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W-W board narrows search to one for superintendent

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

A Farmington Public Schools official has been tapped as the finalist for the position of superintendent of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

The school board Thursday evening came to an agreement on asking Michele Harmala, Farmington's associate superintendent for instructional services and organizational leadership, to come back to visit the district Monday and participate in a second interview.

Harmala was the overwhelming choice among the five candidates who were interviewed.

"This is rare," said Marlene Davis of the Michigan Association of School Boards' Executive Search Services.

"The fact that the six of you came to this consensus ... it doesn't happen too often."

In addition to Harmala, the Wayne-Westland board interviewed Charles Mun-



Harmala

catchy, the former superintendent of Mt. Clemens Schools and founder of the Jalen Rose Leadership Academy; Deborah Piotrowski, superintendent of the Xenia Community Schools in Xenia, Ohio; James Larson Shidler, Wayne-Westland's deputy superintendent for administrative and business services; and Joshua Talison, superintendent of the Beecher Community School District.

A sixth candidate, Paul Salah, Wayne-Westland deputy superintendent of educational services, withdrew prior to the interviews.

'Listen ... communicate'

Harmala has been with the Farmington Public Schools since 2004. She also has worked at the Oakland Schools Intermediate School District and Huron Valley Schools.

She has worked in special education and taught at the middle school and college levels.

She has a doctoral degree in educational leadership and policy studies from Wayne State University.

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Wayne looks at options to handle deficit

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A merger with Westland or another community, an emergency financial manager (EFM) or bankruptcy are possible long-term solutions to address Wayne's fiscal deficit.

City officials have already been meeting with representatives from state Office of Fiscal Responsibility, the precursor to an EFM or consent decree with the state.

The council is struggling to balance the budget for 2014-15, but that doesn't address increasing and ongoing legacy costs for employee retirement.

"If legacy costs keep escalating, bankruptcy may be the only option," Wayne Finance Director James Ghedotte said. "An EFM comes in and cuts. Our community is on the brink. I don't want to see blight. I fear for public safety. I want citizens to be able to walk the streets at night. An EFM will cut police and fire."

"An emergency financial manager only sees two lines — expenses and revenues. The only way we will get out of this is working all together," Wayne Mayor Al Haidous added. "The only way out of it is more revenue."

» Short term, the option was raising taxes by asking

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Muriel Nixon-Brandymore cuts her birthday cake with a little help from son Ward Nixon. From left are family members Sharon Nixon, Nelson Brandywine, Vendla Carlton, Pam Brandywine, Toots Dunbar and Gary Dunbar. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Computers, candles: Centenarian has seen a lot since 1914

There was no need asking Muriel Nixon-Brandymore how old she is. The three candles on her birthday cake let everyone know she is now officially 100 years old.

As the guest of honor at a recent celebration at Taylor Towers in Westland, Nixon-Brandymore wore a tiara and rosettes, proclaiming her status as a centenarian. With her family, including sons Ward Nixon and Gary Dunbar and stepson Nelson Brandywine, at her side, she received accolades from local officials before cutting into her birthday cake.

A lot has happened since she was born May 7, 1914, in Minneapolis, Minn. She has lived through two World Wars, the Great Depression, the rise and fall of communism in Russia and Eastern Europe and man walking on the moon. But World War II had the greatest impact on her life.

Like many young women, she helped with the war effort by working as a Rosie the Riveter at the Willow Run Bomber plant. That "Can Do" spirit of Rosie spilled over into her later life when she decided to start her career in real estate at age



A tiara and ribbon rosettes were part of Muriel Nixon-Brandymore's birthday celebration at Taylor Towers in honor of her 100th birthday.

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Police: Shots fired at homeowner likely random incident

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

An incident involving shots fired at a man answering the door Tuesday morning at his Westland home was likely a random crime.

"We're still investigating and pursuing leads. The victim lives with his wife. They are quiet, good neighbors, according to their neighbors," Westland Police Lt. Todd Adams said. "There is no drug activity or gambling — no nexus for this incident."

A resident in the 31000 block of Birchwood told police that a man knocked on the front door about 11 a.m.

"He looked out and saw a guy he didn't recognize walking away to a vehicle that was at the end of the driveway," Adams said. "He assumed the man was leaving but he (the suspect) got into the vehicle

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She also is a finalist for the superintendent's position in the Southfield district. She spent Wednesday doing a site visit and a second interview with the Southfield school board.

Harmala will do a second interview at 6:30

p.m. at the district's administrative offices. Prior to the interview, she will tour several schools within the district to meet with staff and students.

The school board also will hold a meet and greet reception for Harmala 4-5:30 p.m. at the administrative offices. The reception is open to all staff, parents and community members.

In her first interview with the board, she said it's important that a superintendent "listen, listen, listen and communicate, communicate, communicate."

"I do a lot of listening. I want to know where people are coming from," she said. "It helps me understand."

The plan is to have Harmala visit elementary, upper elementary,

middle school and high school buildings. The reception will open to the district's staff and residents, as will be the second interview.

'I think we made a good choice'

"I think we made a good choice tonight," board Vice President Thomas Buckalew said, adding that if Harmala does come to Wayne-

Westland, "We will need to get behind her and give her our support during the transition."

Trustee Sally Madison praised her colleagues for their coming together to make a decision.

"We did a lot of hard work here tonight and we did it together; we should pat ourselves on the back," she said. "For those of us sitting on this side of the table, we did

a good job."

Board President Shawna Walker also thanked her fellow board members for their effort.

"I want to thank you all for working together in moving this district forward," she said.

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An assortment of official proclamations were presented to Muriel Nixon-Brandymore. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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56 and did it for 25 years.

And considering all the inventions she has seen in her lifetime, she considers the computer "the most useful technological advancement."

During her lifetime, she worked in a candy factory, hospital and auto plant cafeteria. She also was a dental assistant. But Nixon-Brandymore considers being a mother her most important role. Married three times, she says the proudest moment in her life is her three sons. But she also is proud of her six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

These days, Nixon-Brandymore enjoys playing the organ, reading and spending time with her bird Bill.

Nixon-Brandymore is the third Taylor Towers resident to reach the age of 100. She believes the secret to aging gracefully and her longevity is "having a good sense of humor."

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and pulled closer to the house."

The suspect then went to the home's side door and was opening the storm door just as the homeowner, who had gotten a gun, was opening the main side door, Adams said.

The suspect fired two shots — one struck

the ceiling over the homeowner's head, while a second shot was fired as the suspect ran to his vehicle, Adams said.

"It appears to be random. The suspect could have gone to the wrong house. There is a shady house on the street," Adams said.

Or it's possible the suspect knocked on the door to see if anyone was home and was going to break in if no one

answered, he said.

The suspect was described as a black male in his 20s, 6 feet tall and wearing a white T-shirt. The victim reported the suspect fled in a charcoal-colored Ford Five Hundred.

Anyone with information is asked to call Westland police at 734-722-9600.

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voters to approve a Public Act 345 millage to cover police and fire retirement costs. That would free up money in the city general fund to pay other expenses.

The council is considering putting a 5-mill request to be levied for five years on the November ballot. That would generate \$1.8 million to be collected on the winter tax bill.

Other short-term options include laying

off police officers and firefighters and closing the Wayne Community Center.

"Under the medium-term category: an agreement to have HYPE Athletics operate the community center and sell the State Wayne to Phoenix Theaters, which would eliminate city subsidies.

For the Fire Department, completion of a fire authority that is in process with Westland. Other options recommended for study include privatizing EMS services rather than firefighter-paramedics

and part-time on call firefighters.

Another concept under discussion is moving City Hall and Building and Engineering to share space in the library building.

City Hall, which had damaged trusses in the area over the council chambers and roof issues, is at the end of its useful life, said Interim City Manager/Department of Public Services Director Ramzi El-Gharib.

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Livonia Town Hall announces speakers for 2014-15 season

The Livonia Town Hall announces the speakers for its 51st season:

» **Oct. 15, 2014:** Don Most and Anson Williams, actors on the classic TV series *Happy Days*.

» **Nov. 19, 2014:** Dar-

ren McGrady, who was a royal chef for Queen Elizabeth, Princess Diana, and young William and Harry.

» **Jan. 21, 2015:** Dan Nigro, who was Chief of Operations in the Fire Department, city of New York, on Sept. 11, 2001.

» **March 18, 2015:** Dr. James Delgado, a maritime archaeologist, popular television host, author and director of maritime heritage for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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the season, which include lecture and lunch, or \$180 for priority seating.

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Westland looks at anti-tether ordinance for dogs

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Westland's Compassionate City campaign is being expanded to include man's best friend.

The Westland City Council has introduced an ordinance that defines and restricts the tethering of dogs. The proposed ordinance aims to protect dogs against mistreatment and abuse.

If passed, among other restrictions, it would become unlawful for a dog owner to continuously tether a dog for more than three hours per day; tether a dog with anything that

weighs more than 10 percent of the animal's body weight; tether a dog in an unshaded area in high temperatures and not provide appropriate shelter in below -40 degree weather; and tether a dog less than four months of age.

"Tethering of dogs has been an issue within our city in the past," Mayor William Wild said. "It is important that the Compassionate City Initiative aims to aid and protect all living creatures."

The ordinance defines tethering as securing a dog to a stationary object with a metal chain or coated steel cable for

keeping a dog restrained. Walking a dog on a leash and securing a dog for temporary grooming or other professional services do not fall under the proposed ordinance's restrictions.

In a presentation to the city council last week, Janet Conley of C.H.A.I.N.E.D. Inc. (Continuing Helping Animals In Need & Educating Dog owners) voiced support for the ordinance which goes a long way toward ending "prison sentence without parole" of dogs that are kept on chains.

"This ordinance will affect people who chain their dogs chained 24

hours a day, seven days a week," she said. "That dog is never allowed in the house and is never free of that chain. It can't run, it can't jump. It eats, sleeps and defecates in whatever small amount of space it lives in."

A non-profit, C.H.A.I.N.E.D.'s mission is to enhance the lives of dogs that are chained, abused and neglected. Its volunteers will build fence yards, put up kennels, do fence repairs and "anything to get the dog off a chain," Conley said.

Conley told the council that the organization, based in Riverview, has

gotten many calls from Westland about "chained dogs in need and neglected."

"We don't want to take your dog, we want to educate you about the proper care of dogs," she said. "We don't want your dog, we want to help improve the life of your dog."

Enforcement will be handled by the ordinance department. Residents will be able to make reports by calling 734-713-3733 or making a report at the city's website, www.cityofwestland.com.

"Over the past several years, we've received

several complaints and have managed them through our existing ordinances, utilizing the police department and ordinance department," Wild said. "With the brutal winter we just had, it was an issue again. This will help the city in keeping our pets safe."

The ordinance will come up for approval by the city council at its May 19 meeting. Residents can learn more about the new ordinance by contacting Fire Administration at 734-467-3237.

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The newest member of the Westland Police Department is a 1991 High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle.

Westland Police receive new tactical vehicle

The Westland Police Department has added a new tool to its fleet of vehicles.

The Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) donated a 1991 High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle (HMMWV) to the police department.

The DLA is a government program that allows law enforcement agencies to acquire excess government assets free of charge for local use. The HMMWV, also known as a Hummer, was first used by the U.S. Army in 1985 as a troop carrier, and saw its first combat in Panama in 1989.

"The City of Westland

is honored to have been chosen to receive this vehicle," Mayor William Wild said. "This unique piece of equipment will be a free addition to our crime-fighting fleet."

The Hummer provided a versatile tool for the military, and it will allow the police department to operate off road and in all weather conditions such as blizzards and flooding.

The vehicle will be able to transport up to four personnel, and it has four-wheel drive with run flat tires. According to Chief Jeff Jedrusik, the Hummer will be added to the department's Tactical Response Unit.

Wayne City Council moves charter initiatives to November ballot

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Wayne residents can weigh in on proposals that would change how members of the city council are elected and establish term limits. But when residents can cast their votes has been changed.

The city council took the unusual action of rescinding resolutions made on April 1 to place the proposals on the Aug. 5 ballot and approve new ones, placing them on the Nov. 4 general election ballot.

The action came after the city received word from the State Attorney General's Office that while the ballot language passed muster, the state's Home Rule City Act dictates that the proposals must be placed on the next general election ballot. Aug. 5 is a primary election.

Ron Roberts had circulated the petitions from the two ballot issues. One ballot issue

proposes term limits for elected officials — mayor and council. Terms would be capped at a cumulative 16 years in office as a council member and/or as mayor.

The second proposal would have council members elected from six districts — half every four years. The mayor would continue to be elected every two years. As it stands, the three council members whose terms expire in 2015 would be elected to represent districts 1, 2 and 3 for four years. Council members with terms expiring in 2017 would represent districts 4, 5 and 6.

In looking at the ballot language, Assistant Attorney General James Kelly noted that "at this point, it appears that the proposed amendment, when read in light of the balance of the charter, contemplates that all city voters will be eligible to nominate and vote for candidates for city

council, who are required to reside in the districts they seek to represent."

Roberts expressed concern that the placement of the ballot initiative hadn't been caught by the city attorney.

"Why wasn't this caught?" Roberts said. "The intent was for it to be on the ballot last year. Here we are a year later, and I'm not sure if you're following due process. I followed my part when I turned them over to you."

Mayor Al Haidous told Roberts the Attorney General's Office had not explained the placement of the proposals on a specific ballot until they were sent to Gov. Rick Snyder.

"No one is trying to push it from this time to that time," Haidous said. "We're here trying to resolve this issue."

Roberts is concerned that if the proposal to pass in November there will not be enough

time to establish the districts prior to April, when candidates will file for the city election.

"We were supposed to have the wards in place in 2014 for filing next April," Roberts said. "The election is November; you'll have to have the wards in place within 30 days."

Haidous said city officials realize it's a short time frame.

"We promise we will be diligent to make this happen," he said.

Initially, placing the proposals on the November ballot failed to garner enough votes. But it was approved a second time.

"We cannot deny a motion to pass this resolution," Haidous said. "Even if we agree or disagree, we need to approve this to be on the ballot because he collected enough signatures."

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Knezek bill would prevent retroactive water billing

State Rep. David Knezek, D-Dearborn Heights, has introduced House Bill 5448, consumer protection legislation that would prevent municipally owned water systems from retroactively charging Michigan residents for water usage that was not previously detected due to a defective meter.

"This issue was first brought to my attention by Inkster residents," Knezek said. "When newer meters were installed in the city, residents saw a small increase in their water bill due to the fact that the old meters had become faulty and the new meters were more accurate."

According to Knezek, Inkster residents offered no complaints about the small increase "because they are happy to pay for what they are using and understand that because the old meters were slow, their new water bills are accurate." However, "widespread dissatisfaction arose when residents came to find out that because their old meters were deficient, they were going to be assessed retroactive charges."

One Inkster resident who was shocked to receive her retroactive bill in the mail was Gloria Ward.

"When I opened my

water bill in January 2013, I was shocked. How in the world could I have run up my water bill in just six weeks? I moved into my home in October 2012, and by January 2013, my bill was \$2,300," she said. "After standing in a long line of angry folks like myself at city hall, I had to wait until April to even get a meeting with someone, and a year after getting the bill my issue was still not resolved. It is wrong that I should have to pay a water bill for people who lived in the house before me, but I paid it anyway."

"There are hundreds of documented cases in Inkster where residents are receiving water bills in the thousands of dollars," Knezek said. "Some retroactive charges date back as far as 22 years, even before residents occupied their homes. In such cases, people are being asked to pay for someone else's water usage. I think we can all agree that's not right."

"When residents like Ms. Ward received their water bills, they paid them. It's as simple as that," he said.

Ward contacted Knezek to discuss the problem with her water bill, and "we were able to work with the city to get her account credited for the amount she had been overcharged," Knezek said.

Inspire Theatre stages 'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland'

"I'm late, I'm late, for a very important date. No time to say hello, good bye, I'm late, I'm late, I'm late," exclaims the White Rabbit as he scurries past the sleepy Alice and disappears into the nearby rabbit hole in Inspire School of Theatre Arts' latest production, *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*.

Revived interest in the 19th century story has caused theater companies across the country to attempt to reproduce this children's classic.

Taking almost a year off, ISTA has jumped back into the waters of children's theater, and is riding the wave of high hopes, promising audiences that this will be its finest production.

Relocated in its new home in the Warehouse District of Westland, ISTA is the children's division of Inspire Theatre. Recently acquired space has made for "exciting times" for the presentation, artistic director Len Fisher of Wayne said.

"We were all set to present *Alice* in space rented from Trinity Church of Livonia when this building opened up to us," Fisher said. "It was too perfect to pass up. But directing, producing and moving into a new venue certainly has raised the level of activity with us."

Inspire Theatre formed in 2005. Since then it has mainly been located in Westland, with a short stint in a Dearborn church. To finally have a theater home has been the dream of all



The cast of "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" are members of the Inspire School of Theatre Arts.

involved, especially theater lover Wendy Hardy of Livonia.

Hardy came to IT in 2006 to allow her son Mitchell to take part of the troupe's version of the *Wizard of Oz*. And she never left.

