Jetway corporate office Sept. 5. I wanted to know what's in it for me. I know that sounds selfish, but raising my mortgage payment each month on a home that is losing value, I would like to know what's in it for me!

So I went to this meeting and learned a few things. The Winchester group is helping the city with the ballot proposals and all the literature. One of the slide presentations they showed the audience talked about the money captured. It would be redirected to essential city services and that the city could start the leaf pickup program again. As a taxpayer, that sounded

like a good idea. But the moderator told the audience that they didn't want to put that in any literature that was going to the residents. He wanted to keep it a police and fire issue.

During another discussion, I learned that police officers would be laid off in January 2014, six months before the current budget ends, to save money. Does that mean they are not essential? One audience member who had been talking to residents for support, said residents were telling him they were not supporting the proposals because of the layoffs in January. He knew when the budget ended, so he didn't want to lie to the residents about the layoffs. That's when the moderator told him and the audience, don't lie to the people, just don't tell them the truth. Don't tell them when they will be laid off, just that there will be layoffs.

After the meeting, the mayor came up to me to talk about the fire authority millage coming next November. He told me that if the proposals pass that the budget next year might be able to cover what the fire authority is seeking so the city wouldn't have to ask taxpayers for more money. This seems like a good selling point for the millage, but you don't see that

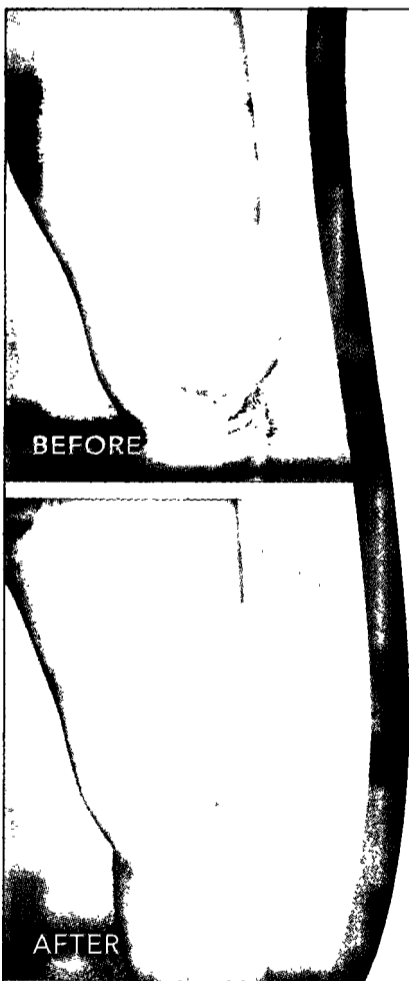
mentioned in any of the literature.

I had to take a step back to soak it all in. After a couple of weeks, I happened upon a city document that featured six or seven points that shows why the city needs the millage increase. It mentioned that in 2010, the police and firefighters took a 2.5-percent pay cut. City employees also took a 2.5-percent pay cut. In 2010, the police and firefighters also took a three-year wage freeze. City employees also take a wage freeze. The three-year contract expired this past July. Are the unions and city negotiating new contracts? Are city employees looking for raises?

Is it just a coincidence that the city has a new tax put before the voters after wage cuts and freezes? After all of the things that I saw and heard, I realized that this is politics. This is not about police and fire, but about \$2.6 million. The city wants more so they can spend more without having to tell us, the taxpayers, how they are going to spend it.

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Today marks the end of daylight saving time. We hope you remembered to set your clocks back an hour and enjoyed your extra hour of sleep. Daylight saving time may seem routine to us, but did you know that the majority of the world's countries do not observe these seasonal time changes? In fact, the concept of standard time dates back to the establishment of major railroad systems in the United States and Canada and daylight saving time was instituted in 1918 to save electricity for seven months of the year during World War I.

Standard time is the result of synchronizing clocks in different geographical areas within a time zone rather than using a location's longitude (and position relative to the sun) to calculate local time. The history of standard time in the United States began Nov. 18, 1883, when U.S. and Canadian railroads in-

stituted standard time in time zones for the purpose of coordinating rail schedules. While not immediately accepted by all, the use of standard time gradually increased because of its practical advantages for communication and travel.

Daylight saving time wasn't established by U.S. law until the Standard Time Act of 1918 and our observance of DST today is based on the Uniform Time Act of 1966, which provided the standardization of the dates that begin and end DST, while allowing for local exemptions from the observance of DST.

During World War II, daylight saving time was known as War Time. From 1945-66, U.S. federal law did not address daylight saving time at all, leaving a patchwork of local times that could become confusing for travelers. Within the United States today, only Arizona (with the exception of the Navajo

Nation) and Hawaii do not observe daylight saving time.

The library has a variety of materials about the standardization of time, telling time and timepieces like watches and clocks. For adults, check out *The Book of Time: The Secrets of Time, How It Works and How We Measure It* by Adam Hart-Davis, *Time: Its Origin, Its Enigma, Its History* by Alexander Waugh, or *American Clocks and Clockmakers* by Robert and Harriett Swedberg. For kids, check out materials that teach timekeeping like the book *Using Clocks and Stopwatches or Telling Time* from our youth DVD collection.

If you'd like to learn more about the history of standard time and daylight saving time, visit the library's website at www.westlandlibrary.org, give us a call at 734-326-6123 or stop by the Reference Desk.

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Highlighted activities

Lego Read & Play with a Buddy, 2 p.m. Nov. 3 - Kids, come build with us. We'll have lots and lots of Lego bricks for building, along with books for inspiration. We will have a special visitor, Buddy, our reading dog.

Parenting Workshop/ Training: Let's Be Friends, 9:30 a.m. Nov. 4, Adults and Kids - Starfish Family Services' Early Learning Communities monthly Parenting Workshop/Early Childhood Training will look at how a young child's thinking and reasoning impacts their social relationships. Free childcare provided for children of participants. Register by clicking at www.westlandlibrary.org/kids/events and find this event or go to <http://www.greatstartconnect.com> Walk-ins accepted, if space allows.

Magic: The Gathering Tournament, 6 p.m. Nov. 4, Ages 12-18 - We'll have a round robin tournament as well as free play. Bring a standard deck to play in the tournament. There will be snacks and prizes.

Rainbow Loom Crafts, 6 p.m. Nov. 5, Teens and Kids Grades 5-12 - Use colorful rubber bands to make patterned rings, bracelets or other creations. No registration required.

NaNo Write-In, 6-8:45 p.m. Nov. 5, Teens and Adults - Ready to write a novel? You've come to the right place. National Novel Writing Month at the Westland Public Library includes library Write-Ins where you can write a novel in a month; track your progress; get pep talks and support; meet fellow writ-

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Signing up for Healthcare, 1 p.m. Nov. 6 - Join Eugenia Dillard, Eligibility Specialist, from the Western Wayne Family Health Centers as she answers questions and assists those registering for healthcare through the online Market-Place.

Third and Fourth Grade Book Club, 7 p.m. Nov. 6 - Third and Fourth Grade Book Club meets monthly to explore imaginative stories and fun activities. Please join us for our November title, *Fridgie* by Andrew Clements. Register and pick up a copy of the book at the Youth Desk.

Writers Workshop, 7 p.m. Nov. 7 - The Writers Workshop critiques an individual's writing in a workshop setting. All genres accepted (fiction, poetry, memoir, etc.). We will tell you what is working with your piece, as well as what needs improvement. The goal of our group is to help writers get published. You must attend one session before your writing will be reviewed. To register, visit or call the Reference Desk at 734-326-6123 or contact andy.schuck@westlandlibrary.org.

Friday Night Movie, 7 p.m. Nov. 8 - Come join us for some of the best recently-released DVDs as part of our Friday Night Movies series. Tonight's movie, *The Kings of Summer*, is about "three teenage friends, in the ultimate act of independence, decide to spend their summer building a house in the woods and living off the land (imdb.com)." This movie is rated R. Trivia and prizes. Snacks and refreshments. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.,

movie starts at 7 p.m.

Tasting and Touring Michigan, noon Nov. 9 - Join author Jaye Beeler, along with award-winning photographer Dianne Carroll Burdick, for a conversation about Michigan's agricultural landscape. For a year, Jaye and Dianne traveled from the Mackinac Straits and Lake Michigan to the urban farms of Detroit, documenting Michigan's new flavor frontier in their book, *Tasting and Touring Michigan's Home-grown Food: A Culinary Roadtrip* (Arbutus Press). Dianne will share her spectacular photography, detailing Michigan's delicious harvest, highlighting the seasonal produce and hand-crafted hibernation foods that you will see at the farmers market. Nibble your way through Jaye's autumn favorites - cranberries, butternut squash, apples and hand-crafted cheeses. Book signing will follow presentation.

Yu-gi-oh Free Play, 3 p.m. Nov. 9, Teens and Kids, Grades 5-12 - By popular demand, a gathering for Yu-Gi-Oh players. Bring your cards and challenge your friends.

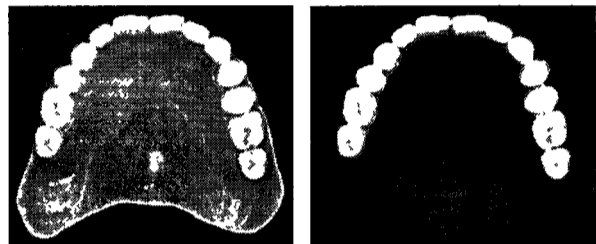
Rhythm & Rock Time, 1 p.m. Nov. 10 - Your little one's natural rhythm will shine in this interactive music program for ages 1-5 with a caregiver. Siblings are welcome. No registration needed.

Time for Art: Collage, 2 p.m. Nov. 10, 7-10-year-olds - Common everyday items become something more in collage art. We will use colorful paper, feathers and sequins and arrange them to create a woodland owl. Register to attend 734-326-6123 or westlandlibrary.org/kids/events

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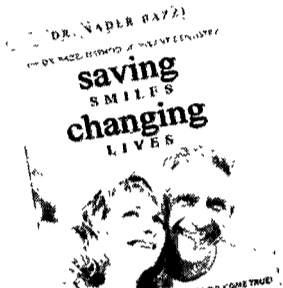
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CITY OF WESTLAND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC NOTICE

The following appeal will be heard at a public hearing to be held in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI on Wednesday, November 20, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. at which time comments may be directed to the Board during audience participation. If you wish to reply by mail, send your comments to the above address. All property owners whose names appear in our tax rolls located within 300' of this property are being notified pursuant to this statute.

Petition #2793-Khalil Saad-27758 Warren
Req. for a use variance from Ord. 248 to operate a used car lot on the subject property; whereas Sec. 9:6.1 does not list a used car lot as a permitted use in the CB-3 district.

Petition #2798-H. Mcheik-300 S. Newburgh
Req. for a 10' side yd. setback variance from Ord. 248 to construct a 40' x 60' building at the industrial site that would be located 15' from the south side lot line, whereas Sec. 10:4.5(b) requires a minimum side yd. setback of 25' in the I-2 district.

Petition #2799-C. Rice-38536 Florence
Req. for an 880 sq. ft. detached accessory structure variance from Ord. 248 to construct a 2,400 sq. ft. detached accessory structure at the rear of the existing 1,520 sq. ft. home; whereas Sec. 7:4.3(h) states that the square footage of a detached garage cannot exceed the footprint of the home.

