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Wayne OKs higher lighting assessment

By LeAnne Rogers
 Staff Writer

A five-year citywide street lighting assessment with increased rates aimed at covering costs for the service has been approved by the Wayne City Council.

Approval of the street lighting assessment came after a public hearing held prior to the council meeting. The roughly half-dozen citizens who spoke, a majority being regular council critics, were against the

street lighting assessment.

Some of those same speakers used the opportunity to criticize council for not assessing enough to cover costs three years ago. Others argued street lights don't make a community safer, advocating shutting off street lights and relying on porch lights at individual homes.

"Show me the money. Where did the tax dollars go? We've stopped being taxpayers, we are tax victims," resident Mark Blackwell said. "I can

live without leaf pickup and street sweeping. Shut off the lights. I have a porch light and sleep with a gun on the night stand."

'Good intentions'

Resident Tony Sanders commented that three years ago he told council members to levy the full amount that was needed to cover the street lighting assessment. At the same time, he said the council told the public it would be the last time for the assessment.

"The council had good intentions and raised what they thought was needed," Wayne Mayor Al Haidous said.

Calling the street lighting generally ineffective, resident Milton French criticized the city for not using LED lighting and having too many street lights.

"There are sufficient funds in the general fund to pay for lighting. You dug up this BS - I call it that - and you're double taxing me," Vern Amos said. "It's uncalled for."

In fact, the city general fund has a deficit of approximately \$500,000 in the current fiscal year. That was pared down from about \$1.7 million. Haidous commented that city property tax revenues had dropped 43 percent since 2008.

Donald Flynn, who unsuccessfully ran for mayor in 2013, said taxpayers don't benefit from the street lighting assessment.

"It's all for DTE. The coun-

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The body of a woman was reportedly found Thursday evening in a drum on the premises at Travel Trailer Storage on Ann Arbor Road east of Lilley in Plymouth Township.

Westland makes it into top 50 cities to live

Westland has made the cut of America's 50 Best Cities to Live in, earning the 50th-place ranking.

Prepared by Wall St. 24/7 and published in *USA Today*, the list ranks communities on factors such as median household income, crime and other factors.

Here's what the list has to say about Westland:

"Even as Detroit remains in bankruptcy, some of Wayne County's other cities are not just solvent, but thriving. Westland was able to successfully issue new bonds just months after Detroit initially filed for bankruptcy. Bolstered by a low cost of living, steady employment growth and an unemployment rate of just 5.7 percent last year, Westland's economy is fairly strong. When not working, residents can enjoy one of the 2,500 restaurants, more than 250 bars, 61 libraries or 23 golf courses located in Wayne County.

"For those looking to move to Westland, few areas have more affordable homes. Last year, payments on a median-priced home in Wayne County cost just over 7 percent of the median household income. Westland homes were also relatively inexpensive compared to those across the state, with a median home value of just over \$83,000. However, the real estate market did falter between 2011 and 2013, when home values dropped by 11 percent, more than in many other cities."

Among the findings:
 » Median household income: \$43,551
 » Unemployment rate, 2013: 5.7 percent
 » Median home value: \$83,400
 » Violent crime per 100,000 residents: 405.8
 » Average commuter travel time: 25.0 minutes
 Other Michigan cities making the list were Troy and Sterling Heights.

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Missing person case leads to body at storage yard

By Matt Jachman
 Staff Writer

A gruesome discovery in Plymouth Township Thursday afternoon may have brought police in Warren closer to solving the case of a 22-year-old woman who's been missing since mid-June.

Police investigating the disappearance of Theresa DeKeyzer of Warren found a body Thursday in a 55-gallon drum in a trailer at Travel Trailer Storage on Ann Arbor

Road. Warren police, who were joined later by police from the township, Westland and the Michigan State Police, had obtained a search warrant after tips by two people earlier this month led them to a trailer in the storage yard, police said.

Although police Friday were awaiting identification of the remains after an autopsy that was to be conducted at the Wayne County Medical Examiner's office, they



DeKeyzer

TV," Green said.

Family distraught

"They're grateful there's some closure," although they are holding out hope the re-

mained aren't those of DeKeyzer, Green said. "But they're pretty distraught."

Green said further interviews in the case were still planned and that, as far as police know, the two tipsters played different roles in getting the trailer to the storage yard. They provided accurate information about the trailer's whereabouts, he said.

The plastic drum, Green said, had a garbage bag on

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Westland man to face bank robbery charge

By LeAnne Rogers
 Staff Writer

A Westland man has been bound over for trial on a bank robbery charge while an armed robbery charge has been dismissed.

At a hearing Thursday in Westland 18th District Court, Ian Edward Kiligian, 26, waived his preliminary examination on the bank robbery charge. He is scheduled for



Kiligian

agreed to waive the preliminary examination on bank robbery, if they dismissed armed robbery," said defense

Wayne County Circuit Court arraignment on Sept. 25.

"After much discussion with the (Wayne County assistant) prosecutor, we

attorney David Lankford. "My belief is that it was an unsustainable charge."

Kiligian is charged with robbing a Comerica Bank branch at 31200 Ann Arbor Trail. A not guilty plea was entered at arraignment.

The robbery was reported Sept. 3 at 1:42 p.m. Police said a man presented a teller with a note demanding money. The teller complied and the suspect fled on foot with an un-

specified amount of money.

Nearby Hayes Elementary School was placed on a lockdown as a student safety precaution immediately following the report of the robbery.

Working on the investigation with the U.S. Marshals, Westland Police arrested Kiligian at his Westland home on Sept. 5.

Held in lieu of \$1 million

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The registration deadline to participate in the Downtown Wayne Scarecrow Show is quickly approaching – Sept. 24. Don't miss out on participating in this family-friendly, community-building event.

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Lindsey Wooten
GUEST COLUMNIST

crows must be pre-registered to participate in the event – if you are unable to come to the farmers market, you can also visit the Wayne Main Street office at 3028 S. Wayne Road to pick up the frame.

Visit the website www.downtownwayne.org and click Scarecrows or call 734-629-6822 for more information. Help Wayne Main Street reach our goal of 100 scarecrows in downtown Wayne.

New event calendar
Have you been wondering what there is to do in downtown Wayne? The Wayne Main Street's website now

features an event calendar. If you have a special event that you'd like to add to the calendar, email director@downtownwayne.org with event details. Meanwhile, go check out what is happening at www.downtownwayne.org

Volunteer opportunities
At the heart of all Main Street districts are dedicated volunteers.

The self-help principle of Main Street is simple: involve your citizens and help ensure positive change for your town yourself. From committee meetings and town Christmas parades to ice festivals and fundraising, volunteers make Main Street possible.

Upcoming opportunities include:
» Wayne Farmers Market, 1:30-7:30 p.m. each Wednesday

» Flower planter cleanup, 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 27
» World Hoop Day in Goudy Park, all day Saturday, Oct. 4
And there's much more.

Lindsey Wooten is executive director of Wayne's Michigan Main Street program. Contact her at WayneMainStreetby@hometownlife.com calling 734-629-6822 or email her at director@downtownwayne.org.

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City is more concerned about what DTE thinks than the people," Flynn said. "One hundred years ago, the village functioned well without electricity. Most crime occurs during the daytime. Street lights don't hinder crime by one iota."

Cost per parcel

For residential properties, the annual assessment will go from \$48 annually to \$72.50. The assessment is applied to residential properties per parcel.

The charge for industrial and commercial properties is based on lineal feet of frontage. Those assessments range from \$225 for up to 100 feet of industrial frontage to \$2,300 for parcels

with more than 1,000 feet of frontage. Commercial assessments range from \$150 to \$1,500.

The increased rates will appear on the winter tax bill in December and be collected for the next five years.

The current street lighting assessment, enacted three years ago, has generated approximately \$420,000 annually, which is about \$200,000 short of the actual annual expense.

After the street lighting assessment was approved, Councilman John Rhaesa said he wanted the city to look at upgrading street lighting to energy-efficient LED lights.

"DTE has a lifetime contract, owns the poles and can charge us. We have to figure out a solution to that," Rhaesa said.

Other council members commented on the need to maintain street lighting for safety and security in the city, part of stopping further property value declines.

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cash bond, Kilgian served five years of a three- to 15-year prison sentence after he pleaded guilty in 2008 to a charge of armed robbery, according to the Michigan Department of Corrections. The robbery occurred at a Livonia business.