"It's been a roller coaster ride that doesn't end," Hardy said. "Each year seems to bring an unexpected adventure. It's been exhilarating. Scary at times, but exciting as well. I'm glad we stayed."

Hardy's son Mitchell was 8 when they first joined. Besides playing multiple roles in *Alice*, Mitchell is also involved in Clarenceville's theater program under the direction of Jason Debandt.

Alice is considered to be one of the best examples of the literary nonsense genre. And nonsense it is. As Alice tumbles after the White Rabbit into a strategically placed "rabbit hole"



Kelsi Fay of Livonia plays Alice in Inspire Theatre's weekend production of "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland." Mitchell Hardy also has multiple roles in the show.

stage right, she plops into a land of wonder where logic is abandon for entertaining nonsense. A Mock Turtle and a Gryphon are only two of the creatures that fill the stage in this rendition of Lewis Carroll's timeless classic.

Fisher has taken the tale and adapted it for the stage with fun nuances that Inspire Theatre's audiences have come to

expect. The *Caucus Race* and the *Dance by the Sea* are two of the choreographed numbers created for this show.

Alice, played by Kelsi Fay of Livonia, seems perplexed by the strangeness of Wonderland and yet is able to deal with its oddities. Fay transforms herself into the precocious 10-year-old to deliver an enchanting performance. Recovering from a torn meniscus, Fay's verbal sparring with the demanding characters encountered in Wonderland lends to the delightfulness of the presentation.

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Diabetes also causes a thickening of the tissues in the palm of the hand and in the tendons of the fingers as those tendons pass under the hand's palmar creases. The thickening makes it difficult to clench the hand or make a tight grip. Furthermore, in the morning the hands are stiff and painful as the tendons try to move against the impediment the thicken tissue causes.

Diabetes makes the hand prone to infection because of its effect to narrow the caliber of small arteries which in turn lessens the blood supply reaching the digits. Furthermore, diabetes itself blunts the immune system, making it more likely that cuts and abrasions to the hands will become infected.

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Wayne County honors schools for going green

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, County Commissioners and Wayne RESA Superintendent Chris Wigent recognized students and teachers from schools across Wayne County for earning the designation of Michigan Green Schools.

For a school to be designated as a Michigan Green School, it must perform green-sanctioned activities throughout the school year. Activities can include recycling paper, plastic and electronics, implementing a school energy-saving program, establishing or maintaining an animal habitat project, and observing Earth Day. Schools earn a point for each activity they complete. A minimum of 10 activities is required to earn a designation. Ten activities in a school

year earn a Green School designation; 15 activities earn an Emerald School designation; and 20 activities earn an Evergreen school designation.

"This is the seventh year for this collaborative program between Wayne County and the schools," Ficano said. "The Green Schools program teaches hands-on, ecological stewardship to young people and makes our environment healthier and stronger."

Michigan Green Schools began as an idea from students and teachers of Hartland Consolidated School District in the fall of 2005. A bill was signed into law in May 2006 making the Michigan Green Schools program official. In the first year of the program, 18 schools participated statewide. Since that time, hundreds of schools

statewide have participated.

The ceremony was held at the Wayne County Regional Education Service Agency in Wayne. Among the 131 schools honored were:

» Garden City High School, which has had an Evergreen status for five years.

» St. Mary School in Wayne, which has had an Evergreen status four years.

» St. Damian Catholic School in Westland, which has had an Evergreen status for two years.

» William D. Ford Career-Technical Center in Westland, which has had an Evergreen status for two years.

For more information, contact Nancy Gregor, Wayne County Green Schools program co-coordinator, at nregor@waynecounty.com or call 734-326-4607.



Haley Gnida (left), Briana Luciano, Kealani Sypher and Rebecca Spencer, students at the William D. Ford Career Technical School in Wayne-Westland Community Schools, show off their display at the Wayne County Green School Awards Ceremony held Wednesday at Wayne RESA.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE UPDATES

Electric vehicle show

If you have even considered buying an electric vehicle, you need to attend the sixth annual Electric Vehicle Show from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 7 on the main Livonia campus. The show is free and open to the public. It is a great opportunity for the public to see all types of EVs and PHVs (plug-in hybrid) up-close, talk to the owners and ride or drive many of the cars around campus.

For more information, visit schoolcraft.edu/ev-show

Seminar for students

The Counseling Department at Schoolcraft College is sponsoring an informational seminar for high school students who have disabilities and are interested in attending Schoolcraft College this fall.

This session, at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 14, in the Livonia campus' Liberal Arts Building, is designed to

provide information that will be useful in making the transition to Schoolcraft College. Topics of discussion will include the documentation required for accessing accommodations at Schoolcraft and the important differences between accommodations provided in high school and those offered at Schoolcraft.

Space is limited, and registration is required. To register, go online to www.schoolcraft.edu/disabilitysupportservices. There will be two other sessions offered on July 12 and Aug. 9. Call the Schoolcraft College Disability Support Services Office at 734-462-4421 for more information.

New jazz troupe

Schoolcraft College's Continuing Education and Professional Development (CEPD) is starting a Jazz Troupe and is inviting instrumentalists and vocalists, age 14 and older, to

join. Participants will have the opportunity to focus on increasing their academic and musical knowledge and developing performance skills. After taking part in auditions for placement, students will have the opportunity to perform in a jazz combo and jazz ensemble and participate in a hands-on interactive field trip at the renowned Michigan Jazz Festival in July, which features dozens of the area's finest jazz musicians.

The Jazz Troupe experience will conclude with a final concert to showcase the accomplishments of the participants.

For more information, call CEPD at 734-462-4448.

Schoolcraft College is a predominantly two-year college offering classes at the main campus in Livonia, the Radcliff Center in Garden City, the Public Safety Training Complex in Livonia and online at www.schoolcraft.edu.

Wayne-Westland student wins third place in arson poster contest

Justine Shipley, a senior at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center in Westland, has been awarded third place in the computer-generated category of the statewide 2014 Arson Awareness Poster Contest, sponsored by the Michigan Arson Prevention Committee and the Michigan Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators.

Shipley received a \$75 cash award. Shipley's teacher Steve Paulsen received a matching award for the school's art needs.

The contest, open to students enrolled in grades 7-12, is a joint effort by the two anti-arson groups to increase the public's awareness about the devastating effects of arson in Michigan.

Posters were judged on their illustration of the negative aspect of arson such as fire deaths, injuries, job losses, community decay and moral destruction.

First-, second- and third-place winners were selected in each of three categories: middle school students, high school students



Justine Shipley won third place for her computer-generated arson awareness poster.

and computer-generated. More than 200 entries were received. The Michigan chapter of IAAI represents nearly 1,000 individuals dedicated to investigating fires and combating arson. The organization sponsors training programs held throughout the state for fire personnel.

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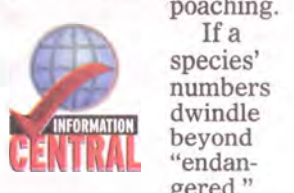
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Red List keeps tabs on endangered species

Friday, May 16, was Endangered Species Day. According to the Red List provided by the IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature), a species is on the endangered list if its population has reduced by greater than or equal to 50 percent over 10 years or three generations. This number changes to greater than or equal with certain criteria. Animals are threatened due to such human actions as deforestation, pollution or poaching.



If a species' numbers dwindle beyond "endangered," they become "critically endangered," and then "extinct in the wild," followed by "extinct." There are 234 extinct animals in the United States, including the California grizzly bear and the blue walleye. There are 263 endangered species in the United States. This includes the Indiana bat, which lives in Michigan, among other states. Michigan's bog grasshopper, found in the northern half of the Lower Peninsula, is listed as vulnerable, close to endangered (iucnredlist.org).

Another Michigan animal listed as near threatened is the Kirtland's Warbler. The Kirtland's Warbler is a small songbird with a yellow belly; they somewhat resemble a mix between a sparrow and a yellow finch.

For more information on endangered animals, visit the websites of the IUCN (iucn.org), the World Wildlife Fund (worldwildlife.org), and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services (fws.org). You can also make donations to these organizations if



A Michigan bird listed as near threatened is the Kirtland's Warbler, a small songbird with a yellow belly.

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The Westland Library also carries several books on the topic of endangered animals. Try *Hope for Animals and Their World* by Jane Goodall or *100 Heartbeats: The Race to Save Earth's Most Endangered Species* by Jeff Corwin. Visit our catalog at www.westlandlibrary.org to browse for more books on the topic or call the Reference Desk at 734-326-6123.

The library will close May 24-26 in honor of Memorial Day. Starting May 27, we will begin our Summer Hours.

Highlighted Activities

Friends of the Library - \$4 Bag Day Sale, noon to 3 p.m. May 18 - Last day of the Friends of the Library Book Sale. Buy books by the bagful for just \$4.

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p.m. May 18, Ages 12 and under - A nice big room with friends who like to build = FUN! We'll have lots and lots of Lego® bricks for building, along with books for inspiration. No registration required.

Writers Club, 7 p.m. May 19 - Have you written stories or poems that you would like others to hear, but not critique, in a casual atmosphere? Looking to get back into writing but could use some support and/or exercises? Join Cheryl Vatcher-Martin as she leads the Westland Library Writer's Club.

Superhero Cookies, 6 p.m. May 20, Grades 5 and up - It's a bird! It's a plane! No, it's Super Cookie! Join us for a fun evening of cookie decorating by transforming plain, boring gingerbread men into your favorite Superheroes. Register for this program online, at the Youth Services Desk or by calling 734-326-6123.

Academic Enrichment, 3:30-5 p.m. May 21, Grades 5 and up - Bring your assignments for free homework help and study help. No advanced registration needed, however, parents must sign a waiver upon arrival in order for child or teen to participate.

Adult Book Discussion Group, 7 p.m. May 21 - In this book, *Annie's Ghost*, author Steve Luxenberg digs into his mother's past to discover details about an aunt he never knew. Luxenberg's mother, Beth, was an only child. When Beth's health began deteriorating a few years before her death in 1999, however, she disclosed a long-held secret: She had a younger sister, Annie, who was disabled and had been institutionalized at age 22. Luxenberg conducts meticulous research and interviews, which both confound and surprise the investigator as he tries to unravel the mystery of Aunt Annie.

Great Michigan Read: Coffee with author Steve

Luxenberg, 10 a.m. May 22 - Join us for a special visit from *Annie's Ghosts: A Journey into a Family Secret* author, Steve Luxenberg, as part of our Great Michigan Read programming for 2014. Detroit native and Washington Post associate editor Luxenberg will discuss what inspired the book and his investigative research. Jo Johnson of the Friends of Eloise and the Westland Historical Commission will moderate. Mr. Luxenberg will also be open for a question and answer session as well as book signing at the end. Space is very limited. Stop by the library or call 734-326-6123 to sign up.

Help for Healthy Michigan Plan/Medicaid, 4:30-8 p.m. May 23 and every Thursday through June - Meet with a Health Care Navigator from Mercy Hospital for help filling out your Healthy Michigan Plan/Medicaid application. This is a drop in program. No registration needed.

Teen Volunteer Training, 6:30-8 p.m. May 22, Minimum age of 14 or completed eighth-grade - We're looking for some enthusiastic and reliable teen volunteers to assist in the Youth Services Department this summer. College students are also welcome. Volunteers will help check in reading minutes for kids and give out prizes. We also need lots of help with our fun summer programs. Interested? Fill out the application and Hold Harmless agreement on our website and return it to the Youth Services Desk. Applications will also be available in the library. No need to sign up for training, but applications should be turned in to the Youth Services Desk before their chosen training date.

Magic: The Gathering, 4-6 p.m. May 22, Ages 12-18 - We'll have a round robin tournament (with

booster packs for prizes) as well as free play. Bring a standard deck to play in the tournament.

No Friday Night Movie. Join us next week, May 30, when we will be showing, *Her*. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the movie starts at 7 p.m.

Ongoing programs
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Chess Group, 7-8:45 p.m. Thursdays and 1-4 p.m. Saturdays - Like to play chess? Want to get better? Come to the library and play a couple of games. Bring your own board or use one of ours. Novices to Chess Masters are all welcome. No signup required.

Computer classes and one-on-one computer classes are offered all year long. Contact the library at 734-326-6123 to find out more.

The library also conducts several story times for children each week, including: Toddler Tales, Sleepytime Story Time, Baby Time, Preschool Story Time and Family Fun Story Time. Call the Youth Desk for more information or check out our website at westlandlibrary.org/kids. No sign-up required. Call 734-326-6123, ext. 2831.

Information Central was compiled by Liz Waun. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call 734-326-6123 or visit westlandlibrary.org.

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SCRAFT CHEF BRINGS HOME INTERNATIONAL AWARDS

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Chef Shawn Loving knows the Schoolcraft College culinary arts is well-known locally. But Loving, the department chair who competed in an international competition last month and brought home accolades, knows expanding outside of Michigan and the United States is key to gaining more recognition of the Livonia-based college.

"It's a mission of mine as a department chair to be globally strong," he said. "I think we have definitely made ourselves locally present through many decades of cooking and teaching and our formula. But as a chair, I have missions. I have goals. And my goal is to become globally strong. And globally strong to me means you need to take your product and take it to an area where you have to use your passport."

And to do that, Loving packed his bags, headed across the globe and competed at the Food and Hotel Asia event last month in Singapore. He spent several days in the Asian city and competed in two events, bringing home gold and bronze in the hot food and cold food display categories, respectively. Loving was the only chef from the United States to compete.

His dish, "Neptune's Feast," was a horseradish-encrusted halibut and included other ingredients such as mushrooms and potatoes. He practiced the dish back home and had one hour to prepare it on the competition floor.

He said he had not been to this particular conference in more than a decade, and thought it would be good for him and to bring attention to his department.

"I just thought we had had a strong year here in the school," he said. "I felt like the department would need that finish of a shot in the arm. I thought it would help the college a great deal."

Bringing home new ideas

Kathryn Wandrie, a Northville resident who worked as Loving's sous chef at the college, accompanied him as his assistant to Singapore.

It was her first trip to an international competition, one that she said was enlightening to see the style differences used by other chefs from across the globe.



The hot food dish Chef Shawn Loving created that won a gold medal at the Food and Hotel Asia competition held last month in Singapore. The dish, titled Neptune's Feast, is a horseradish-encrusted halibut dish.

"It was great to see the other cultures participate and see their approach to competition," she said. "It was really great to see their approach to food as well. How they treated food, how they used lighting, how they really approached it. We're used to the Western and American approach, and being on the other side of the world was a big deal."

Loving said he did not have a lot of time to take in the sights and sounds of Singapore, as much of his time was spent preparing for the competition, which included chefs from several continents.

He said after he came back, he had many students asking questions and inquiring about the trip and the new information he brought back with him.



Chef Shawn Loving and Sous Chef Kathryn Wandrie in the Schoolcraft kitchen. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

"Ultimately, I'm able to do what I do because of the college," he said. "And the mission for my team here is to be able to

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A challenge to have team manager John Watson wear his pink vest raised \$1,100.



Lori Halse and Diana Arter, a breast cancer survivor, share a hug.

MAP employees go pink for breast cancer awareness

By Ryan Vetter
Correspondent

The symbol: A pink vest. The reason: To support breast cancer awareness. The result: A challenge that led to the generosity of Wayne's Michigan Assembly Plant employee donations doubling — twice. Recently, Lori Halse and Pam Swope started wearing pink vests to support breast cancer awareness. After seeing them, more and more people wanted one, so Halse ordered more. Team Manager John Watson saw the pink vests and called Halse to ask, where his was? Watson received his

vest, but only wore it a couple of hours. Team Manager Chris Yates came up with an idea to raise money to get Watson to wear the pink vest for more than a couple of hours. The challenge was, if \$150 was collected he would wear the vest for a day, but if \$200 was collected Watson would have his picture taken in the vest and it would be placed on monitors throughout the site. Watson accepted the challenge and, within two weeks, \$1,100 had been raised. It started with salaried employees and soon everyone, both salary and hourly employees, was pitching in.

"Everybody participated; it was just so heart-felt for me because I met so many people that were affected by breast cancer," Halse said. The decision was made that all the money would be donated to the Susan G. Komen Foundation for Breast Cancer Research. The reason — recent Ford retiree and Body Shop Team member Diana Arter is a breast cancer survivor, while current Process Coach Pam Sansotta recently lost her mother to the disease. Arter worked at Ford Motor Co. for 21 years before her retirement in January 2014. Several

years ago, she was diagnosed with breast cancer and is now a five-year survivor. Her story is one of success, but also one of heartbreak. After successfully battling breast cancer, 15 months ago she was diagnosed with stage 4 bone cancer. The new diagnosis led to her retirement from Ford. Every Friday, Arter travels to the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor for treatment to beat cancer again. "I beat it once and I will beat it again," Arter said. As for co-workers raising money for a cure, she replied, "I think it's just awesome." Sansotta lost her

mother to cancer in November 2013. She still finds it difficult to deal with the loss of her mom. Asked how she is coping, she said, "I can't describe how it feels." Sansotta thought the challenge was a great show of support from her MAP family. "It makes me feel good ... I hope there's a cure for all mothers, grandmothers, daughters, sisters and aunts someday," she said. Swope summed up the reason for the challenge best, saying, "Cancer is a very difficult subject; it affects everyone in some way and discriminates against no one."