Petition #2800-Velmeir Construction/CVS Pharmacy-NW Corner of Middlebelt & Warren Roads PID #008-99-0003-000 & -0005-000
Req. for an 18.86' parking setback variance, a 20' rear yard setback variance, a 20' building hgt. variance, and a 4 space stacking variance from Ord. 248 to demolish the two buildings located at the site and construct a new 13,600 sq. ft. CVS Pharmacy with drive-thru on the property with proposed parking 6.14 ft. from the Middlebelt Road front lot line; whereas Sec. 9:6.5(e) requires a parking setback of 25', that would be located at the rear lot line; whereas Sec. 9:6.5(a) requires a minimum rear yard setback of 20', and would be 20' in height; whereas Sec. 9:6.6(a) requires a maximum building height equal to the distance of the building to the nearest property line, and would provide the drive-thru with 4 stacking spaces; whereas Sec. 16.2.2 requires a maximum of 8 stacking spaces for the drive-thru window.

Petition #2801-T. Smith-35217 Florence
Req. for a lot area variance and a 7'2" detached accessory structure height variance from Ord. 248 to construct a 21'10" high detached accessory structure at the rear of the home on a lot which comprises 7,920 sq. ft; whereas Sec. 7:4.3(h) states that a detached accessory structure height variance may be considered if the subject property exceeds 1/3 of an acre or 14,520 sq. ft. and that detached accessory structures shall not exceed 14' in hgt.

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Should you buy or lease a car?

Q: Dear Rick: I'm going to buy a new car in the next couple of months. I'm not sure if I should lease or buy. If I buy, should I pay cash or finance the purchase? Can you offer some items to consider in making my decision? I have the cash to make the purchase.

A: The first question you need to ask yourself is how long you plan to own your car. Leasing makes sense if you plan to get a new car every two to three years. On the other hand, if you hold your cars four years or more, then leasing is not the best way to go.

The second issue is how many miles you drive a year. Leasing generally makes more sense if you drive your car no more than 15,000 miles a year. If you drive 20,000 plus miles a year, then generally leasing is not a viable option.

These items are key questions you need to answer to make a proper decision.

If you do decide to lease a car, there are some that are better to lease than others. The reason is the residual value, one of the key elements in calculating your lease payments. Cars that have high residual values generally are more favorable to a lease arrangement.

If you decide to buy your car, the issue is whether to finance it or pay cash. The key is to look at the difference between what interest rate you're paying on



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

your purchase versus the return that you are receiving on your money.

For example, if your lease costs 4 percent interest and the money you use is kept in the bank getting 1 1/2 percent interest after taxes, then certainly, it would make sense to pay cash.

On the other hand, if the interest rate you're paying on the car is 2 percent and the money that you would use to purchase the car is earning 4 percent after taxes, then it makes sense to finance the purchase.

It is important to remember that the interest on a car loan is not tax-deductible. The money that you invest and earn is taxable. That is why it is important to compare your after-tax return with the interest rate you will pay on your loan.

Do I think leasing or buying is a better option? No. I think each has benefits. The key is to look at your individual situation and make the decision that works best for you. Also, whether you buy or lease, there is still room to negotiate.

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

Dealers say change to trade-in sales tax could lead to more purchases

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

A bill awaiting a signature from Gov. Rick Snyder could reduce the sales tax paid on the purchase of a vehicle when the consumers trade in another.

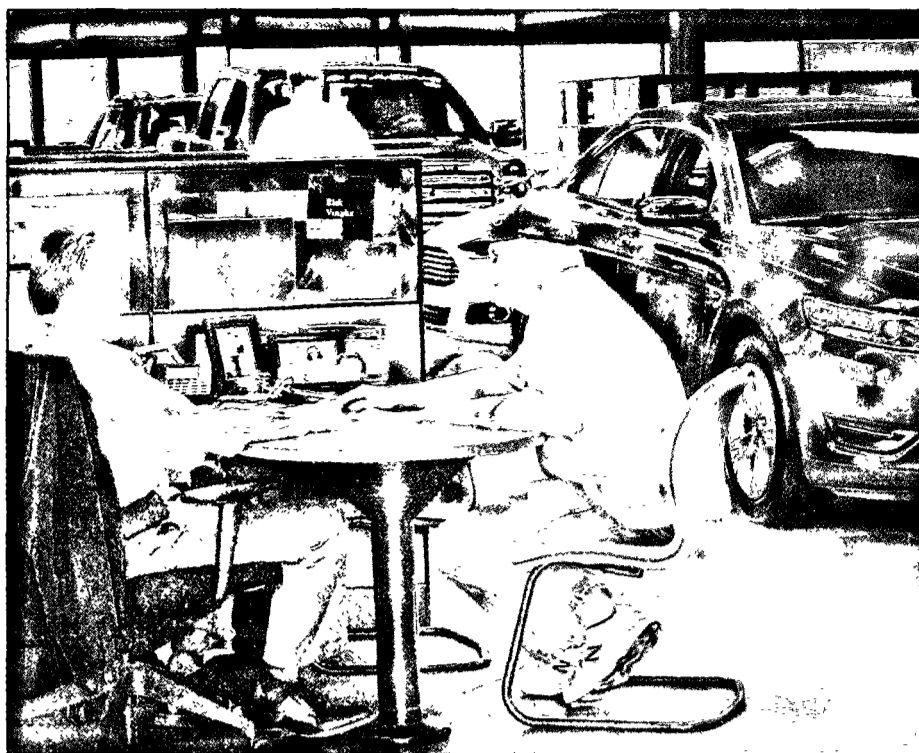
The bill, co-sponsored by state Reps. John Walsh, R-Livonia, and Phil Cavanagh, D-Redford, would reduce sales tax levied on a vehicle purchase if the consumer traded in a vehicle and received money for it.

The move was praised by some area car dealers, saying anything to lower the overall price of a vehicle will lead to higher sales.

"I'm hoping it's an incredible increase for our customers," said Tim Swinea, general manager for Tennyson Chevrolet, 32570 Plymouth, Livonia. "I hope it just increases consumer confidence."

With the bill, recently approved by both the House and Senate, a trade-in of a vehicle will reduce the amount of sales tax owed on the new vehicle slowly over time. Previously, consumers had to pay the full sales tax amount on any vehicle they purchased.

The approved bill will limit that amount to \$2,000 of the total trade-in value starting in 2013 and will gradually increase each year by \$500, starting in 2015.



At the Bill Brown Ford showroom in Livonia, sales associate Rick Vaughn talks with customer Jim Van Oast of Livonia. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

This increase will take place each year until the maximum amount reaches \$14,000, when 100 percent of the total trade-in value will be removed from the sales tax.

For example, a vehicle purchased at \$20,000 in December would have a sales tax of roughly \$1,200. A consumer trading in a car for \$5,000 would see the sales tax on \$2,000 of that purchase eliminated, saving the consumer about \$120 in costs.

When 100 percent of the trade-in value is applied, it would save

the consumer about \$300 in sales tax costs, though that would not take place for more than 20 years under the law.

Boat buyers will be able to subtract their full trade-in amount on sales tax as early as December when they trade in a boat or watercraft.

Ray Nabozny, sales manager at Pat Milliken Ford, 9600 Telegraph, Redford, said any move to help reduce costs for customers will lead to an increase in sales for the dealership, even if most customers are unaware of the changes.

"This is a rough car-buying area. The taxes are what they are. The law is what it is and we just comply with the law," he said. "Even if they're ignorant of it, they'll still get the discount."

According to the House Fiscal Agency legislative analysis, the state is slated to lose about \$24.6 million in revenue next year with the law's passage. Once the law is fully enacted over the course of two decades, the state could see revenues decrease roughly between \$250 million and \$450 million annually.

Mike Schriber, sales manager at Bill Brown Ford, 32222 Plymouth, Livonia, said while the caps currently in place will limit the savings customers will see, it will work out better in the future as people trade in vehicles for new purchases.

"Anything that lowers the bottom line for the customers will help us," he said. "Six percent of a higher number is more important."

Nabozny said he lobbied for a law change several years ago that would have decreased sales tax on vehicles built in Michigan to 4 percent to help increase local purchasing. But the recently proposed law approved by the state Legislature is a step in the right direction.

"I think more people will buy cars. It's going to get bigger as time goes on," he said. "Anytime you lower taxes, you're going to have more action."

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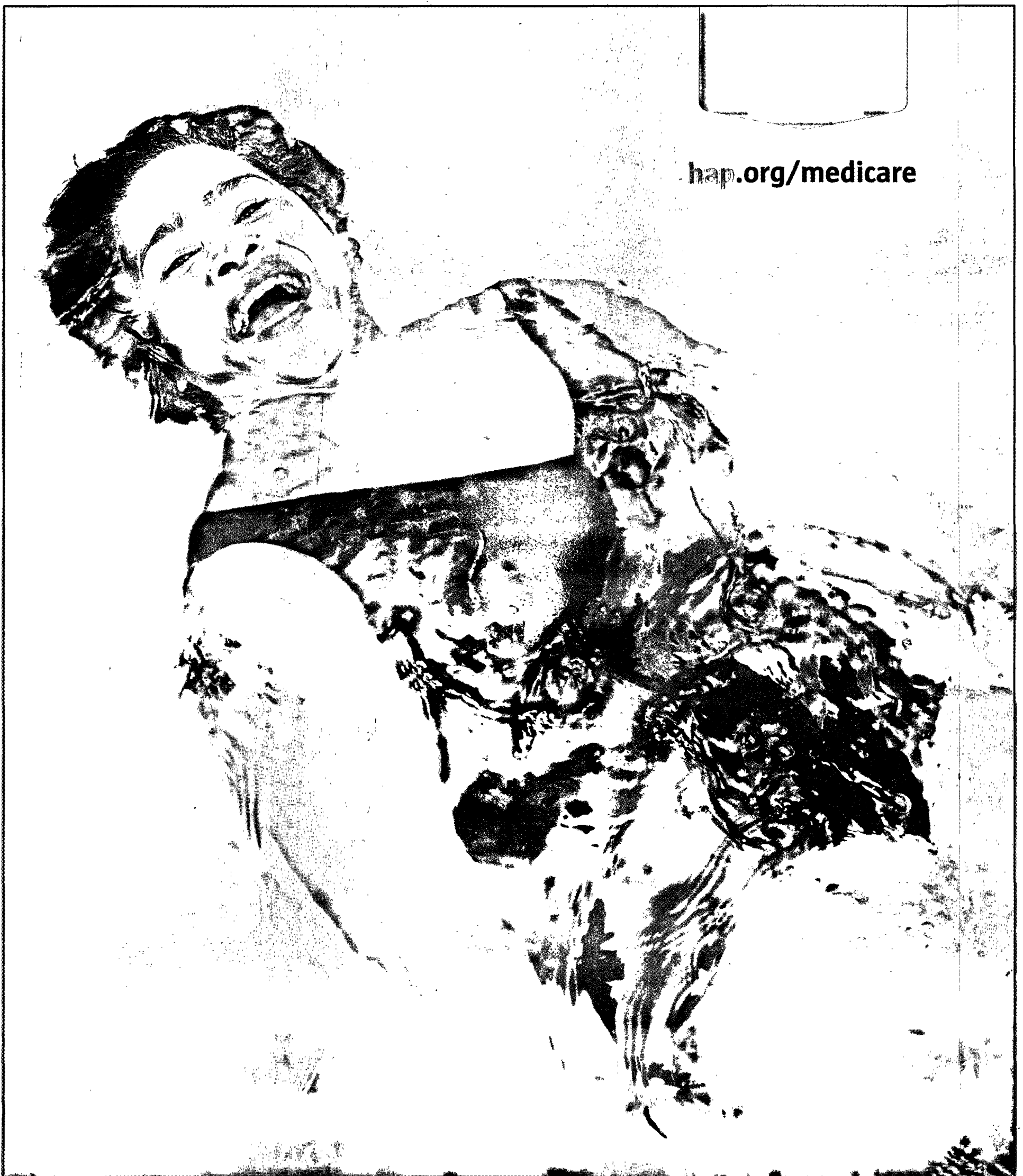
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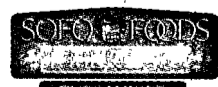
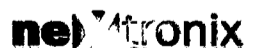
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Trojans display balance in 51-21 playoff triumph

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

By air or land, Livonia Clarenceville's offense is becoming more difficult to defend with each passing week.

