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Wright appointed acting Wayne city manager

Merucci's resignation accepted effective Oct. 11

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Wayne Police Chief Jason Wright will now be wearing a second hat as acting city manager.

On Thursday, Wright was appointed to serve as the city's top administrator following the resignation of City Manager Joseph Merucci, who came on board in May. Wright will continue as police chief and re-



Wright

just do what has to be done day-to-day to move us forward," Wright said. "I'm glad the council has confidence in me. I will do my best. We are all on the same team."

At a brief special meeting Thursday, the council had a closed session to review a legal

ceive an additional \$50 per day for serving as acting city manager.

"I'm not looking to be the permanent city manager. I will

opinion. When the council returned to open session, the council voted to accept the resignation of Merucci effective Oct. 11. Merucci, who did not attend the council meeting, was also granted a leave of absence for personal reasons effective immediately.

"The contract required a 30-day notice — you couldn't alter the contract without 30-day notice," Wayne City Clerk Matthew Miller said. "He (Merucci) will be on the payroll until Oct. 11. There is no severance."

Back in April, the council

approved a three-year agreement with Merucci, who had been serving as city manager in financially troubled Lincoln Park.

"He resigned and left. That's all," said Wayne Mayor Al Haidous when asked about Merucci's departure. "We will do another city manager search. I'm putting something on the agenda for Tuesday (when the council meets)."

Several resignations

Wright is filling in at a time when the city is without a personnel director and a finance

director following the recent resignations of Mathew Mulholland and James Ghedotte, respectively. Nathan Adams had left his position as Parks and Recreation director earlier in the summer.

"There are some problems that have got to be addressed. We've got people trying to do those (finance and personnel) duties," Wright said. "My role is temporary. I have to try and get city government moving again. In this form of government, it comes to an abrupt halt

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VISIT SPARKS INTEREST

W-W students learn about future of welding careers

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Dean Wilson looks at the average age of a welder in the United States — 55 years and older — and sees incredible opportunity for today's welding students.

"There will be a huge vacuum of leadership in the field leaving in 15 years when they're in their 30s," he said. "These students will be able to take over the industry at a very young age."

The president of the American Welding Society, Wilson stopped Thursday at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center in Westland to talk to students about the work opportunities available in the welding profession and about changes AWS is making to meet their needs in the future.

The AWS is moving to online learning opportunities to gain certifications, as well as create records populated with that information and their work and resume.

"We'll have their resume and be able to pair that resume and talent with a business that needs a welder," he said. "We will be able to do job matching and be an educational partner. We'll be able to help them from recruitment to retirement."

Unfilled jobs

According to Wilson, between now and 2021, some 200,000 welding jobs will go



Rya Bark's arc welding casts shadows of her tools.

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Cities OK funding for Nankin Transit

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Continued financial support for the Nankin Transit bus service has been approved by the Westland and Wayne city councils.

Westland approved using \$82,726 in municipal credit and \$109,843 in community credit from the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation to fund Nankin Transit. Wayne approved using \$17,290 in municipal credit and \$25,203 in community credit.

Thanks to the passage of the SMART millage last month, the community credit saw a 15-percent increase.

Nankin Transit provides transportation for senior citizens and handicapped residents of Westland, Wayne, Garden City and Inkster.

The transportation service was the subject of complaints from riders last year. Former Westland Police Chief James Ridener was appointed executive director in March and began implementing changes, including computerization.

"I'm encouraged. I was over at Nankin Transit and got an update on operations," Westland Mayor William Wild said. "They have a balanced budget. There is additional money from the community credit. With the new computers, new fleet and new management, I think they are really on the right track."

SMART will soon be providing a new fleet of 10 buses. Wild also noted that the transportation service offices will be moving in early 2014 from the Westland Department of Public Services building on Marquette to the new Dorsey Center, which will be in the former Jefferson-Barns School.

"There have been a lot of improvements there (at Nankin Transit). It's been a night and day change over there," said Wayne Councilman John Rhaesa, a Nankin Transit board member. "It's \$3 each way for rides for seniors and handicapped residents. You can't get a taxi for that."

Riders can now book a ride two weeks to a month in advance, Rhaesa said, unlike the previous system which had a reservation window limited to

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Kubitskey appointed Westland deputy mayor

Thelma Kubitskey has been appointed Westland's new deputy mayor. Having served as Westland budget director since October 2012, Kubitskey starts her new position Monday.

Kubitskey will replace Jade Smith, who has accepted a position as Milan city administrator. As deputy mayor, Kubitskey will serve as Mayor William Wild's chief of staff and oversee the mayor's ap-



Kubitskey

pointed staff. "Thelma Kubitskey has played an integral role in many of the key projects we are currently working on within the City of Westland," Wild said. "She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience, and her familiarity with the staff and her level of profes-

sionalism made her an excellent choice to assume the role of deputy mayor."

Kubitskey has a bachelor of science degree from Madonna University and retired from Northville Township after 32 years. There, she worked as the assistant township manager/finance director. She has an extensive municipal finance background, including completion of capital improvement projects such as

construction of a new township hall.

Her previous experience has prepared her for successful work on many projects with Westland, Wild said, including the new city hall and new fire station projects. As the budget director, she also aided in making Westland the only city in Wayne County with a 3-year balanced budget and helped build a \$5.5 million rainy day fund, Wild added.



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Museum remains closed due to storm damage

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Due to damage from the record-setting rainfall in storms last month, the Wayne Historical Museum will be closed until at least mid-October. "During that rain event, the museum sustained damage from the roof," Wayne City Clerk Matthew Miller said. "We are in the process of re-

pairing it. No artifacts were lost." Constructed in 1878, the two-story building has a flat roof. Due to the amount of rain and a grate that collapsed into a drain, Miller said the water collected on the roof. "We don't think the roof itself was bad. With the weight and volume of the rain, it wasn't able to keep up," Miller said.

The water caused ceiling tiles to fall, soaked the carpeting and damaged drywall in the south side of the building, Miller said. "Luckily, the motion sensor alarm system worked — a ceiling tile fell and set it off," said Miller, who responded to the alarm with friends and started cleaning up. "DPW (the Department of Public Works) came to

my aid and were able to clear the drain." The city has filed a claim with its insurer, the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority. "We're waiting to hear. We hope the insurance will cover it," said Miller, estimating the repairs will cost approximately \$5,000. Despite the damage, Miller said the Wayne Historical Commission

held its meeting in the building. Located on Town Square (Biddle), the Village of Wayne and Nankin Township occupied the building initially. When the village purchased firefighting equipment in 1900, an addition was built to house it. The building officially became the Wayne Historical Museum in 1964

and was expanded subsequently. The State of Michigan Historical Marker was dedicated in 1987. Normally, the Wayne Historical Museum is open from 1-4 p.m. Friday and Saturday and by appointment Monday through Thursday. lr Rogers@hometownlife.com
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WRIGHT

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when the city manager leaves." A Wayne police officer for 21 years, Wright said he will do whatever he can to assist council in whatever direction it wants to take to replace the city manager. "The dust is settling. There will be a solution. It will work itself out," Wright said. "It will take a little time and effort to fill positions. I'm a police chief. This came up. It is what it is." Wright said he is fortunate to have Deputy Police Chief Alan Maciag, a strong deputy who can step in to handle additional duties.

Concern about stability

It's been a year since Robert English resigned as city manager. Ramzi El-Gharib, who had been

Department of Public Works director, served as interim manager. Retired from Wayne, El-Gharib now heads both the Wayne and Westland public works/services departments. Wayne and Westland have also been working toward a proposed fire authority, having already merged the two fire departments. A joint meeting of the two councils regarding parks and recreation had been the works, too. "I'm getting very concerned about the stability of Wayne with the agreements we have with them," said Westland Mayor William Wild. Wayne hasn't yet resolved an approximately \$500,000 deficit for the current fiscal year or a larger deficit projected for 2015-16.

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unfilled. With the baby boomers beginning to retire, that number will quadruple. Rya Bark, a second-year student in the welding program at the center, liked what she heard Wilson say. A student at Wayne Memorial High School, she said the portfolio part was interesting. "Any job you're interested in, you need to know what you can do," she said. "With the portfolio, you can include what you've done in class and what processes you've learned. You don't want to forget anything because it might be something an employer wants."

Bark became interested in the welding program when she came over to the center for a demonstration. She didn't know what welding was, but when she saw it, she wanted to do it. "This is awesome," she said.

John Lakatos is in his second year of the center's welding program. He comes from a family of skilled tradesmen. His father is a mechanic; his stepfather is a carpenter. He did some welding at his old school and it led to him selecting it as his trade.

"I want to do it," he said. "I like the TIG welding and arc welding. Arc welding is the hardest to master, but TIG is the best."



Noah Beaudoin shows a weld to Dean Wilson, president of the American Welding Society.

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Michael Becker, a senior from Wayne Memorial, has a goal of being an automotive welder. It's something he's dreamed about and always had in his head. Hearing what AWS has to offer students confirmed his belief in his future career path. "I learned a lot today," he said.

Following his plan

Matthew Nasecif of Melvindale had never heard about welding until he was in ninth grade. His robotics teacher talked about it. Now he wants to be a

deep-sea welder. "That's going to be my plan," he said. "I like the idea that you have a portfolio that follows you. It's going to be entirely computer-based. A lot of places do welding tests, but you won't have to carry around the other information. It'll be there in the data base." Wilson pointed out that starting welders make \$18 to \$22 an hour, but as they do more and move up, wages jump to \$30 per hour. Deep-sea welders can command \$50-plus an hour. "For these kids, it's worth continuing on," he

said. "There are greater advancement opportunities."

Welding instructor Nick Regets was glad to see Wilson visit and share his message with students.

"It's all about providing opportunities for the kids," he said. "If you can get them excited about any career path, that's good. Part of education's job is getting them excited about a career. Sometimes, that's a tough sell."

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a couple of days. "They are able to get routes using iPads. If a bus is behind for some reason, the computer reroutes the bus," Rhacsa said. The strongly supported millage approved by voters will fund the additional buses, Wayne Mayor Al Haidous said. "It will take awhile

for them to get here but that will also improve service," he added. Once all of the changes and upgrades are in place, Wild said a relaunch of Nankin Transit and marketing plan will be done. "I think we will get people right back. They are getting a handle on the down time and off-peak hours," Wild said.

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Water authority proposal gets mixed reviews

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Greater suburban input and rate increase caps sound good but the deal to create a new regional water authority is getting a mixed reaction locally.

"This agreement appears to be a positive step for the region providing stability to communities and a balanced process for setting rates," Westland Mayor William Wild said. "It's important that these investments and improvements are system-wide. Residents from the suburbs, as well as Detroit, should see the benefits of rebuilding the water and sewer system." Under the deal an-

nounced last week by leaders of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties and the City of Detroit, the Detroit Water and Sewer Department will be turned into a new regional authority, the Great Lakes Water Authority.

The deal includes a cap on rate increases of 4 percent a year for the next 10 years. The new authority will be governed by six individuals, one from each county, two from Detroit, and a sixth person appointed by the governor. As part of the deal, Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties would drop their opposition to Detroit's long-term restructuring plan in bankruptcy court. Before the plan goes into effect, Detroit and at

least one county must approve of it by Oct. 10.

"There are so many questions that have not been answered. They came up with the regional authority — there will be a voice for the region and that's good," Wayne Mayor Al Haidous said. "I support that. But there is how to restructure the water system."

There is talk about looking at a fixed rate for water, like what was done for the sewage, he said, which has pushed up sewer charges above the amount charged for water.

"We should not treat this as a business. Water is a necessity. It's not utility," Haidous said. "I could live without electricity or gas but not without water."

Going forward, Haidous said he is open to seeing how the new regional board would address issues like the large amount of unpaid water bills in Detroit.

"That affects the suburbs and the water system. Those bills are passed along to the suburbs," Haidous said. "I'd like to see them find solutions to all the water/sewer problems and not make it more expensive for people below the poverty line."

DWSD currently services 40 percent of Michigan's population providing water from the Detroit River and Lake Huron.

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Livonia resident donates first paycheck to Oakland University

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Livonia resident Samantha Wolf applied to 14 colleges and universities while completing her studies at Stevenson High School in 2010. While she wanted to go out of state for school, staying close to home became a more affordable option.

She applied to Oakland University, graduated four years later and made an unusual decision earlier this summer: to donate her first paycheck back to the school she had just left.

"It was just something where I had said it for so long," she said. "I had an amazing education and I got a lot out of Oakland University."

Wolf, who served as the Student Congress president during part of her time at Oakland University, graduated in May with a degree in communications and minors in applied leadership skills and international relations. She began working at Rock Connections,

a marketing firm and division of Quicken Loans, earlier this summer, and recently went back to campus to present a check of \$741.96 to the university, equal to her first paycheck from her new company.

She said the money will be allocated toward work on the Oakland Center, a student center that is being considered for expansion, including a second floor. The development project is something Wolf had worked many hours on in connection with others at the university. She said she had visited other campuses to garner a feel for the new student center, and presented to the university's board of trustees several times on the project.

Wolf still has student loans to pay off, as well as other expenses, but said planning to give the first paycheck required just a little preparation for her day-to-day living.

"I have loans. I have bills to pay. It was just something I had to do," she said. "I just budgeted and made it happen."



Livonia resident Samantha Wolf donated the first paycheck she received from her employer back to Oakland University.

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Her giving may have also inspired others at her company: Wolf said she had been contacted by the owner of her company, stating he would match her donation to the university as well.

Kelly Brault, the university's director of annual giving, said Wolf's contribution is a rare event.

"Even prior to finding a job, she promised to donate her first paycheck. We haven't even asked her for money," she said. "It's unusual for someone to give without us asking

them."

Brault said because of the increased growth Oakland University has had in recent years — about one-third of all alumni from the school graduated within the last 10 years — the university views younger alumni as being key to its success in the future.

While donating their first paycheck isn't something Wolf recommends every new college graduate do, she said it is important for those recently graduated alumni to try to give back to the schools that gave

so much to them.

That way, she said, others will be able to share in the many experiences they had.

"I think you can start off with \$10, \$20. It's more about getting into the habit of giving back," she said. "You did pay quite a significant amount for it. By you giving back, you're allowing that student to potentially have that great experience you had."

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Motion hearing for Saad pushed back to Oct. 17

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The motion hearing originally scheduled for Friday for the man accused of killing a soccer referee in Livonia has been pushed back to next month.

Maria Miller, assistant Wayne County prosecutor, said in an email the motion hearing for 36-year-old Bassel Saad originally planned for Friday had been pushed back to 9 a.m. Oct. 17

before circuit judge Cynthia Hathaway.

A court official in Hathaway's courtroom was unsure Thursday of the reason for the delay.

The hearing was originally scheduled to determine two items pertaining to Saad: his bond and a possible change of venue. His attorney, Ali Hammoud, had indicated to the court during Saad's arraignment last month that he may want to explore a change of venue for his client because of

the high level of attention the case has received.

Saad is accused of killing Westland resident John Bieniewicz, a soccer referee, by assaulting him during an adult league match June 29 at Livonia's Mies Park. Witness testimony indicated Saad struck Bieniewicz while the referee was in the processing of showing him a red card, ejecting Saad from the match.