After hearing of the challenge, a skilled trades employee who wishes to remain anonymous matched the \$1,100 to bring the new total to \$2,200. Then ISA UAW Chairman Mike Stockdale matched that, making the total raised by the MAP Body Team \$4,400. "This just goes to show how everyone can make a difference and support in a variety of ways to find a cure," MAP Site Manager Philip Calhoun said. Ryan Vetter handles plant communications at the Michigan Assembly Plant in Wayne. The story also appeared on @Ford Online.

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A: When you established the 529 plan, you named a custodian, probably yourself, to administer the plan. You could have also named an alternative and, if you did, there would be no probate necessary upon your death. If you did not name an alternative, you can do it now and there would be no probate on the 529 plan.

However, you need a will.

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Another reason a will is important is there may



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would act as a catch-all to make sure that your spouse receives everything.

In addition, when you do a will, you can name a personal representative, a person in charge of your estate. Having a will allows you to name whom you want to be in charge. If you did not have a will, the court would make that decision.

Many people don't want a will because they think they're expensive or they don't want to deal with an attorney. The Michigan Statutory Will, which is a free fill-in-the-blank will, can be downloaded from my website under the "Forms" section in the Bloom University at www.bloomassetmanagement.com. This is a good will for many people, particularly where they have relatively straightforward estate planning needs.

I would encourage you to complete this form. It would act as a catch-all just in case something unexpected occurred.

It is important to remember that estate planning is just not wills and trusts. It's also taking care of how to handle a family emergency during your lifetime.

In addition to a will, I recommend all adults have medical and durable powers of attorney. This would allow someone to act on your behalf if you were not able to do so. Having different powers of attorney can make the difference in handling a family emergency.

I love the fact that you have beneficiaries and everything is jointly owned. I think that what you have done probably will solve your estate planning needs. However, having a will and the various medical powers of attorney will complete the puzzle and allow you to better protect your family in all situations.

Good luck.

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

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Philharmonic brings back cruise, raffle

The Michigan Philharmonic announced its fifth annual Travel Group Cruise Raffle.

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Saturday, June 28, in Kellogg Park at the Michigan Philharmonic Summer Concert in the Park.

For cruise and raffle information, contact the Michigan Philharmonic at 734-451-2112 or visit www.michiganphil.org. Those interested can also call Kate Rosevear at 734-455-5810 or email kate@travellers.com.

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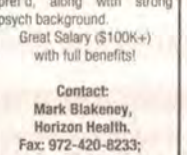
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Wayne Council looks at cuts, more revenue to solve deficit

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

With a projected deficit creeping back close to \$1 million, Wayne residents are likely to start feeling the pain of budget cuts in the upcoming fiscal year.

That could include a complete closing of the Wayne Community Center, the Wayne Historical Museum, the State Wayne Theater and further cuts in the police and fire departments.

It's also likely that in November voters will be asked to approve a millage increase — likely a levy of 5 mills for five years. The P.A. 345 millage would cover police and firefighter retirement costs outside of the strapped general fund.

The city has the twin problems of property values that declined 40 percent in recent years and the resulting decline in revenues, along with increasing operating costs.

"There's no recovery coming from the economy. No matter what we do, we are stuck," Wayne Finance Director James Ghedotte said. "If we had a vibrant downtown tomorrow, it wouldn't help. We can't collect more than the rate of inflation. It would take 28 years for us to get back to where we were in 2008."

'It's ugly'

Under state law, if Wayne did see a tremendous increase in property values, the millage would have to be reduced to a

level to collect taxes at the rate of inflation.

"I know it is a lot to absorb and it's ugly. For 90 percent of our taxpayers, they have seen a 40 percent tax rate drop," Ghedotte said. "I ask you to tell me anything else where the cost has dropped 40 percent."

Voters rejected a proposed 7 mills for 10 years Act 345 millage in November 2013. Looking back at that millage proposal, Wayne Mayor Al Haidous said that the city's dire financial conditions hadn't been made clear as cuts were made to minimize the impact on residents.

Council members took a different view than Haidous and began moving ahead on possible budget cuts that would

take effect with the July 1 start of the fiscal year. If a millage increase is approved, the budget could be revised.

Haidous noted upcoming meetings regarding proposals to operate the Community Center and the State Wayne.

'Close it down'

"We need to pull HYPE (Community Center proposal) off the table and not waste our energy. We need to close it down," Council James Henley said. "We need to make more to make more cuts. We didn't threaten but we didn't make cuts."

The current fiscal year budget had already been cut \$1 million to avoid a deficit and a \$3.6 million in 2014-15. Administration had gotten the deficit to \$731,618 but that included a 2-mill levy in Downtown Development Authority.

The DDA board rejected the additional millage, which would have generated \$350,000. That helped push the projected deficit to \$992,666.

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Westland woman awaits sentencing in baby's death

Second-degree murder conviction

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A Westland woman has been convicted of second-degree murder in the 2012 death of her newborn son.

Kelli Worth-McBride, 23, was also found guilty of first-degree child abuse in the death of her three-month old son Joshua Wilson Jr.

Jailed since the baby's death on Dec. 19, 2012, Worth-McBride was convicted on the two felony charges after a bench trial before Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Qiana Lillard.

Sentencing is scheduled for June 20 by Lillard. Worth-McBride could face up to life in prison with a chance of parole on the second-degree murder conviction.

EMS and police were called to the couple's apartment on Venoy near Palmer about the baby not breathing. The baby died a short time

later at the hospital. Worth-McBride and the baby's father Joshua Wilson both made statements to police that described the baby being struck, thrown into a bed or car seat and "bear hugged" so that he would stop crying.

The autopsy found the infant had died of blunt force trauma that caused abdominal hemorrhaging. The baby was described as being covered with bruises and suffering broken bones.

Hearings in the case had been delayed to allow psychiatric examination of Worth-McBride, who was found competent to stand trial.

Wilson, also 23, entered a guilty plea to a charge of second-degree murder in the death of his son. In April 2013, Wilson was sentenced to 27-60 years in prison. Wilson is currently incarcerated in the Saginaw Correctional Facility.

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Flint man charged in holdup of Wayne market

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

A 20-year-old Flint man is facing a preliminary hearing on charges stemming from a Jan. 16 robbery at the Michigan Market, 39375 E. Michigan Ave.

Dron Darvell Anderson will appear in 29th District Court in Wayne on May 20. He was apprehended on May 9 in Flint and was arraigned on May 10 in out-Wayne



Anderson

County Court in Romulus. He has been charged with armed robbery, felonious assault and felony firearm. He is being held in the Wayne County Jail in lieu of a \$100,000/10 percent bond.

Police were summoned to the store at 11:37 a.m. Jan. 16 in response to a

holdup alarm. They were told that the store had been robbed and that the suspect had fled on foot. An employee had sustained injuries after being hit with a handgun.

"It was through our investigation at the scene that our officers were able to identify the suspect and arrest him in Flint," Sgt. Matthew Spurnar said.

Anderson faces up to life in prison, if convicted.



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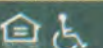
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Angela Hospice honors Garden City volunteers

Syndie Best, volunteer services manager at Angela Hospice in Livonia, always knew she had wonderful, dedicated volunteers. But looking over the national statistics, Best realized just how exceptional this group was.

"The National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization reports that the average volunteer devotes 44.4 hours per year," Best said. "Angela Hospice volunteers provide an average of 100.1 hours per year — more

than twice the national average."

In addition, 15 of Angela Hospice's volunteers worked over nine times the national average in 2013, including Delores Ajlouny of Garden City, who logged 458 hours last year.

Ajlouny works in Angela Hospice's bereavement department, calling families of hospice patients, assisting with grief support groups and monthly memorial services.

She also makes blankets and prayer shawls for hospice patients.

"At least once a month she stops by my office to drop off more of the beautiful blankets she has made," Best said. "When I offer my thanks to her for her beautiful gifts she always shakes her head and then, her eyes brimming with tears, she thanks me for the opportunity and privilege of being able to do this work."

Ajlouny was honored for her service at Angela Hospice's Volunteer Ap-

preciation Dinner last month.

More than 100 volunteers received accolades as well, for reaching milestones for each five years or 500 lifetime hours of service.

Among them were Garden City residents Gerry Neracher for 2,000 hours and Denise Weakland for five years of service.

For more on Angela Hospice and its volunteer program, visit www.AskForAngela.com or call 734-464-7810.



Garden City resident Delores Ajlouny (right) was recently honored for her volunteer work with Angela Hospice. Crocheting prayer shawls with Marcia Elam of Livonia is just one of the ways she gives of her time and talents to benefit hospice patients.

AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

Used Book Sale

Today (May 18) is the last day of the Friends of the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland used book sale. Hours are noon to 3 p.m. for the Bag Day sale. Bring a medium size bag or buy a reusable Friends bag at the sale for \$2 and get a bag of books for \$4.

There will be hard covers, DVDs and CDs for \$2, hard cover books for \$1, large paperbacks for 50 cents, paperbacks, videos, cassettes and records for 25 cents, and romance novels and magazines for 10 cents. Buy one hard cover fiction and get one free. There will also be a separate table of books from the 1800s to the 1940s.

The library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford Road. For more information, call 734-326-6123. Funding for all of the library programs is provided by Friends of the Westland Library.

Game Night

The Dyer Senior Center in Westland is holding its monthly pasta dinner from 4-7 p.m. Friday, May 23. Enjoy spaghetti, salad and dessert for just \$6.

The center also has euchre and bingo at 1 p.m. Wednesdays and pinocle is played at 1 p.m. Fridays.

The Dyer Center is at 36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh, in Westland. For more information, call 734-419-2020.

Flower Day

Wednesday, May 21, will be Flower Day at the Wayne Farmers Market. Various greenhouses and growers will have annuals, perennials, and hanging baskets for sale to get summer flower gardens started. There also will be activities for the children, live music and more.

The market is open from 3-7 p.m. in Goudy Park, behind Wayne City

Hall at 3355 S. Wayne Road. For more information, visit www.wayne-farmersmarket.com.

Veterans Parade

The Wayne-Westland Veterans Memorial Day Parade Committee meets at 7:30 p.m. the last Wednesday of each month at the Harris-Kehrer VFW Post on Wayne Road at Avondale. Anyone interested in helping organize and present the annual parade held on the Sunday before Memorial Day is welcome to attend.

The VFW Ladies Auxiliary of Post 3323 is looking for 100 or so walkers to participate in the Wayne-Westland Veterans Parade. Women interested in participating can call Kathy Carroll at 734-895-1279.

Blood drive

Oakwood Hospital-Wayne is hosting an American Red Cross blood drive from 7 a.m.

to 4:45 p.m. Monday, May 19. To schedule an appointment, visit www.redcross.org and use the sponsor code Oakwood or call 800-RED-CROSS.

Donors can win a VIP experience at the June NASCAR at Michigan International Speedway.

Bova Post events

The VFW Bova Post 9885 is holding a golf outing Saturday, June 7, at the Hickory Creek Golf Course, 3625 Napier Road, Ypsilanti.

The best ball-format outing benefits John Dingell VA Hospital. The \$65 fee includes a full-course dinner. Contact Rick at 734-634-4487 or Jerry at 734-765-0028 or email to oldveteran68@yahoo.com.

The Ladies Auxiliary will hold a garage sale at the post 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 14. Table rentals are \$15 (round) and \$20 (long). There will be almost 100 Cherished

Teddies and Boyd Bear Collectables.

Proceeds will go to the Ann Arbor VA Hospital. Contact Becky at 734-729-4234.

The post also hosts a car show, featuring the Motor City Hot Rod Club, 4:30-8 p.m. Thursdays.

The Bova Post is at 6440 N. Hix, between Ford and Warren Road, in Westland.

Alumni Picnic

McKinley Cooperative Preschool will host an alumni reunion picnic at 5:30 p.m. Thursday,

June 5, at the Nankin Mills Picnic Area in Hines Drive, east of Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. All former students are invited to attend, along with their families.

Preschool teacher Carol Miles will be on hand to greet former students and their parents. Attendees are asked to bring own paper products, beverage and a dish to pass. For more information and to RSVP, email Mary Biber at ambiber@yahoo.com.

The Westland non-profit preschool is celebrating its 39th anniversary this year.

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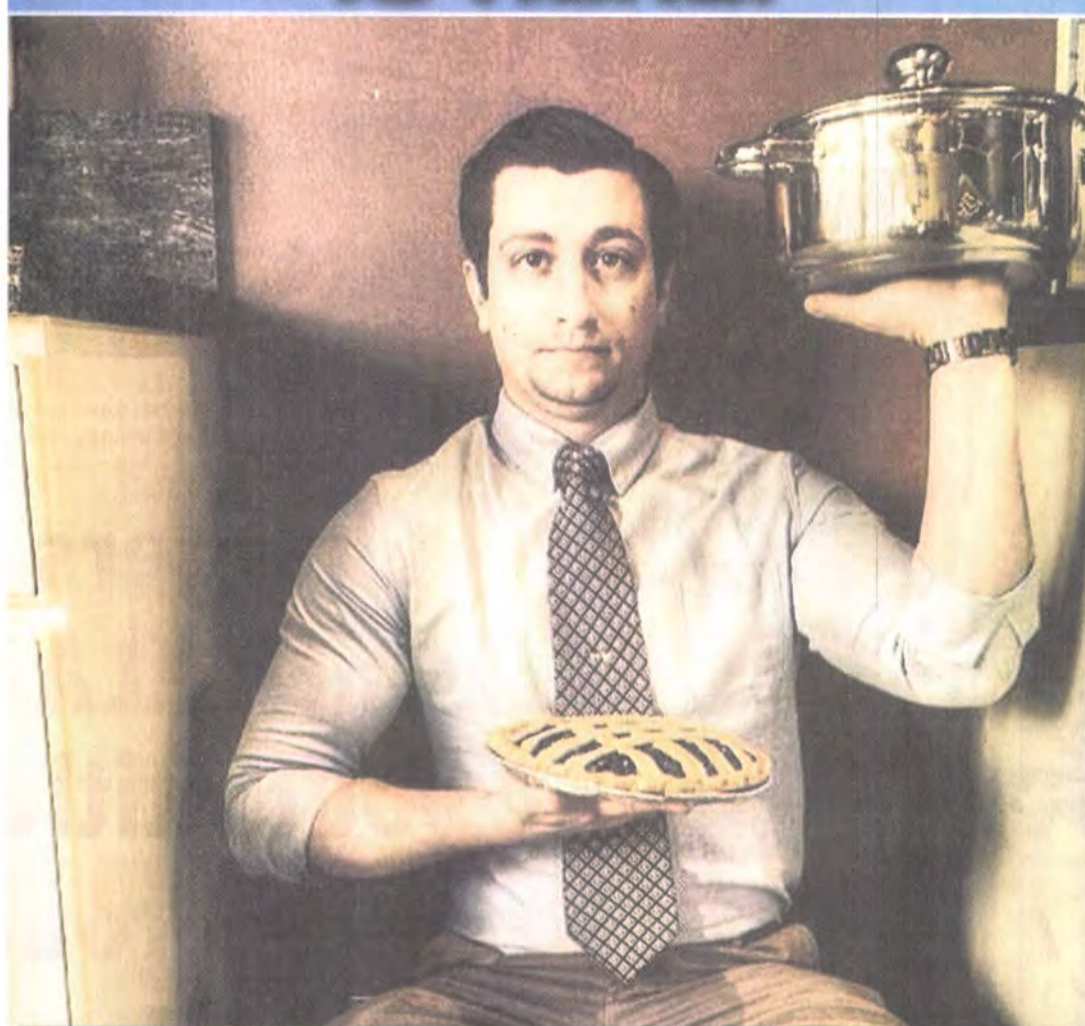
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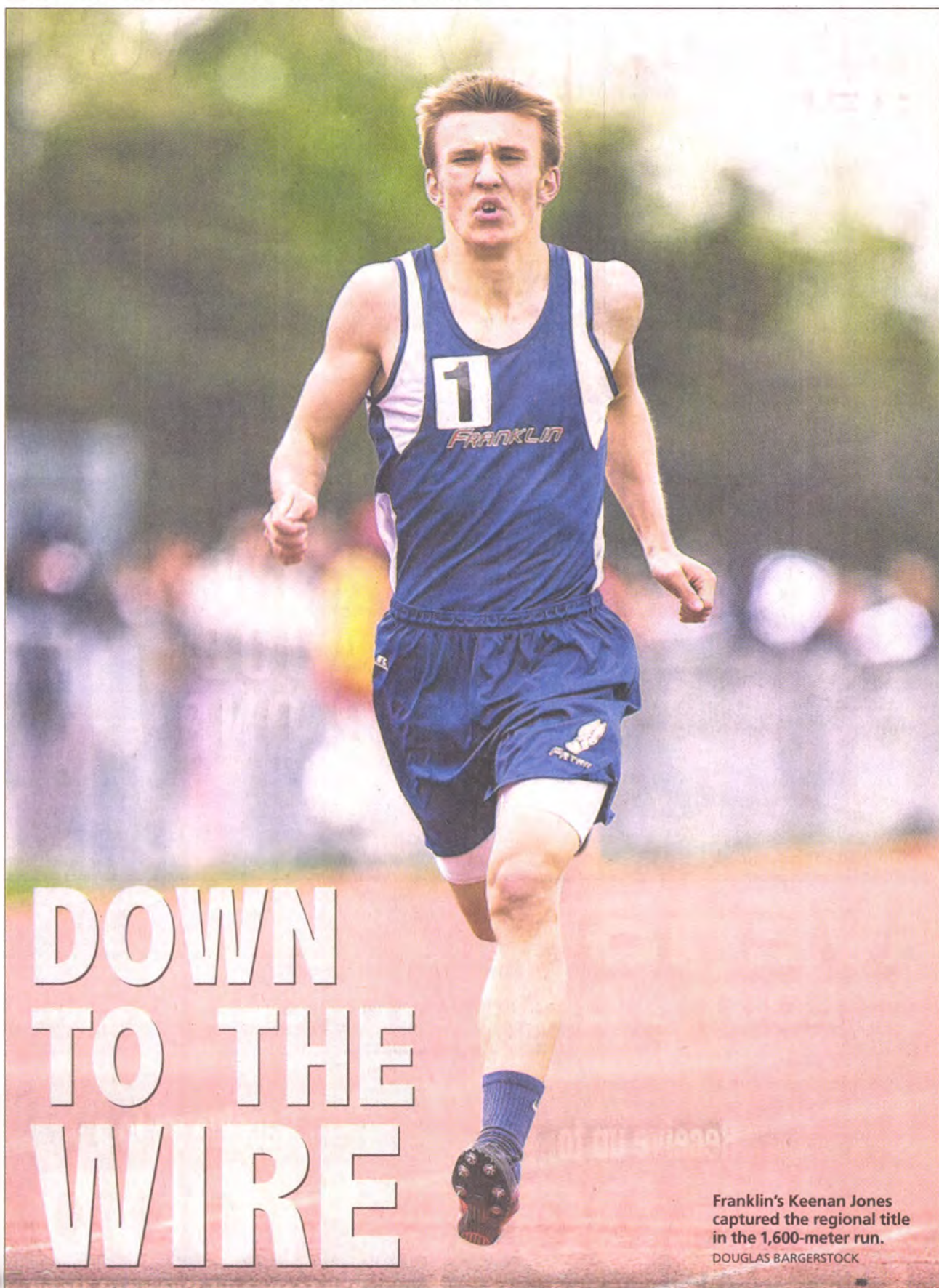
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DIVISION 1 BOYS TRACK AND FIELD REGIONAL