The Trojans were balanced once again Friday night as they racked up 503 total yards in a 51-21 Division 5, Region 4, District 1 playoff victory over Warren Michigan Collegiate.

Clarenceville, which improved to a perfect 10-0 overall, will face Detroit University Prep (8-2), a 42-34 winner previously unbeaten Mount Clemens Clintondale, for the district crown beginning at 7 p.m. Friday at Clarenceville.

Clarenceville quarterback Jake Kubiak, a junior, had another sterling night passing, connecting on 8-of-13 passes for 202 yards and four touchdowns.

"Jake is sitting nice," Clarenceville coach Ken Fry said. "He's sitting back there, he's feeling more at ease and

with everything else that is going on with him. In that respect, it's really nice. And our receivers really caught the ball."

The 6-foot-4, 185-pound Kubiak realizes all he has to do is get the ball in the general vicinity of his pass catchers.

"They're athletic like crazy," Kubiak said of his wide receivers. "I throw it up and I know they're going to catch it. I'm just out here doing my job. I'm going to hit my receivers. I just need my line to block because I've got some great receivers and we're just out here working hard, getting the job done."

Meanwhile, the Trojans added 301 yards rushing on 31 attempts as Jalen Bryant (20 carries, 168 yards and two TDs) and James Hill (13 carries, 92 yards) led the way.

The first half resembled a 7-on-7 summer passing league game as Clarenceville scored its first five TDs on just 22 plays.



Clarenceville's James Hill lugs the ball in 51-21 victory Friday over Michigan Collegiate. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Miracle run: Nemes on path to recovery

Livonian runs Last Chance race, battles brain tumor

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Laura Nemes ran Tuesday in the Last Chance Invitational in Warren for nonvarsity runners, but her time didn't really matter.

Ironically it was the first meet of the season for the Livonian, a junior on the Dearborn Divine Child girls cross country team. And she couldn't help but savor every moment of the 3.1-mile race considering the three-and-a-half month ordeal she's been through.

Nemes was diagnosed in early July with a walnut-sized tumor on her brain, but two surgeries later — one at Detroit Children's Hospital followed by another at LeBonheur Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. — she's defied the odds in what can only be described as a miracle.

"When I had surgery at Children's, they said my tumor was inoperable and that I'd have to go through 82 weeks of chemo (therapy), so we were preparing to do that," Nemes said. "I still have a part in for chemo before we started because we knew that was an extensive treatment. We wanted to get a second opinion and see if they could do anything. Through different connections we found this surgeon at St. Jude's (in Memphis) and he thought he could get most of it. Different connections got us there, and the surgeon got 90 percent of the tumor."

So Tuesday was certainly a benchmark in the redhead's odyssey and it appears she's on the trail to a full recovery.

"It was pretty good," Nemes said of her Last Chance race. "I had to stop and walk a few times because I didn't condition too much. But overall I felt really good. I was just amazed how my team was supporting me throughout all of it, mainly through the last quarter mile. Mainly, the only surprise was how out of shape I was."

Step-by-step

Nemes has taken baby steps while getting back and



Katie Nemes (left) calls her daughter Laura's recovery from a brain tumor "a miracle." BRAD EMONS

there was definitely a void when she wasn't training.

"Feeling great, just all the exercise ... it's really good for clearing your mind," Nemes said. "I just missed running with the team."

"I was more of a middle kind of runner, probably towards the back. But I was also more lackadaisical overall, but I think I'm going to be more dedicated now that I've missed so much."

Her Divine Child teammates have been there every step of the way. On Tuesday, they joined in unison to bring home the 16-year-old for the final tenth of a mile.

"They've been just so great,

supportive and everything, so they're really my inspiration," Laura said.

Longtime Divine Child cross country coach Tony Mifsud could only sit back in amazement.

"I tell you right now she's an inspiration to the whole team, to the whole school," he said. "She's my hero the whole year. She's a go-getter, a trouper. She never says 'never.' She has a stick-to-it attitude. And her goal, after she found out her devastating things happen to her, that she wanted to run the Last Chance meet, or walk it with the permission of her parents and the doctor."

Forming a bond

Her Falcon teammates held a team dinner and surprised her by bringing handmade signs and balloons of support her at the Last Chance meet.

"Her attitude is so superior and so positive, that it's easy to get down on yourself and fell sorry for yourself, but not one moment," Mifsud said of the junior. "She's been practicing with us every day since the operation, never missed a day. Two weeks ago she started running about a mile. Last week went two miles. The

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Bedford defuses Rockets' tourney bid, 28-6

John Glenn loses to unbeaten Kicking Mules

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Westland John Glenn couldn't get its running attack going Friday night, falling to host Temperance Bedford in a Division 1, Region 3, District 2 football playoff game, 28-6.

The Rockets, making their first postseason appearance since 2009 under coach Tim Hardin, finish the season with a 6-4 overall record.

Unbeaten Bedford, which improved to 10-0 overall, will host Saline (9-1) next Friday for the district championship. Saline also advanced Friday with a 35-3 victory over Belleville. Bedford won the previous meeting Sept. 27 vs. Saline, 33-17.

Alec Hullibarger, a 6-foot-3, 205-pound senior fullback who had 75 yards rushing on 18 carries, scored all four of the Kicking Mules' touchdowns.

His 15-yard run with 6:17 left in the first quarter staked Bedford to a 7-0 advantage.

Hullibarger then added a 2-yard TD run with 4:50 left in the second quarter to make it 14-0.

Glenn got on the board just 23 seconds before the half as senior tailback Devon Spalding scored on a 7-yard TD run, but the Rockets missed the extra point and trailed 14-6 at intermission.

Bedford added to its lead with 2:13 remaining in the third quarter, 21-0, when Hullibarger scored on another short run, this time from 3 yards out.

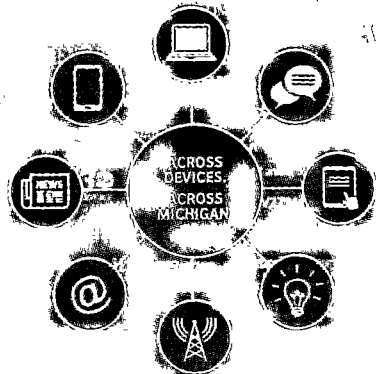
And the Kicking Mules put it away with 4:23 left in the final quarter on Hullibarger's 2-yard run.

Bedford, featuring the triple-option attack, finished with a total of 285 yards as quarterback Brad Boss was 4-of-5 passing for 65 yards. The senior also added 68 yards on the ground in 17 attempts.

Glenn was stymied in the

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COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

MU clinches WHAC title share

Crusaders also land berth in NIAA Championships

The fourth-ranked Madonna University women's volleyball team clinched at least a share of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference title Wednesday night with a 25-23, 25-18, 25-19 victory over host Indiana Tech at the Schaefer Center.

With the victory, the Crusaders, now 34-0 overall, clinch the first of the WHAC's two automatic bids to the NIAA National Championship as well as the top seed for the upcoming WHAC Tournament, Nov. 15-16, at the MU Activities Center.

For MU, the title marks the 14th crown in the Crusaders' 17 seasons as a member of the WHAC. It's also the second straight for the Crusaders after a three-year drought.

"This is so exciting," said 6-foot-3 senior middle hitter

Emilie Freeman, who sparked the MU offensive attack with 14 kills. "This is what we've been working for. This is what our goal was from the beginning of the season. We've all known it, we've all talked about it, but we knew we had to go practice by practice, day by day, game by game. So now that we're actually here reaching our goals, it means the world. We just have to keep working hard because we want to go as hard as we can."

Samantha Geile contributed eight kills and 13 digs as the Crusaders also improved their WHAC record to a perfect 10-0.

Other contributions came from Stacey Catalano (18 digs), Evia Prieditis (30 assist-to-kills), Payton Maxheimer (15 digs) and Amanda Obrycki (14 digs).

"We are ecstatic about tonight's match," Freeman said. "We knew we had to come out

and play hard. We knew it was going to be a good game on their court. We all came out and played our game. We knew what we had to play each part of the game. We're ecstatic we took it in three, but it was point-by-point."

MU can clinch the WHAC regular season championship outright with a win Wednesday, Nov. 6 at home on Senior Night against Siena Heights (13-12, 6-4). The match starts at 7 p.m.

Lady Ocelots fall
On Friday, Owens (Ohio) Community College downed Schoolcraft College (15-18) in the NJCAA Division II District E Tourney at Grand Rapids CC, 25-22, 25-14, 25-14.

Ajsha Davie had eight kills, while Lindsey Umin added 19 assists in the loss.

Digs leaders included Stephanie Gibson (12) and Megan Wright (11).

THE WEEK AHEAD

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL DISTRICT TOURNEY DRAWS CLASS A at GARDEN CITY

Monday, Nov. 4: (A) Livonia Churchill vs. (B) Livonia Churchill, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 6: Livonia Franklin vs. Redford Thurston, 5:30 p.m. Garden City vs. A-8 winner, 7 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 8: Championship final, 6 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12 at Farmington vs. Hamtramck district champion.)

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN
Monday, Nov. 4: (A) Westland John Glenn vs. (B) Belleville, 5:30 p.m.; (C) Taylor Kennedy vs. (D) Romulus, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 6: Taylor Truman vs. A-8 winner, 5:30 p.m.; Wayne Memorial vs. C-D winner, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 8: Championship final, 6 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Tuesday, Nov. 12, at Allen Park vs. Lincoln Park district champion.)

LIVONIA LADYWOOD (Host)
Monday, Nov. 4: (A) Ypsilanti Arbor Prep at (B) Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, 6 p.m. (C) Livonia Clarenceville at (D) Livonia Ladywood, 6 p.m.; (E) Detroit Communication & Media Arts at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 6: Detroit Community vs. A-8 winner, 5 p.m.; C-D winner vs. E-F winner, 7 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 8: Championship final, 6 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12 at Livonia Clarenceville vs.

CLASS D at SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN

Tuesday, Nov. 5: Westland Huron Valley Lutheran vs. Novi Franklin Road Christian, 5 p.m.; Lutheran High Westland vs. Southfield Christian, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 7: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12, at Birmingham Roeper vs. Clarkston Everest Collegiate district champion.)

GIRLS SWIMMING

Friday, Nov. 8: Kensington Conference Prelims at Novi High School, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 9: Kensington Conference Finals at Novi High School, noon.

MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS

Monday, Nov. 4: Rochester JV at Schoolcraft, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 8 (Northwood, Fla. Tip-Off) MU vs. Clearwater (Fla.), 5 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 9: Schoolcraft at Glen Oaks, 3 p.m.

(Northwood, Fla. Tip-Off) MU vs. Northwood (Fla.), 7 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS

Monday, Nov. 4: Rochester JV at Schoolcraft, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 8: MU at Eastern Michigan, 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 9: Schoolcraft at Glen Oaks, 1 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 10: MU at Northern Michigan, 3 p.m.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Churchill Family 5K

The second annual Churchill Athletic Patriots Family 5K fun run is 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 9, at the high school, 8900 Newburgh.

Preregistration costs are \$12 (ages 13-18) and \$15 (adults). Race day fees are \$15 and \$20, respectively.

Each participant will receive a Dry Fit tech shirt. There will also be a fun run for those 10 and under.