As part of the plea, a second charge relating to an attempted robbery at a Westland business was dismissed. Kilgian was released from prison May 12, 2013.

"I understand that that there will be a substantial bond," said Lankford, asking that Kilgian be referred to defendant screening services.

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MISSING

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top of it and a concrete seal 10 to 15 inches thick. X-ray technology provided by the state police at the site showed a body inside, he said, that appeared to be wrapped in plastic. The medical examiner's office was opening the drum Friday, he said.

A manager at Travel Trailer said the drum was in an enclosed trailer and that when a lone Warren detective arrived at about 11:30 a.m. Thursday, she showed him where it was. Later, she said, more police arrived.

"For something like this to happen, it's quite shocking. It's upsetting," said the manager, who asked that her name not be used. "I feel so bad for the family, the girl's family, I just said a prayer for them."

The manager said the space the trailer occupied was rented June 25 by a man who did not live locally and who has paid for the space by the month.

Boyfriend jailed

DeKeyzer's boyfriend, Scott Wobbe of Westland, had been accused June 15 of domestic assault by DeKeyzer and had later

been questioned by police in her disappearance, according to a time line of the case provided by police in Warren. DeKeyzer was reported missing by her family June 19 and Wobbe told police he last saw her at about 6 a.m. June 16, the time line states.

Green said neither the man who rented the trailer storage space nor the man in whose name the trailer is registered are Wobbe. Wobbe, who faces drug-related charges in Westland, is currently in the Midland County Jail on a probation violation, Green said. He was arrested July 2, the Warren police time line states.

The storage yard manager also noted the man who rented space for the trailer was not Wobbe. "The boyfriend they showed on TV was not the one who rented the lot," she said.

Green said the tips that brought police to the storage yard came in to police within a couple of days of a Sept. 4 column about DeKeyzer in *The Detroit News* that renewed interest in the case.

"It's terrible to see what people can do to other people," Green said. "It's saddening."

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CORRECTIONS

» A story in Thursday's Observer about the veterans dinner at the Bova VFW Post in Westland should have stated that Harry Copley of Redford enlisted in October 1946 and saw action in the Korean and Vietnam wars before retiring

in October 1967.

» A story in Sunday's Observer should have identified Joe Lakatos as a second-year student in the welding program at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center in Westland.



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Men could face burglary charges in Livonia

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Two cousins face felony home-invasion charges in connection with Sept. 8 burglaries of houses in Plymouth and Canton townships and could face charges for a similar crime in Livonia.

Michael Rhodes of Northville Township and Richard Rhodes of Canton were arrested Friday in Farmington Hills by officers from a multi-agency task force that had been tracking their movements, according to a press release from the Plymouth Township Police Department.

Task force officers conducting surveillance had watched the pair as they carried items, including a large television set, out of a Farmington Hills house and put them in a pickup truck and police determined a burglary had occurred at the house, Plymouth Township Lt. Bob Antal said in the release.

Joined by Farmington Hills police, officers stopped the pair at a nearby gas station and arrested them without incident, Antal said.

The two men could also face charges in Livonia. Lt. Tom Goralski of the Livonia Police Department said his agency believes the men are involved



Michael Rhodes

Richard Rhodes

with at least one home invasion on the city's south side.

Goralski said a warrant request was going to be sent on Friday afternoon.

Earlier, the men had been followed to several Oakland County pawn shops, where they tried to sell items believed to have been stolen in

area home invasions, police said.

Michael Rhodes, 24, and Richard Rhodes, 19, were arraigned Monday in 35th District Court on two charges each of felony home invasion. Not-guilty pleas were entered for them and Judge Mike Gerou set bond at \$100,000 each. A preliminary hearing was scheduled for Friday, Sept. 26.

The cousins had already been charged in 47th District Court in the Farmington Hills case. They were being held Wednesday in the Oakland County Jail.

The Plymouth Township burglary occurred the morning

of Sept. 8 at a house on Governor Bradford, just west of Sheldon. The house had been entered through an unlocked window and ransacked. Jewelry and two television sets were reported stolen, police said. A similar burglary occurred the same day in Canton.

The western Wayne County Community Response Team that had been tracking the suspects is made up of officers from the Michigan State Police, Livonia, and Plymouth, Canton and Northville townships.

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WESTLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT
Surveillance photo of suspect in the robbery of Flagstar Bank in Westland.

Suspect sought in Westland bank robbery

Westland Police are seeking information about man wanted for robbing a local Flagstar Bank Thursday morning.

The robbery was reported at about 9:30 a.m. at the Flagstar Bank, 29049 Joy. The suspect described as a white male in his 30s, wearing sunglasses, blue jeans and a dark colored cap with white writing.

The man was reported to have entered the bank, demanded money from the teller and then fled with an undisclosed amount of cash. The suspect was reported to have fled on a bicycle.

Police alerted Livonia Public Schools officials that a bank robbery suspect was on foot in the area of Joy Road and Middlebelt, according to an email that went to parents and guardians at about 11:45 a.m. Thursday.

The schools were notified of the situation and were prepared to use enhanced security precautions. Shortly thereafter, police confirmed that the suspect had left the area, and the school day continued as normal.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Westland Police at 734-721-6311.

Court upholds ruling in case of local man shot 20 times

By Beth Jachman
Staff Writer

Redford Township Police officers are immune to a lawsuit filed by the family of a man who was shot 20 times in his bedroom closet in 2008, according to a recent ruling.

In a 3-0 decision released this month, the U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth District, upheld a Detroit federal judge's ruling in the incident in which 30-year-old Matthew Krause was killed at his home on Seminole Street.

Krause's family sued Redford Police saying the man's constitutional rights were violated, but the appeals court disagreed.

The incident began on the morning of Dec. 12, 2008, when U.S. marshals arrived at Krause's home with a warrant for his arrest for felony possession of more than 50 grams of cocaine.

But when Krause saw the marshals, he ran into a bedroom where he grabbed a handgun and pointed it at officers and threatened to kill anyone who tried to come in, according to court documents.

He also told officers he had several more guns in the bedroom with him.

Redford police called

The U.S. marshals then called in Redford Township Police, and SWAT team officers took up positions around the house.

During the ensuing 10-hour standoff, officers tried to talk Krause in to surrendering, but he continued to threaten to kill them, saying at one point, "Let's do this, I'm ready to die, are you?," according to court documents.

At some point talks broke off.

Around 6:30 p.m. that day, a pole camera was used to see inside Krause's bedroom and he appeared to be sleeping in the closet, prompting the SWAT team to think about entering the bedroom, according to court documents.

Officers decided to use a "flash bang," a grenade which emits a loud bang and a bright flash of light, to stun Krause, and then attempt to capture him, according to documents.

Before entering Krause's room, officers set their weapons to fire automatically because Krause was armed and had "an assault rifle in the room," according to documents.

Fired first

But when police entered the room, Krause fired one shot from a .38-caliber revolver and one of the officers returned fire.

Because the gun was set on automatic, 20 shots were fired by the officer, according to court documents.

One of the appeals court judges, while agreeing with the ruling, wrote to express his disagreement on part of the court's conclusion that it was reasonable for the officer to shoot Krause 20 times.

Judge Algenon Marbley agreed "there was no need for Matthew Krause to die."

"We agree and have considerable sympathy for his family. But as the record confirms, the reason Matthew Krause died was that he fired first," Marbley wrote.

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W-W to take up property transfer decision

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Citing such things as academics and the welfare of their children, a group of homeowners in southwest Canton Township is asking Wayne RESA to make a block transfer of their neighborhood from the Wayne-Westland to the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Seventy-five resident property owners of the Parkview Estates Subdivision Homeowners Association filed petitions Aug. 25 for a Block Transfer of Property with Wayne RESA, citing convenience, the welfare of their children, economics, academics and private schools as reasons for their request.

The residents live on Lancelot and Amber Drive in the subdivision, which is located between Sheldon and Lilley, south of Palmer.

Wayne RESA must take action on the request within 60 days of the petition being filed. According to Wayne County

Superintendent Chris Wigent, the intermediate school board has asked for the position of Wayne-Westland and Plymouth-Canton on the request before it takes action at its Oct. 15 meeting.