DOWN TO THE WIRE

Franklin's Keenan Jones captured the regional title in the 1,600-meter run. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

Wyandotte edges Canton by a single point for regional championship; Glenn's Flournoy puts on quite a show with triple sweep in sprint races

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Fueled by a field events air assault, Canton's boys track and field team racked up more than 30 points before the running events even started during Friday's Division 1 regional meet held at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park stadium. But Wyandotte Roosevelt had just enough juice in its tank to squeeze out a one-point victory over the Chiefs in a meet that stretched close to 12 hours.

The Bears escaped the chilly "Park" with 75 points, outdistancing Canton (74), Dearborn (67), Westland John Glenn (62) and Plymouth (58). Wyandotte did most of its damage in the relays, as it won the 400, 800 and 1,600 races while taking third in the 3,200. Distance runner Dominic Davis was the lone Bear to win an individual event as he took the 3,200-meter run in 9 minutes, 41.81 seconds. The Livonia schools - Churchill and Franklin - placed sixth and seventh, respectively, with 57 and

54 points. Other Observerland entrants were Salem (eighth with 44 points), Garden City (11th with 32) and Wayne Memorial, (12th with 25). Jamal Dixon served as the catalyst for the Chiefs, as he won the high jump with an eye-opening leap of 6 feet, 9 inches. Canton's Kyle Zander equaled Dixon's points contribution by seizing the regional pole vault title by clearing the bar

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PREP GIRLS TENNIS

Stevenson nets return trip to Midland

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Livonia Stevenson held serve earning its second straight trip to the MHSAA Division 1 girls tennis finals May 30-31 at the Midland Community Tennis Center. And although Farmington Hills Mercy swept all four singles and all four doubles flights en route to a team-best 32 points Friday at the Brownstown Woodhaven regional, the Spartans earned the second qualifying spot with 21 points. "Our team played very well today," Stevenson coach Don McCathney said. "We always expect to play

where we were seeded and when you do that it's always a good result. And that doesn't happen often. We did not suffer and upset as far as a seed." In singles, Mercy's Winnie Karoub handed Stevenson senior Aimee Moccia only her second defeat of the season, 6-0, 6-1. Moccia, the KLAA Association 'A' champion, is now 19-2 overall. She is making her third straight trip to the finals. The Spartans also reached the finals at No. 3 singles as Arryn Dochenez fell 6-0, 6-0, while No. 4 Danielle Marzec was downed 6-2, 6-0.

Stevenson's No. 2 singles player Jill Weiland, meanwhile, reached the semifinals. In doubles, two Stevenson teams reached the finals. Claressa Smith and Caitlyn McCamant fell at No. 3 to Mercy, 6-0, 6-2, while Natalie Hay and Alyssa Ayyash were toppled at No. 4, 6-3, 6-1. The Spartans' two other doubles teams of Sam Cyrus and Maddie Chimento (No. 1), along with Lauren Larson and Sarah Morse (No. 2), both were upended in the semifinals by Mercy, which finished runner-up in the Division 1 state finals last year as a team.



Churchill's Alivia Kondrath (left) contests for the 50-50 ball with Canton's Kelsey Cheaney. PHOTOS BY JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Chargers clinch KLAA South title in 8-0 rout

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Livonia Churchill put an exclamation point on its KLAA South Division girls soccer season Friday night with an 8-0 girls soccer triumph over Livonia Franklin.

The Chargers, who improved to 10-3-1 overall, claimed the title outright with a 9-1 record and will face KLA Central Division champion Northville (14-0, 10-0), the state's No. 1 ranked team in Division 1, for the Kensington Conference championship beginning at 7 p.m. Monday at home.

"We played really, really well, one of our best games tonight," Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs said. "We're excited to take a shot at the title. We're really proud and happy we won the division. Now we're excited to represent our side. It's always fun to play number one and it's exciting to see how we stack up against the best team and we'll be ready, I tell you that."

Sophomore Lauren Wynns scored a hat trick for the Chargers, who jumped out to a 4-0 halftime advantage against the Patriots. Kacie Murray and Alexis Lubonja added two goals apiece, while Kelsey Parrinello had a goal and three assists. Alivia Kondrath pitched in with three assists, while Ashley Slaviero and Sara Taylor added one apiece. "I'm happy for coach Reid because he's able to maximize his talent," said Franklin coach Dean Kowalski, whose team slipped to 3-8-2 overall and 2-7-1 in the division. "They've been dominant in our division and I think they can give Northville all they can handle."

CHURCHILL 3, JOHN GLENN 0: Livonia Churchill (9-3-1, 8-1) moved within one win of capturing the KLAA's South Division crown with a victory Thursday night over visiting Westland John Glenn (5-7-1, 2-7). Sophomore Lauren Wynns scored a pair of goals, while Kelsey Parrinello contributed a goal and assist for the Chargers, who led 2-0 at halftime, but missed four breakaway attempts and a penalty kick. Churchill goalkeepers Brittany Hayes (first half) and Christina Vkratsis (second half) combined on the shutout. Courtney Schaber made 12 saves for the Rockets. **CANTON 2, CHURCHILL 1:** Title celebration plans were put temporarily on hold Wednesday night as the host Chiefs (7-4-1, 7-2) upended KLAA South Division leader Churchill (8-3-1, 7-1). After a scoreless first half, Canton's Mary Galm scored off a cross from Hannah Lapko, but Churchill tied it on Alivia Kondrath's goal from Ashley Slaviero with only 10 minutes remaining. But Canton's Natalie Winters put it away with only three minutes left off an assist from Katie McGlacken.

"Overall we were ready to play, we moved well, passed with a purpose and were excited to play," Canton coach Jeannine Reddy said. "We had a few mishaps but bounced back and came out with the win. We looked like a cohesive team tonight and everyone from the back line to the forwards played great. Overall as a team we are in better shape and that helps immensely." Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs gave the Chiefs credit. "We banged up right now with so many injuries, but we played hard," Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs said. "Canton played hard and tough. They played well and they were very dangerous. They scored two great goals. They just made one more big play than us."



Churchill's Hannah Damico (left) tries to steady the ball against Canton's Chloe Donlin in Wednesday's KLAA South Division match.

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PDL SOCCER

Bucks fall in OT at U.S. Open Cup tourney

The Michigan Bucks opened their 2014 season on Wednesday night at Pontiac's Ultimate Soccer Arenas with a heart-wrenching 1-0 overtime loss to RWB Adria of Chicago in the second round of the US Open Cup tournament.

Bucks coach Demir Muftari fielded a US Open Cup team that only had seven former Bucks on the 18-man

roster on Wednesday night.

After a scoreless first half, the teams traded opportunities in the second half as well. It was again goalkeeper Adam Grinwis who kept the Bucks in the match with a game-high 11 saves from 17 shots.

"We were dangerous at times, but probably too predictable," Bucks coach Demir Muftari

said. "That didn't surprise me because it is going to take time for the attackers to get to know each other and how and when they make their runs. Having said that, we did have several glorious chances to score, and if we finish one, we probably win the game."

"We saw a similar kind of match last year in the season opener

when we failed to convert. We have to put the heart-breaking loss behind us now and focus on what we came for, and that is to win a PDL championship."

The only shot that eluded Grinwis came in the third minute of OT when second half sub Carlos Munos received a ball at the top of the 18-yard box, slid to his left and cut a low shot

across the goal that found the far corner past the outstretched arm of the diving Grinwis.

"It was a perfect shot from a very difficult angle," said Grinwis, who plays college soccer at the University of Michigan. "Most times that shot will go wide of the goal, but this one found the corner, so give them credit."

SPORTS ROUNDUP

BG signs keeper

Schoolcraft College goalkeeper Alexis Smith (Livonia Franklin) recently signed an NCAA Division 1 letter-of-intent to play soccer this fall at Bowling Green State University.

Smith, who played the last two seasons with the Lady Ocelots, joins a recruiting class of nine for the Falcons that also includes Canton midfielder Rachel Winters.

Smith helped Schoolcraft to a 13-2-1 overall record last



Smith

Smith allowed just one goal in over 363 minutes of action last fall with a goals-against average of 0.25.

She also played basketball for the Lady Ocelots, averaging 10.6 points and 5.3 rebounds per game and earning honorable mention All-MCAA Eastern Conference.

At Franklin, Smith earned four soccer letters for coach Dean Kowalski and was a four-time All-Kensington Lakes Activities Association pick.

Smith earned a total of 10 letters at Franklin, playing golf and basketball in addition to soccer. She earned All-KLAA honors in all three sports and captained each of those three teams, including golf for three seasons and soccer in two.

She also played for the Livonia City Soccer Club.

Tim Shaw camp

The annual Tim Shaw "Dream it, Do it" free football camp, open to grades four-12, will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 14, at Livonia Clarenceville High School.

Shaw, a former Clarenceville High and Penn State standout, who recently retired from the NFL after stints with the Carolina Panthers, Jacksonville Jaguars, Chicago Bears and Tennessee Titans, will direct the camp.

The camp is open to the first 150 registrants. To register, visit www.timshawfootball.com.

For more information, email johnshaw-

family@gmail.com.

Collins golf outing

The second annual Livonia Stevenson Nick Collins Memorial Scholarship golf outing will be held Sunday, June 8, at Fox Creek Golf Course, 36000 Seven Mile, Livonia.

Registration is at 7 a.m., followed by shotgun start for a four-person scramble at 8 a.m. Lunch and a general raffle follow at 1 p.m.

The cost is \$75 (includes lunch and cart) or \$25 (lunch only).

Hole sponsor signs are available for \$100. (Deadline for entries is May 28).

For more information, call Jim Omietanski at 734-542-0776 or Dan Omietanski at 734-542-9675. You can also email james_omietanski@att.net or domietanski@mi.rr.com. To download an entry, visit www.golflivonia.com.

Gymnastics coach

Livonia Red (Churchill and Franklin) is in need of an assistant high school gymnastics coach for the 2014-15 season.

If interested, contact Churchill athletic director Marc Hage at 734-744-2650, ext. 46117, or fax resume and letter of interest to 734-744-2824.

Think spring golf

PGA teaching professional Tami Bealert is offering a series of spring golf classes and events at Hickory Creek Golf Course, 3525 Napier Road, Superior Township.

An open house, which features free golf games for the whole family, will be held from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, May 18, at Hickory Creek.

For more information, email TrainwithTami@gmail.com or call 734-731-0238.

You can also visit www.TrainWithTami.com.

MU cross country

Madonna University will stage summer cross country base camps for serious high school runners 8:45-9:45 a.m. July 28 through Aug. 1. The cost is \$75.

MU will also hold long runs 7:30-9 a.m. Saturday, July 12, 19, 26 and Aug. 2, at Cass Benton Park. The cost is a \$2 donation each long run.

For more information, email Madonna cross country coach Pat Daugherty at pdaugherty@madonna.edu.

Daugherty can also be reached during the evenings at 734-658-0226 (cell) or 734-432-5634 (office).

Franklin hoop camp

The annual Livonia Franklin Boys Basketball Summer Camp boys in grades four-nine (fall of 2014) will be held from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, June 16-19, at the high school.

The camp includes awards and games each day. All campers receive a T-shirt and basketball. The cost is \$65.

To register or for more information, visit www.franklinbasketball.com or email franklinball@gmail.com.

MU hoops camp

The Madonna University summer boys basketball camp (ages 8-15), sponsored by the city of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation, will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, June 23-27, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center (main gym), 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile).

The cost for residents is \$205 and \$215 for non-residents.

Registration will be at the LCRC, but can also be done through mail, fax or by registering at www.ci.livonia.mi.us (to download a form). For more information, call 734-466-2900.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL
Sunday, May 18
 Churchill at Stevenson, 1 p.m.
Monday, May 19
 John Glenn at Northville, 4 p.m.
 Wayne at Novi, 4 p.m.
 Annapolis at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
 Luth. W'sid at Oak. Christ., 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 20
 Novi at Franklin, 4 p.m.
 Wayne at South Lyon, 4 p.m.
 Luth. W'sid at A.A. Greenhills, 4:30 p.m.
 Huron Valley at Ply. Christian, 4:30 p.m.
 Clarenceville at Redford Union, 5 p.m.
Wednesday, May 21
 Fordson at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
 Huron Valley at Luth. South, 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 22
 Franklin at Belleville, 4 p.m.
 Det. Chavez at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
 Inter-City at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
 Ply. Christian at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, May 23
 Crestwood at Churchill (2), 4 p.m.
GIRLS SOFTBALL
Sunday, May 18
 Churchill at Stevenson, 6 p.m.
Monday, May 19
 John Glenn at Northville, 4 p.m.
 Annapolis at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
 Liggett at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 20
 John Glenn at Franklin (2), 4 p.m.
 South Lyon at Wayne, 4 p.m.
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 Inter-City at Huron Valley (2), 4:30 p.m.
 Clarenceville at Redford Union, 5 p.m.
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 Huron Valley at Liggett, 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 22
 Inter-City at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
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Friday, May 23
 Strike Out Cancer Invitational at Farmington vs. 4 p.m.
Saturday, May 24
 Anchor Bay Invitational, TBA.
GIRLS SOCCER
Monday, May 19
 South Lyon at Wayne, 4 p.m.
 S.L. East at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
 Stevenson at Franklin, 7 p.m.
 Dearborn at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
(Kensington Conference Final)
 Northville at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, May 20
 Ladywood vs. Trenton at Madonna Univ. Park, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, May 21
 Clarenceville at Crestwood, 7 p.m.
Thursday, May 22
 Luth. W'sid at Luth. South, 4:30 p.m.
 Clarenceville at Cabrin, 4:30 p.m.
PREP TRACK & FIELD
Monday, May 19
 South Lyon at Stevenson, 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 20
 WWAC meet at Belleville, 11 a.m.
 MIAC meet at Luth. N'west, 3:30 p.m.
GIRLS LACROSSE
Monday, May 19
 Bloom. Hills at Ladywood, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, May 23
(MHSAA Division 2 Regional)
 Ladywood at Mercy, 4:30 p.m.
BOYS GOLF
Monday, May 19
 Churchill vs. S. Lyon East at Whispering Willows, 3 p.m.
 Stevenson vs. Plymouth at Fox Hills G.C., 3 p.m.
 John Glenn vs. South Lyon at Fellows Creek G.C., 3 p.m.
 HVL vs. Parkway Oakland at The Orchards, 3:40 p.m.
Tuesday, May 20
 Churchill vs. Plymouth at Fox Hills, 3 p.m.
 Wayne vs. Salem at Gateway G.C., 3 p.m.
Wednesday, May 21
 Churchill vs. Novi at Cattails G.C., 3 p.m.
 Franklin vs. Salem at Fox Hills G.C., 3 p.m.
 Stevenson vs. John Glenn at Fox Hills G.C., 3 p.m.