To register, visit chs-cap.com/fun-run.htm.

Rock the Clock

The first Rock the Clock 5-kilometer run-walk will be at 8:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 29, at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth.

Race proceeds will benefit the Gerard Meteyer Foundation, which helps support camp Midicha for juvenile diabetics.

Each participant will receive a long sleeve tech mixture wicking race shirt if registered before Dec. 1.

A Rock the Clock pint glass will go to the first five finishers in each age group.

For more information or to register, visit www.rocktheclockrun.com.

Coaches wanted

Livonia Clarenceville is seeking a boys/girls bowling coach for the upcoming season, along with a varsity baseball coach.

Applicants need to apply via email with a cover letter, resume, and references to Kevin Murphy, Clarenceville athletic director, at kmurphy@clarenceville.k12.mi.us.

For more information, call 248-919-0217.

Men's hoop meeting

A managers' meeting for new teams in the 2014 Livonia Parks and Recreation Men's Winter Basketball League will be at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 4, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile).

The projected league starting date is week of Jan. 6, 2014. Among the leagues offered include Class B (Tuesday nights); Open (Wednesday nights); and Class C (Thursday nights).

For more information, call 734-466-2410.

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MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Schoolcraft captures Region XII opener

Brad Emmons
Staff Writer

The third meeting proved to be a charm for the Schoolcraft College men's soccer team.

Sophomore Romario Georgis tallied his 20th goal of the season Wednesday and the host Ocelots went on to earn a 2-0 NJCAA Region XII quarterfinal victory over Ancilla College (Ind.).

The Ocelots, who lost twice earlier this season to Ancilla by scores of 2-0 (Sept. 13) and 2-1 (Aug. 30), have now won eight of their last nine matches.

Schoolcraft, which improved to 12-5 overall, will travel Saturday to face host Cincinnati State Technical and Community College (15-1-2) in the Region XII semifinals. (Game time is noon at Xavier University.)

Ninth-ranked Cincinnati State won both meetings this season against the Ocelots, 3-0



Schoolcraft's Victor Ammons (14) pushes the ball upfield against Ignacio Membreno of Ancilla College. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

(Sept. 15) and 2-1 in overtime (Oct. 13). The winner of the Region XII tournament gets an automatic bid to NJCAA Nationals.

"The team was excellent in preparation and in response to

the opening round of single elimination play," Schoolcraft coach Rick Larson said. "Today we were professional, coachable and willing. This is an extremely talented group of players that is eager to perform this weekend."

Georgis, from Warren Cousino, took a team-high eight shots and scored unassisted during the 28th minute to stake the Ocelots to a 1-0 advantage.

Jared Phillips then scored in the 55th minute, his third of the season, off an assist from Mustapha Raychouni, to help seal the victory.

And it was goalkeeper Sean Simney who did the rest as he made 11 saves to notch the Ocelots' sixth shutout of the season.

Goalkeeper Rene Mejia (Plymouth) posted six saves for the Chargers (10-8).

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Schoolcraft sophomore Romario Georgis (10) notched his 20th goal of the year in a 2-0 victory over Ancilla (Ind.). DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

NEMES

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doctor ask her, 'It's up to you, you can do anything you want. If you want to run that race, you go ahead. If you want to drop out, that's up to you.'

It all began early last spring for Nemes, who began experiencing some unusual symptoms.

"I had pretty massive headaches every day for maybe three months before that," she said. "The first week of June - finals week - I started having vomiting, and I knew something was wrong. At the end of June we schedule a neurologist appointment."

Nemes went to Children's and saw an oncologist for further evaluation.

Stunning news

"We thought she had classic signs of adolescent migraines, very standard protocols and treatments," said Laura's mother, Katie. "No signs of anything else, but in the very end of the appointment, the doctor said, 'I always do an MRI.' He was as stunned as we were when he said on the ninth of July that it was a brain tumor."

Surgery was scheduled for July 11, but the news got worse before it got better after spending 11 days at Children's.

"That was very difficult for all of us because we had high hopes," Katie said. "That surgery basically came out saying the brain tumor was inoperable."

Even though the scheduled treatment plan for patients like Laura had been successful, another path was followed and a miracle took place.

"My husband (Joe) coached softball and one of the mothers of girls he coached said, 'Do you mind if I reach out to one of my best friends? He's a research physicist at St. Jude's,'" Katie Nemes said. "He called us within a half-hour. His boss is on the brain tumor board at St. Jude's. And that's how we got there. They agreed to take her case and came back saying, 'We think we can get it surgically.'"



Livonian Laura Nemes gets support at the finish from her Divine Child teammates during Tuesday's Last Chance Invitational. KAREN MOORE

More surgery

On Aug. 19, Plan B was recommended at St. Jude, a renowned research facility. A procedure on Laura would be performed at nearby LeBonheur, which has state-of-the-art surgical facilities that specialize in brain and cardiac cases.

"She was teed up for 82 weeks of chemotherapy, so to hear it was operable, it was still a little disconcerting because they wanted to do surgery the next week and do it really fast because of the location of the tumor and the size," Katie Nemes said.

After nearly 10 hours of surgery, the news began to get a little better with each passing hour.

"When she came out - both surgeries - the question was, 'Did they get it all?'" Katie Nemes said. "And when she heard from the first surgery, no they couldn't get much of the tumor, that really deflated her. When she came out of the second surgery, did they get it all? They said they got at least 75 percent. That's what they admitted to, but they said, 'We'll know when they did the second MRI.' And when they

got the second MRI, they said, 'We got at least 90 percent.'"

Nemes went into the LeBonheur on a Thursday and was up-and-about within two days.

Running helps

And maybe the experience from running cross country played a key role in her recovery.

"The physical therapist asked her, 'Do you want to go for a walk?'" Katie recalled. "Laura's looking at her and saying, 'No, I don't want to, but I know I have to.' She was walking out of her room as her doctors were walking in. They said, 'I can't believe you're up.' The doctors said, 'Would you like to take that I.V. out of your foot so you can walk a little more comfortably?' I think the positive news and her spirit ... we were home by the next Thursday. We were there for eight days and back from Memphis."

Katie Nemes believes the whole Divine Child community has played such a pivotal role in her daughter's recovery as well.

"It's been such a miracle," she said. "We've had the support of this group from Day

One. When we found out about the tumor, these girls just really rallied around her. It's a good group of girls. They're just wonderful."

"You realize just how fortunate and how blessed our whole family is. The people that have always been a part of our lives, just to see them come out and support us, and just the prayers, the meals that people dropped off. The good wishes, the texts of inspirational quotes ... it's amazing how many people that are in your life that you don't realize the value that they give until you go through something like this."

Still smiling

Laura's sixth, seventh and eighth facial nerves were partially paralyzed, resulting in her inability to close her right eye lid and blink following the surgery. Her hearing was also compromised, but that's back to 100 percent.

She may need additional surgery in the spring to compensate for her nerve loss, but her half smile is better than no smile.

"I think it's changed her, but it's also made us realize just

how strong she is because I never gave her credit for just how strong she is," Katie said. "She's always just been a bubbly personality, just enjoying life and that's gotten her through all this. That's what made it so positive, so successful - that drive and that value."

The Oct. 29 meet had been circled on Laura's calendar, and Katie has noticed a renewed spirit in her daughter when it comes to cross country.

"She's carrying herself differently when she runs," Katie said. "I can see it in her whole demeanor, the value of running. It comes out when you see her. It's funny. Her second surgery was in August and the doctor said, 'No competitive sports for two, three months.' She said, 'OK, October 22 is two months, I can get in this last meet.' And she's been so focused on this meet. It's unbelievable. That was her benchmark."

Second chance

Just getting back on the course was a victory in itself after Laura's original diagnosis.

"I was just basically thinking how this would impact my life, what I could and couldn't do," Laura said. "And I was just worried for the future, but now that it's here I feel amazing."

Laura says can only live her life in the here-and-now. And she's thankful she's been given a second chance instead of a Last Chance.

"No further treatment right now," said Laura, who also had to catch up with her schoolwork while recovering. "All I have to get MRIs every three months maybe and that's all we have to do. If it starts growing again, there will be radiation, but they don't expect that to happen."

Nemes best 5K time is a 24:59, so Tuesday's clocking of 32:30 proved to be a good first step. She'll be able to work her way back into shape during the offseason.

"I'll run every now and then, but won't push myself too hard," Nemes said.

Time is now on Laura's side.

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GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY

No. 1-ranked Pioneer eliminates Blazers, 2-0

Livonia Ladywood turned in a solid match last Tuesday against top-ranked Ann Arbor Pioneer, but it wasn't enough as the Blazers were ousted 2-0 in the field hockey state quarterfinals.

Pioneer got on the board with 17:52 left in the first half, thanks to a perfectly executed corner, for a 1-0 lead.

Pioneer padded its advantage with 10:09 remaining in the same half by taking advantage of a Ladywood defensive breakdown while converting a two-on-one break.

During the final 40 minutes, the Blazers played even with the No. 1 seed, while forcing three corners of their own, but were unable to convert.

It was the final match for Ladywood seniors Erin Badge,

Margaret Harrington, Sabrina Alafita, Catherine Baker, Jessica Snyder, Victoria Knight, Grace Gasior and Rachel Donabedian.

Ladywood finishes the year 6-8-6 overall.

The Blazers opened the state tournament Saturday with a 2-1 victory against rival Farmington Hills Mercy.

The Blazers got on the board first as senior Sabrina Alafita found the back of the net for a 1-0 lead.

The Marlins fought back to tie the match at 1-1 before halftime, but midway through the second half junior Christina Meyer tallied the game-winning goal.

Meanwhile, the defense and sophomore goalkeeper Maddie Hass would do the rest to secure the victory.

ROCKETS

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running attack as the Rockets had just 93 net yards, with Spalding getting 91 of those yards in 25 carries.

Spalding, who came into the game with 1,670 yards rushing, finished the season with 1,761. He also completed one pass late in the fourth quarter for 70 yards.

Meanwhile, quarterback Chris Scheffer was 4-of-9 passing for 37 yards as Glenn finished with an even 200 yards.

Bedford controlled the ball and the clock, getting 19 first downs to Glenn's nine.

There were no turnovers.

Surge rules division



The Livonia City Soccer Club Surge, an under-12 team, recently completely 6-0-2 season en route to a division title in the Western Suburban Soccer League. Members of the Surge, who allowed just two goals all season, include (bottom, from left): Mallory Debono, Caroline Loder, Megan Anthony, Ellie Kavalos, Ashley Nelson, Andrea Duenas and Malia Meagher and (top, from left) coach Rick Anthony, Tessa Heston, Lauren Rubenson, Kayla Blauet, Alexia Agazzi, Savannah Santos, Jessica Zenas and Sophia Grosan. RICK ANTHONY

Sense of loss: Pet owners get help, support in discussion group

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Dennis Cuper still grieves Max's death.

The Livonia retiree sometimes even feels guilty that his golden retriever, whom he considered his son, is gone. Cuper decided to end Max's suffering from neurological problems in August, after trying traditional medicine and acupuncture for two years.

"In June he started getting incontinence. I was getting two hours sleep every night for two months straight. I was totally worn out," said Cuper. "I had caretaker burnout."

Was Max ready to leave him? Cuper knew he'd find that answer in Max's eyes.

"Did I really see it in his eyes or was it just burnout?"