Saad is charged with second-degree murder. If

convicted, he faces up to life in prison.

His bond was expected to be an issue discussed at the hearing as well. It's currently at \$1 million after being set by Livonia's 16th District Court during his arraignment there in July. Hammoud has requested the circuit court reduce it to \$150,000.

Prosecutors have objected, citing incorrect information such as dates listed on Saad's paperwork, including his

passport.

According to online jail records, Saad remained locked up in the Wayne County Jail as of Thursday afternoon, unable to post the bond.

Unchanged are Saad's final conference and jury trial dates, which are still scheduled to take place Oct. 30 and Dec. 8, respectively.

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A motion hearing for Bassel Saad was pushed back until Oct. 17 by Circuit Judge Cynthia Gray Hathaway.



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Two Glenn teachers win Unsung Heroes Grant

Two John Glenn High School teachers have received a grant from Voya Financial for an oral history project started two years ago at the school.

American history teacher Michele Anderson and instrumental music teacher Scott Cramer received a \$2,000 Voya Financial Unsung Heroes Grant for Innovative Teaching Program.

Selected from a group of more than 1,000 applicants, the team is one of only 100 winners across the country who will receive a \$2,000 award to help fund the Vietnam Oral History Project.

Anderson launched the oral history project two years ago, when she had her students interview World War II veterans and defense workers. The project culminated in a USO-style dance at the high school. They did a reprise during the 2013-14 school year, with students interviewing Korean War veterans. They, too, were feted with a USO-style dance.

Anderson's and Cramer's Vietnam Oral History Project will allow the entire student body to learn the history of the Vietnam War directly from Vietnam veterans.

The project allows students to make personal connections to better understand the history and controversies surrounding this time period. Sociology students will benefit by recording the oral history interviews of veterans and submitting them into the Library of Congress Veterans Project.

History students will benefit from learning about the war directly from these interviews and re-creating a Viet-



Teacher Scott Cramer directs John Glenn singers at the dance.



Michele Anderson, chair of the Social Studies Department, listens as John Glenn High School Principal David Ingham talks at last year's USO dance for Korean War veterans.

nam War USO dance for the student body and community. To honor those veterans who gave their life for their country, students will also research deceased veterans to create a remembrance display.

The band and choir will research historical music and perform the numbers at the reenactment USO dance.

Through the Voya Unsung Heroes program, Voya Financial awards grants to K-12 educators nationwide to honor their innovative teaching methods, creative educational projects and the ability to positively influence the children they teach.

Anderson and Cramer will now compete with other winners for one of the top three prizes — an additional \$5,000, \$10,000 or \$25,000 from Voya Financial.

Since 1996, the Voya (formerly ING) Unsung Heroes program has awarded more than \$4 million to help the nation's educators turn creative teaching ideas into reality.

"Voya Financial is honored to salute these outstanding teachers who have the vision to pioneer new methods and techniques in the classroom that inspire learning," said Bernie Heffernon, senior vice president of Tax-Exempt Markets for Retirement Solutions at

Voya Financial. "Each day, we help individuals prepare for a secure financial future and we are proud to recognize these men and women who prepare students for their future."

"We understand that teaching is one of the most important professions in the world and are pleased to help Michele and Scott continue making a life-long, positive impact on the children they teach," she added.

ACHIEVERS

» **Julie Moffitt** of Westland has been named to the Spring Honors List for the 2013-2014 academic year at Concordia University. To be eligible for the honor, students must achieve a minimum 3.50 grade-point average.

Moffitt is a senior majoring in health care management.

» The 2014-15 academic year got off to a great start when Heidelberg University welcomed 369 new students and 35 transfer students on Aug. 26. Among those

who enrolled as part of the Class of 2018 was **Julius Sanders** of Westland, who is majoring in business administration and sport management.

Heidelberg University is located in Tiffin, Ohio.

» **Terrell Sewell** of Westland and **Mike Davis** of Wayne were among more than 550 Culver-Stockton College students, faculty and staff who participated in the sixth annual Extreme Dome Makeover, Saturday, Aug. 23, volunteering their services to

fix up 16 sites in Canton, Mo.

Extreme Dome Makeover provides the opportunity to introduce incoming students to the community of Canton, as well as to their classmates, advisors and neighbors. Volunteers spent the day doing various activities like painting, landscaping and cleaning. Project sites included both public areas and private residences.

Sewell is a sophomore, majoring in psychology. Davis is a sen-

ior, majoring in sport management.

Culver-Stockton College, located in Canton, Mo., is a four-year residential institution in affiliation with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

» **Alexandria Lange** of Lutheran High School Westland is among approximately 16,000 semifinalists in the 60th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. Lange has the opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,600 National Merit Scholarships worth about \$33 million that will be offered next spring.

A semifinalist must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by a high school official, write an essay and earn SAT scores that confirm the student's earlier performance on the qualifying test.


» **Leah Vernon** of Westland received her master of arts degree in creative writing at Wilkes University's summer commencement ceremony held Sept. 7 in the Arnaud C. Marts Sports and Conference Center in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

» **Louissa Villaroman** of Westland is among 104


students welcomed recently in the second class of the Central Michigan University College of Medicine.

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Artist, crafters can exhibit at O&E show Oct. 25

The Observer & Eccentric Media is reaching out to artists and crafters in the area. Artisans who don't have time to travel to sell their work — this show is for you.

The O&E will sponsor its first Arts & Crafts Show on Saturday, Oct. 25, at the Quality Inn & Suites on Plymouth Road in Livonia. Artists and crafters of various media

are invited to participate in this one-day event from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Participants can take advantage of a discounted rate — \$90 per artisan. Participants receive exhibit space and a listing in a digital ad directory published on hometownlife.com which attracts more than 375,000 visitors monthly.

The October edition of Hometown Life Woman

will also feature special pre-event news coverage of the event.

Refreshments sponsorships are also available along with others for businesses that include speaking/presentation opportunities.

Those interested in learning more about show, should visit hometownlife.com/artsandcrafts or email cbjordan@hometownlife.com.



From left, Livonia Fire Chief Shadd Whitehead, state Rep. John Walsh, R-Livonia, and Livonia Police Chief Curtis Caid at the state House 9-11 ceremony Thursday.

Livonia fire, police chiefs attend 9/11 ceremony

State Rep. John Walsh, R-Livonia, welcomed Livonia Fire Chief Shadd Whitehead and Livonia Police Chief Curtis Caid during Thursday's 9/11 remembrance ceremony at the state House.

Members and distinguished guests gather annually on this day to honor

first responders who passed away during the year and to remember those who lost their lives 13 years ago on Sept. 11, 2001.

Caid and Whitehead were two of the many men and women honored during the event as they risk their lives protecting the state of Michigan.

Friends holding fall used book sale

The Friends of the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland will hold its fall used book sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 19-20, and noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21.

Sunday will be a 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 and lots of children's fiction.

The preview sale for the Friends of the Li-

brary only will be 3-6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18. People can join the Friends group at the door and shop the preview sale.

Proceeds from the sales help fund programs, materials and equipment for the library.

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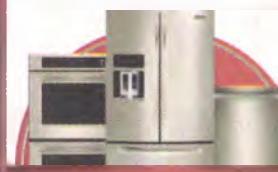
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GC Fine Arts group holding annual show, sale

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Fifteen artists from Garden City, Westland, Redford and Livonia will be displaying their work at the Garden City Fine Arts Association's annual fall show and sale.

The show is scheduled for Thursday through Saturday, Sept. 18-20, at the Michigan Art Center, 32129 Block St., in Garden City. Hours will be 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

There will be 55 pieces of art — ranging from oils, pastels, photography and sculptures — priced between \$50 and \$250.

"People will find some very good oils, watercolors and pastels, some portraiture work, ceramics and work by photographers who are really great," show chairman Bob Sheridan of Livonia said.

Among the artists will be Mike Kuhn, owner of the Michigan Art Center and former instructor at

Schoolcraft College, who with Sheridan will be providing ceramic pieces for the show.

A reception and award ceremony is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday. Light refreshments will be served. There will be first-, second- and third-place awards as well as the Norma McQueen Award for the best landscape, a new award for an up-and-coming artist and the Santieu Award given by the John Santieu family.

Guests can receive 15-percent off their purchases and receive a raffle ticket for a door prize. The drawing for the three door prizes which will be on display, will take place at 3 p.m. Saturday. Ticket holders do need not be present to win.

Founded 32 years ago, the Garden City Fine Arts Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of fine arts in the Garden City area. Meetings are held at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of



Members of the Garden City Fine Arts Association include Carol Hines, Betty Felts, Marilyn McIlrath, Rosalyn Sturgeon, Susan Trotter, Karen Cabbie, MaryJo Weiss, Henrietta Orzechowski and Bob Sheridan.

the month at the Michigan Art Center.

Artists at the center also are participating in the Michigan Art Center's second annual student exhibit in the Livonia Fine Arts Club Gallery in the upper level of the Livonia Civic Center

Library, located at 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington, in Livonia.

That exhibit will be available for viewing during normal business hours throughout the month of September. Select pieces also are for sale.

The Michigan Art Center is a family art center offering beginning through advanced classes for adults and children. It also offers workshops, birthday parties and private events.

While its primary

focus is ceramics, the Center occasionally offers other classes such as glass fusion, photography and drawing.

For more information, call 734-266-3500 or visit michiganartcenter.com.

Wayne church stages 'Happy Birthday Dear Grandpa'

Convinced that his grand kids are plotting his murder, curmudgeon Walter Hartley warily agrees to sit through a birthday celebration in his honor. However, the celebration turns sour when the kids each secretly spike Grandpa's coffee with sleeping pills.

Comedy ensues when Grandpa's body goes "missing" and a nosy neighbor lady calls in the bumbling police detective. All of this comedic fun plus refreshments will be featured at the annual Serendipity Players production of *Happy Birthday Dear Grandpa* at the

First Congregational Church of Wayne.

The show is the largest theatrical undertaking by the Players. In the past, the group has done skits and a murder mystery. This is the first full two-act comedy led administratively by Wayne resident Norm Beasley, retired GM employee and part-time custodian for the church.

Serendipity Players is the adult outreach of the Christian Education Department at the First Congregational Church. *Happy Birthday Dear Grandpa* is directed by Darlene Hawley and assisted by Mary Carney, also of Wayne.

Joining the group for this outing is newly installed pastor Chris Richards. Richards has only been on the job since the beginning of September at the Landmark Church, so designated by the city of Wayne because it has been a part of the community since 1848. The church is located in the heart of Wayne at 2 Town Square.

The play will be presented at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday Sept. 20. Tickets for the afternoon show are \$8 and \$12 for the evening performance. Call the church at 734-729-7550.



Serendipity Players rehearse a scene from their production of "Happy Birthday Dear Grandpa" at the First Congregational Church of Wayne.

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Holocaust Center exhibit depicts Jewish life

The Holocaust Memorial Center Zekelman Family Campus in Farmington Hills will host the photo exhibit, "Light Is My Voice: Images, Legends, and Abstractions," Sept. 21 through Dec. 22.

The exhibit's creator is Detroit native and photographer Todd Weinstein, who will speak at the opening at 3 p.m. Sept. 21 at the Holocaust Memorial Center, 28123 Orchard Lake Road. Weinstein's work is known for its street photography depicting the ups and downs of life and abstract images using Jewish lore to explore universal themes of suffering and redemption.

"Light Is My Voice: Images, Legends, and Abstractions" explores three themes. With "Darkness into Light," Weinstein spent six years photographing the re-emergence of Jewish life in modern-day Germany. This project helped Weinstein understand how Holocaust survivors could go on with their



Todd Weinstein's photograph, "Birds over synagogue," is among a number of his works on exhibit beginning Sept. 21 at the Holocaust Memorial Center in Farmington Hills.



Weinstein

Weinstein captures the faces of the prophets in a group of rocks and a twisted scrap of cloth, for example, or the image of Moses and the tablets revealed in the patterns of a broken piece of marble.

Weinstein's four decades of work span a range of genres from documentary and street photography to abstract and commercial work. His photographs have been exhibited at The Detroit Institute of Arts, New York's Howard Greenberg Gallery, Pace/MacGill Gallery and Yeshiva University Museum.

Weinstein turned his attention to Jewish themes in the early 1990s when he spent time in Germany documenting

the resurgence of Jewish life in the country.

"We are looking forward to hosting Light Is My Voice: Images, Legends, and Abstractions for the next few months," said Holocaust Memorial Center Executive Director Stephen M. Goldman. "Like all of the exhibits we display in our museum, 'Light Is My Voice' not only evokes a sense of history in our visitors, but also messages of social responsibility and morality."

Kay Yafee and Denny Brown, Nancy and Anthony Morris, and Marika Partridge and Larry Ravitz are the major supporters of the exhibit during its stay at the Holocaust Memorial Center. Pamela and Kenneth Bloom, Rozanne and Bernard Friedman, Dorothy and Hershel Sandberg, and Susan Malinowski and Gary Shapiro are providing generous additional support. Visibleworks Design and Walter P. Sauer are contributing in-kind support.

lives in a country soaked with Jewish blood. It also gave him a deeper understanding of his own Jewish identity and heritage.

As Weinstein continued to document Jewish life in Western Europe after the Holo-

caust, he began to ask himself "What could have saved the Jews? What could have saved the world?" Weinstein began to think the 36 Righteous Ones of Jewish legend may hold the key. It is said the presence of these 36 keeps

the world from destruction in times of peril. By photographing images of human faces and gestures he saw in stone, metal, glass, shadows, fragments and stains, Weinstein found a way to address the unspeakable horrors of the Holocaust.



WAYNE COUNTY

Participants in the inaugural Heroes on Hines 5K and half marathon showed their American pride.

Sign up for Hero of Hines 5K or half marathon

Wayne County, in partnership with Running Fit, will host its second annual Heroes on Hines Half Marathon and 5K Run on Saturday, Oct. 4.

Proceeds from the annual race will go to support and maintain the First Responders Memorial in Hines Park, located at the corner of Hines Drive and Haggerty Road in Plymouth Township.

"The memorial and the annual Heroes on Hines race are powerful tributes that honor the heroic men and women who lost their lives while serving as first responders in Wayne County," Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano said.

The half marathon begins at 8 a.m. and the 5K begins at 8:45 a.m. The registration fee for the half marathon is \$59 through Oct. 2 and \$70 on race weekend, Oct. 3-4. The registration fee for the 5K is \$34 through Oct. 2 and \$40 on race weekend, Oct. 3-4. Entry fee includes a technical race shirt for all distances and finisher's medal for half marathon distance.

The Heroes on Hines Half Marathon and 5K Run offers an opportunity for registered participants to create teams to compete against each other during race challenges. First Responder divisions are able to create their own teams for

camaraderie and friendly competition.

Police, fire and EMS departments throughout Wayne County's 43 communities can promote a healthy lifestyle by gathering co-workers to get fit, come out and show some team spirit.

The Heroes on Hines course travels through the western Wayne communities of Plymouth and Northville at the northwest end of Edward Hines Drive. Both the half marathon and 5K start and finish at the memorial site. As a security precaution, all bags and backpacks will be prohibited at the race start/finish area and along the race course.