"The board's decision will be based on the recommendation of the two districts," Wigent said. "If both boards say no, it will go to the Michigan Department of Education for a decision. The (intermediate) board will receive their positions and, if they are both no, I will recommend that it be sent to the state."

Making a decision

Plymouth-Canton has already made a decision not to recommend the transfer, with Wayne-Westland taking up the request at Monday's school board meeting. Wayne-Westland Superintendent Michele Harmala is recommending the board oppose the petition.

In making her recommendation, Harmala pointed out that

Wayne-Westland is "providing quality educational opportunities to all of its students" and, like the Plymouth-Canton district, has received the color yellow on the Michigan Department of Education scorecard.

In a first reading of the resolution last Tuesday, the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education came to a consensus that it would be against the property transfer.

"The general sentiment is that the board would not be in favor of this request," Superintendent Dr. Michael Meissen said.

Gary Collins, general counsel for the Board of Education, said districts have been opposing these kinds of transfers for "the last 20 years."

"One of the issues districts have is if you look at a transfer, it's based on a student population that you have at the time," Collins told the board Tuesday. "Within 5-10 years, you could have a different

population that could be better served by the residual school district. Generally, school districts are against property transfers."

Reasons for transfer

In requesting the block transfer, residents maintain that Plymouth-Canton has Bentley Elementary within one mile of the subdivision, as opposed to Wayne-Westland's Walker-Winter Elementary, which is four miles away. They also contend that their children live in Canton Township and use its services, but are separated by the educational setting. They called the separation "forced segregation" that disconnects the children from their neighborhood friends and peers and "denies our children the ability to truly belong to the Canton community."

Likewise, the residents contend that their children are being placed at an economic disadvantage by being sent to a "less effective academic pro-

gram," based on the MEAP scores at Bentley School, which, they said, average 20 percent higher than Walker-Winter.

They also indicated that many students in the neighborhood attend private and public charter schools and that the transfer would "encourage residents to reassess their current choice to pursue an alternative to public schools, potentially bring funds back to the local public school system."

It has been many years since Wayne RESA has received a petition for block transfer.

"I used to see these when I was with the Calhoun ISD; it used to happen a lot, then schools of choice came in," Wigent said. "I've been here seven years and this is my first. It's just not as prevalent as it used to be."

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Career-Tech students visit ITS World Congress

Students from the William D. Ford Career Technical Center in Westland received an invitation they couldn't refuse: Display their IVD (innovative vehicle design) vehicle at the World Congress on Intelligent Transport Systems.

The students who are on the IVD team got to show the safety features they have designed for their IVD and network with automotive industry representatives at the meeting held in Detroit earlier this month.

The vehicle was designed



William D. Ford Career Technical Center teachers Jim Shirmer and J.C. Irvine took students to the recent ITS World Congress in Detroit.

and built by the students at the center as part of Square One's Innovative Vehicle Design Challenge. The challenge allows students, with the help of an industry partner, to create a vehicle which is put to the test at the Michigan International Speedway.

The annual ITS World Congress hosts leaders from the technology and transportation

industry and alternates locations between North America, Europe and Asia. It is a showcase for the most advanced transportation technology.

The event drew more than 10,000 people from 65 countries who are the world's leaders in transportation research and innovation.

John Glenn DECA launches Rocket Run 5K Oct. 11

They're not headed to the moon and the stars, but members of the John Glenn High School DECA Chapter are launching a Rocket Run 5K Saturday, Oct. 11, on the school grounds and the adjacent William D. Ford Career Technical Center and administrative offices on Marquette between Wayne Road and Newburgh in Westland.

The 5K walk/run will start at 10 a.m. by the high school soccer field.

The cost is \$30 for runners/walkers who register before Oct. 11 and \$35 for those who register the day of the race. Race day registration will be 8-9:45 a.m. There will be free T-shirts for the first 50 people who register for the race. Registration can be completed

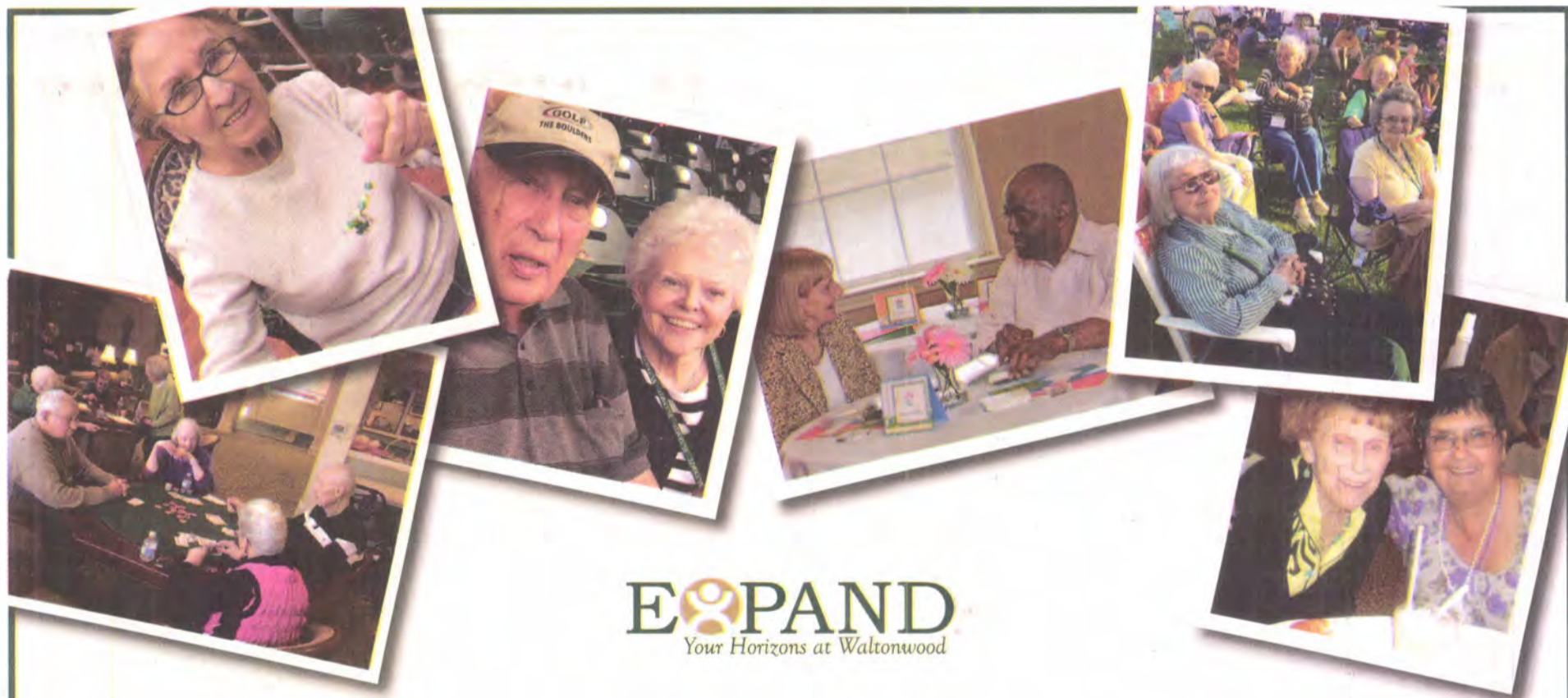
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Packet pickup for pre-registered runners/walkers is 8-10 a.m. Oct. 11 near the football field at John Glenn High School, 36105 Marquette, Westland.

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Student's artwork bowls over Livonia business

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

Novi High School junior Adam Huber looked to the past to give his winning art design the look it needed.

Huber's depiction of downtown Detroit with bowling pins standing in as skyscrapers will decorate the inside of Merri-Bowl Lanes in Livonia as the winning piece of art selected by new owner Richard Glomb. Huber will be recognized for his work Friday at a special reception.

"It's exciting to be part of a competition like this, but it's even more exciting and surprising to win it," said Huber, whose love for art took hold as a freshman when he took his first drawing class.

According to NHS art teacher Melissa Edmunds, Glomb asked Novi High's art department to conduct a competition for art/design work to be created for his unit masks at the end of each bowling lane. It was a last-minute competition

before the school year ended this past June, but that didn't deter the students from entering their pieces.

Livonia Churchill High School was asked to conduct a competition for the business' new logo.

"Two weeks before school came to an end, my graphic art/design classes and my digital imaging/computer art class worked very hard on creating some outstanding work," Edmunds said. "Richard and his team came in to view and pick their winning design."