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GIRLS SOCCER WRAP

John Glenn puts a damper on Wayne's Senior Day

Westland John Glenn spoiled Wayne Memorial's Senior Day Friday with a 3-0 KLAA South Division girls soccer victory.

The Rockets, who improved to 6-7-1 overall and 3-7 in the division, jumped out to a 2-0 half-time lead and never looked back.

Marissa Edwards, Raven Buck and Chelsea Cole tallied goals for Glenn against a depleted Wayne team.

"With no gap in between games we have no legs," said Wayne coach

Jason Dean, whose team slipped to 6-9-1 overall and 0-9-1 in the KLAA South. "We've had a lot of injuries, a couple of people that had commitments, and we really have nobody to replace them."

Courtney Schaber got the shutout in goal for the Rockets.

"Their goal (Glenn's) was to send the ball long and their center mid-fielder number 11 (Buck) did a good job of controlling the tempo and the pace."

Despite the setback,

Wayne goalkeeper Nikki Tolentino stood out.

"She played really well and made a couple of key saves," said Dean, whose team lost a previous meeting to Glenn with only one second remaining on a penalty kick (4-3).

GARDEN CITY 7, CLARENCEVILLE 0: Madison Lilla and Samantha Sultana each scored twice Friday leading the Cougars to a Western Wayne Athletic Conference crossover win at Livonia Clarenceville (4-9).

Clarenceville goalkeeper Jillian Bunker made 20 saves in the setback. "We played a great game overall, we fought but Garden City finished a lot of corners on us," Clarenceville coach Amanda Moody said. "We held Garden City 1-0 at

halftime with outstanding defensive play from Summer Reddick, Samantha Franco, Grace King, Tristyn Bear, Hunter Iuliano, Jena Mariani and Brianna Tauri-Cesarz. We came out a little too relaxed in the second half resulting in more goals than anticipated."

The Trojans also got strong play from Kaitlyn Denny Lindsey Fosth and Dawn Longoria.

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 5, BAPTIST PARK 5 (OT): Claire Rilett's goal in overtime gave Lutheran High Westland (7-2-1, 5-1-1) the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division tie Thursday at home against Taylor Baptist Park (2-1-2 MIAC Red).

It was 3-3 at the end of regulation as the Warriors stormed back to tie it with two goals in the final 10 minutes with Michelle Greening scoring on an unassisted effort followed by Julia Yancy's tally from Sadie Schultz with only two minutes to go. Mikaylah LaPlante's two first-half goals staked the Wildcats to a 2-1 advantage. Sam Benner, meanwhile, countered with a goal for Lutheran Westland. In the second half, Taylor Baptist got a

goal from Hope Bates to make it a two-goal cushion.

In the first OT, LaPlante scored from Bates, but Benner tied it up again at 4-4 before Kristen Stephenson gave the Wildcats a 5-4 advantage.

"We started the game off flat and came into the second half stronger," said Lutheran Westland coach Sara Schaffer, who got 12 saves from goalkeeper Kylie Goodfellow.

STEVENSON 1, S.L. EAST 1: In a KLAA Central Division match Thursday, host Livonia Stevenson (6-6-4, 2-6-2) got a goal from Jenna Thom with only two minutes remaining to earn a tie against South Lyon East (10-4-3, 3-4-3).

The Cougars scored midway through the opening half when Heather Emke tapped in a cross. Stevenson answered as a result of a long throw-in from Maddy Caves that bounced out to the top of the box. Thom settled the ball, smashed it through a crowd and into the top half of the net.

FRANKLIN 4, WAYNE 2: In a suspended game completed Wednesday, host Livonia Franklin (3-7-2, 2-6-1) pulled

away from a 1-0 halftime lead to beat Wayne Memorial (6-8-1, 0-8-1) in a KLAA South Division.

Franklin had led 1-0 on Riley Burnette's goal from Shannon Murphy, but play was suspended Monday with 19:35 left in the half.

Freshman Bailey Elliott scored Franklin's second goal off a Rachel Dudek's cross, while Madison Kean and Murphy also tallied goals.

Marissa Sdao and Amiee Hutton scored for the Zebras, who dressed only seven varsity players while adding two newcomers with two JV players.

PLYMOUTH 9, JOHN GLENN 1: Alyssa Dillon scored two goals and added two assists Wednesday as the Wildcats (9-4, 7-2) kept their faint KLAA South Division title hopes afloat with a victory at Westland John Glenn (5-6-1, 2-6-1).

Plymouth, which led 6-1 at halftime, also got a pair of goals from Kathryn Gordon. Raven Buck scored the Rockets' lone goal from Marissa Edwards in the first half. Courtney Schaber was in goal for the Rockets, while Kylie Robb and Kelsey Melnick split time for Plymouth.

GIRLS LACROSSE



Ladywood's Hannah Daniels (left) controls the ball in Thursday's 24-5 Division 2 pre-regional win over Temperance Bedford. DIANE JACOBS

Ladywood romps to pre-regional win

Farmington Hills Mercy is next on deck in MHSAA Division 2 regional semifinal

Livonia Ladywood is hoping to make another long run in the MHSAA Division 2 girls lacrosse tournament.

And last year's state runner-up started off in grand fashion Thursday as senior Jess Snyder tallied six goals

and chipped in with one assist as the Blazers romped to a 24-5 pre-regional triumph at Temperance Bedford.

The Blazers, who raced out to a 16-3 halftime advantage, also got five goals and one assist from senior

Theresa Micallef.

Sophomore Jill Jacobs and senior Hannah Daniels added three goals apiece, while seniors Rachel Donabedian and Megan Leon each scored twice.

Leon also collected two assists, while juniors Danielle Dwyer and Kristen Karwan, along with sophomore Nicole Reece, each

contributed a goal.

Senior goalie Sabine Hutter made three saves for the Blazers, who improved to 15-2 overall.

Ladywood, the Catholic League Division 2 champion, advances to the regional semifinals beginning at 5 p.m. Friday, May 23, when they travel to Farmington Hills Mercy.

BOYS

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at 13-2.

"I knew we'd be in the thick of things at the end of the night because of how well we did in the field events," first-year Canton head coach Jess Shough said. "We had two regional champions in Jamal and Kyle and we scored in just about every event we thought we could score in. We've been strong in the field events all year, so that was no surprise."

Shough praised the effort of Darren Davis, who qualified for the D-1 state meet by taking second in the 200-meter dash.

The night's most dominating performance was delivered by Westland John

Glenn sprinter Jaron Flournoy, who registered a trio of first-place finishes in the 100 (10.86), 200 (22.36) and 400 (50.81). The speedy Rocket out-leaned Franklin's Alex Perrelli and Wayne Memorial's Shakarri Hill in a hotly-contested 100.

"Jaron has run occasionally in the 400 this season, but he's always in the (100) and (200)," John Glenn coach Jason Dixon said. "He was the top runner out here, so we decided to put him in the 400 tonight and he tripled."

Dixon was also impressed by the effort of Kimai Johnson, who keyed the Rockets' strong run in the 800-meter relay.

It was no surprise that defending regional champion Plymouth's fifth-place showing was powered by its distance crew. The Wildcats qualified a 3,200-meter team

for the state meet for the eighth year in a row thanks to a gold-medal effort from Jonny Dalton, Max Rogowski, Mayur Patil and Blerim Mema.

Rogowski's contribution was most notable considering Friday night's meet was his first official action since he suffered a broken rib six weeks ago.

"Max not only ran well with the four-by-eight, but he came back later and took fifth in the (1,600)," Plymouth coach Jon Mikosz said. "The guys we thought were going to states qualified, so it was a pretty good night for us."

The Wildcats picked up big-time points in the 800 when Dalton and Mema finished first and second.

Franklin's Keenan Jones proved to be the class of the 1,600, breaking the tape in

4:28.36.

Dearborn's Bearoos Ya-coobi was a beast in the throwing events, taking gold in the shot put (51-9) and discus (145-6), while Allen Park's Richard Gamble swept the hurdles titles with a 15.32 clocking in the 110 highs and a 39.88 time in the 300 intermediates.

Churchill's Skakur Lockett earned a trip to the D-1 state meet, set for May 31 in Rockford, when his leap of 20-3/4 narrowly edged Garden City senior Leroy Fedorko by just a quarter of an inch.

The meet started before noon with overcast skies and temperatures in the upper 50s. By the time the anchor runners in the 1,600 relay crossed the stripe, the air had chilled to the low 40s.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Motor City successful in WPSL '14 debut

Ex-Charger Mira gets game-winning goal in 1-0 triumph vs. Cincy

By Jimmy Dyer
Correspondent

The Cincinnati Lady Saints goalie Kara Gudmens had 10 saves this past Saturday, but it was not enough to stop Motor City FC's Alyssa Mira from scoring the club's first-ever goal.

"While the score only read 1-0 at the end, if it weren't for the opponent's goalkeeper making five or six spectacular saves, the score could have been much more lopsided," Motor City assistant coach Dave Hebestreit said.

Motor City controlled the ball for 70 percent of the match and outshot its opponent 12-3 en route to an inaugural win on May 10 as a member Women's Premier Soccer League win.

Motor City FC, which plays its home matches at Livonia Churchill H.S., is off to a good start under its new head coach Skipper Mukhtar.

The team, made up of current and former collegiate standouts, boasts six former Michigan Miss Soccers along with another from Pennsylvania.

Among with local ties include Mira, a Churchill grad who was an NCAA Division II All-America at Grand Valley State; Melissa Dobbyn (Livonia Stevenson/University of Michigan); Kelly Capoccia (Livonia Ladywood/Madonna University); Madi Lewis (Plymouth/U-M); Sarah Stern (Northville/Michigan State); and Stephanie Crawford (Novi/U-M).

Also leading the way are team captains Lauren Sinacola (MSU) and Stephanie Martin (Central Michigan University). Toohey, who hails from Philadelphia, was a second-team NCAA All-America as a senior at U-M, while Olivia Stander (Grosse Pointe North) was also a four-year standout (2009-12) at MSU.

Beginning its first year in the as the newest franchise in the WPSL, the team will turn fully professional next year.

Motor City FC is a sister club to the Michigan Stars FC. Both are owned by the Dearborn Sports Enterprise, which is a nonprofit organization that hopes to bring competitive soccer to the state of Michigan.

Motor City FC, which has a pool of 60 players, also has a women's reserve team that plays in the MUSL and the USL Super 20.

Hebestreit, the former girls varsity soccer coach at Churchill, said the players are to be role models in the community and will offer high-level family entertainment. Their goal is to give back to the community through soccer and to play for the city.

"Bringing women's soccer to Detroit is our tagline," Hebestreit said. "We hope to bring a freshness to the city and allow these adult players to play at a high level. Its goal is to provide the highest quality of family entertainment at an economic value to the community and to bring spirit back to Detroit and its supporters."

Motor City FC continued WPSL play Saturday against the Columbus Eagles. Season tickets are \$25, while single-game tickets are \$6 at the gate.

Sponsor packages are available at www.mc-fc.com.

Players are also willing to make appearances.

For more information, email motorcityfc@gmail.com or Jeff Rutledge at jrutledetroit@aol.com.

GIRLS SOFTBALL ROUNDUP

Huron Valley sweeps rival Lutheran Westland

Chalk up two more victories for Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division girls softball leader Westland Huron Valley Lutheran.

The Hawks improved to 13-1 overall and 9-0 in the division by sweeping a double-header Thursday from next door neighbor Lutheran High Westland.

Junior Anne St. John went 4-for-4 with a homer, two doubles, three RBI and two runs scored as visiting HVL won the opener in six innings, 10-0.

Sophomore Madison Ott also went 2-for-2 with a walk, while winning pitcher Julie St. John allowed just three hits, walked only one and struck out 14.

Losing Pitcher Lindsay Ermert gave up 12 hits, walked one, hit a batter and fanned four.

In Game Two, Huron Val-

ley scored 10 runs in the opening inning en route to a 12-1 triumph in four innings.

Julie St. John pitched four perfect innings without giving up a hit or a walk, while fanning seven.

Senior Brooke Kuehn led the offensive attack going 2-for-2 with a homer, double, three RBI and two runs scored. Senior Ashley Hower also added two hits and an RBI, while Julie St. John went 2-for-2 with walk.

Ermert, who gave up 10 hits, walked six and struck out three, was charged with the loss as the Warriors slipped to 1-7 in the MIAC Blue.

"Despite the cold weather, we came out and played well," HVL coach Eric Ruth said. "It was rough not playing outside this week until today. Anne St. John has been hitting the ball well all year, and continued that

today. And Julie did great on the mound today."

CHURCHILL 9-15, JOHN GLENN 0-0: On Friday, host Livonia Churchill (17-9, 11-4) swept a KLAA South Division double-header from Westland John Glenn (3-12, 3-11).

Julia Cavagnini went 3-for-3 with a double, homer and four RBI as Churchill took the opener, 9-0.

Victoria Luper and winning pitcher Mellanie Richardson each added two hits. Richardson allowed just one hit and one walk over seven innings while striking out six.

In Game Two, Churchill rolled to a 15-0 victory in three innings as Luper went 3-for-3 with RBI and three runs.

Winning pitcher Rachel Mattison also went 2-for-two with two RBI. Other standouts included Elyse Baumgardner (two hits, two RBI), Alyssa Mazur (two hits, two RBI), Reagan Peyton (two hits), and Lauren St. Pierre (two RBI).

Mattison gave up just two hits in her three innings of work.

STEVENSON 7-5, NORTHVILLE 2-6: On Friday, host Livonia Stevenson (11-11, 7-8) split a KLAA Central Division twinbill with the Mustangs (12-9, 7-8).

The Spartans took the opener, 7-2, as senior Erika Randall threw a complete game, allowing just four hits and two walks while striking out four.

Natalie Reilly paced Stevenson's 10-hit attack going 3-for-3, while senior Katie Lipinski added a 2-run double. Alex Knorp also scored twice.

Northville rebounded to win Game Two, 6-5, as Reilly went the distance and took the loss. She gave up 10 hits, walked two and struck out two.

Offensively, junior Natalie Moore doubled twice and had three RBI, while Randall, Knorp, Katie Lipinski and Alyssa Zahra each added two hits.

CLARENCEVILLE 18, THURSTON 0: Senior Mikala Kielling had two hits and three RBI, while junior Lindsey Cairns went 2-for-2 with four RBI Friday as host Livonia Clarenceville (9-9, 5-1) rolled to a three-inning mercy rule victory at Bedford Thurston.

Senior Erica Katz also contributed a 2-run double in the second inning.

Winning pitcher Emily Schwartz (8-9), a junior, went all three innings striking out four and allowing just one hit, a single by Rachel Gillian in the second inning.

LADYWOOD 11, DIVINE CHILD 0: Livonia Ladywood (11-12) opened the Catholic League A-B Division girls softball playoffs in impressive style Wednesday with a quarterfinal triumph over visiting Dearborn Divine Child.

Ladywood sophomore right-hander Rozlyn Price, who threw a 2-hitter, got plenty of bat support as the Blazers scored five runs in the opening inning and never looked back.

Freshman Lauren Holdsworth drew a bases loaded walk to force in the first run followed by sophomore Michaela Warner's 3-run double. Senior Hallea Garcia's RBI sacrifice fly made it 5-0.

Ladywood scored three more times in the second as junior Christina Meyer opened the inning with a hit followed by a stolen base and a Notre Dame Prep error and wild pitch. A double by Haley Lawrence and a single by sophomore Erika Selakowski accounted for another run with another fighting Irish error leading to an 8-0 advantage.

The Blazers scored three more in the third on an RBI single by Lawrence, a bases loaded RBI walk by Selakowski and an RBI sacrifice fly off the bat of Holdsworth to cap the scoring.



Churchill's Elyssa Hofmann (right) anchored her team to a win in the 800-meter relay. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

REGIONAL TRACK RESULTS

MHSAA DIVISION 1 REGIONAL TRACK MEET May 16 at Canton (P-CEP)

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Wyandotte Roosevelt, 75 points; 2. Canton, 74; 3. Dearborn, 67; 4. Westland John Glenn, 62; 5. Plymouth, 58; 6. Livonia Churchill, 57; 7. Livonia Franklin, 53; 8. Salem, 43; 9. Lincoln Park, 40; 10. Allen Park, 34; 11. Garden City, 32; 12. Wayne Memorial, 28; 13. Dearborn Fordson, 15; 14. Detroit Cody, 14; 15. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 10.

Shot put: 1. Bearooz Yacoobi (Dbn.), 51 feet, 9 inches; 2. Kamau Daajara (Dbn.), 47-7; 3. Jannik Schmitt (Salem), 45-10; 4. Zack Barrick (LC), 45-6; 5. DeShawn Baker-Williams (WJG), 45-2; 6. Yazen Awadalla (DF), 44-5-5; 7. Kassem Bazzi (DHC), 44-3-5; 6. Shawn Deese (Canton), 44-1.

Discus: 1. Yacoobi (Dbn.), 145-6; 2. Byron Collins (LP), 141-2; 3. Barrick (LC), 138-2; 4. Daniel Goertz (Ply.), 126-2; 5. Colin Calfish (Canton), 125-11; 6. Demarco McKinney (LC), 123-10; 7. Alaa Hachem (DF), 123-9; 8. Branden Henderson (LP), 122-9.