The memorial contains 403 names of police, fire and EMS personnel from the Wayne County communities who died in the line of duty. The memorial includes monuments, seat walls, concrete walkways, a paver plaza, site furnishings, plantings as well parking and lighting.

Sponsors for Heroes on Hines include Lou LaRiche Chevrolet, Skyway Precision, Argent International, Hines Park Lincoln, Durr, Burroughs, Observer & Eccentric and Friends of Wayne County Parks.

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House OKs Cavanagh's distressed taxpayer bill

Members of the Michigan House of Representatives were in agreement in passing unanimously a bill that will help homeowners facing tax foreclosure.

Proposed by State Rep. Phil Cavanagh, D-Redford, House Bill 4882, or as Cavanagh refers to it as — the distressed taxpayers bill — authorizes a county treasurer to create a delin-

quent property tax installment plan for a principal residence, the title to which is held by a financially distressed person.

Upon successful completion of the installment plan the county treasurer shall then waive any incurred penalties and interest, which compounds the hardship when a distressed property owner falls behind

on their tax bill.

"I worked with the Michigan Association of County Treasurers on this bill to ensure that residents who have fallen on hard times will be able to save their home from tax foreclosure," Cavanagh said. "While I expected it to pass on the third reading, I am ecstatic that it passed with unanimous support from my colleagues."

Woman gets probation for attack

A 20-year-old Redford woman was sentenced to three years' probation for using a belt to beat her 14-year-old cousin.

Tajanae Grady of Redford and her younger brother were visiting their cousin in Warren when the beating occurred.

The woman was charged after the attack was videotaped and posted online.

Grady and her brother repeatedly whipped their cousin with a belt for stealing items at school, according to reports.

Judge Mary Chrzanowski sentenced Grady

on Thursday in Mount Clemens. The sentence is under the Holmes Youthful Trainee Act. That means the conviction and a six-month jail sentence will be erased if she successfully completes probation. Grady's brother has received probation in juvenile court.

Township audit: 'good estimate' on revenues

All of Redford Township's departments came in under budget, according to an audit report received at Tuesday's board of trustees meeting.

The township had a "really good estimate on revenues," said Dave Helisek of Plante Moran, which performed the audit. The audit, which gave Redford an unmodified or the highest rating, was for the fiscal year which ended March 31, 2014.

Revenue was originally projected at \$28.2 million, was amended to \$28.9 million and ended up being \$28.7 million or a \$200,000 negative variance, Helisek said.

The difference represents a charge back by Wayne County for money that wasn't collected

in taxes, he said.

The general fund showed \$815,000 more than originally projected, Helisek said. A general fund balance of \$9,155,539 was projected and the actual was \$9.9 million, he said.

But, the actual general fund balance is probably closer to \$1 million, because of the way the tax collections are recorded, he said.

The \$1 million fund balance is about 3 percent of expenditures and that is a "pretty low number," Helisek said.

With that balance the township could go 15 days without revenue, he said.

Under budget

"Based on what I'm seeing here, all of our departments spent less

than what was budgeted," Trustee Jay Johnson said.

General government came in \$561,717 under the amended budget, 17th District Court was \$75,714 under budget, Public Safety was \$886,082 under budget, Public Works was \$41,555 under budget, Community Development was \$33,527 under budget and Recreation was \$48,102 under budget.

Helisek also presented a supplemental audit report of federal money the township has received. Anyone who receives at least a half million dollars in federal money has to have a federal audit, he said.

The township received \$2.5 million, he said.

GARDEN CITY FINE ARTS ASSOCIATION

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Reception and award ceremony will be held on Thursday, September 18th at 7pm.

Light refreshments will be served.

Every attendee to the art show will receive a raffle ticket for a door prize. Door prizes (1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place) will be on display. Door Prize drawing will take place

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St. Mary Mercy Hospital's eighth annual Embrace Life 5K run/walk for Cancer on Sept. 7 raised more than \$40,000 for St. Mary Mercy Hospital's Cancer Services. Proceeds from the race provide hundreds of people with necessities that go along with the treatment of cancer, such as transportation to and from treatments, wigs, oncology products, and oncology massage, available in the hospital's Helen Palmer Image Recovery Center, a salon that specializes in services for cancer patients.

"We have such a tremendous response of participation from our community and sponsors for this event. Participants come out to honor or remember a loved one affected by this disease (cancer) or simply to run and be healthy," said David Spivey, President and CEO, St. Mary Mercy Livonia. Spivey also ran in the race and earned his personal best time; he was within the top 10 of his age-group category. He runs in the race not only because it is his hospital's event, but runs in celebration of his wife.

His wife, Julie Spivey, also has a personal stake in the race. She is director of the Mercy Cancer Network, CHE Trinity Health, an oncology network connecting patients to specialists and cancer centers in Michigan of which St. Mary Mercy Livonia is a member hospital. She is also a seven-year breast cancer survivor. "We are thankful today and every day," said David Spivey of her survivorship.

Awards were given to the top three male and female overall winners of the run, as well as almost 90 age-group winners, from ages 13 and under through 80 and up. Top three overall male winners were 1) Neal Naughton of Ann Arbor, with a time of 16:14; 2) Keith Erichsen of Farmington Hills, with a time of 17:01; and 3) Brett Navarre, of Trenton, with a time of 17:13. Top three overall female winners were 1) Teresa Cook, of Dearborn, with a time of 20:06; 2) Mikelle Adamczyk, of Northville, with a time of 20:14; and 3) Danie Matusik, of Chelsea, with a time of 20:51.

A complete list of results and race photos can be found at stmarymercy.org/SKforcancer.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital thanked the presenting sponsor, Brighthouse Networks, and all of the race sponsors and volunteers who made the event possible.



Marc Arthur and Amanda Arthur begin the race.

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Overall men's winner Neal Naughton of Ann Arbor heads for the finish with a time of 16:14.9.

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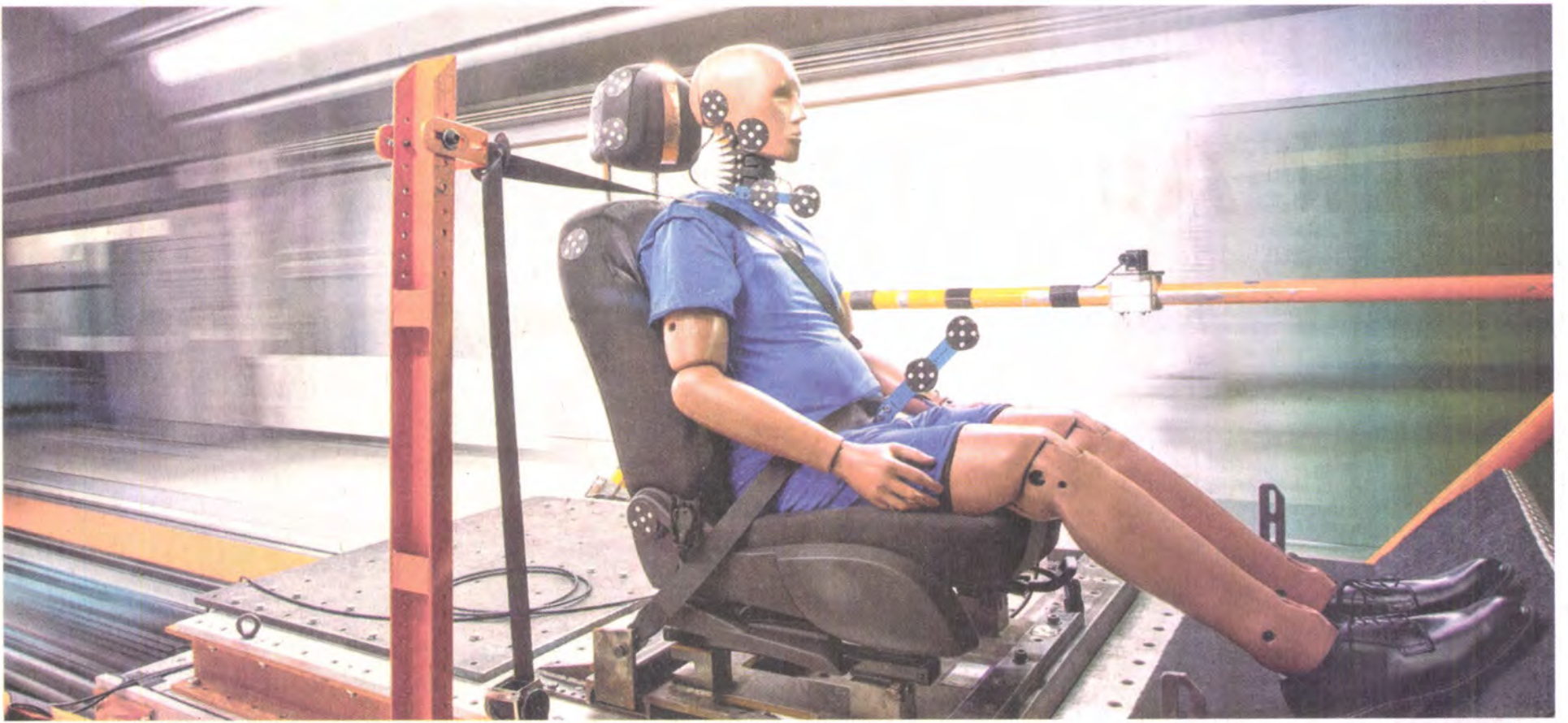
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A whiplash test is run on Johnson Controls' new ServoSled at the company's automotive seating headquarters in Plymouth Township. The new sled allows technicians to measure exactly what happens to a seat — or even a single seat component — in specific kinds of crashes.

CRASH AND LEARN

Auto supplier ups game with new crash-test lab

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

As the automobile industry evolves in terms of vehicle design, safety standards and increasing globalization, the technology behind making cars and trucks evolves as well.

It's that change that prompted Johnson Controls to build a new test laboratory at its Automotive Experience facility in Plymouth Township. The division supplies major automakers around the world with seating, instrument panels and other vehicle systems.

The lab, outfitted with a new Seattle Safety ServoSled for crash testing, gives engineers, designers and technicians precise information about what happens during specific kinds of crashes to vehicle seats, to individual seating components and to the human beings who might be riding in those Johnson Controls seats.

"We're proud of this lab because it's a mixture of science and engineering — and art, in some respects," said Rodney Szerlag, the division's director of engineering and validation. Szerlag spoke Wednesday as the new sled was being prepared for a low-speed whiplash test.

Measuring force

The test was to simulate a rear-impact crash in order to measure how a given seat model is affected by the forces a real crash would bring — the energy the seat would absorb. Using a



MATT JACHMAN

Using a device that measures specific points in three-dimensional space, Johnson Controls test technician Troy Nelles prepares the company's new test sled for a rear-impact, 15.5-kilometers-per-hour (not quite 10 mph) whiplash test Wednesday. The new sled can be set up to duplicate the interiors of many different vehicle models in terms of seat-belt placement, seat height, leg room and other features that would affect crash-test results.

dummy called a Bio-RID (the acronym stands for Rear Impact Dummy), specifically designed for whiplash tests, the test was also to measure how the head and neck respond, in that seat, to crash forces. That data, the company said, give engineers and designers insights on how to make seating systems that better prevent whiplash injuries.

"We need to understand safety and design safety into our products," Szerlag said. Much of the seat testing is done by computer simulation, he said, but live crash tests are needed to validate the results of virtual

tests.

"Testing is very critical. It's the baseline for what we do," said Linda Rivers, Johnson Controls' vice president for engineering and industrial design in the seating department. The company also has an older-model test sled, still used for some crash tests.

The crash dummy — the company uses dummies that represent humans of all sizes — is supposed to closely model how a real person of a specific body type would respond to a specific kind of crash and is fitted with sensors, such as accelerometers (to measure acceleration) and load

cells (to measure force) that provide that data.

Johnson Controls uses dummies from Humanetics ATD (for Anthropomorphic Test Dummies), a worldwide company with headquarters in the township. The dummies are occasionally sent back to Humanetics for inspection and recalibration.

Labs worldwide

The Plymouth Township lab is Johnson Controls' fifth ServoSled location; the company also has one in Germany, one in Japan and two in China.

The lab locations around the world, officials said, help the company compete as vehicle production becomes more globalized and the five different labs collaborate to ensure test results are consistent regardless of location.

Wednesday's whiplash test couldn't be completed due to a computer glitch, but it's the resulting data and the frame-by-frame video the testers want. The "crash" itself is over in less than a second.

Rivers, a 29-year veteran of the auto industry, mused as she watched a sled-test video that a lot of drivers and passengers likely don't stop to think about what went into making their cars or about the many factors in those cars on which their safety depends.

"Whenever I see this test, I always rethink how I'm sitting in the car," she said.

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Some medical problems have no ready solutions. For example, a patient whose ankles swell during the day, may come to a doctor believing that the physician will prescribe water pills to rid the ankles of excess fluid. The doctor acts differently. After an examination his response may be to urge the patient to walk more.

What the physician sees is that in this patient's case, the ankle swelling is not the result of heart failure, bad kidneys or an impaired liver. Rather, the patient has poor veins around the ankle and foot, meaning the blood gets to the ankle area but has a hard time returning up the leg and back to the heart. The blood pools, but what the patient sees are swollen ankles.

No medicine exists that will strengthen the veins; taking water pills may make the patient dry as a stone, but won't stop the pooling. Using support hose is of little value as the pooling is in the ankles not the legs. The recommendation to walk has merit as walking will cause the leg muscles to act as a pump to bring the blood up to the heart.

But basically, the physician's job is to tell the patient the swelling is something he will need to live with.

Osteoarthritis of the hands presents a similar medical problem. The knuckles enlarge and distort the look of the hand. Loss of joint mobility interferes with a person's ability to open a car door, twist a bottle cap or button a shirt. But there is no medication or physical therapy that will return a person's hands to their previous strength and flexibility. It is a doctor's duty to inform the person to adapt.

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By Dennis Zelazny

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years. It continues with that family tradition in making sure end-of-life cars are disposed of properly.

When you call, you will experience its three-step process. The review list includes asking if the vehicle has a clear title and if the car is in running order. Your answers to these questions will get you an instant quote. If you agree to the offer, the next step is to set up a convenient appointment for pick-up and the driver brings your instant payment. It couldn't be any easier.

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Shown here is the process of baling wire.

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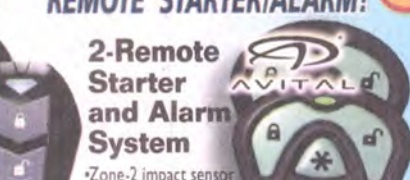
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PREP SOCCER

Zebras, Rockets battle to 2-2 tie

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

In a match packed with intensity and down-to-the-wire thrills, the Wayne Memorial and Westland John Glenn boys soccer teams battled to a 2-2 deadlock Thursday afternoon on the Rockets' pitch.

The Zebras led 2-1 until eight minutes left when John Glenn's captain scored from 40 yards out.

"I liked our creativeness and tempo," said Wayne head coach Jason Dean. "I had DeAnthony Watts playing out of position, man-marking their best player, and he did a great job."

"We had a lot of opportunities in the second half to score,

but we couldn't finish. We hit the cross-bar three times in the second half alone."

James Herdon scored both goals for the Zebras, who led 2-1 at the intermission. Herdon's first goal was assisted by Sean Royal and his second goal was assisted by Andrei Diaconescu.