Huber won the client's business by taking into consideration what themes it wanted and being creative with them. Because of this, he will be awarded a cash prize of \$100 by Merri-Bowl. For Edmunds, this was a great learning and real world experience for the students that can't always be duplicated in the classroom.

"All of the students did an outstanding job," she said. "This was an exciting opportunity."



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Novi High School junior Adam Huber created this graphic design of old Detroit and bowling pins for Merri-Bowl Lanes in Livonia.

Glomb will have an opening reception in the newly renovated Merri-Bowl (30950 Five Mile Road) that will include Livonia Mayor Jack Kirskey cutting the ribbon. After, he will recognize Huber for all of the printed art work that will

be placed from one side of the building to the next.

The NHS art department will also receive a \$500 check as a donation.

"We are very excited to have a student have his art work bought, printed and put

on display in a business for decades to come!" Edmunds said.

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Annual Schoolcraft food, wine event benefits scholarships

O&E Media Staff

Treat your taste buds to a culinary extravaganza Sunday, Sept. 28, at Schoolcraft College for a good cause.

The 23rd annual Schoolcraft College Foundation's Culinary Extravaganza will run 2-5 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia.

The food and wine celebration benefits student scholarships at Schoolcraft. Sponsorship packages ranging from \$300 to \$5,000 are available and offer additional benefits. Call 734-462-4463 for more information.

Some 60 restaurants, pastry shops and beverage vendors will serve tastings of their signature culinary creations. Certified Master Chef Jeff Gabriel and expert vintner Lee Hershey will demonstrate healthy food and wine pairings.

A silent auction will include gift baskets, fine dining, travel and sporting event packages,

along with other items. A raffle will award the luckiest ticket-holder with \$1,500. Other prizes will include cash and dinner for two at the college's American Harvest Restaurant.

Tickets for the Culinary Extravaganza are \$50, \$20 of which is a charitable contribution. Order tickets by calling 734-462-4689 or visit scf.schoolcraft.edu/culinary-extravaganza.

The chicory-chocolate-cherries ice cream, created by Chef James Rigato of The Root restaurant in White Lake, will be among six Guernsey Farms Dairy ice cream flavors served in the expanded "tailgate" portion of the annual event that raises funds for student scholarships and the college's culinary arts program.

The Northville-based dairy will participate in the Culinary Extravaganza for the first time, offering Peanut Butter Mackinac Island Fudge, Lemon Custard, Grandpa's Blueberry

Way, Creme de Novi and Vanilla ice cream flavors, in addition to Midnight Train to Traverse.

"Nowhere else can you attend an event of this magnitude for such a great price while helping such a great cause," said Sheri Frader, Extravaganza coordinator. "We have several new restaurants this year and we are continually working to add new restaurants."

"The tailgate area will be expanded to include the Lions game and possibly the Ryder Cup."

The tailgate room will offer pub- and tailgate-style foods, along with the Detroit Lions game televised live on large viewing screens. The main event, located in the DiPonio Room, serves signature dishes and fine dining cuisine.

Rigato, a 2005 Schoolcraft graduate, will be represented in both locations. While Guernsey Farms Dairy serves Mid-

night Train to Traverse in the tailgate area, Rigato will offer foods typical of his The Root restaurant in the DiPonio Room.

He'll wait until closer to the event to choose a menu.

Enjoy the afternoon and celebrate food and wine offerings from the following participants (confirmed to date): 2-Unique Caterer & Event Planning, Sive, Adoba Hotel Dearborn/Detroit, Alliance Beverage, Alpine Chocolate Haus, American Harvest Restaurant at Schoolcraft College, Atwater in the Park, Bahama Breeze, Banfi Wine, Big Rock Chop House/The Reserve, Birdie's LLC, Brengman Brothers Winery, Cadillac Coffee Company, Chandler's - A Restaurant and Coach Inn-signia.

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Wealth Inequality

I see three policies historically promoted by Democrats to try to get a fair share of the nation's wealth to working people. The first is to establish a minimum value for work performed. This minimum wage is designed to ensure that people who work full time do not live in poverty.

The second is the promotion of collective bargaining. Employees united can usually get a greater share of the wealth produced by businesses. Union contracts also have a positive effect on the labor market, particularly during good economic times when non-union businesses must come close to matching union wages in order to recruit and retain employees.

The third is to have a graduated income tax system where the burden of taxes on people's lives is the same for everyone. Ronald Reagan once said taxes should hurt. If that is true then they should hurt everyone equally. Taxes on the middle class and the working poor for the most part reduce the money they have to spend. This affects their lifestyles. The super rich live only on a small portion of their income. Increasing taxes on them would not change their lifestyle. They would just save less money. This is why it was once thought fair to have a marginal tax rate of 90% for the very rich. It is questionable whether today's taxes hurt the super rich at all.

The low tax rate for the very wealthy allows them to save more money than they historically could. This saved money compounds rather rapidly. Year after year the wealth of rich people becomes a greater and greater share of our nation's wealth leaving less for the rest of us. A prime cause of this concentration of wealth is that the super rich have a much lower tax burden on their lives than the middle class and working poor have.

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Native American Heritage Day comes to Nankin Mills

Wayne County Parks, the North American Indian Association and American Indian Health and Family Services will host Native American Heritage Day 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in Westland.

Each year, nearly 1,000 people embrace this special social gathering which includes a traditional drumming circle and dancers in beautiful regalia. Native American crafts and food will be available for purchase. All ages are welcome to enjoy this celebration of Michigan's first people. Due to limited seating, please bring a lawn chair. This is a free outdoor event.

"Wayne County has many unique elements, principle among them is our ethnic and cultural diversity," Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano said.

The North American Indian Association of Detroit is the oldest urban Indian organization in the United States. Its purpose is to promote self-sufficiency for Native Americans through education assistance, employment and training, awareness of available human services and to foster and preserve Native American culture.

The Nankin Mills Interpretive Center is located at 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Due to Saturday in the Park on Sept. 27, Hines Drive will be closed. However, parking for Native American Heritage Day can be found by going around the barricades at Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive.

For more information on this or any other Wayne County Parks event, call 734-261-1990 or visit www.parks.waynecounty.com.



Native American dancers in full regalia will be a part of the Heritage Day event Sept. 27 at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in Westland.

Anderson's pink ribbon license plate now available

The Michigan state Senate has passed Senate Resolution 108, introduced by state Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, to establish October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Additionally, the Michigan Secretary of State began making available last week the new Breast Cancer Awareness license plate that was established by a bill introduced by Anderson.

Since Senate Bill 101 was signed into law in last December, Anderson

has been working with the Secretary of State's office to finalize the preparation of Michigan's Pink Ribbon license plate. On Sept. 15, the specialty fundraising license plate became officially available to order through any Michigan Secretary of State office.

In 2011, Anderson introduced a bill to create a Pink Ribbon license plate to help fund the Michigan Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program, which is within

the Michigan Department of Community Health. This program and the funding that the fundraising plate will generate will provide much-needed breast cancer screening and treatment to uninsured and underinsured citizens across Michigan.

After the bill was signed into law, the Secretary of State required a \$15,000 start-up fee for the initial creation and implementation of a new fundraising license plate. Anderson worked with local hospitals and organizations to raise this money privately.

"This license plate truly raises money for a good cause and will help save lives in Michigan," Anderson said. "It took a lot of hard work to get the idea through the Legislature and make it a reality and I am excited that we will now see these plates out on the road and start raising money for cancer screening and treatment."

For the initial purchase of each fundraising plate, a \$35 fundraising fee in addition to any applicable registration fee is charged. The Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program will



Sen. Glenn Anderson displays a Breast Cancer Awareness license plate that became available Sept. 15. Money raised by the sale of the plates helps support the Michigan Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program administered by the Michigan Department of Community Health.

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When a person comes to a physician with a problem, the person expects that a single diagnosis will explain the matter. The physician also feels that way because medical training emphasizes that a single diagnosis comes from bringing a number of different findings into a single entity. For instance: fever, cough, muscle aching and fatigue all fit together as defining a viral illness.

However, when a physician deals with someone with hand pain, the doctor must keep his mind open to looking for more than a single condition to answer all the concerns the patient brings up.