High jump: 1. Jamal Dixon (Canton), 6-9; 2. Robert Atwater (LP), 6-7; 3. Joe DeCoster (LP), 6-5; 4. Jonas Williams (DF), 6-3; 5. Jon Miller (AP), 6-3; 6. Kevin Brown-Bayko (GC), 5-11; 7. Cameron Grace (Salem), 5-11; 8. Albert Ferris (Dbn.), 5-11.

Long jump: 1. Robert Atwater (LP), 22-1.25; 2. Skakur Lockett (LC), 20-3.25; 3. Leroy Fedorko (GC), 20-3; 4. Brendon Sherrod (Salem), 20-0.5; 5. Richard Gamble (AP), 19-6; 6. Dixon (Canton), 19-5.25; 7. Aaron Shambly (Cody), 19-5; 8. Tyrik Hunter (WJG), 19-2.

Pole vault: 1. Kyle Zander (Canton), 13-2; 2. Atwater (LP), 12-10; 3. Jacob Hage (LC), 12-10; 4. Stephen Fedak (LC), 12-10; 5. Grant Mast (Canton), 12-8; 5. Ted Lang (Canton), 12-7; 6. Matthew Dube (WR), 12-6; 7. Kyle Reppenhagen (LC), 12-0; 8. Caleb Guthard (LC), 11-6.

110-meter hurdles: 1. Gamble (AP), 15-78; 2. Joseph Berry (Dbn.), 15-82; 3. Kevin Brown-Bayko (GC), 15-78; 4. Freddie Thompson (WJG), 15-82; 5. Justin Garbin (WR), 15-88; 6. Jemal Vaunado (Canton), 16-29; 7. Zachary Benavides (Dbn.), 16-54; 8. Jakob Zanski (WR), 17-67.

300 hurdles: 1. Gamble (AP), 39-88; 2. Daries Davis (WR), 40-77; 3. Berry (Dbn.), 41-42; 4. Ryan Bragiel (LC), 42-45; 5. J.R. Whiteford (AP), 42-79; 6. Brown-Bayko (GC), 42-83; 7. Jeremy Sheppard (LP), 43-94; 8. Thompson (WJG), 44-19.

100 dash: 1. Jaron Flournoy (WJG), 10-86; 2. Alex Perrelli (LF), 11-04; 3. Shakari Hill (WM), 11-07; 4. Steven Hornrich (Salem), 11-19; 5. Jamil Saibagh (WR), 11-32; 6. Jacob Mallard (Canton), 11-35; 7. Brandon Smiley (LF), 11-54; 8. Kenneth Lawson (Cody), 11-57.

200: 1. Flournoy (WJG), 22-36; 2. Darren Davis (Canton), 23-22; 3. Alan Jones (Canton), 23-37; 4. Daryl Couch (Cody), 23-53; 5. Derrick Smith (Cody), 23-79; 6. Ali Nasser (Dbn.), 24-11; 7. Kyle Bokun (WR), 24-56.

400: 1. Flournoy (WJG), 50-81; 2. Bilal Abduljami (DHC), 51-55; 3. Colin McCormack (Salem), 51-95; 4. Jamal Allen (LC), 5-96; 5. Kimai Johnson (WJG), 52-0; 6. Joe Gatton (WM), 52-55; 7. Marmoun Abbas (Ply.), 54-54; DuJon Brown-Deacon (WM), 54-82.

800: 1. Jonny Dalton (Ply.), 1-58.34; 2. Blerim Mema (Ply.), 1-58.83; 3. Danny May (WR), 1-59.95; 4. J'Haira Johnson (GC), 2:03.22; 5. Sanner Koponen (LF), 2:05.05; 7. Spencer Torok (Salem), 2:05-77; 8. James Higgins (Cody), 2:09.25.

1,600: 1. Keenan Jones (LF), 4-28.36; 2. Chaz Jeffers (Salem), 4-35.63; 3. Matt Cohan (LC), 4-41.31; 4. J'Haira Johnson (GC), 4-45.44; 5. Max Rogowski (Ply.), 4-46.76; 6. Micah Orr (WJG), 4-48.98; 7. Riad Rababeh (Dbn.), 4-49.21; 8. Alec Keaton (AP), 4-52.34.

3,200: 1. Dominic Davis (WR), 9-41.81; 2. Jones (LF), 9-42.95; 3. Matthew Pahl (Ply.), 9-46.42; 4. Zane Berlanga (Ply.), 9-53.94; 5. Devin Gibson (WR), 10-32.16; 6. Tony Floyd (LF), 10-04.83; 7. Ammar Chishti (Canton), 10-15.84; 8. Noah Engerer (AP), 10-32.79.

400 relay: 1. Wyandotte, 43.3; 2. Franklin, 43.82; 3. Canton, 44.54; 4. Churchill, 45.11; 5. Cody, 45.14; 6. Dearborn, 46.37; 7. Garden City, 46.52; 8. Fordson, 46.94.

800 relay: 1. Wyandotte, 1:30.51; 2. John Glenn (Thompson), Flournoy, Kenyatta Mason, Kimari Johnson, 1:30.69; 3. Canton, 1:31.39; 4. Franklin, 1:31.8; 5. Wayne, 1:33.81; 6. Cody, 1:33.94; 7. Churchill, 1:36.41; 8. Salem, 1:36.41.

1,600 relay: 1. Wyandotte, 3:29.52; 2. Plymouth, 3:31.76; 3. John Glenn, 3:32.17; 4. Franklin, 3:33.56; 5. Wayne, 3:34.01; 6. Salem, 3:37.75; 7. Dearborn, 3:38.58; 8. Garden City, 3:38.58.

3,200 relay: 1. Plymouth (Jonny Dalton, Max Rogowski, Mayur Patel, Blerim Mema), 8:06.79; 2. Dearborn, 8:12.39; 3. Wyandotte, 8:12.94; 4. Salem, 8:32.99; 5. Canton, 8:36.21; 6. Wayne, 8:37.82; 7. Churchill, 8:51.72; 8. Garden City, 8:49.32.

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Salem, 131.5 points; 2. Plymouth, 123; 3. Livonia Churchill, 98.5; 4. Livonia Franklin, 74.5; 5. Canton, 66; 6. Wyandotte Roosevelt, 45; 7. Allen Park, 38; 8. Dearborn, 28.5; 9. Westland John Glenn, 19; 10. Garden City, 11; 11. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 8; 12. Wayne Memorial, 7; 13. (tie) Dearborn Fordson, Dearborn Edsel Ford and Detroit Cody.

Shot put: 1. Emily Meier (Canton), 37 feet, 1 inch; 2. Tionne Johnson (Ply.), 34-6; 3. Sophia Modes (LF), 32-10; 4. Gabby Carter (LC), 32-4; 5. Taylor Bickers (Ply.), 31-8; 6. Rebecca Falzon (Salem), 31-5.5; 7. Kyndra Parker (Salem), 30-10.5; 8. Abby Dawson (AP), 30-8.

Discus: 1. Meier (Canton), 119-11; 2. Falzon (Salem), 118-9; 3. Johnson (Ply.), 112-2; 4. Carter (LC), 109-11; 5. Modes (LF), 101-8; Hannah Pummill (LC), 97-4; 7. Meredith Rinke (Canton), 97-2; 8. Alexandria Guevillier (DF), 91-9.

High jump: 1. Jocelyn Moraw (Canton), 5-1; 2. Katherine Harris (Ply.), 4-11; 3. (tie) Julie Wonch (LF) and Brittnay Toler (Dbn.), 4-8 each.

Long jump: 1. Kyla Mann (Dbn.), 16-8-5; 2. Rin Fish (AP), 15-7; 3. Rebecca Schlimmer (WR), 15-5-7.5; 4. Jasmine Crowley (LF), 15-4-5; 5. Juliet Hope (LC), 15-0; 6. Fayonah Jackson (WM), 14-10-5; 7. Deija Collier (GC), 14-9-5; 8. Erin McCann (Salem), 14-9.

Pole vault: 1. Kayla Janevski (Ply.), 10-11; 2. Tiana Fasha McKinley (LF) and Olivia Ryktarsky (LC), 9-10 each; 4. (tie) Tasha (LC), 9-10; 5. Emily Welch (Ply.), 9-10; 6. Alexann Zahara (LC), 9-6; 7. Kirsty McIntee (Ply.), 9-6; 8. Megan McKeenan (Ply.), 8-6.

100-meter hurdles: 1. Julie Wonch (Ply.), 16-53; 2. Haley Melms (Ply.), 16-67; 3. Kyana Evans (WR), 16-93; 4. Anastagios Loulos (LF), 17-75; 5. Rachel Falzon (Salem), 17-14; 6. Alexia Anagnostopoulos (LF), 17-75; 7. Aly Kubik (AP), 18-35; 8. Imani Turnage-Wimbish (GC), 19-14.

300 hurdles: 1. Falzon (Salem), 49-27; 2. Kubik (AP), 49-41; 3. Aubrey Mavin (LF), 49-58; 4. McIntee (Ply.), 50-47; 6. Kyana Evans (WR), 51-51; 7. Natalie Spah (LC), 52-52; 8. Brittnay Toler (Dbn.), 53-82.

100 dash: 1. Bryah White (LF), 12-6; 2. Ryen Draper (Ply.), 12-65; 3. Asia Gardner (WJG), 12-73; 4. Elyssa Hofmann (LC), 12-84; 5. Jasmine Crowley (LF), 13-09; 6. Nakiya Stiver (Salem), 13-29; 7. Ce'andra Moing (GC), 13-3; 8. Odilichuku Onwudike (LC), 13-46.

200: 1. Shekinah Johnson (Salem), 26-53; 2. Asia Gardner (WJG), 26-59; 3. Elyssa Hofmann (LC), 26-7; 4. Kyla Mann (Dbn.), 27-2; 5. Collier (GC), 27-37; 6. Anna Lukens (Ply.), 27-39; 7. Chanel Gardner (LC), 27-42; 8. Brynna Samuels (Salem), 27-66.

400: 1. Isabel Rodriguez (Salem), 59-72; 2. Julie Wonch (LF), 1:00-08; 3. Jewel Davis (Ply.), 1:01-51; 4. Raya Patel (Canton), 1:02-92; 5. (tie) Gabby Delacruz (Salem) and Raquel Zwick (LC), 1:04-87; 7. Ashley MacBrien (Ply.), 1:05-31; 8. Daiza Smith (Dbn.), 1:05-42.

800: 1. Kayla Kavulich (Salem), 2:16-8; 2. Natalie Douglas (LF), 2:26-29; 3. Anya Cho (Salem), 2:29-58; 4. Sabrina Williams (AP), 2:29-75; 5. Hamdi Ashkar (DHC), 2:32-9; 6. Alexis Lombardo (LC), 2:34-71; 7. Jada Woody (Ply.), 2:34-74; 8. Alyssa Harlow (WR), 2:35-68.

1,600: 1. Kavulich (Salem), 5:07-78; 2. Sabrina Williams (AP), 5:24-38; 3. Olivia McIntee (Canton), 5:33-06; 4. Lauren Arquette (Salem), 5:34-93; 5. Caroline George (LC), 5:42-03; 6. Kathleen George (LC), 5:43-1; 7. Corey Szymaniak (GC), 5:43-58; 8. Marina DeBiasi (Ply.), 5:45-13.

3,200: 1. Maggie Pawelczyk (WR), 11:31-81; 2. K. George (LC), 11:45-42; 3. Natasha Stevenson (Salem), 11:47-07; 4. Marina DeBiasi (Ply.), 11:51-02; 5. Arquette (Salem), 11:52-98; 6. Alyssa Bradlee (Canton), 12:10-57; 7. Heba Ashkar (DHC), 12:10-57; 8. Christina Murphy (LC), 12:19-73.

400 relay: 1. Salem (Nikiya Stiger, Shekinah Johnson, Brynna Samuels, Isabel Rodriguez), 50-41; 2. Plymouth, 51-2; 3. Churchill, 51-23; 4. Franklin, 51-98; 5. Wyandotte, 52-21; 6. Canton, 53-89; 7. Dearborn, 53-9; 8. Wayne, 55-56.

800 relay: 1. Churchill (Chanel Gardner, Odilichuku Onwudike, Bertha Daniels, Elyssa Hofmann), 1:46-31; 2. Plymouth (Jewel Davis, Katie Salangs, Anna Lukens, Ryen Draper), 1:47-04; 3. Wyandotte, 1:48-82; 4. Salem, 1:49-19; 5. Canton, 1:51-01; 6. Wayne, 1:52-68; 7. Dearborn, 1:53-31; 8. Cody, 1:58-32.

1,600 relay: 1. Salem, 4:06-19; 2. Plymouth, 4:13-21; 3. Allen Park, 4:19-74; 4. Wyandotte, 4:22-89; 5. Churchill, 4:23-36; 6. Canton, 4:28-35; 7. Dearborn, 4:34-12; 8. John Glenn, 4:34-19.

3,200 relay: 1. Salem (Anja Cho, Lauren Arquette, Natasha Stevenson, Kavulich), 9:58-2; 2. Churchill (Megan Genjia, Caroline George, Jenna Hickson, Alexis Lombardo), 10:01-45; 3. Plymouth, 10:09-13; 4. Canton, 10:20-32; 5. Wyandotte, 10:29-16; 6. Franklin, 10:41-34; 7. Crestwood, 10:56-13; 8. Edsel Ford, 10:58-83.

Rocks nip 'Cats down the stretch

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The brilliance of Salem senior Kayla Kavulich turned out to be enough to help the Rocks nip Plymouth 131½-123 to win Friday's Division 1 girls track and field regional.

On a cool night when a lot of athletes sparked at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, it was Kavulich's star that shone the brightest.

Kavulich was champion in the 800 and 1,600 runs and was part of the victorious 1,600- and 3,200-meter relay teams as Salem won the regional for the first time since 1997.

"I can't even remember the last time Salem won a regional title," said Salem head coach Dave Gerlach, who first thought it was a 12-year drought that was quenched with the victory. "This is the fifth time we've faced Plymouth this year and it's always been close. "We're excited, but it's all about getting kids to the state finals. Winning the meet is a bonus."

The Rocks had others who stepped up on the regional stage, including freshman Isabel Rodriguez (first in the 400), junior Shekinah Johnson (first in the 200) and senior Rachel Falzon (first in the 300 hurdles).

Rodriguez and Johnson also were part of the winning 400 relay (with Nikya Stiger and Brynna Samuels) and first-place 1,600 relay (with Kavulich and Kaya Knake).

Salem's relay machine cranked out a third win in the 3,200. Anya Cho, Lauren Arquette, Natasha Stevenson and Kavulich finished in 9:58.2 to nip Livonia Churchill's quartet of Megan Genjia, Caroline George, Jenna Hickson and Alexis Lombardo (10:01.45).

Also qualifying for Salem was Rebecca Falzon, who finished second in the discus behind Canton sophomore Emily Meier (who also won the shot put).

"Hats off to Salem; Dave runs a great program there," Plymouth coach Ricky Styes said. "They've got the best girl on the track today in Kayla Kavulich. That girl has been one of the best athletes at the Park, if not the best athlete across the board."

"She's a force to be reckoned with and we tried our best to answer and balance her out in the events that we could, but she's a great runner, on top of (Salem being) a great team."

Despite the close second-place finish, Styes was thrilled that his team still had an outstanding showing.

"We knew we had a team

that had a shot," Styes said. "There were two great teams in Salem and (Livonia) Churchill that we knew we were going to have to run a great set of races across the board in order to beat schools like that."

"It was pretty balanced. We scored in a lot of events; our field events were fantastic today. We scored a bunch of points there; we had 15 girls qualify for the state meet and that was the game plan going in."

The Wildcats boasted a one-two finish in the 100 hurdles, with Holly Stark (16.53) and Kirsty McInnes (16.67) qualifying for the May 31 state finals in Rockford.

Kayla Janevski also won for Plymouth in the pole vault (10-11) and sprinter Ryen Draper qualified in the 100 (second, 12.65).

Plymouth senior Katie Salanga was part of the second-place 800 relay along with Jewel Davis, Anna Lukens and Draper.

"We're really excited. We've been working toward this for our whole season; we're just really excited to go to states," Salanga said. "This is the first time for all of us four to go to states together and it's really exciting."

Finishing third overall was Plymouth's regional champion Churchill, with 98½ points, ending a run

that Chargers head coach Pat Doherty said was "the better part" of the last decade.

"Salem's a really good team," Doherty said near the end of the regional. "It's not going to be a shame losing to them if it happens that way."

"But we're a young team compared to last year. We had 10 seniors graduate who all scored points for us."

The Rocks won the 800 relay, with the tandem of Chanel Gardner, Odilichuku Onwudike, Bertha Daniels and Elyssa Hofmann.

Livonia Franklin (74½) and Canton (66) finished fourth and fifth, respectively.

Highlighting Canton's day, first-year coach Alan Jones said, were Meier (first in shot put, 37-1 and discus, 119-11) and junior Jocelyn Moraw (first in the high jump with a mark of 5-1).