Wayne is now 2-4-1 overall and 0-3-1 in the KLAA South Division.

Spartans clip Rocks

Livonia Stevenson's first-rate season continued Thursday night with a sterling 1-0 victory at KLAA Central Division rival Salem.

The heart-pounding win improved the Spartans' record to 6-1 overall and 3-1 in the divi-

sion while the Rocks dropped to 3-5 and 2-2, respectively.

Salem entered the game with honorable-mention accolades in the most-recent Division 1 state soccer rankings.

"We're pleased with where our defense and midfield are right now," said Stevenson head coach Ken Shingledecker. "We need to continue to get sharper in the final third and produce more scoring chances from the run of play."

Stevenson net-minder Austin Kaczmarek posted his third shutout of the season by stopping two Salem shots. Chad Wind registered three saves for Salem.



Wayne Memorial's David Lakatos pushes the ball upfield during a game earlier this season.

ED WRIGHT

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Ladywood golfers snap skid

After going 0-11 last season, the Livonia Ladywood girls golf team earned its first dual-match victory in 2014 with a 173-189 Catholic League win Tuesday over Birmingham Marian at St. John's Golf Center.

Sophomore Lydia Cranmer's 42 led the way for the Blazers, who evened their league record at 1-1.

Sophomore Jordyn Rioux and freshman Gabriella Scopone each added a 43, while junior Carley Hall fired a 45 for nine holes.

The Blazers return to action 4 p.m. Thursday when they face Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood in a match at St. John's G.C.

MU spikers thump Cornerstone

Junior setter Spencer Stokes finished with a match-best 42 assist-to-kills Wednesday as the eighth-ranked Madonna University women's volleyball team turned back visiting Cornerstone University in four sets, 25-18, 21-25, 25-17, 25-18.

The Crusaders, who improved to 12-2 overall and 2-0 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, also got 13 kills and nine digs from senior outside hitter Casey Gates.

Other standouts for the Crusaders included Kayla Vogel (10 kills); Emily Johnson (eight kills); Amanda Obrycki (13 digs) and Cassie Castro (nine digs).

Cornerstone (6-2, 1-1) got 13 kills from Megan Newhouse and 37 assists from setter Hope Leppink. Amber Carmean was one of three Golden Eagles in double figures in digs with 18.

MU returns to WHAC action 7 p.m. Friday at University of Michigan-Dearborn followed by an 11 a.m. match Saturday in Ann Arbor against Concordia University.

Coaches needed

The Livonia Churchill athletic department is searching for an assistant gymnastics coach and a boys varsity head swimming coach.

Interested candidates are encouraged to fax a resume or letter of interest to Churchill athletic director Marc Hage at 734-744-2824, send an email to mhage@livonia-publicschools.org, or call Hage at 734-744-2650 (ext. 46117).

PREP FOOTBALL

OFFENSIVE EXPLOSION



Churchill outlasts John Glenn in 840-yard barn-burner

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Three hours, 86 points, 24 carries and 153 bruise-inducing yards after Friday night's game against Westland John Glenn kicked off, Charger senior running back Paul Romain stood near the 50-yard line and smiled.

And the smile was vibrant, not tired. "I feel good; let's keep playing," said the slender, 195-pound Romain, moments after he served as the workhorse in Churchill's 51-35 fireworks-show victory over the resilient Rockets.

One minute in the second quarter, the Chargers were flirting with triggering the 35-point mercy rule when they constructed a 37-14 lead after DeMarco McKinney picked off a Brendan Wetmore pass and returned it 54 yards for a TD.

However, in a game that had a pace even Usain Bolt would have had a hard time keeping up with, the Rockets stormed back to close to within one possession - 37-29 - with 24 seconds left in the third quarter when Jamie Melchor plunged in from one yard out and Jaron Flournoy followed with a two-point conversion run.

"We knew at that point we had to put some more points on the board on 'O,'" said Romain. "Then we looked to our defense to get a stop so we could bury them."

Following an exchange of early-fourth quarter punts, Churchill mounted what turned out to be the slam-dunk drive of the night when it gouged out over three minutes on the clock while piecing together an eight-play, 56-yard exclamation point that was capped when senior quarterback Brian Alsobrooks fired a 23-yard touchdown strike to Antonio Alexander to

Livonia Churchill senior running back Paul Romain ran for 154 yards on 23 carries.

ED WRIGHT

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KLAA VOLLEYBALL WRAP



ED WRIGHT

Livonia Franklin senior setter Kennedy Mang delivers a soft set for teammate Erin McNally during the Patriots' 3-1 victory over Wayne Memorial.

In-sync Patriots topple Zebras

Senior libero Newton sets the winning tone for Franklin

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Just as Livonia Franklin's volleyball team appeared on the verge of posting a no-doubt-about-it sweep of Wayne Memorial Thursday night, the Zebras answered with a three-word response: not so fast.

Playing their first home match under the guidance of new coach Ashly Butkowski, the Patriots roared to 25-13, 25-16 victories in the first two sets before the Zebras bounced back to take set three, 25-20.

The message in the Patriots' huddle following the third set was clear and concise, said senior libero Kelly Newton.

"This is a team we're supposed to beat, so let's pick it up and finish," Newton said. "We know how to do it; we just need to pick up the energy level and stay together."

With Newton serving as the glue, the Patriots finished the job, 25-9, to win the KLAA South Division-opening match for both squads, 3-1.

"I liked how we stuck together tonight," Newton con-

tinued. "We played as one. I thought our serve-receive was really good, too."

Newton, who finished with a team-high 15 digs, put her team on her shoulders during the match-clinching fourth set, sparkling on defense while picking up seven service points.

"I thought Kelly's defense was excellent tonight," said Butkowski. "Overall, I thought everybody played well. Our tournament last weekend got canceled because Dearborn lost power, so tonight was real-

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL

Friday, Sept. 19
Plymouth at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at S.L. East, 7 p.m.
Franklin at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Canton, 7 p.m.
Clarenceville at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 20
Fordson at Thurston, 7 p.m.
PREP VOLLEYBALL
Tuesday, Sept. 16
Belleville at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Annapolis at RU, 7 p.m.
Fordson at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
Robichaud at Thurston, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Wayne, 6:30 p.m.
PCA at Luth. Westland, 6:30 p.m.
Stevenson at South Lyon, 6:30 p.m.
Luth. NW at HVL, 6:30 p.m.
Canton at Franklin, 6:30 p.m.
Plymouth at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 18
Canton at Wayne, 6:30 p.m.
Franklin at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Crestwood at Garden City, 7 p.m.
RU at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
Thurston at Fordson, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Novi, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 20
John Glenn Tournament, 8:30 a.m.
Bedford Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
BOYS SOCCER
Monday, Sept. 15
Garden City at Belleville, 5:30 p.m.
Clarenceville at Dearborn, 7 p.m.
Romulus at Thurston, 7 p.m.
RU at Fordson, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 16
John Glenn at Churchill, 7 p.m.
S.L. East at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Macomb Christian at HVL, 4:30 p.m.
Wayne at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 17
Thurston at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Crestwood at Clarenceville, 6 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 18
Canton at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Franklin at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Parkway at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Novi at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Baptist Park at HVL, 4:30 p.m.
John Glenn at Franklin, 4 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 19

Garden City at Harrison, 7 p.m.
Hamtramck at Luth. Westland, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 20
Stevenson at Country Day, 11 a.m.
PREP CROSS COUNTRY
Tuesday, Sept. 16
Garden City at Fordson, 4:30 p.m.
Thurston at Robichaud, 4 p.m.
Churchill at Plymouth, 3:55 p.m.
Novi at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
Franklin at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Canton at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 19
Charger Invite, 4:15 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 20
Catholic Central Invite, TBA
Jefferson Invite, 10:30 a.m.
GIRLS SWIMMING
Tuesday, Sept. 16
Garden City at Franklin, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 18
Farmington at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.
RU at Thurston, 6 p.m.
Garden City at Annapolis, 6:30 p.m.
Lakeland Invitational, noon
Salem Invitational, noon
BOYS TENNIS
Monday, Sept. 15
RU at Garden City, 4 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 16
John Glenn at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Churchill at Franklin, 4 p.m.
S.L. East at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 17
RU at Fordson, 4 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 18
Belleville at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 20
Brimmton quad, 8:30 a.m.
GIRLS GOLF
Monday, Sept. 15
Ladywood at Sacred Heart, 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 16
Churchill at Salem, TBA
Stevenson at S. Lyon, 3 p.m.
Franklin at Plymouth, 3 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 18
Regina at Ladywood, 4 p.m.
Churchill at Franklin, 3 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 20
Grosse Ile Invite, 1 p.m.
M&M Tourney, 8:30 a.m.

PREP FOOTBALL

Thurston grounded in 16-7 loss to Dearborn

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

With no semblance of a ground attack, Redford Thurston's football team got grounded by Dearborn High Friday night, 16-7.

Stymied by the loss of injured running back Chris Johnson after just one carry, the Eagles picked up just 13 yards on 22 carries.

"Turnovers and an inability to run the ball really hurt us tonight," Thurston head coach Bob Snell said. "We had some unforced turnovers that stalled drives and we just couldn't move the ball on the ground."

"When we lost Chris, we used Laymon (Giddings-Whatley) and Dionte Jones, but they were both playing defense, too, so they could only do so much. I'm not sure what the problem is, but we'll figure it out."

"Overall, I was very pleased by the guys' effort. They played hard."

Dearborn racked up 284 yards of total offense, 239 of which came on the ground.

The Pioneers scored first on a 7-yard TD run in the second quarter, but Thurston rebounded to knot the game at 7-7 when Travis Wesenberg connected with Isaiah Crofford on a 13-yard scoring pass and Kobe Williams tacked on the extra point.

Dearborn took the lead for good in the third quarter, 10-7, when it had to settle for a field goal after the Eagles' defense rose to the occasion with its back pinned against the goal line.

"The guys really did a nice job of stuffing the inside running game on



Garden City's Tommy Segars has been a spark plug for the Cougars during the early portion of the season. Garden City rolled over Annapolis, 38-12, Friday night (see hometownlife.com).

that series," Snell said.

The freakiest play of the game unfolded in the fourth quarter, when Thurston's Aaron Griffin hauled in a 56-yard pass from Wesenberg and appeared headed to the end zone, however, he had to slow up when stricken with a cramp. As he was falling to the ground, a Pioneers defensive back tackled him and forced the ball out. Dearborn recovered and scored on its ensuing drive to expand its lead to 16-7.

Wesenberg had a stellar night for the Eagles, completing 19-of-38 passes for 248 yards and the score to Crofford.

Things don't get any easier for Thurston on Friday when it hosts Dearborn Fordson.

RU clobbered

Dearborn Heights Robichaud's football program has apparently risen to great heights

again, following a short hiatus - at least judging by Friday night's 58-0 victory over Redford Union.

Panthers head coach Miles Tomasaitis wasn't exactly sure how many yards his offense generated, "but it was probably less than the 57 we had last week."

"It's just a combination of errors," Tomasaitis said when asked to elaborate on his team's offensive struggles. "When the line blocks well, our backs don't hit the hole. When the backs hit the hole, the line doesn't block. Some of the guys are too worried about what everybody else is supposed to be doing."

"We're still in the process of convincing them to buy into this system. It's going to be a day-by-day, week-by-week thing, but we'll get there eventually."

Warriors roll

Lutheran Westland (2-1, 1-0) knocked off host Sterling Heights Parkway Christian in convincing fashion Friday night as it surged to a 41-12 triumph. The Warriors improved to 2-1 heading into Saturday afternoon's home game against Oakland Christian.

"The story tonight was our defense," LW head coach Paul Guse said. "We only gave up 120 yards rushing and 83 of those were on two long runs."

Offensively, LW was fueled by the one-two punch of Austin Olson (148 yards on 17 carries) and Jacob Davenport, who rushed for 168 yards on 17 hauls. Both Olson and Davenport scored two TDs.

Caleb Richter registered 13 tackles to lead the defense.

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PREP VOLLEYBALL PREVIEW

Balanced Cougars eye victory-filled season

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

With the exception of veteran head coach John Pace, there is no one more knowledgeable about this year's Garden City volleyball team than Taylor Bejma.

That's because the senior defensive wizard/captain is embarking on her fourth season on the varsity squad for the Cougars – a group of girls she's been impressed with since the get-go.

"We're a very close team and we have a lot of older girls who have



ED WRIGHT

Pictured are Garden City volleyball team members Emily Hoffman, Taylor Bejma, Brittany Radtke, Holly Sayger, Allea, Allie Lynn, Heather Pennington, Ashlynn Caviness, Marti Dzendzel, Skylar Clendening, Hannah Vera-Burgos and Alex Roffi.

been here a while, so we know each other well and we have the drive it takes

to be successful," said Bejma, who was named the team's co-captain

along with fellow senior Emily Hoffman.

"We know what we want so we work hard at every practice," added Hoffman.

Bejma and Hoffman comprise 40 percent of the Cougars' stellar five-member senior class, which also includes Ashlynn Caviness, Hannah Vera-Burgos and Holly Sayger.

"Those five are a major part of our team," said Pace. "To have a group of seniors like we have is something special.

"It has been a pleasure to be a part of these ath-

letes' lives and I am looking forward to what legacy they will leave for our underclassmen to follow."

Pace has just two juniors on this year's squad, but Allie Lynn and Heather Pennington are both major components in the Cougars' front-row machinery. Lynn is perhaps the team's best all-around player as she scooped up 12 digs and knocked down 10 kills in the team's three-set sweep over Annapolis on Thursday.

While the team's underclassmen are lacking in experience, they pro-

vide solid depth and structurally-sound fundamentals.

The Western Wayne Athletic Conference's Blue Division will be as tough as always, Pace predicted.

"It's going to be a very competitive league this year," Pace noted. "Everyone is stronger. Any of the six teams have a shot at this. The difference and last could be a couple of bad days.

"You have an off day in this conference and you will lose in three sets."

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PREP VOLLEYBALL PREVIEW

Rebuilding season ahead for Zebras

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Although its starting line-up was decimated by graduation losses, the talent cupboard is far from bare for Wayne Memorial's volleyball team.

That's because the Zebras – who started six seniors in 2013 – return three players who logged significant minutes last fall for head coach Samantha Dye.

"This is definitely a rebuilding year for us," said Dye. "Five of the six seniors we lost from last year's team were hitters, so we're pretty inexperienced up front.

"We're a young team, which is good in a way because they don't have a lot of bad habits I need to break. I get to teach them from scratch."

The returning building blocks that build a solid nucleus for the Zebras are seniors Shaleah Spencer, a 5-2 libero, and Janae Strickland, a 5-7 setter/outside hitter; and junior Kaitlyn Lees, a 5-7 setter/outside hitter, who can swing with the best hitters around that are comparable in height.

"Kaitlyn set for us last year and she is transitioning to outside hitter this year," said Dye. "As a junior, she's the youngest captain I've had in my four years here. She is very skillful, so the girls look up to her.

"I've coached Shaleah

since she was in seventh grade and she is such a positive influence on her teammates. She's our leader on the court, always offering positive enforcement. She lets the girls know when they have to pick it up, but always in a positive way.