The patient may start by saying that he thinks that the problem is arthritis because his hands hurt all the time. That will get a physician's attention because a characteristic of arthritis is that the pain worsens with activity and is relieved by rest. Night pain doesn't come from inflamed joints but from disordered nerves.

Yet the doctor's examination may show that the patient's knuckles are enlarged, that the wrists don't move well, and that the hand joints are enlarged and hurt when the physician palpates them, all features of arthritis.

What the patient is experiencing is two problems: arthritis of the hands and neuropathy of the fingers. Likely, each problem alone is mild and represents a mild nuisance to the patient. The two problems together create impairment that the patient cannot ignore.

Treatment can be difficult. The doctor must explain to the patient that two problems exist in the hand and each one requires a different approach and therapy. The arthritis pain may recede with aspirin like therapy. The nerve ending dysfunction requires more diagnostic studies and a different medication.

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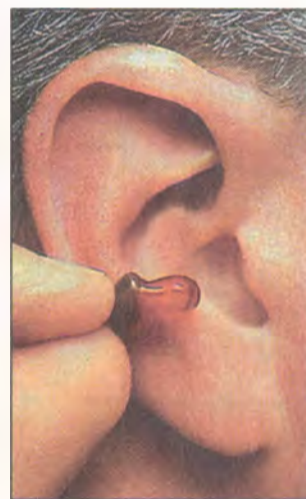
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Histories of victim, road rage shooter come to light

By Lisa Roose-Church
Gannett Michigan

Both the man accused of murdering a Livingston County man during a road rage incident and his alleged victim were involved in previous similar — but not deadly — cases and other brushes with the law, according to police reports obtained by Gannett Michigan.

Martin Zale, 69, of Howell, charged with open murder and related firearms charges in the Sept. 2 fatal shooting of Derek Flemming near Howell, wrote in a November 2008 statement for the Livonia Police Department that he thought another motorist “was about to swing at me” during an argument after an alleged road rage incident there.

“He and I were both out of our cars yelling at each other, and he suddenly turned,” Zale wrote. “I thought he was about to swing at me.”

“I swung and slapped him on the side of his face. I regret this ever happening and am glad

that he was not hurt,” Zale added. “I believe that I learned a valuable lesson and will try not to let things like this bother me.”

Meanwhile, Flemming of Ocoala Township allegedly threatened in 2012 to shoot Enbridge Energy workers or “anyone” who came on his property, according to police reports obtained through the Freedom of Information Act.

The 43-year-old father of two also was a victim in a 2013 road rage incident, according to the reports.

But none of that warranted Flemming’s death, said Mort Meisner, who spoke on behalf of Flemming’s widow.

“That really has nothing to do with the fact that he was shot dead, cold-blooded on Grand River (Avenue), by a guy, a crazed man with a gun,” Meisner said Tuesday.



Martin Zale

Livingston County Prosecutor William Vaillencourt and defense attorney Melissa Pearce both declined to say whether, and how, the history of the victim or the defendant will play a part in the prosecution or the defendant’s claim of self-defense.

According to 16th District Court records, Zale is wanted on an outstanding warrant alleging assault and battery in the 2008 incident in Livonia.

A Livonia Police Department report indicates a then-37-year-old Livonia man indicated that he was traveling east on 7 Mile Road and turned onto Farmington Road when Zale also turned onto Farmington from westbound 7 Mile.

The Livonia man said his vehicle was in front of Zale’s and that Zale was following “close,” prompting the Livonia man to tap his brakes to get the other driver to back off, the report noted. He said Zale followed him as he turned into a McDonald’s parking lot and when he got out of

his vehicle, a “verbal altercation started.”

The Livonia man told Zale that he needed to “drive better or something like that,” and that’s when Zale struck him on the left side of the head “with a closed right fist,” the report noted. He said Zale then left the parking lot.

At least two witnesses also reported to Livonia police that they saw Zale punch the victim with a closed fist and they wrote down his license plate number, which police traced to Zale.

When Livonia police called Zale on Nov. 10, 2008, he told them he “simply shoved the complainant as he was protecting himself,” the police report said.

It was the driver of a van who “pulled in front of me without signaling and slammed on his brakes,” according to his statement. Zale alleged that it was he who asked the Livonia man “what he was thinking” and the Livonia man “proceeded to yell and scream.”

Flemming’s widow, Amy Flemming, has told

authorities that she and her husband thought Zale was going to crash into their vehicle when he came fast down a side street toward their 2014 Ford Escape on Grand River Avenue the afternoon of Sept. 2.

She said Zale cut them off in traffic as he moved in front of them on Grand River and her husband commented, “What is wrong with him?” She said when they stopped at a traffic light, her husband got out of the vehicle.

Police said witnesses reported that Derek Flemming approached Zale’s 2012 Dodge Ram pickup at the stoplight.

Witnesses said Flemming was not armed when he approached the car, and he did not make any verbal threats.

Meisner reiterated Tuesday that there is “no possibility” that Derek Flemming approached Zale’s vehicle in anger, frustration or irritability because his widow was there “and she knows what she saw.”

“She watched her husband and father of her kids get shot in the face by a crazed gunman,” the attorney said.

Vaillencourt said the investigation showed that Zale put his window down and shot Derek Flemming once in the face.

It was not the first time Derek Flemming confronted another motorist.

He told Livingston County Sheriff’s Department deputies that he “grew frustrated” with a driver in front of him who had pulled out onto westbound M-59 from Clark Road, according to a police report that bears both a January 2013 and January 2014 date.

He told police that he honked his horn several times and the driver twice braked “suddenly, almost causing (Derek Flemming) to rear-end

the vehicle,” the report noted.

Derek Flemming said the other driver eventually “boxed him in” as he made a “Michigan left,” so he got out of his vehicle, leaving his wife in the car, and asked the other driver what he was doing, the report noted.

The police report stated that a physical confrontation occurred and the other driver allegedly pushed Flemming, who fell to the ground, landing on his back and hitting his head.

Two separate Livingston County Sheriff’s Department reports indicate that deputies were called to the Flemming family home twice in September 2012 when Derek Flemming became upset that Enbridge Energy company employees were on his Argentine Road property.

In a Sept. 6 report, it is alleged that Flemming “became irate and threatened to kill (a deputy) and any Enbridge person who stepped onto his property” when an Enbridge representative wouldn’t halt work until his wife could get a court order stopping the project.

A deputy took a second report at the Flemming home the next day when Enbridge employees reported fireworks were being set off at employees, according to a police report.

While the deputy was speaking with Enbridge employees, Derek Flemming allegedly “came out yelling” and he “would not listen to clear, loud verbal commands,” the report noted.

Meisner said the Enbridge personnel came onto the Flemming property unannounced and started cutting down trees. He said the claims that Derek Flemming “lobbed fireworks at them ... were unfounded and blatantly untrue.”

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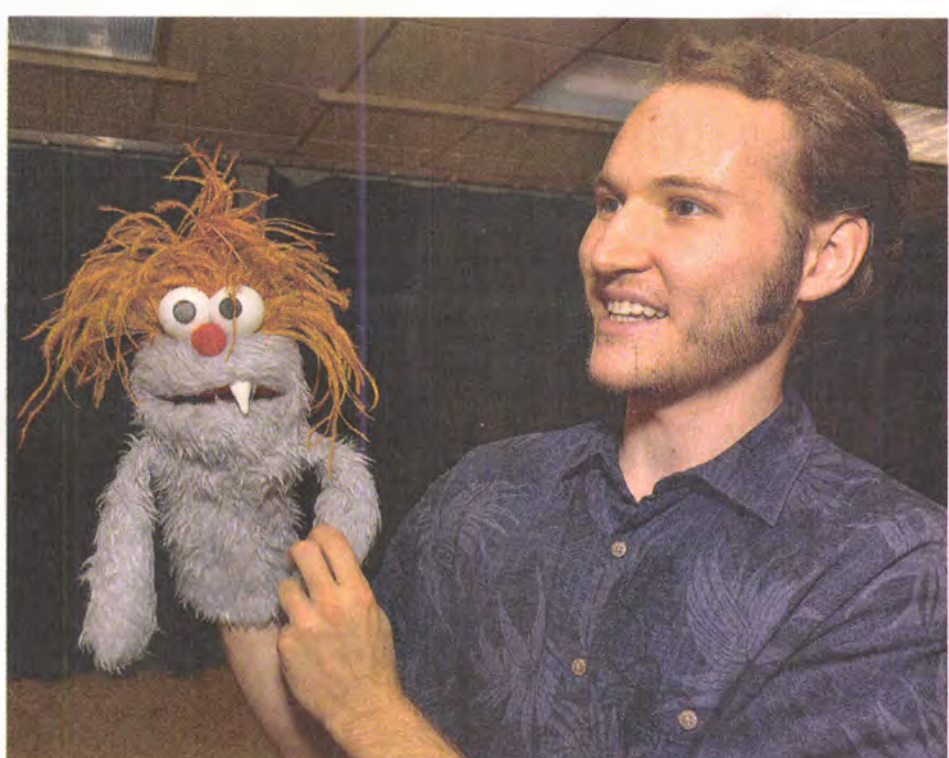
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Canton High School grad Chase Woolner is a puppet master, having earned his bachelor of fine arts degree from the California Institute of the Arts.