"Emily was first place in both and she's only a sophomore," Jones said. "I'm excited to have her around for a few more years."

COLLEGE MEN'S GOLF

Crusaders end season 28th at NAIA tournament

Senior Corbeil is top scorer for Madonna

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Chalk one up to experience as the Madonna University men's golf team finished 28th out of a field of 29 at this week's NAIA Men's Golf National Championships, which was shortened to 54 holes because of inclement weather Thursday.

College of Coastal Georgia made program history Friday with its first-ever national title as the Mariners became the 30th different team in NAIA history to claim the red banner in the 63-year history of the event, which was held on Jones Course at the LPGA International Golf Club in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Coastal Georgia shot a three-round total of 1-over 865 to best runner-up Oklahoma

City's 5-over 869. Johnson & Wales (Mo.) and William Woods (Mo.), each carded 10-over 874s to tie for third place.

Oklahoma City's James Marchesani was individual medalist winning a playoff over Jay Monahan of Grand View (Ia.).

Marchesani, who was tied for third after two rounds, shot a 5-under 70-72-69-211, while Monahan fired an identical 69-74-68. Marchesani forced the playoff with a birdie on the final hole — the toughest of the round for the field. He then repeated the feat and sealed his final collegiate event with a 3-foot birdie putt.

Madonna, under coach Steve Mato, posted rounds of 311-314-314 for a three-day total over 939.

Junior Nick Corbeil (New Boston Huron) led the Crusaders with a 17-over 233 on rounds of 75-76-82 to tie for 113th overall. Corbeil shot a 1-under on the back nine dur-

ing Tuesday's opening round.

Meanwhile, seniors Benjamin Gawronski and Erik Taurence (Wyandotte Roosevelt) each shot 20-over 236s to tie for 127th overall. Gawronski's rounds included 82-76-78, while Taurence shot 79-81-86.

During the second day, Gawronski's round was highlighted by an eagle on No. 11.

Rounding out the MU contingent was Billy Teer (Grand Blanc), who tied for 139th with a 23-over 80-81-78-239, while fellow senior Joe Parker (Walled Lake Northern) took 148th overall with a 29-over 77-85-83-245.

Round Two conditions on Wednesday turned windy and blustery, while Thursday's third round was delayed and eventually canceled because of inclement weather and unplayable course conditions.

After placing fifth during the regular season, MU advanced to the NAIA Nationals by capturing the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference,



Madonna University's Nick Corbeil takes aim off the tee with his driver at the NAIA Championships. STEVE MATO

April 17, by two strokes over Davenport University at Stenwater Country Club in Kentwood.

The championship was MU's fourth in program histo-

ry (2009, 2010, 2012) and MU's second tournament championship in the last three years.

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Ducketts Grove provides a fairy tale setting for the wedding of Yvonne Nolan and Michael Bencik.

True love: Couple exchanges vows amid castle ruins

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Michael Bencik and Yvonne Nolan made history when they married last month at Duckett's Grove in Carlow, Ireland.

"The wedding itself was the most beautiful thing you could imagine," said Diane Bencik, the groom's mother and a Livonia resident. "I call it a fairy tale wedding. It was held in front of a castle. This castle was originally the home of the Duckett family. They had weddings there when they lived in the home, but it was 200 years since the last wedding."

The Duckett mansion, built in the 18th century, was part of what was once a 12,000-acre family estate. It was expanded and transformed with turrets and towers, arches, granite gates and more in the early 1800s, sold nearly a century later and reduced to ruins by a fire in 1933. Carlow County acquired the building and surrounding grounds in 2005 and restored its walled gardens. A tea shop also operates on site.

"We had to have special permission for the wedding there," said Michael Bencik, a 1992 Stevenson High School graduate who now lives in Philadelphia, Pa., where he works as a freelance illustrator. "We looked at other castles and they were outrageously expensive."

He said his wife grew up near the estate and as a child rode horses at a stable on site.

"I loved it. It's in ruins but there are still some liveable portions. I love old architecture," Bencik said. "Our wedding was the first time they granted anyone full access. They gave me the key the night before."

That gave family and



Niece and nephew, Cambrie and Bodie, are all smiles at Michael Bencik's wedding.

friends a chance to explore the building in addition to the grounds. The next day, April 15, the couple exchanged vows under a flower arch on the lawn in front of the picturesque ruins, before heading to a hotel for the reception.

Long distance love

Bencik met his future wife during a trip to Alaska in 2001. He was on a two-week vacation, spending the first week with his parents, Bill and Diane, and the second week on his own. She was traveling for a year, heading south from Alaska to South America. They met at a hostel, exchanged email addresses and began writing to each other. About four years ago they began a long distance relationship, flying between Ireland and the United States several times a year to see each other. In 2012, they both took time off from work — she taught special education in Ireland — for a nine-month tour of southeast

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Asia. "After nine months I thought they'd either hate each other or be engaged," Diane Bencik said.

Her son proposed two months after the trip return during a slide show at a "welcome back" party.

The wedding and reception included both American and Irish traditions and several of the groom's friends, former Stevenson High School students, traveled from as far away as Japan, the United States and Africa to attend the event.

Bencik is the youngest of four siblings and the third to marry. His brother, Jeff, is single and his sister, Kristin had a traditional wedding, according to their mother. When his sister, Sherrie, married three years ago at Best Friends Animal Sanctuary in Kanab, Utah, nearly half of the wedding party spent time volunteering with cats, dogs, and other feathered or furry residents at the site, days before the ceremony.



Michael and Yvonne (Nolan) Bencik leave the ceremony as husband and wife.



The bride and groom with flower girls in tow, take a wedding march on the castle grounds.



A few of the Stevenson High School graduates who attended the Bencik-Nolan wedding include Jeff Bencik (left), Michael Bencik's brother; Mark Hoenerhoff of Ann Arbor; George Hogan of Tokyo, Japan; Wayne Krause of Austin, Texas. That's Michael Bencik at right.

Search for love, marriage ends in motherhood

I'm in my early 30s, and have spent the better half of the last decade or so searching for someone to love me. I know it's been said you cannot search for love, but I have tried anyway.

I've had my share of lousy relationships that have fallen apart, some quickly, some slowly, but never have I had one that was fitting enough to keep. I've moved across the country, literally to the furthest west point I could in hopes of finding the place where I belong. I didn't find a home out west, but I did find out a whole lot about myself, and that was very rewarding to me. I learned, during my four-year stint in California, that I longed to be near my family and most of my relatives lived in Michigan. And so I returned to the Great Lake state, and settled into a routine I would quickly grow accustomed to.

I dated guys here and there, but couldn't find "the one" that I know is out there waiting for me. I spent many nights praying for someone to love me unconditionally. I did meet a guy who



Sarah Davies

THEN THERE WERE TWO

intrigued me, who interested me, and we dated for a while, but I knew he wasn't ready for anything serious. So I told

him I thought it was better we just stay friends. "I want to husband up, and have a family," I told him, "and I know you're not ready for that."

A few weeks later, in the dead of Michigan's snowiest winter on record, I came down with a nasty virus. I assumed it to be the same virus my sister and brother-in-law had just suffered, and knew it was a rough recovery. I went to my doctor and three days later, I was feeling like my normal self again. But it wasn't long before I woke up again one morning as sick as could be. I couldn't hold down water, let alone anything else, and did nothing but vomit for nearly eight hours. I finally mustered up the strength to return

to the doctor's office, hoping for a quick resolution to my symptoms.

Unexpected news

Instead, the doctor rushed me to Emergency, saying I needed to have my gallbladder removed. My mother met me in the ER, and sat with me through many hours of testing and resting. My father came too, and we prepared for the worst. What we didn't prepare for was the news the doctor would bring, after running a CT scan. I would not need to have my gallbladder removed. In fact, I would need nothing removed — at least not for another seven months. I was eight weeks pregnant.

My initial reaction was to cry. My mother held me as I sobbed uncontrollably. I had longed for unconditional love, I had prayed for a family, but this wasn't the way I expected things to go.

I had a decent job, with benefits and had a loving and supporting family, but I was not dating the baby's father, and never planned nor was prepared to be a single mother. God had

Single mom shares her experiences

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Sarah Davies hasn't always known what she wanted in life, but one goal was certain — to have a family of her own.

The Livonia woman will see her dream come true, differently than what she had planned, on or around Oct. 16, the date she is due to give birth.

"I wanted to have a family and was expecting to get married. I think it's pretty much just going to be me," said Davies, a single woman. "It's going to be an interesting road."

She'll write about the joys and pitfalls of her journey toward single

motherhood as a guest columnist for the *Observer*, starting in today's issue. The Farmington High School graduate saw her first work, a poem, in print when she was 10.

"I wrote about my grandma, my dad's mom. My parents were moved and read it at grandma's funeral. They buried the original poem with her," Davies said.

She works in the computer science and information technology field.

Davies, the youngest of three daughters, lived in California for a few years after high school. She said the experience helped her learn how to support

herself with several jobs, while also attending college.

But she missed her family and her native state. Two years ago, just a week after graduating from college, she moved back to Michigan. In addition to working a full-time job, she has hosted trivia nights at restaurant bars in Walled Lake and Farmington.

She describes her family as "really close" and she is grateful that her parents have offered to lend a hand caring for her baby, their second grandchild.

"They are excited to have another grand baby, even if it was a little shocking at first."

answered my prayers. I knew he worked in mysterious ways, but was blown away that this would be the route my life would take. It took a while to sink in, but I got more excited as the days passed.

Before, it had been just me. I had been worried about love and my life. But now I'm thrilled about this incredible blessing, however challenging it will be. I am embarking on a journey to receive a wonderful

gift. I'm going to be a mother.

Sarah Davies, who grew up in Farmington Hills and now lives in Livonia, writes about the ups and downs of her experience as a single mother-to-be.

Take a cue from Meals on Wheels this World Hunger Day — volunteer

Upon realizing that May 28 has been designated "World Hunger Day" by The Hunger Project, a group from the United Kingdom, I thought it timely to devote my "Our Mental Health" monthly column to the topic of people helping people throughout the world and especially locally.

The notion of people providing food for others in need is certainly not new. The Bible tells us that Jesus provided loaves and fishes for the multitudes over 2,000 years ago.



Len McCulloch

OUR MENTAL HEALTH

In more recent times, folk singer, Harry Chapin, (*Cats in the Cradle*) established The World

Hunger Organization. The proceeds of every other concert, performed by Chapin in the 1960s and early 1970s were given by him to help the hunger cause.

Meals on Wheels (MOW)

It has been said that MOW began during WWI in Europe when one man delivered free meals on his bicycle to a family of needy refugees.

Meals of Wheels Association of America (MOWAA), helps fuel programs throughout the U.S. which delivers meals to people who are elderly and homebound. MOWAA's efforts filter down to us, locally via Meals on Wheels Michigan (MOWM) which includes the Farmington

area, Huron Valley area, Livonia and Novi, to mention just a few.

Half of meal recipients say that the voluntary delivery people are their only visitors during the day. Seventy percent of volunteers stay with MOW for more than five years.

In my work with MOW, I met Erik, Jeff, and Brandon. For some time now, they have teamed with volunteer drivers to deliver meals, prepared and paid for by MOW. Approximately three days per week for three hours per day they

have gotten meals to numerous MOW recipients.

When I asked each how they experience this process, Jeff told me, "I get the feeling I'm helping people, and can tell they are grateful by the smiles on their faces. I have a purpose." Erik said, "It's like therapy, for them and for me. I enjoy talking to these folks. It's about more than just food. It's about helping people." After I told Brandon that the first Meals on Wheels was delivered on a bicycle (wheels), he could

relate to the method of delivery because of his own unique challenge. You see, Brandon is confined to a wheel chair (wheels) and has advanced stage Parkinson disorder. He hands off the meals to Jeff and Erik who give of their time as part of their ongoing rehabilitation for traumatic brain injuries.

Family pets, too

For many years now, my friends at Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro in Novi, have enhanced the

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ENGAGEMENT

GRIPMAN-EICKER

William and Kathleen Gripman of Canton announce the engagement of their son, William (Will) Gripman, to Chelsea Eickert, daughter of Steve and Stephanie Eickert of Andover, Iowa.

Will is a 2006 graduate of Plymouth High School and attended Wayne State University. He is a 2013 graduate of the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, Calif., and serves in the U.S. Navy in Hawaii.

Chelsea is a 2007 graduate of Northeast Community High School in Goose Lake, Iowa, and 2011 graduate of Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. She holds bachelor's degrees in psychology and theater technology and currently serves in the U.S. Navy in San Diego, Calif.

A July 2014 wedding is planned.



William Gripman and Chelsea Eickert

ANNIVERSARY

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

Armando and Anna Louise (Stonehouse) Lopez of Plymouth marked their 50th anniversary on April 11. They met when they were undergraduate students at Wayne State University and were married in 1964 by the Rev. Maynard Smith, at Highland Park Presbyterian Church.

Anna retired in 2002 after 35 years in the South Redford school district, where she taught German, English, Spanish and drama. She has a B.A. in German language and literature and an M.A. in German language education from WSU, in addition to graduate-level coursework in linguistics.

Armando retired in 1999 after 27 years at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, where he worked as the human resources officer of the plant operations division. He has a B.A. from WSU.

They celebrated their anniversary with family and longtime friends in Nevada and California and with a trip to Monument Valley and Arches National Park. They travel extensively and have visited South America and Europe.

They enjoy the theater, the opera and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Anna paints, Armando photographs, and both give historical talks to historical societies, museums, group homes and elsewhere.

Their children, Jessica Alicia Lopez and Andres Xavier Lopez, are graduates of Salem HS. Jessica has a B.A. degree from the University of Michi-



Armando and Anna Lopez of Plymouth

gan and an M.A. degree from the University of Lyon, France. She teaches English to engineering students. Andres is a Ph.D. student in theater at Indiana University in Bloomington, Ind. He is married to Catherine (Woods) Lopez. They have a son, Oliver Becket, 3.

The couple plans a gathering of intimate friends and family later this summer to formally celebrate their milestone anniversary.

REUNIONS

Send school reunion information to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

CODY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1964

50-year reunion runs 6 p.m. to midnight Friday, Sept. 19, at the Sheraton Detroit Novi Hotel, 21111 Haggerty, Novi. For more information, contact Mike and Barb Kerby, 734-525-0546, kerby66bam@msn.com.

DEARBORN FORDSON HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES OF 1952

62nd reunion set for both January and June classes, Saturday, Sept. 13, at Park Place in Dearborn. Contact Al Orloff at orloffal@aol.com or 734-432-9308; or Marvin Smyth at mmsmyth@juno.com or 313-562-4378 for more information.

CLASS OF 1984

A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Aug. 2, at Roma Hall Banquet Center in Garden City. Cost is \$45 per person for buffet dinner, open bar, and dancing. Contact Michele (Tonna) Belczak at michelebel@sbcbglobal.net, visit the class Facebook page, Fordson Class of 1984 or www.payit-square.com/collect-page/33028.

EDSEL FORD HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1964

50-year reunion is planned 5-11 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 11, at Andiamo, 21400 Michigan Ave.,

Dearborn. Ticket purchase deadline is Aug. 25. Email Judy (Berry) Buck at jarc-buck@sbcbglobal.net for more details.

FRASER HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1964

50-year reunion from 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Aug. 9, at the Sterling Inn, 34911 Van Dyke, Sterling Heights. Contact Rich Whipple, 734-751-2992, rekjwhipple@yahoo.com for more information.

LIVONIA BENTLEY CLASS OF 1974

40th class reunion set for 6 p.m. Saturday, June 28, at One Under Bar and Grill in Livonia. \$40 per person. Visit www.bentley74.com for more details and to buy tickets.

LIVONIA STEVENSON CLASS OF 1974

40-year reunion, planned by Linda Armstrong, Kim Geiger and Jack Karbowski, 7 p.m. to midnight, Nov. 29, Corsi's Restaurant, 27910 Seven Mile, Livonia. Includes dinner, photo booth, disc jockey, pizza, cash bar. Reservations and payment with Karbowski, 313-530-9634; karblitski@yahoo.com.

PURDUE ALUMNI CLUB OF SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN

A spring banquet is planned for 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 20, at The Inn at St John's, 44045 Five Mile, Plymouth. Cost is \$20 per person. It will begin with social time, a silent auction, followed by dinner and short program featuring coach Darrel Hazell head football coach, who will discuss Boilermaker football and life lessons that Hazell teaches his players. RSVP by Tuesday, May 13, at purduealumni.org/semicevents. Questions? Email Laura Hunter at L.Hunter18@gmail.com.

ROMULUS HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1979

A 35-year reunion is planned for Aug. 16 at Best Western Gateway International (Airport), 9191 Wickham, Romulus. For more information, contact Duane Moffat at 248-426-6501 or Spectroemc2@gmail.com.

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN CLASS OF 1979

35th reunion starts with an informal get together, 7:30 p.m. to midnight Friday, Oct. 24, at Docs Sports Retreat, 19265 Victor Parkway, Livonia. The reunion runs 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Oct. 25, at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy Road, Westland. Cost of \$65 per person includes dinner, open bar, dancing and DJ. Make checks payable to JGHS Class of '79 and send to JGHS Class of '79, 887 Eton Ct., South Lyon, MI 48178.