"Janae is not only a very good athlete, but she's very good academically. Hitting-wise, she can really bring the heat when she wants to, but we need her to be a little more consistent."

Dye referred to senior Mackenzie Lawson "the heart of the team." The 5-5 captain will serve primarily in a defensive-specialist role.

"Mackenzie brings that tender loving care that every team needs," said Dye. "She's like the team mom. She's very inspiring to her teammates."

A reserve last season, senior Morgan Schaefer (5-6) steps into a starting position in the middle.

"Given her size, she's probably better suited to play on the outside – and I know if she had her choice she'd play on the outside – but Morgan knows we need her in the middle and she'll do whatever it takes to help the team," Dye said.

The Zebras will be looking to improve on last season's 3-7 record in the historically tough KLAAs South Division.

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PREP FOOTBALL

Stevenson stuns Novi, 31-28

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Livonia Stevenson's Jeff Tanderys had the final say in Friday's battle of sophomore quarterbacks.

The 5-foot-10, 170-pounder, making just his third varsity start, put together a Joe Montana-like final minute drive that resulted in the game-winning touchdown, a 7-yard pass to senior Jack Ferguson with only 14 seconds remaining to give the host Spartans a 31-28 victory over Novi.

Tanderys connected on 16-of-21 passes on the night for 217 yards, while Novi counterpart Alec Bageris, making an emergency start in place of injured senior QB Rohit Mogalayapalli (hurt in Thursday's practice), also shined by hitting 18-of-25 for 189 yards.

After Novi took a 28-24 lead with only 2:55 remaining on Matt Sabo's 1-yard TD run, it appeared the Wildcats were in position to come away with their first victory in three starts, especially after Caleb Wright sacked Tanderys for a 9-yard loss with 1:08 left coupled with a 26-yard passing play that was nullified by a penalty for an illegal man downfield.

But the Stevenson sophomore hit his next three passes including one of 22 yards (to Carlin), another on a 40-year strike to Ferguson, followed by the 7-yard game-winner to Ferguson to complete the victory – all in the final 40 seconds.

"When I just got outside of the pocket I just saw 'Ferg,' number 10, wide open," Tanderys



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Novi's Connor Howell (54) takes down Stevenson's Jack Ferguson during Friday's KLAAs Central clash.

said. "It was all an easy pitch-and-catch from there. I'm just thankful for being at that spot so we could even win. That's all I'm happy about."

Tanderys showed poise beyond his years on the final drive, which started at the Stevenson 33.

"We were waiting to see if we could even get inside the red zone because we had a play where he could get open," Tanderys said. "But as soon as I got outside of the pocket, it just like, 'Hey, he's open. He (Ferguson) wasn't the guy designed to get the ball, but it just turned out that way. It's a good win."

The loss dropped Novi to 0-3 and 0-1 in the KLAAs Central with the last two losses coming by a total of six points.

"A couple of breakdowns in coverages," Novi coach Jeff Burnside said of his defense.

"That's all it was. And it's not on one play, it's not

That whole drive ... we get to that quarterback a half-inch quicker, we win that game.

Starting on its own 24, Stevenson took just five plays to score on its first possession of the game as junior Austin Petrie bolted up the middle 40 yards for a TD. (Ian Henzi converted the PAT.)

On the first play of the third quarter, Tanderys hit Frank Carlin on a 72-yard pass for an apparent TD, but the ball was spotted at the Novi 40 after a 10-yard penalty (illegal block). But it didn't matter as Stevenson scored five plays later on a Petrie 4-yard run for a 21-7 lead.

But Novi, converting a pair of critical fourth-and-6 situations, marched 73 yards in 13 plays resulting in a 1-yard TD run by Sabo with 3:47 to go in the third, cutting the deficit to 21-14.

Stevenson's Ian Henzi then nailed a 43-yard

field goal just 15 seconds into the fourth quarter to give the Spartans a 10-point cushion, 24-14.

Not to be denied, Novi took just five plays to get 75 yards to pull within three, 24-21, on Sabo's 4-yard TD run and Maidens' point-after. The Wildcats then forced Stevenson to punt and got the ball back on their own 37 with 7:20 left.

With Bageris at the controls in the Wildcats' hurry-up offense, Novi went 63 yards in 11 plays as Sabo and scored the go-ahead TD run with only 2:55 left to make it a 28-24 advantage.

The Wildcats, however, may have scored too quickly, but Burnside didn't want to disrupt his offense.

"We haven't had a lead all year, we thought we could hold them for two minutes," Burnside said. "We got to hold them for two minutes, we have to. I was not waiting for us to get out of our rhythm, so that we could fumble the snap or fumble the ball. I wasn't going to do that."

Stevenson had 415 yards in total offense, including 189 on the ground with Petrie, a junior, leading the way with 127 yards on 16 carries.

"We got some very good kids," said Stevenson coach Randy Micallef, whose team improved to 2-1 overall and 1-0 in the Central. "Between Chris, Petrie and C.J. Weiss, a lot of people got to focus on those guys but you can't forget about Frank Carlin or Jack Ferguson, and Jack ends up catching the winning touchdown, the big plays."

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WWAC VOLLEYBALL REPORT

Garden City stifles Annapolis in three

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Garden City's volleyball team may not have had its "A" game Thursday night, but it had enough to pick up a "W" at Dearborn Heights Annapolis.

In a battle of teams nicknamed "Cougars," the visitors from GC chalked up a 25-22, 25-13, 25-8 triumph in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference Blue Division opener for both squads.

"It was good to see us struggle at times tonight and still maintain our composure," said the winners' head coach John Pace. "I thought we served really well today. We hit our spots and forced them out of system.

"Annapolis played very well. They came out strong and took an early lead in set one, but we went ahead on a four-point run of serves by Allie [Lynn].

"Set two was close until Alex [Roffi] served for nine points. We played our best in set three when we only allowed two points on the Annapolis serve."

Lynn led GC with 12 digs and 10 kills. Holly Sayger had a big night, too, notching nine kills with a .533 hitting rate.

Other key contributors

included Marti Dzendzel (four kills), Hannah Vera-Burgos (11 assists), Roffi (12 assists) and Taylor Bejma, who registered nine digs.

Thurston edged

Redford Thurston's volleyball team dropped a 25-18, 25-18, 25-16 decision to Dearborn Edsel Ford Thursday night in a WWAC cross-over match.

"I thought the girls played very hard, even though the scores may not seem like it," said Thurston head coach Scott Gray. "We did some things tonight I have been asking them to do during practice, but have yet to see until tonight."

Senior setter Lauren Garchar did a masterful job running the Eagles' attack as she netted 17 assists to go along with two aces and a dig.

Tiara Boyd and Maya McKinney were solid in the middle for Thurston, combining for 10 kills and eight blocks. Libero Dasia Johnson played well in her varsity debut, racking up 10 digs and an ace.

Also shining for Thurston were Bree Murray (three kills, two blocks), Kristian Hollis (two digs, one ace) and Gabrielle Van Well, who contributed one kill and an ace.

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OFFENSE

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pump the hosts' lead back up to 44-29 with 6:18 to play.

The Chargers' swarming, get-after-it defense sealed the deal moments later when Austin Simpson fell on a John Glenn fumble at the Rocket 12. Romain burst into the end zone from 1 with 4:41 to play to pad the cushion to 51-29 (following Alsobrooks' extra point).

SOCCER

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The hotly-contested game's lone goal unfolded in the 55th minute when Tyler Gregory pounded home a header off a long service from Brandon Eklund.

Stevenson outshot Salem, 8-4.

Franklin nudged

For the second time this week, the Patriots gave a Plymouth-Canton Educational Park opponent all it could handle before dropping a 4-3 decision Thursday night to Plymouth.

Franklin led 2-1 at the half thanks to goals from Jeremy Sheppard

John Glenn's Jaylen Smith – who blew up for 104 yards on just seven second-half carries – scored on a 9-yard TD run with 3:28 remaining.

Despite the one-sided score, the Chargers only outgained the Rockets 421-419 in total yards.

Twenty-one of the Rockets' 35 points were the result of three huge plays: a 75-yard TD run by Flournoy, a 50-yard scoring scamper by Leon Crawford and a 64-yard run to paydirt by Smith.

A fourth John Glenn

score came one play after Alsobrooks, who doubles as the team's punter/kicker, was tackled at his 1-yard line after a high snap sailed over his head. Melchor scored on the next play.

Chuchill's first TD came when Steve Szymanski completed a 30-yard double-reverse pass to Alexander, whose found a wide-open parcel of end zone behind the John Glenn secondary.

"It's the first time I've thrown a touchdown pass, ever, so it felt

great," said Szymanski, who also excelled on defense for the winners. "We called the play 'The Rocket' because we put it in especially for John Glenn."

Szymanski was a mainstay on a gang-tackling defense that picked off four passes. In addition to McKinney's pick-six, sophomore Jamal Allen registered his third and fourth interceptions of the season and Shakur Lockett added another.

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tunities to win the game, but we didn't convert," said Franklin coach Vic Rodopoulos. "The guys really seem to be coming around. I think the Canton game – even though we lost – could be a season-changer for us as long as we keep battling like this."

Ryan Prohaska delivered another fantastic performance between the pipes for the Patriots, stopping 10 shots. Rodopoulos also had high praise for Nate Jacoban, Robert Jiga and Thomas Hamilton.

Chargers tumble

Canton blanked Livonia Churchill 3-0 Thursday night on the Chargers' pitch.

Sam Deloy sparked

the Chiefs' attack with two goals with other key contributors including Jack Zemanski (one goal, one assist) and Josh Posuniak (two assists).

Canton led 1-0 at the intermission and strong defense and goalkeeping (divided between Andrew Loehnis and Jay Krebs) kept the Chargers at bay all night.

Chiefs' coach Mark Zemanski credited a backline spearheaded by Sam Belcher and Chris Dooley for stopping Churchill's offense. The coach added that Loehnis also came up with a clutch save on a break-away when the game remained in doubt.

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PREP TENNIS ROUNDUP

Spartans skip by Rocks, 5-4



ED WRIGHT

Livonia Stevenson senior Brendan Parker defeated Salem's Rohan Thanedar in a No. 2 singles match Sept. 9.

Singles matches propel Stevenson

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Livonia Stevenson's boys tennis team chiseled out a significant 5-4 victory over KLAA Central Division rival Salem Tuesday afternoon.

The Spartans' quartet of singles players rocked all afternoon as they all won their matches, some more handily than others. Sophomore No. 1

player Cade Bunton stroked his way to a 6-0, 6-3 victory junior Charlie Liu while No. 2 player Brendan Parker swept Rock counterpart Rohan Thanedar, 7-5, 6-2.

Senior Neal Adams won an up-and-down three-setter from Sagar Rafal, 6-2, 3-6, 6-1. Junior No. 4 standout Andrew Dziobak rebounded from a 6-4 opening-set loss to Ryon Karim to seize the final two sets, 6-4 and 7-6.

The lone doubles point for the Spartans

was generated by the No. 2 duo of Alex Westphall and Mike Licata, who edged Veeram Hirekhan and Matt Chin, 7-6, 7-5.

Salem's Joe Stewart and Ben Stanz upended Brad Weiland and Jack Dunne, 1-6, 6-4, 6-1, while the hosts' No. 3 doubles duo of Joe Pakizar and Tej Nagaraja outlasted Peter Akel and Jeff Della Mora, 6-3, 2-6, 6-4.

Churchill upended

A pair of matches against Plymouth-Canton Educational Park

rivals Canton and Plymouth was anything but a walk in the "Park" for the Chargers this week.

Churchill's KLAA South Division recorded fell to 2-2 after the Chargers succumbed to the Chiefs and Wildcats by identical 8-1 scores.

Churchill's lone point in Tuesday's loss to Canton was at No. 1 doubles where Raymond Peters and Matt Smith outlasted Howard Zhang and Shivan Shah, 6-3, 3-6, 6-2. Churchill's No. 2 doubles duo of Cooper King and Mit Patel bat-

tled Sri Narayanan and Jacob Paton stroke-for-stroke before coming up short, 7-5, 7-6.

The No. 1 singles match between Charger senior Jonathan Martina and Rohan Vaishnav was entertaining, but Vaishnav prevailed, 6-3, 7-6.

The highlight of the Chargers' 8-1 setback to Plymouth was Martin's 6-4, 6-4 triumph over Jordan Lu. Sean Mulka played well at No. 2 singles before falling to Matt Decker, 6-3, 7-6.

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Lady Trojans prevail over Pioneers

Clarenceville defeats Dearborn in five games to earn its first victory in volleyball

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Livonia Clarenceville persevered through five games of volleyball Thursday to gain its first victory of the new season over visiting Dearborn.

After losing the first game, 25-15, the Trojans rallied to win the next two, 25-15, 25-18. The Pioneers tied the match at two games apiece, 25-21, but the home team stepped up again to win the fifth, 15-9.

"I think they pulled together," Clarenceville coach Wendy Merschman said of her players' resiliency and resolve.

"They wanted this game bad, to come back from two losses. I think they had something to

prove, playing a team in the crossover."

The Trojans, who are the defending champions in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference Red Division, were up against a bigger school from the WWAC Blue.

Clarenceville has largely a new team this year with only four returning varsity players among its dozen members.

The biggest graduation loss was four-year starter and all-area standout Ayana Buckley, a 6-foot-1 hitter who is now starting at Ferris State University.

The lone returning starter is senior captain and all-around player Sarah Curvin. The other returnees are senior outsiders Lindsey Cairns

and Lindsey Fosth and junior setter Brianna Brown. All have starting roles this year, too.

Senior Emily Schwartz will share duties with Brown in a two-setter offense, and senior middle Madison Van Dyke is the sixth starter.

The roster includes senior defenders Jillian Bunker, Hayley Abajay and Mia Sampson, junior all-around Delanie McCray, senior rightside Morgan Cairns and junior defensive specialist Nicole Scott.

"We're just trying to see what works for us, build from there and get better every day," Merschman said. "While we have a lot of seniors, we still have less experience than we did last year."

"I expect us to do well. I know the girls want to defend that title.

The keys will be working on our defense and making sure we play together.

"With an all-new team, we're working real hard on jelling and getting everything to a familiar, comfortable place."

In the win over Dearborn, Curvin had nine kills, six blocks and four aces in a well-rounded performance.

"She really ran the net," Merschman said. "That was the key to us winning the second and third games and coming back to win the fifth."

Van Dyke and Madison Cairns made five kills each and Lindsey Fosth had two blocks. Emily Schwartz recorded 11 kill assists and Brown eight.

In the digs department, everybody shared that responsibility, though Bunker, Sampson and Abajay were the passing leaders.

Lindsey Cairns was 23-for-23 serving with four aces.

"That was huge, getting that many serves in and being that consistent," Merschman said of Cairns.

"We played defense really well, and our two setters stepped in and did a really good job. As far as winning the whole thing, it was a team effort."

The Trojans, who began the season with three-set losses to Oakland Christian and Everest Academy, took a step in the right direction Thursday.

"We struggled a little with our first two matches, and we had two tournaments canceled on us," Merschman said.

"It was a good learning experience for us. I think we're going to build on it. Every time we go out on the court, we get better."



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Senior captain Sarah Curvin is the team's only returning starter.