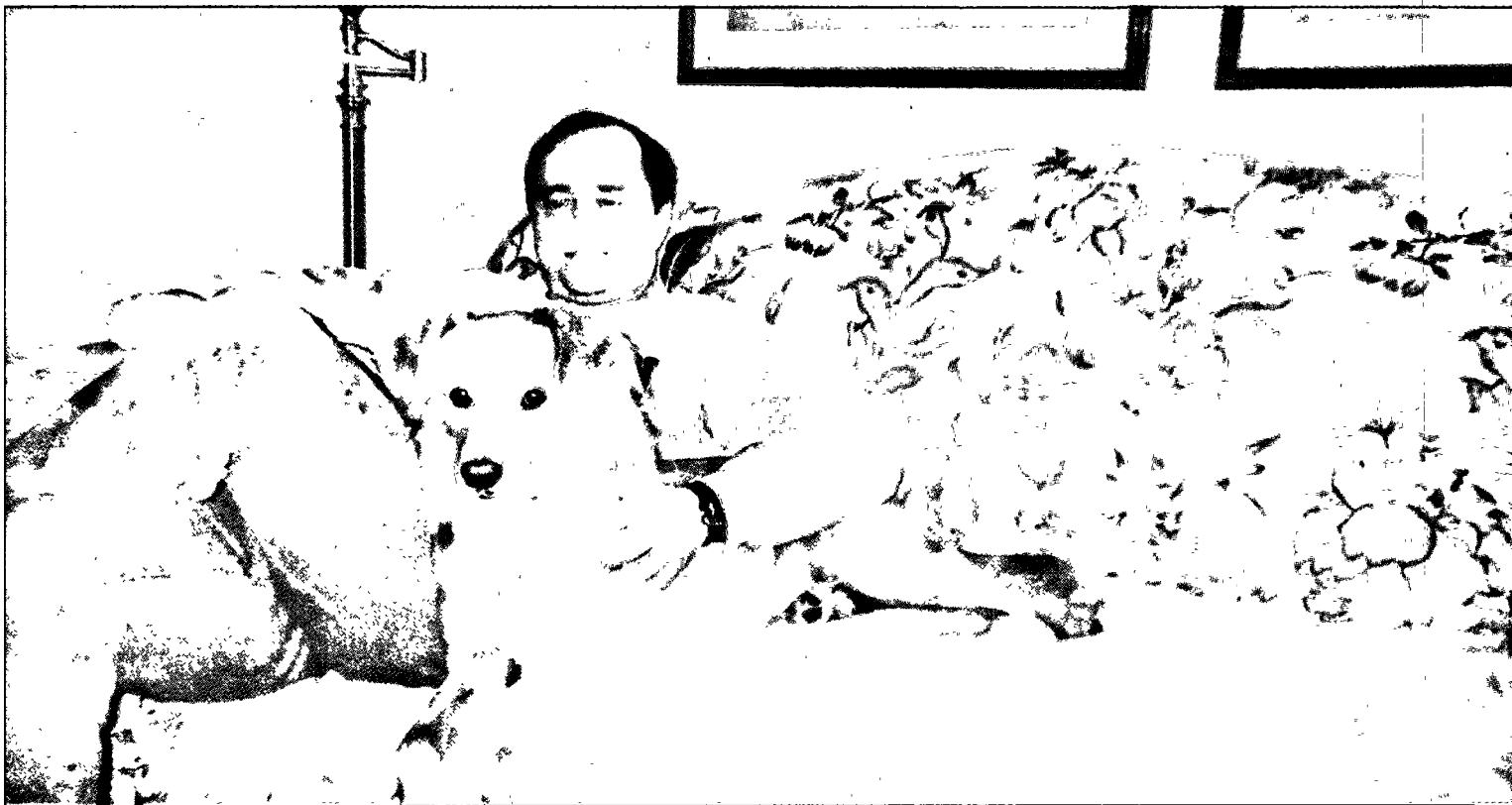
Cuper hopes to put the question to rest and find some peace through Tail Wagger's 1990's new Circle of Life Pet Ownership Discussion and Support Group.

The group's first meeting is 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 5, at Tail Wagger's 1990, 28402 Five Mile, in Livonia. It will meet at the same time every Tuesday. Attendance is on an as-needed, drop-in basis. Call 734-855-4077 to reserve a spot.

Questions, answers

Tricia Lugger, a pet owner with a master's degree in clinical psychology from the Michigan School of Professional Psychology, will facilitate discussion, which will include such topics as taking care of sick pets, deciding when to say goodbye, struggling with the frustrations of medical treatments, feeling grief, sadness or guilt, and considering a new pet.

Laura Zain, Tail Wagger's 1990 founder, said the new program is more than grief



Dennis Cuper, a volunteer at Tail Wagger's 1990 in Livonia, plans to attend its new pet discussion group. Cuper is still grieving the death of his dog, Max, pictured with him.



counseling. It's a chance for participants to share stories, questions, grief and successes with others.

"We decided to start this because of the number of inquiries that come to our office. We have so many people call-

ing with questions about their pets," Zain said. "They will call us wanting to know if we euthanize. When we explain we don't, it opens a conversation — they don't know if it's the right time, what are the signs, can they come in and talk to a vet.

"They are turning to us for advice for their pet needs. They're using us as a resource center."

Feeling empowered

Zain and Lugger, a Tail Wagger's 1990 volunteer, struck up a conversation about the callers' questions. Lugger offered her services for free, but suggested a discussion and support group, rather than a grief counseling program.

"I'm hoping this will empower people to make the right choice without prolonging the animal's life unnecessarily," Zain said. "People come in and donate their (deceased) animal's leftovers. When people come in here with bowls, collars and leashes, there would be tears. We'd talk to them about it and find out what happened and give words of encouragement. Now I feel like we can give them something more."

The group is open to all ages, but weekly sessions are limited to approximately 15 individuals. Zain said she would consider starting a second weekly session, if needed.

"If we get a lot of children or teens, we'd probably devel-

op their own group," she added.

Zain said she is facing the "challenge of letting go" with one of her own pets, an elderly cat that has been treated for cancer.

She'll be on hand at the group for at least the first few sessions. She hopes Circle of Life will not only draw pet owners with questions, but those who also want to share their answers.

That's exactly what Cuper intends to do.

"When you're with other people who have similar (experiences), it helps you to realize they are going through that, too. It tends to help," Cuper said. "Maybe by being there, I can help someone else."

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The garage sale will be stocked with kits, fabric and canvas, books and magazines, fibers, charts and stitching-related items.

The auction will start at 11 a.m. and will include clothing, personal treasures, holiday gifts and ornaments, and decorative pieces.

Complimentary finger foods will be available at lunch for all guests. Admission is free.

Questions? Email to lsheew-bridge@twmi.rr.com.



Cheryl Partin is among the Garden City Garden Club members who posed for a 2014 Garden Club calendar

Garden club plans calendar sale, signing

Buy Garden City Garden Club's 2014 calendar and have it signed by the calendar's models at the same time, during an autograph and sale, 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 10 at Garden City Cafe, 5662 Middlebelt, just north of Ford Road, in Garden City.

"Garden City Garden Club Reveals All... About Gardening" 2014 calendar features photos of 14 Club members, by photographer Charlotte Lawrie, along with garden tips.

Calendars are \$12. If you want a calendar, but can't make it to the autograph signing, call Cheryl Partin, the Club's secretary, at

734-788-1319. Or visit the group's website at gcg.c.weebly.com or its Facebook page, at www.facebook.com/gcgcmi. The Club will mail calendars for an additional \$3.

Garden City Garden Club meets the third Tuesday of the month at Garden City First United Methodist Church. The group plants hundreds of annual flowers every spring in downtown Garden City, maintains a butterfly garden in Garden City Park, provides an annual scholarship to a high school senior, and donates food from its community garden to local food banks, among other projects.

Pumpkin artistry



With a hot glue gun, drill, feathers, gourds, glitter and googly eyes in hand, Farmington Hills resident Craig Miller took his granddaughter, Lauren Michie, 6, of Northville, to the 2nd Annual Pumpkin Sculpture Workshop at Goldner Walsh Garden Center in Pontiac. JULIE YOLLES



Sandee Rellinger of Plymouth, (left) first-year Distinguished Clown Corps (DCC) member Kevin Prather of Macomb, Rick Miller of Pontiac and first-year Distinguished Clown Corps (DCC) member Brian Bartes enjoy the Distinguished Grand Jester's Reception. PHOTOS BY JULIE YOLLES

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Parade Company President and CEO Tony Michaels (left) and his wife, Clarice, of Rochester; and Livonia resident and Parade Company Board Trustee John Landis. Landis will be sporting a new custom-made costume in America's Thanksgiving Parade this year in honor of his 25th anniversary as a Distinguished Clown Corps (DCC) member. He led the Parade in 2007 as the Grand Jester.

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Parade supporters gear up for big day

A major contingency of the Distinguished Clown Corps (DCC) descended upon The Reserve in Birmingham for the Parade Company's 2013 Distinguished Grand Jester's Reception. Gracious host and Reserve and Big Rock Chophouse co-owner Norm LePage welcomed DCC guests for the sixth year. LePage, along with his son, Scott, are six-year DCC members and are gearing up to walk down Woodward this year for America's Thanksgiving Parade.

The Parade Company is very busy indeed this month, starting with the VIP Pancake Breakfast on Nov. 8 at the Parade Company Studio in Detroit.

Next up is Hob Nobble Gobble, 6:30-10:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22, the family-friendly bash of the



year presented by Ford Motor Co. Guests wear their finest black tie clothes or clown ruffles and enjoy a crazy, fun evening of carnival games and rides, delicious and decadent food, prize giveaways and dancing all night long at Ford Field. Tickets are \$200 (ages 6 and under) to \$4,200 for a table of 12. The gala is always a sell-out. Money raised benefits the Michigan Thanksgiving Parade Foundation. Call 313-923-7400, Ext. 244, to make a reservation. This event is not to be missed.

Contact Julie Yolles at jyolles@comcast.net or 248-642-9465.

RELIGION CALENDAR

NOVEMBER BETHANY

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 16
Location: Leon's, 30149 Ford Road, Garden City
Details: Friends of Bethany bi-monthly breakfast
Coming up: Bethany Together Dance, 8 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Nov. 30, Don Hubert VFW Hall, 27345 Schoolcraft Road, Redford, includes beer, wine, soft drinks and snacks, along with music for dancing. Dance lesson at 7:30 p.m. Attire is business casual. Admission is \$13. Bethany provides peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths. It's an organization under the auspices of the Archdiocese of Detroit
Contact: www.bethanysemi.org or 248-988-0454

CONCERT

Time/Date: 6-8:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 10
Location: St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia
Details: "Thanksgiving Praisefest," will include performances by five praise bands, with free will donations to help Livonia Cares, a group that provides utility and rental assistance to residents in need; Cass Corridor Apartment Rehabs, which rebuilds buildings to create affordable apartments in Detroit; and Brightmoor Community Christmas Store, which enables needy families to create an affordable Christmas celebration
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. Tickets range from \$18-\$118 per person.
Contact: 248-357-5544; shaareyzedek.org/education/laurie-berkner

POMEGRANATE GUILD

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 10
Location: Prentis Apartment Community Room, located on 10 Mile east of Greenfield, Oak Park
Details: The group studies and creates Judaic needlework. At its next meeting, members will prepare a Purim table for the Holiday Tables event, Nov. 23-24 at Spicer House in Farmington Hills. They'll also complete Chanukah table runners
Contact: Judy Galperin at 248-661-5337

VETERANS DAY BRUNCH

Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. brunch, 10:30 a.m. keynote, Sunday, Nov. 3

Location: Congregation B'nai Moshe, 6800 Drake, West Bloomfield

Details: Guest speaker Colonel. Bentzi Gruber of the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) will present, "Ethics in the Field: An Inside Look at the Israel Defense Forces." He'll talk about the dilemmas facing IDF commanders in locating terrorists within a civilian population, IDF's unique ethical code, and the effectiveness of the IDF's efforts to prevent terrorist attacks
Contact: 248-921-0687