GARDEN & NATURE CALENDAR

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Blue Star Memorial

The Wayne Garden Club will dedicate a Blue Star Marker after the Wayne Westland Memorial Day parade — which will begin at 1 p.m. — Sunday, May 25, at Veterans Plaza, adjacent to the Wayne Library, located on Wayne Road, between eastbound and westbound Michigan Avenue. The marker honors all past, present and future military personnel. The club's cook-

book, *Recipes in Bloom*, raised funds for the memorial. Books are \$10 and will be available at the ceremony. For more information, email Darlene Hawley at darhawley3479@wowway.com.

Flower sale

Find flowers, herbs, shrubs and trees from more than 20 local growers at Northville's annual Flower Sale, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, May 23, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 24, in downtown Northville. 248-349-7640 or visit www.northville.org.

Good, bad bugs

Learn to identify beneficial and detri-

mental insects in your garden at the next meeting of Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association, 7 p.m. May 21, at Nankin Mills, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. \$3 admission for non-member. Questions? Call 734-223-5510 or visit www.sembabutterfly.com.

Heritage Park

» Full Moon Friday Night Hikes run 9:30-10:30 p.m. June 13. Hikes are for ages 5 and up. Cost is \$3 per person. Register for the programs at recreg.fhgov.com.

ENGAGEMENT



Paul Hancock IV of Dearborn and Rebekah McCormack of Livonia

MCCORMACK-HANCOCK

Rebekah McCormack of Livonia and 2nd Lt. Paul Hancock IV of Dearborn announce their engagement. Rebekah is a 2014 graduate of Schoolcraft College in culinary arts and Paul will graduate from the United States Military Academy at West Point on May 28, 2014.

A wedding is planned for Thursday May 29, 2014, at the Cadet Chapel at the Academy. Brooks McHenry of Northville Christian will officiate.

The future bride and groom will be stationed in Georgia for a year, beginning in July.

MCCULLOCH

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concept of getting food to the hungry. They donate pet food, collected at their restaurant, to the Meals on Wheels families with pets.

Diamond Jim's has been a longstanding Detroit landmark eatery, since 1994. Owners Mary Brady and chef partner Sharon Juergens operate Diamond Jim's restaurant within the Novi Town Center. As one enters the lobby of their upscale bistro, one sees

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Len McCulloch is a Diplomat of the American Psychotherapy Association, he is variously credentialed in mental health and associated human services. He can be reached at 248-474-2763, Ext. 22.

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BRISCOE, ALBERT

Age 79, May 13, 2014. Beloved husband of Denise. Dear father of Nathan (Barb) and Carin (Justin) Miakisz. Grandfather of Kaila. Brother of Michael (Connie), Susan, Frank, Nancy (Larry), Patricia (Jon), Diana (Mark), John (Bonnie), James (Linda), Elaine (Mark), Betty (Steve), David (Lisa), and Daniel (Dawn). Funeral Services were held. Arrangements by John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 N. Inkster Rd., Garden City (between Ford Rd. and Cherry Hill). www.santeiufuneralhome.com



GILLIGAN, ROSE MARIE

Age 79, April 20, 2014 of Garden City. Loving wife of the late James. Precious mom of Lee Ann, Timothy (Lynn), Michele (Eric) Rissman and Thomas. Awesome grandma of Bradley, Joseph, Shannon, Brian and Matthew. Please share a memory at www.cremationmichigan.com.

HAWLEY, JOHN MERRITT

Of Onondaga, formerly of Plymouth, Passed away May 13, 2014 at the age of 87. He was born in Kingstom, MI August 1, 1926, the son of Merritt and Sarah (Hutchinson) Hawley. John served with the US Army during WWII. He retired from the C & O Railroad where he worked as an engineer for 35 years. John loved helping people especially when it came time to building projects. He was a former member of several churches, was a head usher and belonged to the Christian Service Brigade. John enjoyed vegetable and flower gardening, deer hunting, playing baseball and bowling. He is survived by his wife, Norma Jean Hawley of Onondaga; children, John Merritt (Kimberly) Hawley Jr. of Plymouth, Rita Jane (Michael) Little of Plymouth, Timothy Jay Hawley of Detroit, Pamela Joy Frettenborough of Onondaga; grandchildren, Michael (Danielle), Joshua (Jennie), Lauren, Miranda Little, Michaela and Michael Frettenborough; great-grandchildren, Avery, Emma and Aireana Miri-Ann Little; siblings, Wayne (Coza), Alton (Sandy Wodek) Hawley, Frank Hawley, Rowena Thorpe, Marlene Dennis. John was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Warren, Andy, Leonard, Joe, and Willard Hawley; sisters, Rosella Dixon, Jenny Thorpe, Beulah Cookenmaster, Mary Thorpe, Irene Smutek, Lena Haney. Funeral Services will be 11 a.m. Monday May 19, 2014 at the Shelly-Odell Funeral Home, 518 S. Main St. Eaton Rapids with Pastor Jerry Bailey officiating. Interment will follow at Tompkins Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Memorial contributions can be made to Smile Train, 41 Madison Ave., 28th floor, New York, NY 10010, or the Alzheimer's Association, 564 South Main Street, Suite 200 Ann Arbor, MI 48104. Please visit our website to place online condolences or to sign the guest register: www.shellyodell.com



MLYNAREK, DANUTA

Age 78, May 14, 2014. Beloved wife of the late Antoni Mlynarek and Mikoly Kiryluk. Loving mother of Grace (Larry) Spooner and Tony (Jaylene) Mlynarek. Dear grandmother of Joshua and Kelly, Kyle, and Brooke. Visitation at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Sunday from 2-8 p.m. with a Scripture Service at 7 p.m. In state at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Monday from 9 a.m. until Funeral Mass at 9:30 a.m. Please share a memory at www.rgharris.com.



SMART, ROBERT LINCOLN

passed away peacefully in his home in Bradenton Florida, surrounded by loved ones on May 14, 2014. He is survived by his loving wife, Marilyn Ida Smart (Sitter) and his six children, Robert Smart (Jan), Terri Sall (Todd), Tracey Smart, Leanne Smart, Ruth Dowling (Mike), Chandra Mitchell (Adam) and 11 grandchildren as well as four great grandchildren. Robert Smart was born in Port Huron, Michigan on February 18, 1935 to the late Lincoln Frederick and Iva Smart (Atherton). He had six siblings. He worked tirelessly all his life and accomplished many things. He had a never give up attitude and passed his work ethic onto his children and grandchildren. Besides his six children and marrying the love of his life, what he was most proud of was his service to our country having served in the U.S. Army beginning at the age of 16, during the Korean War. He served from 1951-1956. He was also very proud of the business he started and ran for 30 years. Garden City Upholstery is still in operation today, being run by his son Robert Smart. He donated to many charities over the course of his lifetime. One that was near and dear to his heart was The Special Olympics, in honor of his daughter Leanne. Robert always had a bed and a warm plate of food for anyone who needed it. He had a contagious sense of humor. He loved to spread laughter wherever he went. He was loved by many and will be sorely missed. A memorial gathering Sunday, May 25th at 11a.m. at The American Legion (Groves-Walker post 346), Farmington. A graveside service Tuesday May 27, at 10a.m. at Great Lakes National Cemetery, 4200 Belford Rd, Holly, MI. There will be military honors.

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What motivates you to get in shape for the warm weather months? If you're like most people, it's the desire to fit into the smaller, more revealing clothing of the season.

Whether it's a new swimsuit you want to buy in a smaller size or last year's shorts you plan to wear, getting a beach-ready body can often seem unattainable. But summer boasts an abundance of outdoor activities that take away the "chore" of getting in shape. Focus on the fun of the season, and before you know it, you will be fitting into your favorite summer wardrobe staples.

Go take a hike

Nothing allows you to take in the peace and tranquility of nature more than a long

hike. This summer, incorporate many long hikes into your weekly routine and build up your endurance with this beneficial cardio exercise. Hiking engages the quadriceps, hamstrings, calves and gluts. This activity also strengthens your abdominal core, especially while carrying a heavy pack.

Break a sweat, courtside

All you need to increase your heart rate is a basketball and an empty court at the local park or school playground. Practice shooting, normal



Shooting hoops works out triceps, shoulders, biceps and pectoral muscles.



Make summer fitness fun

Incorporate fun outdoor activities into your summer fitness routine. GETTY IMAGES

dribbling, dribbling while doing sit-ups and dribbling behind the back of your legs. Make it a weekly event to gather for a game with friends and you'll forget you are even working out. Basketball can be a full-body workout, but it mainly targets your triceps, shoulders, biceps and pectoral muscles.

Go for a swim

While the summer days often bring about occasions to relax by the pool, there's no reason not to jump right in. Take refuge from the sun's heat and burn calories at the same time by swimming. This exercise is a top choice for those with physical limitations or who find simple cardio

TRENDS IN FITNESS

Want variety in your fitness routine? Here are a few new trends taking shape — for indoors and outdoors — that may be just what you need to take your fitness to the next level.

- » Body weight training works by using your own body weight as resistance, which can help you shape muscles, tone, increase flexibility and ultimately, burn fat.
- » High intensity interval training is great for those who are short on time, requiring extreme exertion in short intervals followed by a shorter recovery time.
- » Yoga by air is called aerial or antigravity yoga, which combines classic yoga moves with acrobatics; all while being suspended in the air from a hammock.

activities — such as walking, hiking or jogging — difficult or painful. Swimming works all major muscles groups, especially the shoulders, abdominals, legs, hips and back.

By engaging in a workout routine, you've already proven that you care for your body. But do you have a care plan for the muscles that take you to your next level of fitness?

Regardless of the sport or activity you pursue, it's always best to ease into it slowly and build your endurance as you go. Warming up can include light jogging, walking or performing the activity at a very slow pace. At the end of your routine, be sure to lightly stretch out each major muscle group you worked.

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Healthcare Job Outlook: More new jobs than projected

By Angela Rose
HEALTHCAREERS.com

Few industries added as many jobs to the national economy as healthcare did in 2013 with the creation of 271,000 new positions. The trend is continuing in 2014, as hospitals, private practices, outpatient care centers, and other organizations maintain their pursuit of job seekers. In fact, data on jobs posted to HEALTHCAREERS Network from January 1 through March 31, recently revealed a 16 percent increase in advertisements over the same period last year.

While the entire industry is expanding due to increased consumer demand—including population growth, aging Baby Boomers, and the Affordable Care Act—experts predict some positions within the healthcare space will increase at a brisker than average rate. Consider the following medical

professions included on the U.S. Bureau of Labor and Statistics (BLS)'s list of 20 occupations with the highest projected numeric change in employment from 2012 to 2022.

Personal care aides, +580,800 jobs

Topping the BLS's list of occupations with the highest projected change in employment are personal care aides. Earning a median salary of \$19,910 per year, these professionals work within the homes of elderly clients, in small group homes, or in larger residential care facilities. Daily tasks may include assisting clients with bathing and dressing, as well as housekeeping, shopping, meal preparation, and transporting clients.

Registered nurses, +526,800 jobs

A close second in the BLS's list of high growth occupations is registered nurse. Earning a median

salary of \$65,470 per year, these professionals work in a variety of environments, from hospitals and physician offices to nursing care facilities, schools, and the military. Daily RN tasks generally include recording patient medical histories, administering treatments, performing diagnostic tests, consulting with physicians, and providing patient education.

Home health aides, +424,200 jobs

Home health aides fall in the number four position on the BLS's list. Earning a median salary of \$20,820 per year, most home health aides work within their client's homes, though some are employed within small group homes and larger residential care facilities. Their daily duties are similar to that of personal care aides with two major differences: home health aides work under the supervision of medical professionals (such as registered nurses) and may provide basic health-related services.

Nursing assistants, +312,200 jobs

Landing at number six on the BLS's list of occupations with the highest projected change in employment are nursing assistants. Earning a median salary of \$24,400

per year, these professionals primarily work in skilled nursing facilities, hospitals, and residential care facilities. Daily tasks may include the bathing and dressing of patients, transferring patients between bed and wheelchair, measuring vital signs, reporting to nurses, and helping patients with their meals.

Licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses, +182,900 jobs

In the last position in the BLS's list of top 20 growth occupations is licensed practical and licensed vocational nurse. Earning a median salary of \$41,540 per year, LPNs and LVNs work in skilled nursing facilities, hospitals and physician offices as well as home healthcare services and residential care facilities. While working under the supervision of RNs and physicians, these professionals may monitor patient health, administer basic care, maintain patient records, and assist patients with bathing and dressing.

About the Author: Angela Rose researches and writes about job search strategy, career management, hiring trends and workplace issues for HEALTHCAREERS.com.



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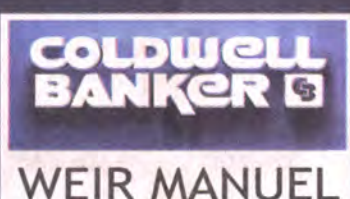
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Level: Beginner

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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Car Report

Volkswagen Works Its Way Back with New Golf, Solid Plans for Fresh SUV



By Dale Buss

Volkswagen is tired of talking about its recent slump in the crucial US market. But instead of changing the subject, German top management of the company is vowing to redouble efforts to boost flagging sales in

America as VW continues to pursue Toyota for the global sales lead. And those efforts start with the new, seventh-generation, 2015 Golf and GTI models.



The more fuel-efficient EA888 engine powers the new Golf.

The company also is underscoring its commitment to global sustainability with new transmissions and engines, a proactive corporate approach to environmental concerns and, for the Volkswagen brand specifically, the continuation of a philosophy it calls Think Blue that strives not only for fuel efficiency but also environmentally friendly factories and other corporate facilities.

VW brand sales fell 10 percent through April in the United States compared with a year ago, when sales were basically flat with 2012. Volkswagen ran out of gas in the American market last year without a major new product introduction.

But that lapse only followed three straight years of robust double-digit sales gains thanks to a bevy of new products and the opening of VW's new assembly plant in Chattanooga, Tenn. And Volkswagen CEO Martin Winterkorn told the company's annual meeting in Hanover, Germany, this week that the company and the VW brand haven't flagged in their commitment to the United States.

"The Americas are a significant cornerstone of the 2018" strategy that calls for VW to overtake Toyota as the world's most successful automaker by then, as measured not only by sales but also profitability and other important criteria. "We want to and we must grow there substantially and profitably."

In the immediate future lies the new Golf and GTI. They complete the remake of its small-car lineup that Volkswagen began several years ago with the new Jetta, then the new Passat that is built in Tennessee, then a new Beetle. It's been too long for the brand to "drop the final shoe" with Golf, but it'll be in U.S. showrooms this year.

Strategically Volkswagen kept the look of Golf its understated self, true to the brand's design philosophy in general and over the decades with this nameplate. However, VW did lengthen the new car by 2.1 inches, including a wheelbase that's 1.7 inches longer. Its height is 1.1 inches less, which gives the new Golf a sportier complexion than before.

And under the skin, Golf is attempting to leapfrog the populous competition in the subcompact-hatch segment. It uses more high-strength steel to cut weight and boost fuel efficiency and relies on the new 1.8-liter, four-cylinder, turbo-charged EA888 engine that is good for 170 horsepower and 200 pound-feet of torque.

to use the solid appeal of its sedan lineup, the addition this year of a seventh-generation version of its iconic Golf subcompact, and a continued emphasis on fuel economy to garner American buyers. VW is the US-market leader in diesel-powered cars, for example, and it is looking to improve fuel efficiency of its vehicles

nooga plant received numerous awards from environmental and business groups for executing the Think Blue philosophy in areas such as solar power, water conservation and energy planning, and the company is applying many of the lessons learned there to other facilities around the world.



The new 2015 Volkswagen Golf has a longer, lower profile.

The company also has been signaling for a while that an important part of taking the next step in the US market for the Volkswagen brand is to introduce a new entrant for the hot mid-sized crossover segment, which it would build either at an expansion in Tennessee or in Mexico. New-product "news" drives Americans into showrooms, and such a launch a couple of years from now could be crucial for VW.

In the meantime, VW in the United States is attempting

by 15 percent by 2020 with new diesel engines and better transmissions.

Also sustainability-wise, Volkswagen AG issued a new sustainability report in which it addressed air quality, resource conservation and shifting demographic structures" as "primary central challenges with a global impact."

Specifically for the Volkswagen brand, Think Blue is a banner it has used for a few years, especially as sustainability efforts apply to its factories around the world. The Chatta-

One of the latest Think Blue initiatives is a comprehensive "Think Blue. Nature" plan hatched by Volkswagen de Mexico, in which under a new "Eco Chavos" program the company is encouraging 10,000 young people to participate in practical environmental protection and the conservation of biodiversity over a period of three years.

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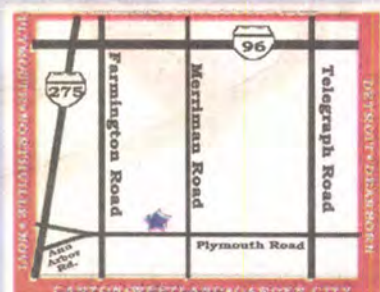
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