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PREP GIRLS SWIMMING

Garden City swimmers nip Redford Union

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Garden City edged visiting Redford Union, 86-78, Thursday afternoon in a Western Wayne Athletic Conference meet hosted by the Cougars.

Earning first-place points for the Panthers were freshman Abby

Bishop, who won the 100-yard butterfly in 1:27 and the 200 individual medley in 2:54.76; and freshman Sara Bishop, who touched first in the 200 freestyle in 2:31.44 and the 100 backstroke in 1:16.68.

Second-place performers for RU included junior Mallory Chaffin, who was the runner-up in

the 500 freestyle (7:48.54); and the 200 medley relay contingent of Chaffin, Kaylah Wiley, Abby Bishop and Chelsea Beard, who compiled a time of 2:38.50.

The 200 freestyle relay quartet of Abby Bishop, Kaylah Wiley, Bridget Corea and Sarah Bishop also finished second in 2:20.30, was

did the 400 freestyle relay team of Corea, Fiona McClenaghan, Beard and Sarah Bishop (5:42.33).

Personal-best times were recorded by McClenaghan in the 500 free and 200 IM, and Corea in the 100 butterfly.

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Redford Union junior swimmer Mallory Chaffin competes in the 500-yard freestyle event during Thursday's Western Wayne Athletic Conference meet at Garden City.

TOM BEAUDOIN

Franklin golfers pin down victory

The Livonia Franklin girls golf team improved to 2-0 in the KLAA South Division on Thursday when it defeated Canton, 213-221.

Kendall Payne led the Patriots with a 46. Also contributing to the winners' ledger were Jamie Whitney (52), Brenna Campau (54), Jacquelyn Hansen (61) and Carly Cuij, who carded a 65.

Canton was led by medalist Alyce Krumm's 45. Other Chief scorers were Megan Meredith (52), Lauren Luyet (62), Avery Ralston (62), Manasa Potluri (62) and Ashley Kahanec (69).

The match was played at Idyl Wild Golf Course in Livonia.

- By Ed Wright

VOLLEYBALL

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ly our first competition as an entire team. Our communication was lacking a little bit at times, but it will improve the more we play."

Although her team slipped to 0-5-4 overall, Wayne head coach Samantha Dye saw a lot of positive signs from her ultra-inexperienced unit.

"All six of our starters from last year graduated, so we're extremely young and rebuilding," said Dye. "I liked how even though we were defeated twice, the girls went out in game three and stepped it up. Most teams would have said, 'OK, let's go home,' but they really played hard.

"I wish we could have kept it going [in the fourth stanza] but that's a hard thing to do. That's something we're still working on."

Franklin senior Kennedy Mang did a stellar job of setting up the

winners' attack as she dished out 26 assists, with three teammates serving as her primary targets: Jessica McNally (six kills), Erin McNally (five kills) and Sarah Cramton, who knocked down five kills.

Cramton also played solid defense as she added seven digs.

Junior captain Kaitlyn Lees, who doubles as an outside hitter and setter, dominated the stat sheet for the Zebras, compiling eight kills, eight digs, four assists and three aces.

Senior Janae Strickland, who assumes the same role as Lees, also shone, netting 13 assists, six blocks and three kills. Senior Morgan Schaefer added four kills for Wayne while senior libero Shaleah Spencer chipped in with 18 digs, a couple of which were jaw-dropping point-extenders.

Set one was nip-and-tuck for a while before Cramton reeled off a four-point stretch from the service line that turned a 6-5 deficit into

a lead the hosts would never relinquish. Cramton put an exclamation point on the 12-point triumph with a perfectly-placed non-returnable serve.

The Zebras struggled from the service stripe and in the serve-serve department in game two before putting everything together to at least leave the momentum for a game.

"In the past Franklin has played very good defense, but they weren't always a great attacking team," said Dye.

Churchill rolls

Livonia Churchill swept visiting Westland John Glenn, 25-23, 25-18, 25-22, Thursday night in the KLAA South Division opener for both teams.

"It was a great match overall," said Chargers head coach Anna Gatt. "We had great performances from Maddie Darling and Alyssa Facione.

The winners' attack was incredibly balanced. Natalie Panek and Amanda Rybak led Chargers' with seven kills each, while Annie Yost and Rayna Yetts contributed five kills a piece.

Yetts registered 12 digs, one more than Rybak, while Lauren Fallu chipped in with 10 digs. Yetts engineered the Chargers' offense expertly as she distributed 17 assists.

The victory improved Churchill's overall record to 6-4.

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Wayne Memorial's Morgan Schaefer elevates for a tip Thursday night.

ED WRIGHT

CITY OF LIVONIA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 4 of Act 207 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1921, as amended, the City Zoning Act (MSA 5.2934; MCLA 125.584) as well as Article XXIII of Ordinance No. 543, as amended, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Livonia, the Council has determined that a Public Hearing will take place before the Council of the City of Livonia on **Monday, October 1, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.**, in the auditorium at City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, with respect to the following item:

Petition 2008-11-06-04 submitted by the City Planning Commission, pursuant to Council Resolution 477-08 and Section 23.01(a) of the Livonia Zoning Ordinance No. 543, as amended, proposing to amend Section 11.03 of Article XI to require waiver use approval of any business licensed pursuant to the Deferred Presentment Service Transactions Act, MCL 487.2121, et. seq.

TERRY A. MARECKI, CITY CLERK

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, September 22, 2014, at 6:58 p.m., in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan. At the hearing, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on a request to rezone the vacant property located at 5662 Gillman Avenue from R-1 One Family Residential District to VP Vehicular Parking District.

Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and should be addressed to: The Office of the City Clerk, City of Garden City, 6000 Middlebelt Rd., Garden City, MI 48135.

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING September 22, 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on **September 22, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.** regarding the proposed Harrison 2012 reconstruction project & special assessment.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION No. 4 ROLL#4226 - FLORENCE, 2014

WHEREAS, at a Regular Meeting of the Council on September 8, 2014, the City Council adopted a Resolution of Determination for Special Assessment District 4226, and the City Clerk Treasurer was directed to prepare such roll; and

WHEREAS, such roll has been prepared and is presented herewith;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Special Assessment Roll# 4226 (Florence 2014) be filed with the City Clerk for public examination; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Public Hearing be held on **Monday, September 22, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Council Chambers, 6000 Middlebelt, Garden City, MI 48135, notice of such Public Hearing to be published in the newspaper of general circulation of the City, and that notice of such meeting be given by first class mail to the last known owner of each parcel affected thereby pursuant to the Garden City Code of Ordinances Chapter 40, Section 40.06(c).

Allyson M. Bettis
Treasurer/City Clerk

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REAL LIFE ROSIE THE RIVETERS



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Mary Helen Penzoa (right) makes a point about being a riveter during World War II. She and two other women, Recarda Moore (left) and Jean Chappa, who also worked for the war effort, live at American House in Farmington Hills and are featured in a documentary by Keith Famie of Novi.

Women share WWII tales

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Recarda "Rickie" Moore traded her job as a bridal gown seamstress for a stint in B-49 bomber construction.

Jean Chappa left a 35 cent-per-hour paycheck and more than tripled her wages making B-17s.

And Mary Helen Penzoa quit deli work to fabricate wings for U.S. military aircraft.

The women, all residents at American House in Farmington Hills, worked as riveters making airplane wings during the 1940s at Murray Body Plant, in Detroit.

They were among the millions of women who entered the work force during World War II to fill male-dominated trades in factories, after men were drafted. Rosie the Riveter, depicted in advertisements and cartoons, became the symbol of women like Penzoa, Chappa and Moore, who contributed to the war effort.

These three real-life

A RIVET IN TIME

When: 1-1:45 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16

Where: Detroit Historical Museum, 5401 Woodward Ave., Detroit

What: Keith Famie's film about three Farmington Hills women who worked as riveters constructing aircraft during World War II.

Details: Opening remarks will start at 1 p.m., followed by Famie's introduction at 1:20 p.m., and the film screening at 1:30 p.m.

Contact: 313-833-7935

Rosie the Rivers are featured in a new short documentary film, *A Rivet in Time*, by director Keith Famie of Novi. Famie, whose Emmy Award-winning films include *Detroit Our Greatest Generation* and *Our Vietnam Generation*, heard about them from American House founder Bob Gillette.

"He called and said, 'Keith, we realize we've

got three individuals that were part of the Rosie the Riveter brigade.' Bob is a passionate individual when it comes to veterans," Famie said.

On the set

The story resonated with Famie, whose late father was a bombardier during the war and whose mother is of the same age as three women. He set up cameras in the Arsenal of Democracy exhibit at Detroit Historical Museum.

"I put the three ladies in front of an old radio and filmed them listening to the iconic broadcast when Pearl Harbor was attacked. I had a feeling that was the way the film should open. It worked," he said.

The 10-minute film includes interviews with each woman, along with old photographs and footage of the era, including assembly line scenes.

"We did an iconic photo of them at the end,

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Air duct cleaners ripped off my neighbor

It is a Saturday afternoon, I've just finished doing my radio show and sitting in my office writing this column and listening to the Glenn Haege radio show. It's the night after a huge wind and Michigan has more power outages since the great grid failures of 2003.

A large tree was hit last night in front of my neighbor Bill's house and within 30 minutes, Tom across the street had cut up all the branches that were on the street. Bill said it best last night, "We have the best neighbors in the world right here on our street."

I feel the same way every day as I sit in my garage, feed the neighbor dogs, and give the kids special treats and the adults fresh toma-



Joe Gagnon
APPLIANCE DOCTOR

atoes from my garden. I really am the "grandpa Joe" in the neighborhood. Across the street live John and Genevieve, wonderful neighbors who invite all residents of the subdivision to their home on Halloween night after the children all are put to bed. Everybody brings a dish to pass and we all have a night where we put on the monster costumes.

A few weeks ago, a monster showed up at John's house dressed in an air duct cleaning truck. I happened to be sitting in my garage and noted the time of

arrival of this company. I also noted the time of departure and so the total time spent at John's house was one hour and 40 minutes. At this point I thought back to a column I wrote just a few years ago where I described what happened to a Dr. Saxe in Ann Arbor. He had an air duct cleaning company come to his home that spent 35 minutes in the house and charged him \$600. That was a complete rip-off and so is this case with my neighbor John.

Dirt, debris

I called my air duct cleaning company and asked if he could do the job in one hour and 40 minutes. He said, "There is no way that this monster company could have cleaned the

duct work in this amount of time." He pointed out that his company usually takes 1 1/2 hours just to set up before they even begin to clean the ducts. I asked my guy if he would be kind enough to stop by John's house and, using his camera, take some pictures inside the duct work. He arrived a few days later at 8 a.m. and he and I and John inspected the duct work. My guy proved that this rip-off company did not clean the air ducts anywhere close to what he would have done. It was shocking to see all the debris and dust and dirt that weren't removed and what was even worse, John paid \$500 to have this job done. My guy showed John all the areas of the duct

work that were not cleaned and pointed out that they only made the problem worse by shaking the dust loose and leaving it there. John said that he would call the company and ask for his money back and point to the evidence he obtained to prove his case. I will let you know how John makes out and I wish this dear good neighbor all the luck in the world.

Let me repeat what I said in an earlier column. The air duct cleaning industry has a very tainted image caused by companies who make a huge amount of money from very unsuspecting homeowners. They are not regulated in any way and can operate like this for many years and they hurt the good

guys who want to make a living honestly.

It's been said that the different states in this country receive more complaints about air duct cleaners than any other service industry and I believe this to be true. I asked John why he didn't ask me for a name of someone to be trusted in cleaning his air ducts. John is such a good guy and he told me he just didn't want to bother me with such a simple question. I do believe that from now on, John will walk across the street and always asked for a reference. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@twm1.r.com.

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of them standing together and making a muscle, pushing their walkers aside and making a proud moment," Famie said. "It was all good stuff. It really brings to life that era through these women's lives. I'm honored to be the one to tell this story. I had fun with them and I think they had a lot of fun."

Exhausting day

The women, who plan to view the film at its premiere on Tuesday, said shooting was fun but tiring.

"They moved us around a lot. They adjusted the lights. We were so busy we didn't have a chance to see the museum," said Penzoa, 91. "I was exhausted when we came home. It was a long day for people like us."

"We didn't know what they were going to ask and at this stage, we didn't know what we could remember. You realize we're talking about 70 years ago. It's nice that someone finally thought about us, but at the time, I don't remember making a big fuss."

The women said they didn't think much about their wartime experiences after they married and began raising families. They were too busy being mothers and then grandmothers to reminisce about their former jobs. Penzoa lived in Waterford Township for 44 years and raised two children. Chappa, 93, the mother to two sons and two daughters, was raised in Hamtramck, and moved to Southfield after marriage. Moore, 92, moved to the U.S. from England when she was 6. She raised two daughters and lived in Taylor.

Although they all had worked at the same factory, they never met while on the job. They discovered their shared experience during conversations at American House.

"It was a coincidence," Chappa said. "We all moved in here. We didn't know we all were Rosie the Riveters."



Jean Chappa talks about her experiences riveting airplane wings during World War II. She's on the set of *A Rivet in Time* at the Detroit Historical Museum.



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
An early photograph of Mary Helen Penzoa, who worked as a riveter for the war effort when she was 20 years old.

Becoming riveters

Moore said she took on the factory job because her brother had been drafted.

"He said 'My sister can do anything.' I took his job so he would have a job when he came back," she said. "He thought I could do it so I decided I could, too."

The women earned 90 cents per hour while being trained and then \$1.19 per hour when they began working on the production line.

"When you're 21 you always want to do something different. I had never been in a factory before," Penzoa said. "I thought if someone is willing to pay me 90 cents an hour to learn something new, I'll go learn it."

All three women worked with a partner who held an iron bar steady beneath the area being riveted. Sometimes they'd switch tasks. Penzoa worked with the same partner for at least two years and recalls receiving Christmas cards from him every year until he died.

"You had to get into a rhythm with it," Moore said, recalling that she had "perfect rhythm" with her riveting partner. "Everything had to be perfect."

"When we got through riveting that one spot, there was an inspector with a flashlight," Chappa added. "Sometimes the rivet wasn't flat and we had to take it out."

The women recall the work as tiring and the environment as noisy. For the first time, they routinely work slacks rather than dresses and skirts to work and in public. After her first day on the job, Penzoa headed home to make a pair of blue slacks with a blue and white gingham blouse.

"We just felt there was work to be done," Penzoa added. "And we did it."

"Don't you remember the song, *Comin' In on a Wing and a Prayer*? It was a wartime song. We used to say we did a good job, because the wing held up."

Inspire Theatre nears 10-year mark of cultural offerings

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

When Len Fisher was a high school senior, he got "bit by the bug" of theater.

Fast forward to 2005 when Westland's Inspire Theatre presented its first show. Fisher brought the community theater's message to Westland Rotary at a Thursday, Sept. 11, luncheon, calling the theater "Westland's best-kept secret."

"We started in a church on Warren Road and then we were gypsies," he said of productions, with eight of the 10 years of existence in Westland. "We're community theater. Everybody is volunteer, and nobody gets paid."

Inspire Theatre is now housed on Executive Drive off of Ford Road, behind Vision Lanes in an industrial area of Westland.