PUPPET PRODIGY

Area grad loves bringing creations to life

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Chase Woolner has spent time as Kermit the Frog's right-hand man. Literally.

Woolner, a 2008 Canton High School graduate who is building an impressive resume as a puppeteer, is coming off an appearance on *The Tonight Show* with Jimmy Fallon earlier this year. The world's most famous frog was on the show to sing his signature anthem, *It's Not Easy Being Green*, and his handlers needed someone to work the frog's right hand.

Considering it's not a one-man job to work the Muppet, Woolner was more than happy to take a hand. After all, for a budding puppeteer, working with Jim Henson's most famous creation is top-of-the-mountain stuff.

"It was amazing," Woolner said of his *Tonight Show* appearance. "Jim Henson revolutionized puppetry. He's the reason puppets came into the 20th century."

The Tonight Show appearance wasn't the first time Woolner, who earned his bachelor's degree from the California Institute of the Arts, has helped the Muppets. He's appeared in two of their movies, including *The Muppets Most Wanted*, credited as an "additional Muppet performer," and he's been the lead puppeteer in three other movies.

Career moves

It's probably not a surprising career trajectory for a kid who grew up in Chicago and then in the Detroit area, where puppeteering is – if you'll pardon the expression – an art form.

"Chicago has a strong puppeteering history and the Puppeteers of America started in Detroit," said Woolner, a 24-year-old Canton resident. "The Detroit Institute of Arts has the largest collection of puppets this side of the Mississippi."

Influenced by his exposure to puppets – a ton of puppets coming to television and the Marshall Fields Christmas display made use of them, as well – Woolner got started at a young age.

"There were a lot of puppets on TV and that caught my eye," Woolner said. "I started performing when I was about 5."

He worked as an apprentice to other puppeteers and, at the tender age of 8, became the youngest member ever of the San Francisco Puppeteers Guild, a group started by the

parents of Frank Oz, the puppeteer who created and voices Muppets like Fozzie Bear and Miss Piggy.

Creative mold

That experience helped shape Woolner's career, because even at such a young age it made him realize he could make a living.

"It was a great place for me as an 8-year-old to meet adults," Woolner said. "From an early age, I knew (puppetry) could be done as a job."

He comes by the creative urge honestly, since both parents were graphic designers in Chicago. He was always performing with puppets at home and he even took them to school, where he overcame his introverted side by performing for his classmates.

"It's an easier form of communication for someone who has a difficult time socially," Woolner said. "I think I was in my own world. I was performing for them. My friends and classmates were always very supportive. I was entertaining them."

Classmates were supportive enough that Woolner even started a puppetry club when he got to Canton High School. He said the club drew a couple of dozen interested students every year and continued for a few years even after he graduated.

Class by himself

English teacher Leola Gee, who also runs the student newspaper *The Perspective*, was the faculty sponsor for the club and Woolner said she was very supportive.

Gee said she was pretty sure Woolner was interested in puppetry when she met him as a ninth-grader. He wore a Jim Henson jacket, had sketches of unfinished puppets and made class presentations involving custom-made puppets.

When he approached her about the puppetry club, she agreed, with the provision that Woolner did all the work, including getting sponsors and doing the fundraising. Woolner agreed.

"When he showed up one day with a list of corporate sponsors and a bank account with paperwork detailing their donations, I wanted to put him in charge of my 401(k)," Gee said. "As a ninth-grader, he was more mature, more driven and more capable than many accomplished adults. He certainly was the driving force behind what became an exemplary high school puppetry program."

He would, of course,

like to do bigger and better things. Like the minor league player trying to make the major leagues, Woolner would love to get a character onto a television show of his own – "I've pitched a couple of TV pilots," he said – but understands it will take time.

Gee said she has no doubt he'll make it.

"I have no doubt he's one of the best at his craft, but even more important, he's one of the finest people I know," Gee said. "Sometimes a person who is wildly talented focuses his or her attention on that talent for one's own self-gratification and benefit. Chase has developed his artistic gift, no question, but his greater gift is his understanding that treating people honorably and with respect is more important than the artistic product."

Up next

In the meantime, Woolner is supplementing his appearances in movies by teaching. He's doing Puppetry 101 at Wayne State, and he's in the "Bright Futures" program at Eastern Michigan University. He's also teaching a variety of classes at the Plymouth Community Arts Center, where his film-making class this summer drew 18 students ages 8-16.

"Teaching and performing are the same to me," Woolner said. "The script is the syllabus and there's still an audience. You're trying to captivate the audience. Teaching and performing feel the same to me. I'm living in the moment. In no other area have I found that."

He's also found joy in what he thinks is the best thing about puppeteering: creating life.

"You can bring anything you want to life," Woolner said. "As a (puppet) actor, you can be anything, from an 8-foot-tall yellow bird to a small green frog. Your range is infinite."

Even at the still-tender age of 24, Woolner has done much of what he set out to do in the puppetry field. He designs his own puppets, he got his education and he's even worked with the most-famous puppets of all time, Jim Henson's Muppets.

But he wants to do more.

"I've done all that. I've reached my (original) goals," Woolner said. "I'm trying to not let that be the peak. I'm rewriting my goals."

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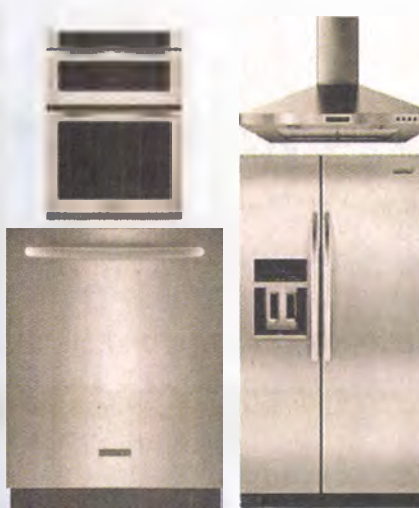
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Miss Vickie's to close, library cafe to switch to vending machines

By Beth Jachman
Staff Writer

The cafe at the Redford Library will switch to vending machines as of Oct. 1.

The library had sought a new tenant for the cafe but there were no responses, Library Director Lisa Hoenig, told the library board Monday.

Part of the problem could be that until the library millage is decided in November, the hours the library will be open can't be guaranteed, she said.

"Perhaps a vending machine company might be a good stopgap measure," Hoenig said.

The board voted to approve a six-month contract with Sterling Services of Canton for four vending machines in the cafe area. Sterling services the Clinton Macomb Library and tries to use Michigan products, Hoenig said.

After six months, the board will decide whether to seek another tenant or continue with vending machines.

Miss Vickie's to close

The current tenant, Vickie Gazzarari, has operated it as "Miss Vickie's Cafe," for the past year. She will close up shop at the end of the day Sept. 27.

Gazzarari took over for former tenant Susan Navarro, known as The Cookie Lady, who ran the cafe starting in March 2009 with a menu of soups, salads and cookies.

The little cafe at the library entrance is a popular spot for patrons who stop for lunch or have a coffee and a snack while using the Wi-Fi from the library.

"We hate to lose patrons who expect to have



The cafe at the Redford Library will switch to vending machines as of Oct. 1.

coffee and snacks," Hoenig said.

The cafe will house four vending machines, Hoenig said, one for coffee and soup, one for cold beverages, one for snacks and one for "on-the-go meals."

The board considered installing a microwave so patrons could heat foods themselves, but concerns over liabilities if someone got burned extinguished that idea.