WIDOWED FRIENDS

Time/Date: 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 17
Location: St. Kenneth Church, 14951 N. Haggerty, Plymouth
Details: Mass, followed by fellowship and refreshments. Widowed Friends is a peer group of the Archdiocese of Detroit
Contact: Pat at 734-895-6246

DECEMBER CONCERT

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8
Location: St. Aidan, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: The 32nd annual Christmas concert will feature St. Aidan's Adult Choir, Children's Choir, and Contemporary Ensemble. Minimum donation is \$5 along with two non-perishable food items that will be used for Christmas baskets for the needy
Contact: 734-425-5950

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 am. 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.livoniastmichael.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 Shiawassee, 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. Sunday
Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.
Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER
Nardin Park United Methodist Church
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday
Location: 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests.
Contact: 248-476-8860

St. Edith Church
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday
Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through the back
Details: Music, singing, prayer
Contact: Grace at 734-464-1896, Shirley at 734-464-3656 or Geri at 734-464-8906

St. Michael Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday
Location: 7000 Sheldon, Canton
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday
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Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.
Contact: 734-459-3333

SINGLES
Detroit World Outreach
Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday
Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 304
Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated. Occasionally includes guest speakers; open to the public and visitors are welcome.
Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org

First Presbyterian Church
Time/Date: 7-7:15 p.m., social time; 7:30 p.m., announcements; 7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9 p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays.
Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville
Details: Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5
Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

Steve's Family Restaurant
Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday
Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.
Contact: 313-534-0399

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. Sunday
Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville
Details: Single Point Ministries, for 30 and up, offers fellowship, coffee, doughnuts, conversation.
Contact: 248-374-5920

Song Circle
Congregation Beth Ahm
Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat
Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
Details: Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in transliteration as well as the original Hebrew.
Contact: 248-737-1931 or email nancyellen879@att.net.

SUPPORT
of Schaumburg, Ill., received a degree in economics from Michigan State University.
The couple met in their sophomore year at MSU while playing soccer for an IM team with mutual friends.
Brian works for GroupOn as an HR systems analyst and Taylor works for ITW-Linx & Lumex as a marketing and communications specialist.
They plan a June 2014 wedding.

Apostolic Christian Church
Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily
Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia
Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act.
Contact: 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

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Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday
Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; room 202
Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems, drugs, alcohol, overeating, gambling.
Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

Farmington Hills Baptist Church
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August
Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills
Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group
Contact: 248-433-1011

Merriman Road Baptist Church
Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday
Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City
Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations
Contact: www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519

Riverside Park Church of God
Time/Date: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday
Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Adult Day Ministry offers an adult daytime care program with a specialty in dementia care. Includes a planned program that includes a variety of health, social and support services in a protective setting. Not a drop-in center
Contact: 734-367-4220 or 734-464-0990; www.riversideparkchurch.org; or email to rpadm@riversideparkchurch.org

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday morning
Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia

St. John's Episcopal Church
Time/Date: 10 a.m. the first and third Friday
Location: 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth
Details: St. John's Support Group for the Caregivers of Alzheimer's patients or patients with other forms of dementia meets. Respite care is provided. The group is authorized by the Alzheimer's Association.
Contact: Connie McNutt at 734-895-1426

St. John Neumann
Time/Date: 7:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays
Location: 44800 Warren Road, Canton
Details: Overeaters Anonymous meets
Contact: Mary at 734-634-7154 or Traci at 734-718-5575

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DeCOSTER, DAVID ARTHUR

Age 74, Lady Lake, FL, died October 29, 2013. Dr. DeCoster was born in Detroit, Michigan on May 12, 1939 to the late Arthur and Eleanor DeCoster and moved to Florida in 2001 from Indiana, Pennsylvania. Dr. DeCoster was an administrator and faculty member at various universities, receiving his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the University of Michigan and his doctorate from the University of Florida. He was a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Scholastic Honor Society. During his career in higher education he co-authored four books and contributed numerous chapters and articles to other publications and research journals. He served as a frequent consultant, speaker and external evaluator for colleges, universities and educational organizations throughout the United States. Dave was the recipient of a number of national awards including the Contribution to Knowledge Award in recognition of research, writing and advocacy for the mission of postsecondary education. Other affiliations include the American Association for Higher Education and the American College Personnel Association. His community service activities included membership on the Board of Directors for a number of organizations including crime deterrence, human rights, anti-racism and a rape and domestic violence shelter. Some of Dave's hobbies and interests included golfing, gardening and antique restoration. Left to cherish his memory are two sons, David M. DeCoster, Kennesaw, GA and Douglas A. DeCoster, Lincoln, NE; his daughter Deborah E. Shrader, Lady Lake, FL; his brother Dennis A. DeCoster, Englewood, FL; his sister Denise A. DeCoster, Hailey, ID; stepchildren Frank, Dawn and Vicki Watson; 11 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife of 21 years, Virginia L. Brown on March 3, 2007 and his sister Dale A. Schumaker. Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory is assisting the family with private arrangements.
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DiMEGLIO, JIM "JAMES"

Passed away October 28, 2013 in the presence of his loving wife of 20 years, Aggie Monfette. Jim fought a courageous battle for his life against multiple health issues for years. He finally succumbed to a blood clot. He did not have an enemy in the world, but was loved by all who knew him. Jim was a dedicated animal rescuer and wildlife lover. He also loved motorcycles and radio controlled planes. He loved being at Higgins Lake, MI enjoying activities with his family. He graduated from Cooley High School in Detroit, earned his BA from Wayne State University and his Juris Doctorate from the University of Detroit. Jim had a career at Oakland/Livingston Legal Aid and Legal Aid & Defenders, Detroit. He is survived by his wife, Aggie Monfette, who misses him dearly, his brothers Michael (Ruth), Doug (Beth), nieces and nephews whose hearts ache for him; Michelle Kapa, Tom (Darcy), Kevin (Katie), Sarah and Rachael DiMeglio and grand nieces and nephews, Emily, Claire, Tony and Cassandra DiMeglio. Also survived and sorely missed by his sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Pauline Mason, Roxanne Wooten, Lynette Collin (Art), Fr. Edmond Monfette, his cousins-in-law Sue & Ron Hunt and his dear friend, Dennis Bartleman (Deb) and many more family and friends too numerous to mention. Predeceased by his parents Vincent & Rose (Ferrari) DiMeglio and his in-laws Armand & Edwina (St. Peter) Monfette. There will be a celebration of his life in April 2014. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to the Michigan Anti Cruelty Society, 13569 Joseph Campau, Detroit, MI 48212 or the charity of donor's choice.

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HOUSNER, RICHARD D.
of Ravenna, TX. Passed October 24, 2013. Graveside Services will be held November 5 at 1pm. Fairview Cemetery in Brighton.
keehnfuneralhome.com

MATTIELLO, Marie C.
Long time resident of Livonia, passed away at home on August 13, 2013.



MCCALLUM, DAVID LEE

Age 52, October 27, 2013 of Garden City. Beloved husband of Lori. Dear father of Sydney, Luke and Jennifer. Loving grandfather of Nevaeh, Julianna and Javier. Son of Kenneth and the late Kathleen. Brother of Michael (Deborah) and Linda, and also survived by many nieces and nephews. Visitation Sunday 3-9 pm at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 31551 Ford Rd., Garden City where funeral services will be held Monday at 11 am. Please sign the on-line guestbook at: www.rgharris.com

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SPIEKER, JUSTIN JAMES

October 18, 1985 - October 29, 2013
Fireman - Paramedic
A young and talented man with ties to Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Thailand and Texas was lost to us all when a sudden medical occurrence took his life this past Tuesday afternoon. Funeral Mass was held Saturday, Nov. 2, 2013, at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Grapevine, Texas. The family will announce a memorial service in the near future in Michigan. Justin Spieker, the son of Kathy Ann Kroll Spieker and John Kinnan Spieker, III was born, the second of three children, on Friday October 18, 1985 in Canton, Michigan. He is survived by his parents and his siblings: John Kinnan Spieker, IV and Julia Nicole Spieker Tallman and Jeffery Tallman and niece, Lyla Nicole Tallman Justin graduated from Salem High School in Canton, Michigan. He then went on to receive his Fire Technology Degree from Schoolcraft College in Livonia, Michigan in 2008 and then received his Emergency Medical Technician Degree from Huron Valley Ambulance in 2009. He was specialized in Rapid Response EMS. His careers then began as he worked as a Paramedic in Ann Arbor, Michigan from 2010 to 2012; El Paso, Texas as a Firefighter from 2012 to 2013. His career in Southlake, Texas, began a mere 7 months ago. He was making his mark and had a very close brotherhood with the men and women of the Southlake, Texas fire department/EMT. A brotherhood he cherished. Others surviving Justin are: Donna Laux Kroll Kibler and Rita Maher Spieker (grandmothers) as well as James Laux and Nancy (grandfather); 6 Aunts, 1 Uncle (and spouses) and many close and treasured cousins. His relatives touch each of the states, and country, listed. Each an every one has a memory and a story that they will forever treasure and hold dear.....as a secret between them and Justin. Always one to give you a line, a smirk, a wink or a smile...Justin is and forever will be one of a kind. Justin also was an organ donor that they estimate will save 50 peoples lives. He put his life on the line every day and continues to save lives even after he's gone. We will miss you dearly and forever, Justin.
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CARLSON-LEE

Taylor Carlson and Brian Lee announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Kenneth and Kelly Carlson of Plymouth, received a bachelors degree in journalism with a concentration in visual communications and a specialization in digital humanities from



Taylor Carlson and Brian Lee

Michigan State University.

Her fiancé, son of Robert and Kimberly Lee

ed from Stevenson High School.

George is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps and Operation Iraqi Freedom. He works in the criminal justice field. Anna graduated from Eastern Michigan University with a bachelors degree in communication and psychology and works for Livonia Public Schools.
The wedding is planned for May 2014.

ENGAGEMENT

ROMAN-HALL

Anna Roman and George Hall IV announce their engagement.

Parents of the bride-to-be are Martin and Ev Roman of Livonia. Her fiancé's parents are George III and Kim Hall of St. Joseph.

Both George and Anna were born and raised in



Anna Roman and George Hall IV

Livonia. George graduated from Churchill High School and Anna graduated

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NEW FACES

Kelly Ann Dinnan, D.O., has joined the medical staff at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills and now serves as the hospital's medical director of the Surgical Intensive Care Unit. The unit cares for patients requiring specialized pulmonary, renal, cardiovascular, neurological, or post-operative monitoring.

Dinnan, a board-certified general surgeon, also has become a member of Oakland Surgical Specialists, a practice at

Professional Center North, Suite 208 North, 28080 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills.

After graduating from Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine in East Lansing, Dinnan served a general surgery residency at Botsford Hospital, where she also served as resident director for the Trauma Committee, as chief resident, and as chief surgery resident. Dinnan also was selected as Botsford's most outstanding resident. She completed two one-year fellowships in surgical critical care and acute care surgery at University of California San Francisco-Fresno.

In addition to having earned a certificate in acute care surgery, Dinnan is board-eligible for surgical critical care. She also is certified in advanced trauma life support and pediatric advanced life support. Dinnan is a member of the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons, the American Osteopathic Association, and the Michigan Osteopathic Association.



Dinnan

Dentists help expand bone marrow registry

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Kimberly Branham, D.D.S., knows a simple cheek swap may save a life.

Her Livonia dental practice is participating in a bone marrow registry drive for the second year.