"Theater is supposed to be fun," Fisher told the Rotarians. "I've been in a lot of theater companies where it wasn't fun. We make it fun. We tell good stories well."

This fall, Inspire is staging Noel Coward's *Blithe Spirit*. In that play, a writer sets up a seance, with the medium conjuring up his dead first

wife. Only the writer can see the first wife.

Fisher also described an upcoming Christmas variety show incorporating a sing-along and movie music. There's a related youth theater for ages 7-17, which is at work on several yuletide productions, including *Merry Christmas*, *Charlie Brown* and a couple versions of *The Gift of the Magi*, one more humorous.

"We understand we are in a former machine shop," he said of the theater that seats 161. "We have a stage. It's a nice size stage."

Inspire Theatre does comedy well, he said, as well as smaller-scale musicals. "Our goal is to do good stories well."

He's working toward a coalition of area theaters: "We're sharing resources, we're sharing ideas back and forth. We want more theaters in the area."

He's also excited about February 2015 and the 10th anniversary, with all involved over the years invited back for a highlight show.

For more, visit www.inspiretheatre.com.

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Len Fisher brought the story of Westland's Inspire Theatre to Westland Rotary Thursday, Sept. 11, at Joy Manor.

Visual Arts Association of Livonia offers new classes



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Portrait artists Laura Callow, Ellen Garner and Larry Sekulich are busy rendering their portraits of a live model at Visual Arts Association of Livonia.



Portrait and model Rick Rivera sits for an open studio session at Visual Arts Association of Livonia.

The Visual Arts Association of Livonia is enrolling students for its fall semester.

Several new classes are offered along with standard classes in watercolor, acrylic, experimental studies and sculpture, all taught by professional instructors.

Allen Brooks will teach "Photography — the other Art," from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, beginning Sept. 23. He has been judged twice as one of Michigan's Top Ten Photographers by the Professional Photographers of Michigan. During each session, the student will learn more about controls on their camera, and how to use them effectively and creatively. Aimed at anyone with a pocket digital, a DSLR or even a smartphone camera.

A class for teens as well as adults, Julie Woodward will teach, "Paint the Masters." Students will paint in acrylics and practice the

style, techniques, and color mixing of four famous master artists: Georgia O'Keeffe, Claude Monet, Vincent Van Gogh and Edgar Degas. The class will meet from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for four weeks on Saturdays starting Sept. 20. Woodward has taught drawing in schools for the Young Rembrandts Program and has taught for the past seven years in Northville.

Also, back by popular demand is pastel artist, Jim Markle. His workshop, "Painting the Landscape in Pastel," will meet 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 7-8. Topics for discussion include, underpainting, composition, design, and color and value.

To receive a catalog of all classes and information on registration, call 734-838-1204. Or check www.vaalart.org The VAAL classroom is located at 37653 Five Mile, at Newburgh in Livonia.

ENGAGEMENT



Zach Dahl and Megan Mihelick

SUBMITTED

MIHELICK-DAHL

Megan Mihelick and Zach Dahl announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Dave and Kathy Mihelick of Canton, earned a bachelor's degree in human resource management in 2012 from Michigan State University. She is employed as a human resource specialist at Dow Corning in Midland. Her fiance, son of Jim and Marliese Dahl of Monticello, Ill., earned a bachelor's degree in material science engineering in 2012 from the University of Illinois. He is employed at Hemlock Semiconductor in Hemlock. An Oct. 4 wedding is planned at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church in Canton.

ANNIVERSARY



Julie Brown and Mark Rembacki of Plymouth Township at Victoria-by-the-Sea on Prince Edward Island, Canada.

CELEBRATING SILVER ANNIVERSARY

Julie Brown and Mark Rembacki of Plymouth Township marked their 25th wedding anniversary this month. Julie and Mark were married Sept. 9, 1989, by the Rev. Robert Schaden at the Newman Center of Schoolcraft College in Livonia. They enjoy spending time with family and friends, including Mark's mom, Alice Rembacki of Livonia. The couple also enjoys sports, travel, reading and volunteer work. Julie is employed as an editor with Observer & Eccentric Media. The couple took an early August trip to Prince Edward Island in the Canadian Maritimes to mark their milestone.

ANNIVERSARY



John and Geraldine Borys on their wedding day in 1964

SUBMITTED

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

James and Geraldine (Slowik) Borys marked their 50th wedding anniversary Sept. 12. They were married in 1964 at St. John Cantius Catholic Church in Detroit. The Boryses have lived in Livonia for their entire marriage. They are active members at St. Genevieve/St. Maurice Parish. They like to travel, especially Up North, and enjoy spending time with their grandchildren, Kent, Jamison, Tyler, Brooklyn, Parker, Helena and Kylie. They have three children, Mark (Kelly) Borys of Howell, Karyn (Michael) Stoppa of Livonia, and Darlene (Benedict) Langlinais of Canton. James is retired from Chase Bank and Geraldine is retired from Marcrest Manor. Plans for celebration included a Mass and special blessing, followed by dinner with the family in Plymouth.

ANNIVERSARY



Diane and William Bencik on their wedding day in 1964

SUBMITTED

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

William and Diane (Onufrak) Bencik of Livonia marked their 50-year wedding anniversary on Aug. 22. They were married in 1964 at Saint Patrick's Church in Wyandotte, and took a honeymoon trip to Quebec, Canada. Their four children and their spouses, Sherrie Bencik, M.D., and husband Brian DeVetter, M.D.; Jeffrey Bencik; Kristin Bencik, D.O., and husband Jason Boudreau, D.P.O.; and Michael (Yvonne) Bencik, helped them celebrate this memorable event by sending them to Nova Scotia for a week. On their anniversary, William and Diane went to a lobster restaurant where four American motorcyclists were so impressed that they paid for the couple's drinks. William is retired, after teaching and counseling for 46 years in Taylor. Diane retired from teaching gifted and talented students in the Troy School District. Most of their time is spent baby-sitting six grandchildren. They also enjoy traveling with their children and grandchildren, exercising, gardening, cooking and reading.

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**BEVELHEIMER
MARY JANE
(McCARTHY)**

Age 82, passed away peacefully September 8, 2014 from complications following cardiac surgery. Mary Jane was preceded in death by son, Daniel Joseph, parents T.R. and Mildred (Finney) McCarthy and brothers James and Joseph McCarthy. Mary Jane is survived by husband John Broderick, daughter Susan Bevelheimer, sons David (Eileen), Chuck (Jacqui), John (Anita) and Ted Bevelheimer and five grandchildren, Grace, Devan, Joseph, Erika and Jackson. Surviving sisters include Lucy (Don) Spielman, Peggy (Tom) Haun and Connie Dugan. Born March 22, 1932 in York NE, Mary Jane graduated from St. Joseph's High School in York, NE and completed Nurse's Training in 1952 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Omaha, NE. A 1980 University of Michigan graduate, Mary Jane graduated from the Detroit College of Law in 1984. Mary Jane practiced law at Rose and Bevelheimer, P.C. in Plymouth, MI from 1984 to 2001. Mary Jane wed John Broderick in 1995 and were members of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish. An avid golfer, skier, tennis player and gardener, Mary Jane enjoyed her travels with John and spending time with her five grandchildren. The visitation was held Friday September 12th at the Vermeulen-Sajewski-Funeral Home. The Funeral Mass was held Saturday, September 13th at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be directed to Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church or Capuchin Soup Kitchen of Detroit, MI. To share a memory please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com

FELIKS, OVEDA S.

Age 83 of Rogers, formerly of Garden City, Michigan, passed away September 8, 2014 in Rogers. She was born March 24, 1931 in Burnsville, Mississippi the daughter of Charles and Lora (Watson) Woodruff. She was a nurse. Oveda is survived by her children John Feliks of Garden City, Michigan, Lora (Joseph) Ostach of Livonia, Michigan and Felicia Lewis of Rogers, Arkansas; also her sister Theda Cannon of Russellville, Tennessee, and many beloved cousins, aunts, nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews. Private interment in the War Eagle Cemetery. Online condolences to www.bentoncountyfuneralhome.com.

**WITTLINGER,
KRISTINE E.**

Manchester, Michigan Her Legacy...Wittlinger, Kristine Elizabeth "Kris", age 42 of Manchester died September 9, 2014 in a tragic vehicle accident along with her co-worker Andrea Hicks while performing their duties as Child Protective Service workers. She was born on September 20, 1971 in Warren, MI to Timothy and Diane (Dominy) Wittlinger. Kris began her work with DHS in Jackson County in February 2012 and quickly became a very strong CPS investigator. She was known by her coworkers and in the community for her skills as well as her engaging personality. Her love for animals was rivaled only by her love for children which made her work effortless. Her memory will be cherished in the hearts of her family and those who knew her as a dedicated, loving, intelligent woman. Her Family...In addition to her parents, Kristine is survived by her children: Henry and Anabelle Jones; brother: David (Jennifer) Wittlinger; niece: Caroline; nephew: Gavin. Her Farewell...Kris' Memorial Service will be on Saturday, September 20, 2014 beginning with visitation at Noon followed by a service at 1 p.m. at Nativity Episcopal Church, 21220 W. 14 Mile Rd., Bloomfield Township, MI with the Reverend Diane Morgan officiating. In Kris' honor, memorial donations may be shared with Ozone House, 1705 Washtenaw, Ann Arbor, MI 48104. Please sign Kristine's guestbook at www.borekjenning.com or leave a message of comfort for her family by calling 877-231-7900.



**HOUBLER,
HELEN ELIZABETH**

passed peacefully into the pain-free after-life at the age of 56 on September 6, 2014. She was survived by her daughter, Tonya Hoobler, brother, Kenneth Hoobler (Kathy), sister, Bonita Westergard (Hoobler), brother, Timothy Hoobler (Richelle), nephew, John Hoobler (Patricia), nephew, Robert Hoobler, nephew, Jason Westergard, niece, Tara Westergard, nephew, Ryan Hoobler, niece, Sarah Hoobler, great niece, Emily Hoobler, great niece, Elizabeth Hoobler, and great niece, Mackenzie Hardy. The memorial will be held on September 19, 2014, from 11am until 8pm. The public is welcome at any time. The location will be the pavilion in Hines Park at the corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive. The family is requesting that donations be made to an account that has been created to fund Helen's memorial. To make a donation please go to the following website: <http://www.gofundme.com/e78w7k>.



In Memoriam

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF
IRENE
MACIEJEWSKI**

It has been two years since your death September 12, 2012, but you are still missed and loved.



**DETTMANN,
HENRY CARL**

Age 85, September 10, 2014. Henry was born in Hamburg, Germany. Beloved husband of Rita Kliza. He was also a father and grandfather. Henry loved traveling, swimming and spending time at the ocean in Florida, but his happiest and favorite moments were spending time with his grandchildren. He retired from GM. Funeral Mass Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. (in state at 10 a.m.) at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburg Rd., Livonia. Visitation Sunday from 4-9 p.m. at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Scripture service Sunday at 7 p.m. Please share a memory at rgrharris.com.



**VANNATTER,
ROBERT A.**

Age 57, of Farmington, died September 10, 2014. Robert is survived by his wife, Denise; sons, Ryan Robert, Jay Robert (Theresa) and Randy Robert; grandson, Jonah Robert; sisters, Dori Vannatter and Sandy (Aaron) Demine; nephews, Derek (Kristin) Vannatter, Steven (Tracie) Anderson and Eric Demine; great-nephews, Seven and Brody Anderson. Sadly Robert was preceded in death by his parents, Jaril and Virginia Butler and grandparents, Stanley and Sophie Jewel. Visitation Sunday, September 14, 1-8 p.m. and Monday, September 15, 4-8 p.m., at the Heeneey-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btwn. 9-10 Mile Rds., just N. of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Funeral service Tuesday, September 16, 11:00 a.m. also at the funeral home. Memorial tributes suggested Common Ground Sanctuary, commongroundhelps.org HEENEY-SUNDQUIST FUNERAL HOME heeneey-sundquist.com



GARDEN & NATURE CALENDAR

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

Butterflies

Brenda Dziedzic, author and co-founder of Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association, will talk about winter garden maintenance and overwintering of butterflies, 7 p.m. Sept. 17, at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Nonmembers pay \$3. Annual memberships are \$15. www.sembabutterfly.org.

Plymouth Nursery

Learn how to create a terrarium, 1 p.m. Sept. 20 at Plymouth Nursery, 9900 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. You'll create a garden under glass to take home. Fee varies depending on the plants used. Completed project starts at \$59.99. Call 734-453-5500 to reserve a spot.

English Gardens

» Get information on designing, planting and maintaining flowers and plants in outdoor containers at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 20. Free.
» Learn the basics of designing a bulb garden at a free presentation 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 27.
» Get tips on dividing perennials and pruning plants to ready

them for winter, 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 4. Free.

» Learn about indoor gardening, 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, at a free presentation.
» Store experts explain how to put your garden to bed for winter, 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 18 in a free presentation.
Classes are held at all English Gardens stores. Area stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, 734-332-7900; 22650 Ford Road in Dearborn Heights, 313-278-4433; 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, 248-280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield; 248-851-7506.

Livonia Garden Club

Paul Wingert, a member of the Southeastern Michigan Bromeliad Society, will show how to care for and propagate bromeliads and will explain why they make great houseplants, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7, at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia; livoniagardenclub.org.

Heritage Park

The park is located on Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills. Pre-register for programs online at recreg.fhgov.com.
» Take a full moon hike 7:30-8:30 p.m. Oct. 10 and 7-8 p.m. Nov. 7. The Friday night hikes

are for families and children, 5 and up. Cost is \$3 per person payable online or at the door. Meet at the nature center in the park.

» Hayrides run 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, through Oct. 24 and Saturday, Nov. 1. Rides are approximately 30 minutes. The fee is \$5 per person. Pre-register online. A limited number of tickets will be sold at the event. Includes the hay wagon ride, marshmallow roasting over a campfire and apple cider.
» Practice yoga 5:30-6:30 p.m. Wednesday through Oct. 8 outdoors, in front of the Heritage Park Visitor Center. Designed for adults of all skill levels. \$10 per class paid at the class. Bring your own mat and blanket.
» Junior Naturalist Club, for ages 5-11, meets 10-11:30 a.m. the second Saturday of the month from September through June at the nature center. The fee is \$10 per class in advance and \$12 per class, paid at the door. Register online. The topic is Wilderness Skills on Oct. 11.