Currently, the cafe tenant turns over 6 percent of earnings to the library, while the vending machine company will return 15 percent to the library, Hoenig said.

Losing proposition

The commission is paid monthly, she said.

"It's been a losing proposition from the get-go, unfortunately," Library board Vice President Fred Inman said of the cafe.

Some trustees had concerns about the switch to vending machines.

A concern was raised that people would be inclined to enter the library with food.

"We already have that problem," Hoenig said. Unless it is really, really messy or noisy, the library staff has allowed it, she said.

"I'm a little concerned about supervision,"

Board President Reva Wujcik said. "We might have younger people hanging out."

There's not a security camera in the cafe area, Hoenig said, adding that may be considered later.

Turn a profit?

The machines will have coin and credit card options, Hoenig said. Patrons use credit cards to pay \$2 library fines, so that option is expected, she said.

"In the beginning, I thought this was a bad idea," Inman said. But "how much it costs to run that cafe is ridiculous," he said.

But maybe vending machines would help turn a profit there, Inman said.

"How do we verify the revenue?" Trustee David Wirth asked.

Hoenig said she would check back with the company on that.

The set up will be similar to how it is now, Hoenig said.

"We'll keep the tables and chairs the way they are," Hoenig said.

Library staff will clean the floors, tables, counters and take out the garbage, Hoenig said.

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Pauline Gabrielson wraps a scarf around Elvis tribute artist Fred Wolfe's neck. In the background, Lorraine Minicilli, president of the southeast Michigan Elvis fan club, known as Elvis TCB. Gabrielson and Minicilli are from Livonia.

St. Raphael Festival's fun draws large crowds; something for everyone



The car show features vehicles from the 1950s to the 1970s.



Four-year-old Gabriella Trudell, a student at St. Raphael School, rides the carousel.

By Sue Buck
Staff Writer

Cooler weather and sunshine prevailed for most of the weekend at the annual St. Raphael Family Festival in Garden City.

Huge crowds turned out to enjoy the three-day event, which has occurred every year in September for more than 40 years on the parish grounds on Merriman, just north of Ford Road.

"With the rough weather the weekend before, we prayed extra hard for the storms to stay away and even waited an extra day to put up our tents until they did," festival chairman Mike Choi said. "It meant we were a day behind in the work but it was worth it. God truly blessed us for sure. We certainly wanted the good weather for the safety of our festival goers first and foremost. It sure would have impacted our garage sale, bike parade and car show especially."

The festival was

kicked off as always by the popular children's bike parade that is led by the Garden City Fire Department and the Rev. Ray Lewandowski who also has a bike.

New Principal, Katie Fotiu was on hand walking around selling 50/50 tickets and was in the dunk tank run by the Youth Group.

"She was a great sport, and it was wonderful to see her mingling in our crowd," Choi said.

The school also had a booth that was run by the teachers all weekend long.

The food included indoor sit-down meals as well as outdoor booths run by the Booster Club.

"Our Polish dinners sold out on Sunday, selling over 900 dinners," he said.

The dinners were prepared by Halina, a well-known Polish caterer in the area.

"The car show was a huge success, all 30 spots were filled and they all donated money towards the festival," Choi said.

At the car show the Cleanest, Best Maintained, and Wow Factor received awards. Overall, first place went to Bob Stesiak for his 2006 Mustang GT. Second place was Mike Stolarczyk and his 1971 Mercury Comet, and third place was earned by Steve Kirn who had a 1969 Camaro.

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Erin Kreis, Chairman
Zoning Board of Appeals

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Two armed robberies, including one at an ATM, Tuesday in Redford

By Beth Jachman
Staff Writer

Two armed robberies took place Tuesday night in Redford, including the robbery and carjacking of four people in a car at an ATM. Three men, one of them armed, robbed and carjacked four people in a vehicle at an ATM at about 9:30 p.m. Tuesday. One of the victims said he pulled up to the ATM at the Bank of America in the 24400 block of Joy Road and, as he attempted to get money out of the ATM, a man approached the driver's side of the vehicle and pointed a small frame black semi-automatic handgun to his head and ordered him

out of the vehicle, according to reports. The victim gave the gunman his credit card and keys, reports said. The gunman then placed the gun to the head of a backseat passenger and ordered him out of the car, reports said. He exited the passenger side of the vehicle and a second robber went through his pockets and stole his ID case, Bridge card and insurance card, reports said. The gunman then ordered the other two passengers out of the vehicle and the two other robbers went through their pockets, but didn't take anything, reports said. Then all three rob-

bers got in the vehicle and left, driving east on Joy through the Telegraph Road intersection, reports said. **Another man robbed** In a separate robbery at 8:30 p.m. that night, a man was walking in the 24700 block of West Chicago at Dixie when two men, one with a gun, approached him, police reports said. The victim told police two men were walking toward him as he was walking down the sidewalk. They walked past him, but shortly after passing him asked for a lighter, police reports said. As the victim turned around, one of the rob-

bers was running toward him with his hand down by his side. As he got closer, he raised his arm and was holding a handgun, police reports said. The victim gave the gunman his wallet and his cellphone, reports said. The two robbers then began running east on West Chicago, reports said. The gunman was described as black, about 5 feet, 7 inches tall, in his 20s, thin build, clean shaven and was last seen wearing an all-black hoodie with shorts. The victim didn't get a good description of the other man, according to reports.



KURT MATHIAK
David Galido of Novi plays Mortimer, who is tied up by Dr. Einstein, played by Gary Weinstein of Farmington Hills.

Players open season with *Arsenic and Old Lace*

The Brewster sisters love to murder old men and bury their bodies in the basement. That zany premise sets the stage for the Farmington Players season opener, the farcical black comedy *Arsenic and Old Lace* by Joseph Kesselring. Tickets are now on sale for the show that runs Sept. 26 through Oct. 18 at the Players Barn, 32332 12 Mile, in Farmington Hills. The show is sponsored by Mall, Malisow and Cooney, P.C.

Insanity runs in the family in this classic play that premiered on Broadway in 1941 and later became a popular film directed by Frank Capra. In the Farmington Players version, Cynthia Tupper of Farmington Hills and Mary Ann Tweedie of Novi shine as the spinster aunts, Abby and Martha, all too happy to dispose of lonely old men with a few sips of elderberry wine laced with poison. As the old women perfect their deadly hobby, their nephew Mortimer Brewster (David Galido of Novi) pays a visit, discovering a body stashed in a window seat — and the game is on for a show rich in irony, where you can't help but root for the killers.

Kristi Schwartz of Canton makes her directorial debut captaining a show she first "fell in love with" during a high school acting class. "I'm attracted to the juxtaposition of 'good vs. evil' in this show," Schwartz said. Their live-in nephew Teddy (Dan Muldoon of Madison Heights) prances around convinced he's President "Theodore Roosevelt," even supervising the digging of the Panama Canal. Charging up the stairs blasting his bugle, Muldoon creates a whimsical portrayal of the 26th president. The craziness intensifies when the creepy

third nephew, Jonathan, pops in — a Boris Karloff-looking serial killer on the run played by Guy Copland of Berkley. He's hiding from police with his sidekick Dr. Einstein (Gary Weinstein of Farmington Hills). Copland nails his part as the criminally insane bad guy everyone loves to hate, while Weinstein does the same, digging into his bag of comic tricks to make Einstein a lively character. Schwartz admires how her leading man Galido skillfully plays the "straight man" Mortimer, who discovers the bodies in the basement, covers it up from "clueless cops" and calls off his wedding, because he fears insanity may just be a family trait.

The cast includes: Abby: Cynthia Tupper, Farmington Hills; Martha: Mary Ann Tweedie, Novi; Mortimer: David Galido, Novi; Jonathan: Guy Copland, Berkley; Dr. Einstein: Gary Weinstein, Farmington Hills; Elaine: Kori Bielaniec, Livonia; Teddy: Dan Muldoon, Madison Heights; Officer O'Hara: Jim Moll, Farmington Hills; Lt. Rooney: Dave Reinke, Novi; Officer Brophy: Jared Kovach, Waterford Township; Officer Klein: Bryan Dogariu, Walled Lake; Rev. Harper: Dave Ewick, Southfield; Mr. Gibbs: Dennis Verner, Farmington Hills; Ms. Witherspoon: Rebecca Dull, Farmington Hills. The production team includes: director: Kristi Schwartz, Canton; assistant director: Jason Wilhoite, Commerce; junior assistant director: Allie Walter, Canton; producer: Laurel Stroud, Redford; producer: Marilyn Zerlak, Farmington Hills. Tickets are available at www.farmingtonplayers.org and the box office at 248-553-2955. Single show tickets are \$16 for adults; students and senior adults receive \$2 off any performance.