It's co-sponsored by the Michigan Dental Association (MDA) and the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Michigan.

Branham figures about 100 of her patients volunteered to submit swabs for the registry last year. One person became a donor after his swab sample showed he'd be a good match for a patient in need.

"We didn't realize until (his dad) came in for check-up that he had gotten chosen. He's college aged," Branham said, adding that his bone marrow recipient was a 10-year-old child. "They flew him out to Maryland, paid for the hotel. He brought his dad with him. You donate under general anesthesia. They take bone marrow out through the hip. Everything went well. And you couldn't have asked for nicer person (to donate)."

Out of a total 2,500 swaps submitted during the drive last year, five matched individuals who needed bone marrow.

Branham didn't hesitate to participate in the second annual "Take a Bite Out of Cancer" campaign, which runs through November.

"Any patient who walks into the office, we offer it to them to see if they want to do it. They swab their own cheek. There's no training required," Branham said. "It's so easy. You fill out a questionnaire because are parameters for health and age. If you meet them, it's just a swab on the side of the cheek."

Do-it-yourself

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Michigan, in partnership with DKMS Labs, the world's largest bone marrow donor center, is providing the swab kits free of charge. Participating dental offices offer the kits to their patients and encourage them to do their own swabs. Patients deposit the swabs into tubes, which the dental office mails to a lab where they are tested and entered into the international bone marrow donor registry.

"We are happy to participate

in the bone marrow donor registry," said Mario A. Tomel, DDS, who practices in Livonia. "Several of our patients' families have been affected by a blood cancer. Knowing what those people have had to endure, our office is more than willing to do anything we can to help those who have it lead a healthier life."

More than 5,100 cancer patients in Michigan — and more than 1 million nationwide — are waiting for a bone marrow transplant.

Hope for many

"Michigan dentists and their patients have the chance to offer hope to thousands of Michigan residents, and we are very grateful for their partnership," stated Norb Promo, deputy executive director of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Michigan.

The MDA works to educate about oral health, promotes the science and art of dentistry, and provides educational materials and services to its 5,500 members. For more information go to www.smilemichigan.com.



Getting to Know MS ...could change your life!

Ask A Garden City Hospital Health Expert



Dr. Pawlak
Neurology

Multiple sclerosis (MS) is a potentially debilitating disease, with many yet unanswered questions. GCH Health Expert and Board Certified Neurologist, Dr. Anne Pawlak, discusses this frequently misunderstood disease.

Q: Who can get MS?

A: Anyone may develop MS but there are some patterns. More than twice as many women as men have MS. Most people are diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 50, although individuals as young as 2 and as old as 75 have developed it. Studies suggest that genetic factors make certain individuals more susceptible than others, but there is no evidence that MS is directly inherited. MS occurs in most ethnic groups, including African-Americans, Asians and Hispanics/Latinos, but is most common in Caucasians of northern European ancestry.

Q: I was recently diagnosed with MS. Am I going to end up in a wheelchair?

A: The natural course of MS is highly variable, and it is impossible to predict the nature, severity or timing of progression in a given patient. Some people with MS will have a more progressive disease course than others. In some cases, the course of MS over the first five years may provide a clue to the progression of the disease over the next 10 years. Recent studies indicate that 90% of patients with minimal disability five years after onset were still ambulatory at 15 years. It is estimated that at 20 years after diagnosis, about 1/3 of people who receive no treatment may require a wheelchair or other assistive device. With the present available therapies, the goal is to slow the progression of disability. Some people with MS respond quite well and may have no progression over years. For others, the treatment may slow, and not stop the progression. It is important to be proactive and work with your physicians, get in shape, eat a healthy diet and take the best possible care of yourself.

Q: Is multiple sclerosis contagious or fatal?

A: MS is neither contagious nor fatal. People with MS have a life expectancy that is not really any different from the general population. Only a small percentage of patients experience a rapidly progressive type of MS, which may cause more significant health issues early in the disease. MS tends to affect quality of life, not quantity of life. There are unusual variants of MS that can be very aggressive and potentially shorten life, but these are not the norm.

Q: What type of doctor specializes in MS and how is it diagnosed?

A: Your primary care physician may be able to diagnose MS by eliminating other conditions. However, since MS is a neurological condition, it is usually diagnosed and treated by a neurologist, often in conjunction with another area of medicine - such as radiology, ophthalmology, and psychology. Because the symptoms of early MS can come and go, and a single test is not yet available to identify MS, getting a diagnosis can often be difficult. Several appointments and tests may be necessary.

Dr. Pawlak offers complete evaluation and treatment for neurological concerns such as neuromuscular and movement disorders, multiple sclerosis (MS), dementia and epilepsy. To schedule an appointment with Dr. Pawlak, call 734.525.4466.

Meet Dr. Pawlak at our upcoming Health Expert lecture, Wake Up for MS! Saturday, November 16 at 10 a.m. at Westland Mall (Community Room).

For a more in-depth look at MS, read the Fall/Winter issue of Garden City Hospital's "Healthy Generations" magazine, available online at GCH.org or in our lobby.

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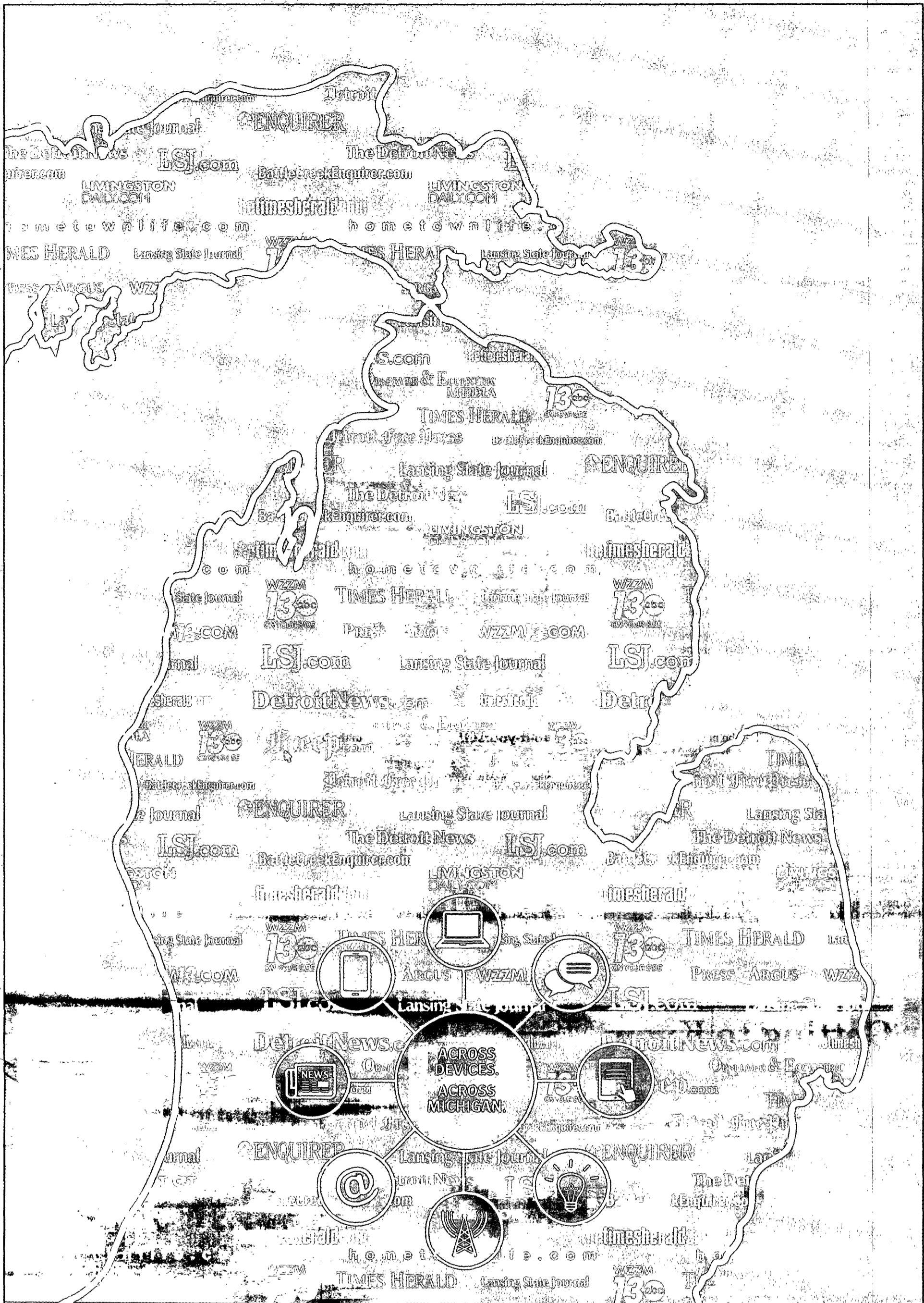
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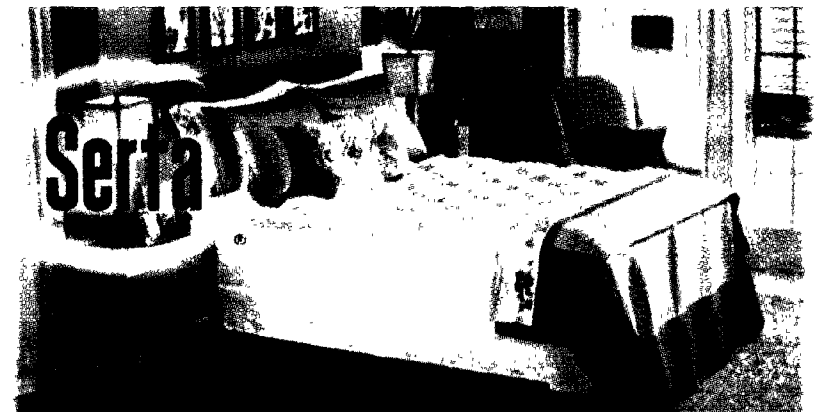
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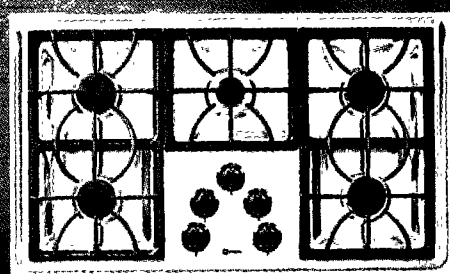
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Some common interview questions actually are illegal

During job interviews, employers will try to gather as much information about you as possible, mostly through perfectly legal questioning, but sometimes through simple yet illegal questions. It's up to the interviewee to recognize these questions for what they are.

Any questions that reveal your age, race, national origin, gender, religion, marital status and sexual orientation are off-limits.

"State and federal laws make discrimination based on certain protected categories, such as national origin, citizenship, age, marital status, disabilities, arrest and conviction record, military discharge status, race, gender or pregnancy status, illegal," Lori Adelson, a labor and employment attorney and partner with law firm Arnstein & Lehr, tells Business Insider. "Any question that asks a candidate to reveal information about such topics without the question having a job-related basis will violate the various state and federal discrimination laws."

"However, if the employer states questions so that they directly relate to specific occupational qualifications, then the questions may be legitimate. Clearly, the intent behind the question needs to be examined."

If you are asked any inappropriate questions, Adelson advises not to lie, but, instead, politely decline to answer. "Could they not give you a job because of that? Sure. But if they do, they would be doing exactly what they're not supposed to do."

We compiled the following illegal interview questions that are often mistaken as appropriate from Adelson and Joan K. Ustin & Associates, a consultant firm specializing in human resources and organization development.



What religious holidays do you practice?

Employers may want to ask you this to see if your lifestyle interferes with work schedules, but this question reveals your religion and that's illegal. They can ask you if you're available to work on Sundays.