Meet critters

See some of the animals, such as turtles and snakes, that make the Kensington Metropark Nature Center their home, 2 p.m. every Sunday. The program is free. To register or for more information, call 810-227-8917

RELIGION CALENDAR

**SEPTEMBER
BIBLE PROPHECY**

Time/Date: 7:15 p.m., beginning Sept. 15
Location: Metropolitan Church, 15585 N. Haggerty, Plymouth, and multiple other locations
Details: An in-depth Bible prophecy series called Unlocking Revelation will examine prophecies of Scripture. Visit the website to see all locations and to pre-register and receive a free Bible Prophecy DVD on the first night. Snacks will be served.
Contact: www.UnlockRevelation.com

BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 21
Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland
Details: Pancake and French toast breakfast also includes sausage, ham, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, milk, juice. Cost is \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children
Contact: 734-425-4421

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Sept. 20
Location: Timothy Lutheran Church, lower level, 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia
Details: Pete Paxton and Adele Corson in concert; tickets \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door
Contact: 313-806-6090, 734-427-2290

CONCERT

Time/Date: 4 p.m., Sept. 21
Location: First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, 26165 Farmington Road in Farmington Hills
Details: Jerry McKenzie's Just Jazz kicks off the church's 2014-15 performing arts series. No tickets necessary. The church suggests a \$15 per person or \$25 donation.
Contact: 248-474-6170, Ext. 208

CONCERT

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28
Location: St. Mary the Protectress Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral, 21931 Evergreen
Details: The Orthodox Choir of Metropolitan Detroit, conducted by Victoria Kopistiansky, performs a benefit concert to aid Christians in the Middle East, North Africa and Ukraine through International Orthodox Christian Charities. An afterglow will follow the concert. Donations will be collected. Sponsored by Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metro Detroit
Contact: www.iocc.org

FILM

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 19
Location: Warren Road Light and Life Church, 33445 Warren Road, Westland
Details: See, *God's Not Dead!* on an 8-foot outdoor screen. Challenged to defend his faith by an atheist college professor, Josh Wheaton is forced to ask himself if he will rise to the challenge or shrink back and take the easy way out. Popcorn and refreshments will be served. Bring a lawn chair or blanket.
Contact: 734-458-7301

FITNESS CLASSES

Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. Monday, beginning Sept. 15
Location: St. John Neumann Parish, 44800 Warren Road, Canton
Details: Joe Mason, certified personal fitness trainer, instructs a 10-week series of classes that include aerobic movements, strength training with light hand weights and yoga stretching, followed by abdominal and back exercises. Cost is \$70 with a portion of proceeds going to the parish.
Contact: 734-455-5910

GRIEF SUPPORT

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21-Jan. 4, 2015
Location: Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merri-man, Livonia
Details: Weekly seminar and support group designed to help participants rebuild their lives after losing a loved one. The group is led by individuals who have experienced grief and who want to help and encourage others.
Contact: 313-682-7491

SERMON SERIES

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28, and 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, Sept. 29-Oct. 1
Location: St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: The Rev. Hugh Burns preaches on the topic "Get Real: Religion With Two Feet on the Ground." A free will offering will be collected on Wednesday
Contact: 734-464-4433

TRANSFORMATION STUDY GROUPS

Time/Date: Kick off starts 10:30 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 14; small groups begin week of Sept. 21
Location: Warren Road Light and Life Church, 33445 Warren Road, Westland
Details: Participants will look at God in spiritual health, physical health, mental health, emotional health, relational health, financial health
Contact: 734-458-7301

TRUNK SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 20
Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Church members will sell rummage sale items from their car trunks
Contact: Dianne Sherman at 734-812-5172 or 734-522-6830

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Upcoming

American Red Cross

Upcoming blood drives:
Canton — 1-6:45 p.m. Sept. 18, 22, 25 and 29 and 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Sept. 20 and 27, at the Farmington Hills Blood Donation Center, 31150 Haggerty
Livonia — 1-6:45 p.m. Sept. 18, 22-25, 29-30 and 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Sept. 19, 26, and 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Sept. 20, at the Livonia Blood Donation Center, 36650 Five Mile, Livonia; 7:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Sept. 21, Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail; 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Sept. 24-25, Madonna University, 14221 Levan; 1:30-7:15 p.m., Sept. 24-25, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty; 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Sept. 28, St. Aidan Catholic Church Activity Center, 17500 Farmington Road

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and easy recipes for the slow cooker, 6-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2, at Busch's Fresh Food Market, 33300 W. 14 Mile, West Bloomfield. Cost is \$5 and includes a \$5-Busch's coupon, recipes, and healthy eating tips. Register by calling or visiting the Guest Service Counter at the store; 248-539-4581.

» Busch's chef Rebecca Wauldron will show how to make the most of seasonal produce and dietitian Denise Cykert will give tips on keeping recipes nutritious, 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16, at Busch's, 37083 Six Mile, Livonia; 734-779-6100.

Prostate cancer

Farmington Hills-based 21st Century Oncology of Michigan offers a free seminar about prostate cancer, 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17, at Bloomfield Open Hunt Club, 405 E. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. "State-Of-The-Art Update In Prostate Cancer" will focus on the latest advances in prostate cancer detection and care. To reserve a space at the lecture, call Samantha Dedoes at 248-464-3246 or email samantha.schmoyerdedoes@21co.com.

Stress seminar

Harsha Jayatilake, M.D., medical director, Center for Integrative Medicine, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, and Beverly Merian, R.N., Center for Integrative Medicine, will present information on stress and its effects on the mind and body, 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 20 in the Wellness Center, located off the south lobby at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, located at Levan and Five Mile, in Livonia. Attendees will learn to identify stressors and how to better

manage stress. The seminar is free but registration is required. Call 734-655-1320.

Tri County Celiac Support Group

Rumi's Passion in Plymouth will demonstrate gluten-free cooking 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 15, at The First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington. The group also will begin a Celiac 101 series that will give participants the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about the ins and outs of living with celiac disease. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Walk with a Doc

Savitha Balaraman, an oncologist at Botsford Hospital, will talk about meditation and will lead a walk, noon to 1 p.m. Sept. 18, at Heritage Park Nature Center, located on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, in Farmington Hills. Register for this free program by calling Botsford at 877-477-3621.

Women's health

Paul Makela, M.D., medical director of gynecological robotic surgery at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia, will present information about bladder dysfunction and overactive bladder 6-7 p.m. Sept. 24 at Meadowbrook Country Club, 40941 W. Eight Mile, Northville. Register by Sept. 19 at 734-655-1980.

Ongoing

Anorexics and Bulimics Anonymous

Twelve-step program and weekly group to help those suffering with eating disorders such as anorexia, bulimia, bingeing and purg-

ing, and exercise compulsion is held 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, at the Friendship Circle, 6892 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. An AB-ANON meeting group is available for families and loved ones, 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, also at the Friendship Circle. For more information, contact Mindy at 248-672-9776.

Aquatic classes

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease arthritis. Classes are held 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch and 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch. Visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

Blood pressure

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

Prostate cancer event to focus on latest treatments

The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, in collaboration with Wayne State University School of Medicine, will present the fourth annual Prostate Cancer Symposium, Latest Treatment Advances: What you learn here could save your life, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren Ave. in Detroit.



SUBMITTED
Elisabeth Heath, M.D.

The symposium will focus on the latest research and treatment advancements for surviving prostate cancer, including proton beam therapy, cryotherapy, new FDA-approved drug therapies, research and clinical trials.

Prostate cancer patients, their spouses and advocates will hear updates from several experts and have an opportunity to ask questions about therapies, clinical trials and research progress.

Elisabeth Heath, M.D., FACP, symposium course director, will be joined by several other experts and prostate cancer survivors on a discussion panel. Heath is director of Prostate Cancer Research at Karmanos Cancer Institute and professor of oncology and medicine at Wayne State University School of Medicine.

Keynote speaker is

Rick Kittles, Ph.D., professor of Division of Urology, Department of the Center for Population Genetics, University of Arizona. Kittles is known for his research on prostate cancer and health disparities among African Americans. He has also been at the forefront of the development of ancestry-informative genetic markers, and the use of genetic ancestry to map genes for common traits and disease. His work has been featured in five PBS and BBC network documentaries related to human biological diversity, race and disease as well as on CNN and the CBS show *60 Minutes*.

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7 networking tips for young professionals



By Aimee Hosler
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Recent grads with shiny new degrees. Mid-career professionals vying for new (or better) jobs. Retirees looking for a supplemental income. The value of professional networking is rarely outgrown or overstated. Sure, everyone is on social networks these days, but there's a big difference between knowing the perks of networking and knowing how to network effectively. Hint: Setting up an online profile and halfheartedly touching base with connections now and again probably won't cut it.

Here's a look at what will:

1. Cast a wide net.

Connecting with former college classmates and colleagues is a solid way to begin building your network, but it may not be enough. You don't have to hand your business card to every stranger you exchange pleasantries with on the subway, but

why not think bigger than the alumni finder on your favorite networking website? CollegeFeed recommends touching base with a wide breadth of people, including former high school teachers, community and religious leaders, and even your friends' parents. Networking functions are another great way to meet new contacts.

2. Be a yes man (or woman).

In a column she penned for Harvard Business Review, Kathryn Minshew, CEO and co-founder of The Muse, offers a helpful piece of advice to young professionals: NYFO, or Network Your Face Off (figuratively speaking). That means saying yes to as many networking opportunities as possible. That Toastmasters meeting across town on a Tuesday night? Make it happen. Out-of-the-blue coffee invite from an old co-worker or classmate? Be there. The networking gig sure to be a waste of time is the one not taken.

3. Be likeable.

It goes without saying that prospective employers and clients are probably more likely to hire someone they like, but how can you be sure that someone is you? Being polite and on time is a start, but there are a few other tips that can hedge the bet in your favor. For example, Salesforce recommends asking contacts plenty of questions about themselves. This creates a comfortable environment for them and an air of friendliness around you.

4. Be proactive.

You've handed out your body weight in business cards. You've made every networking event and touched base with every semi-relatable contact you could think of. Time to sit back and wait for the calls to start rolling in, right? Wrong. The only way you can be sure opportunity knocks is to go calling literally. Instead of wait-

ing for the phone to ring, Forbes recommends calling new contacts and putting the ball in their court. You need not pester them, but even a brief voicemail is a welcome mat for potential contacts.

5. Be a follower.

Remember when we suggested being likeable? Another way to do this and create a positive impression is to follow experts in your field. Follow them on Twitter. Follow their publication. Follow their careers on LinkedIn or in the news. Follow them in every professional capacity you can think of, and then let them know about it.

6. Be polished.

That snazzy new blazer may help cement the right first impression at your next networking event or interview, but being polished extends far beyond your wardrobe. It means proofread-

ing every email you send, being polite even three hours into a painfully boring conference and not drinking too much at that business mixer. It also means not making bad decisions elsewhere, especially on social media (a tool human resources pros and recruiters love to leverage).

7. Recalibrate now and again.

Your current network may not always be the right one: As you grow and achieve more, so should your professional circle. Forbes recommends periodically asking yourself what you aim to accomplish, who can help you do it and why they should care to at all. This results-oriented thinking is what separates successful people from career coasters.

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

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Car Report

Compass Keeps True Direction for Jeep in Growing Compact-SUV Segment



Compass is styled and configured as the "reasonable" Jeep



By Dale Buss

Everybody's excited about the all-new Cherokee and the contribution that it is making to the overall sales performance of the Jeep brand. Already Cherokee was Jeep's best-selling vehicle in August, and its 113,933 sales for the year to date led Jeep to a 45-percent overall surge in sales compared with the first eight months of August.

But do you know what Jeep nameplate leads all the others in relative sales performance for the year to date? It's Compass, which sold 43,252 units through August, 16 percent more than a year earlier. Patriot was No. 2 with a 15-percent gain for the year.

And Compass may not be as unlikely a candidate for this role as most people assume. It's a small crossover that offers an overall

fine package of fuel economy, performance, comfort, capacity and overall refinement, for prices starting at under \$25,000. In a vehicle segment that is getting still more popular as gasoline prices drop below \$3.50 a gallon for the fall, Compass remains a worthy entrant.

For 2014, Compass got some extra help from Jeep product planners as well. It added a newly optional six-speed automatic transmission that replaced the continuously variable transmission previously offered in most Compass models. The exterior also got a styling tweak, and the interior was upgraded to a standard 6.5-inch touch-screen audio interface and, for the Limited trim, a rear-view camera. Front-seat air-bags were made standard across the line-up.

In part, the latest refinements to Compass are aimed at the Jeep purists who've always sniffed at this particular model. When Compass debuted for 2007, it represented something of a departure for Jeep because its smoothed-off design didn't look particularly rugged and it was a car-based execution that was aimed at the majority of SUV buyers who only wanted to drive around suburbia rather than take their vehicle off-road, wherever that was.

Compass is offered in three trim levels. Standard equipment on the base Sport version includes alloy wheels, fog-lights, roof rails, air conditioning, cruise control, 60/40 split-folding rear seats, a tilt-only steering wheel, a 115-volt household power outlet and a four-speaker sound system with a CD player and auxiliary radio jack. There are more amenities in a couple of available extra packages.

Stepping up to the Latitude version of Compass that I drove gains heated front seats, a height-adjustable driver's seat, a leather-wrapped steering wheel with auxiliary audio controls, and a sunroof, while the top-shelf Limited edition gets items such as leather upholstery, a power driver seat and automatic climate control.

Compass offers some unusual amenities, including a cooled glove-box, a rechargeable LED cargo light that pops out for use as a flashlight (a nod, I guess, to

the more adventurous Compass owner), and optional speakers that flip down and out from the raised lift-gate to enhance tailgating.

Overall, I found Compass's carrying capacity more than adequate. Cargo capacity, at 62.7 cubic feet, could handle transport of most things you'd want an SUV to handle, including a 12-foot rug. And with a tall friend sitting in the rear seats, I heard no complaint about roominess.

The Sport and Latitude are powered by a 2.0-liter, four-cylinder engine that produces 158 horsepower and 141 pound-feet of torque. Mileage for the Latitude I drove was rated at 27 mpg on the highway and 21 mpg in the city for a combined rate of 23 mpg. That's not great compared with competition in a segment where buyers are looking for strong fuel economy as a trade-off for buying a small SUV, but it's good enough for many consumers.

In fact, maximum mileage for Compass is 23 mpg on the city and 30 on the highway, and that makes the model comparable with competitors such as Ford Escape and Honda CR-V, though not with segment leaders such as Mazda CX-5.

Compass is far from peppy in terms of performance. Its pickup is reasonable, a big part of the overall reasonableness of the vehicle. Some reviewers complain about its turning radius, but I didn't find it to be too much off the category norm and certainly not a black mark.

But in a very Jeep-like way, Compass does come in four-wheel drive, a feature that no doubt has added to its allure across most of the country after the snowbound winter of 2014. That's the kind of "off-roading" that most Compass owners would have in mind, anyway.



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OPEN 12-4pm | 536 Meadowlake Rd., Canton | 4 bed, 2 bath colonial. Remodeled kitchen, built-in table nook with garden window. \$207,000 Kent Tyrrell 734-502-0510



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OPEN 12-3 pm | 41246 English Oak, Clinton Twp. | Newer end-unit Ranch condo. Kitchen has crown molding and UBA Tuba counters. \$239,900 Host: Joe Stivers 586-805-0631



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OPEN 1-3pm | 35 Crestwood, Grosse Pointe Shores | Custom built home with 3 beds, 2 1/2 baths with master. 2 fireplaces, walk out patio. \$325,000 Dori Daskas 313-909-8259



OPEN 2-4pm | 1803 Hawthorne, Grosse Pointe Woods | Brick bungalow on a large lot. Updated kitchen, hardwood flrs, 2 fireplaces. \$164,900 Chuck Maniaci 313-706-0310



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OPEN 12:30-4 | 60616 Miriam Dr., Washington Twp. | Updated and ready to go...solid Colonial in beautiful sub with numerous updates. \$240,000 Donna Bousson 248-515-1843



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