Have you ever been arrested?

An employer can't legally ask you about your arrest record, but they can ask if you've ever been convicted of a crime. Depending on the state, a conviction record shouldn't automatically disqualify you for employment unless it substantially relates to your job. For example, if you've been convicted of statutory rape and you're applying for a teaching position, you will probably not get the job.

Are you married?

Although the interviewer may ask you this question to see how much time you'd be able to commit to your job, it's illegal because it reveals your marital status and can also reveal your sexual orientation.

Do you have children?

It is unlawful to deny someone employment if they have children or if they are planning on having children in the future. If the employer wants to find out how committed you will be to your job, they should ask questions about your work. For example, "What hours can you work?" or "Do you have responsibilities other than work that will interfere with specific job requirements such as traveling?"

What country are you from?

If you have an accent, this may seem like an innocent question, but it's illegal because it involves your national origin. Employers can't legally inquire about your nationality, but they can ask if you're authorized to work in a certain country.

Is English your first language?

It's not the employers' lawful right to know whether a language is your first language. In order to find out language proficiency, employers can ask you what other languages you read, speak or write fluently.

Do you have any outstanding debt?

Employers must have permission before asking about your credit history. Similar to a criminal background history, they can't disqualify you from employment unless it directly affects your ability to perform the position you're interviewing for. Furthermore, they can't ask you how well you balance your personal finances or inquire about your owning property.

Do you socially drink?

Employers cannot ask about your drinking habits, because it violates the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. For example, if you're a recovering alcoholic, treatment of alcoholism is protected under this act, and you don't have to disclose any disability information before landing an official job offer.

When was the last time you used illegal drugs?

It's illegal for employers to ask you about past drug addiction, but they can ask you if you're currently using illegal drugs. A person who is currently using drugs is not protected under ADA. For example, an employer may ask you: "Do you currently use illegal drugs? What illegal drugs have you used in the past six months?"

How long have you been working?

This question allows employers to guess your age, which is unlawful. Similarly, they can't ask you what year you graduated from high school or college or even your birthday. However, they can ask you how long you've been working in a certain industry.

What type of discharge did you receive in the military?

This is not appropriate for the interviewer to ask you, but they can ask what type of education, training or work experience you've received while in the military.

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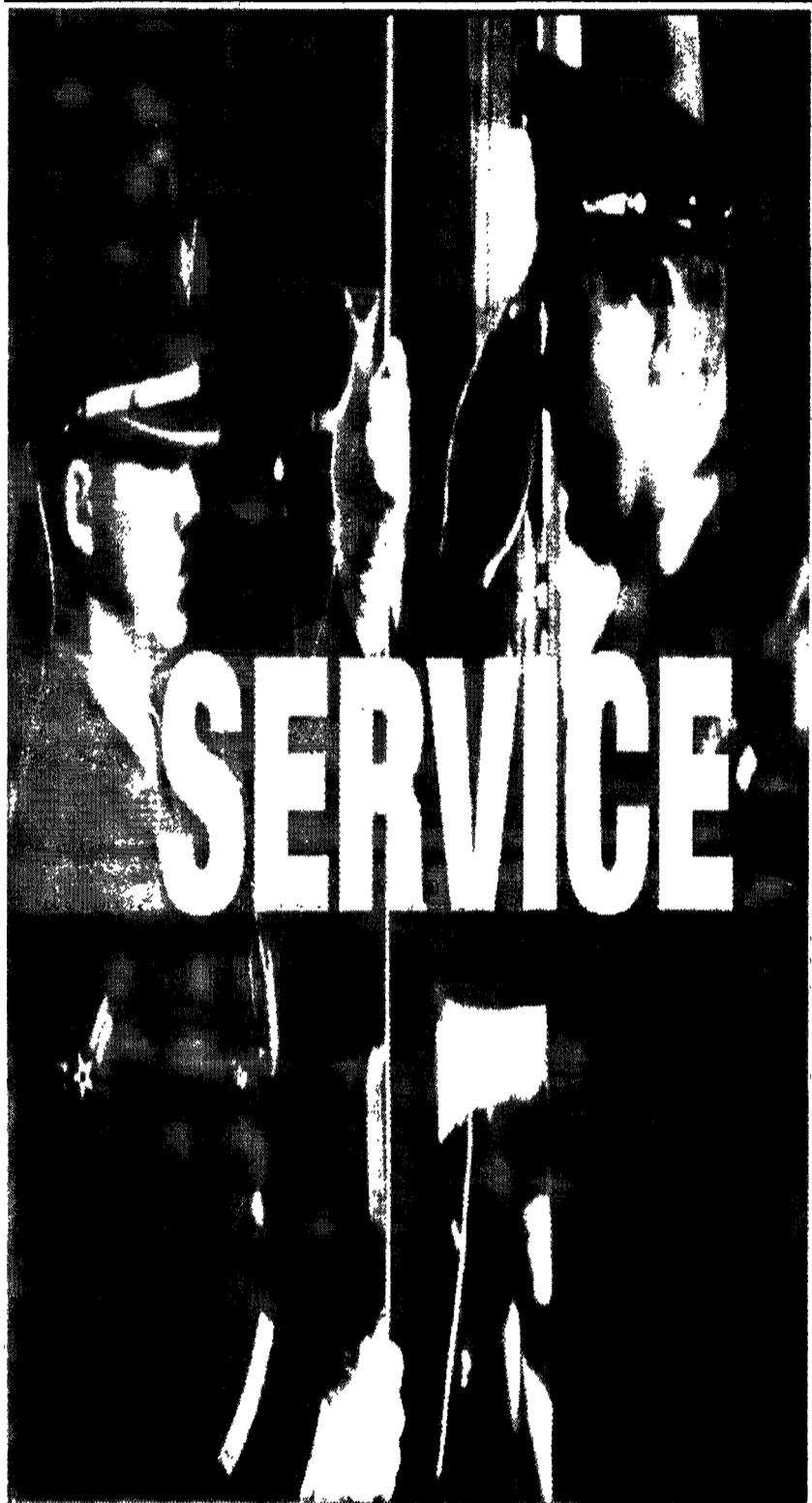
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 - 15 Now, to Caesar
 - 16 Semicasual wear
 - 18 Harvested wool
 - 20 Postpone action
 - 21 Desk item
 - 22 Ship's record
 - 23 No. 2 people
 - 26 Doesn't just brush
 - 30 Romaine
 - 31 Prehistoric
 - 32 Gasp of delight
 - 33 Space-flight phase (hyph.)
 - 36 Golden
 - 38 Lend a hand
 - 39 Pool length
 - 40 Chipmunk snack
 - 43 Aquarium fish
 - 47 Short-term solution (2 wds.)
 - 49 Gouda cousin
 - 50 Web address
 - 51 Therefore
 - 52 Prefix for dynamic
 - 53 Pumper's pride
 - 54 Roll, as thunder
 - 55 Called the butler
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- 1 RN assistants
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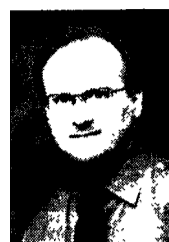
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Jeep Cherokee Storms Back into Mid-Size SUV Market



By Dale Buss

Chrysler is pulling out all the stops to reverse the early backward momentum of the launch of its crucial Jeep Cherokee and make sure that there are enough of the highly anticipated new vehicles on dealer lots this fall — and that the introduction is supported by an appropriately ambitious marketing campaign.

Cherokee went into production on June 24, about a month later than originally planned, at the company's Toledo assembly complex. But because of software glitches with the trailblazing nine-speed transmission, the company couldn't begin delivering the SUV to dealers until last week. And that delay only exacerbated the difficulties from the fact that Chrysler had run out of the now defunct Jeep Liberty which gave way to Cherokee.

"We were naïve that it would be a seamless introduction," Chrysler CEO Sergio Marchionne told journalists in late October. But, he stressed, "What we've learned is that we'll never repeat it. We're never going to take a plant down and be out of the market for over a year. We were just naked in 2013" in the mid-sized SUV segment after dealers sold all the 2012 Liberty units last year.

Now, the Toledo complex is churning out about 1,000 Cherokees a day, six days a week, as dealers and consumers anticipate volume availability of the new vehicle.

Meanwhile, in an effort to get it right



The ad campaign for the new Jeep Cherokee talks about freedom.

the first time with this crucial launch, Chrysler's advertising is taking the road less traveled again. Even for the launch of the revived Cherokee — a widely anticipated new version of an iconic SUV nameplate that disappeared for 12 years — the company has crafted an emotional, oblique approach that barely shows the Cherokee at all and fits neatly into the story-telling genre that it has used so successfully for four years.

In a 60-second TV spot that breaks today under a campaign called "Built Free," Jeep links one scene after another of people at play, of kids cavorting and office workers feeling the nostalgia of such moments, busting out of their confined environs and pursuing their outdoorsy passions. The backdrop is Bob Dylan and the voiceover encourages viewers to think of the new Cherokee as the key to invoking that sense of freedom.

"And little by little it changed," says the spot Jeep titled "Manifesto." "People told you things. Where to go. What to do. What not to do. Little by little, the world

started to feel smaller. Only ... it isn't. You're still here. And you're still you. The horizons haven't gone anywhere."

Kim Adams-House, Jeep's advertising director, told me that the point of the first spot for the new Cherokee "was to provide a link from the past to make sure Cherokee is its history as a segment leader. We reached back to that time and brought it forward."

The ad debuts squarely in the new Chrysler tradition of shaping a brand story and making the vehicles secondary, which began with the "Born of Fire" spot featuring Eminem and the Chrysler brand in the 2011 Super Bowl, continued with the Clint Eastwood "Second Half" ad for the brand a year later, and extended to last year's Big Game with a commercial about Jeep's efforts to help military veterans, and a Ram ad that was an ode to the American farmer.

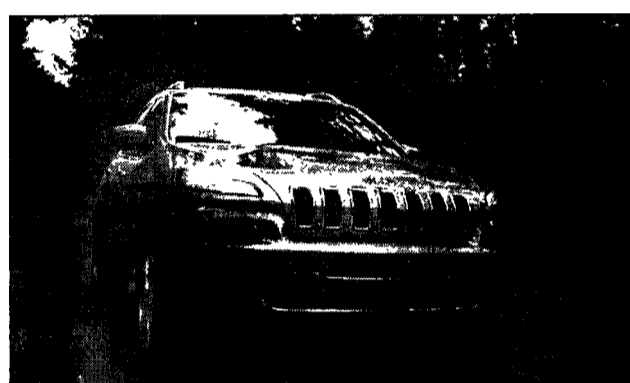
"One thing we're adept at is telling a story, and authenticity is one of the core values of the [Jeep] brand," Adams-House said. The new Cherokee ad "tells a human story

that connects with consumers emotionally and resonates with them personally."

Still, Adams-House said, the campaign for the crucial new Cherokee will become more product-centric over coming weeks. In early November, she said, Jeep will introduce a slate of 30-second spots about various attributes of the new vehicle including fuel efficiency, the segment-first nine-speed transmission, interior craftsmanship and ride quality and handling.

With its mainstream styling and a base price of about \$23,000, the new mid-size SUV is set to play a key role in boosting the Jeep brand not only in the U.S. market but also overseas. "Cherokee was always our last [planned] springboard to get to 800,00-plus" sales for the Jeep brand each year, "and I am convinced we'll do it on the back of that vehicle," Michael Manley, CEO of the Jeep brand, told the Detroit Free Press recently.

And Adams-House insisted that Cherokee availability won't be a problem now that the production bottlenecks have been corrected. "All systems are go from the availability perspective," she said.



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