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BRIGID BLASCHAK
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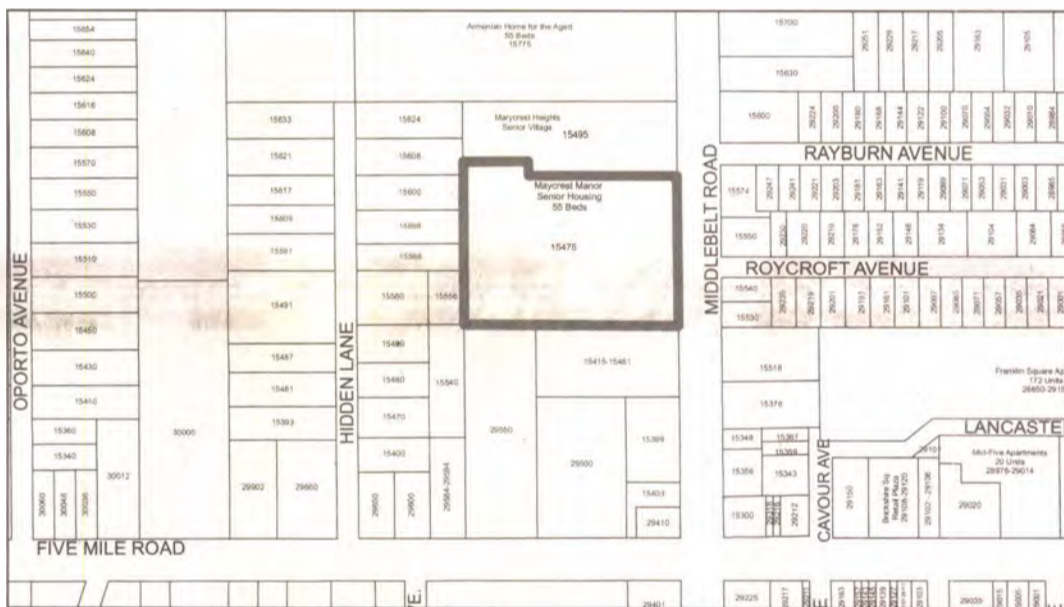
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 14 OF THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF LIVONIA AND AMENDING ARTICLE III OF ORDINANCE NO. 543, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AND CITED AS "THE CITY OF LIVONIA ZONING ORDINANCE" BY ADDING SECTION 3.3927 THERETO.

THE CITY OF LIVONIA ORDAINS:

Section 1. The report of the City Planning Commission, dated July 2, 2014, setting forth its resolution 07-39-2014 recommending approval of Petition 2014-06-01-05, having been considered by the Council, and the Council having conducted a public hearing on July 28, 2014, on said petition, and having concurred in the recommendation of the City Planning Commission, the Council hereby adopts said Petition 2014-06-01-05 to amend the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map of the City of Livonia and all proceedings heretofore conducted on said petition are hereby approved.

Section 2. Article III of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance, Ordinance No. 543, as amended, is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

BOUNDARY OF DISTRICT AS AMENDED FROM R-9-I, HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY TO OS, OFFICE SERVICES



PETITION NO. 2014-06-01-05
A PART OF THE S.E. 1/4 OF SECTION 14

AMENDMENT NO. 943 TO THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN
ORDINANCE NO. 2971
Adopted by the City Council on 9/3/14



MAYOR
CLERK

Section 3. Petition 2014-06-01-05 submitted by the Trinity Continuing Care Services, Inc. is hereby approved, and the zoning classification of the premises hereinafter described is hereby changed from R-9-1 to OS:

Part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 14, Township 1 South, Range 9 East, City of Livonia, Wayne County, Michigan, being described as:

Commencing at the Southeast Corner of Section 14; thence along the Easterly Line of said Section 14, said line also being the centerline of Middlebelt Road (60.00 feet half-width), N01°11'00"E, 661.00 feet; thence N88°37'43"W, 60.00 feet to a point on the Westerly Right-of-Way line of said Middlebelt Road, and the Point of Beginning; thence continuing N88°37'43"W, 600.96 feet; thence N 01°12'01" E, 490.61 feet; thence S 88°53'50" E, 174.97 feet; thence S 68°51'40" E, 100.57 feet; thence S 88°35'29" E, 185.51 Feet; thence S 01°08'12" W, 211.99 Feet; thence S 88°52'05" E, 145.62 feet to a point on said Westerly Right-of-Way line of Middlebelt Road; thence along said Westerly Right-of-Way line S 01°11'00" W, 245.92 feet to the point of ending. Containing 251,472 square feet or 5.773 acres;

and the Southeast 1/4 of Section 14 of the Zoning Map is hereby amended to conform to the change made in this section.

Section 4. The attached map designated "Amendment No. 943 to the Zoning Map of the City of Livonia" showing all of the amendments and changes made in the foregoing Section 2 of this ordinance is hereby approved, established and made a part hereof.

Section 5. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

Section 6. Should any portion of this ordinance be held invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of any of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

Section 7. This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency ordinance necessary for the protection of the public health, safety and welfare and shall take effect immediately upon publication.

The above ordinance was passed at the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Livonia held Wednesday, September 3, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.

The foregoing ordinance was authenticated by me on this 4th day of September 2014.

Terry Marecki, City Clerk

Jack E. Kirksey, Mayor

Approved as to form:

Donald L. Knapp, Jr., City Attorney

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar runs in the *Observer* as space permits. Nonprofit groups and community organizations are welcome to submit news of upcoming events. Include a daytime telephone number and contact person. Email address is: ksmith@hometownlife.com.

LIVONIA FARMERS MARKETS

Time/date: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday through Oct. 11.

Location: Wilson Barn, 29350 W. Chicago St., Livonia.

Details: Local vendors, local produce and crafts.

Contact: www.wilsonbarn.us.

WESTLAND FARMERS MARKET

Time/Date: 3-7 p.m. Thursdays.

Location: Central City Park Pavilion, 1901 Carlson, between Ford Road and Marquette Avenue.

Details: Shoppers will find fresh produce and plants, baked breads and desserts, honey, jams and jellies, cake pops, sausage and jerky, soaps, candles, jewelry, sun catchers and more. The market also features weekly entertainment.

Contact: For more information, call the Westland Chamber of Commerce at 734-326-7222.

WAYNE FARMERS MARKET

Time/Date: 3-7 p.m. Wednesdays.

Location: Goudy Park behind Wayne City Hall on Wayne Road, north of Michigan Avenue.

Details: More than 25 vendors provide Michigan-made and Michigan-grown products and live music.

Contact: Christine at 734-786-8401 or market@growinghope.net.

LIVONIA HISTORIC CEMETERY WALK

Time/date: 3 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 4 p.m.,

4:30 p.m., 5 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21.

Location: Briggs (Union) Cemetery, Six Mile Road, west of Newburgh Road, Livonia.

Details: Meet some of the Livonia area's "liveliest" characters featured at the Briggs Cemetery. Held rain or shine, this event raises money to benefit Livonia's historic cemeteries. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the gate. Space is limited. Parking is available at the north parking lot of Schoolcraft College; then board the free shuttle.

Contact: 248-477-7375.

FALL BLOOD DRIVE

Time/date: 1-6:45 p.m. Monday, Sept. 22.

Location: Monaghan Knights of Columbus, 19801 Farmington Road, Livonia.

Details: All donors will receive complimentary gourmet desserts for donating as well as a chance to win four tickets to the Detroit Lions game on Oct. 19 against the New Orleans Saints plus a \$50 gas card.

Contact: 248-476-8385.

MOM 2 MOM

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27 (early bird at 8:30 a.m.).

Location: Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt Road.

Details: The price is \$25 for an eight-foot table, including space for a standard size clothes rack or small shelf. The seller keeps all the profits from everything sold at their table. A large-item area will also be available for items that do not fit on or under your table. There will also be a pre-sale for those who reserve a table. There will be over 75 tables. A concession stand will be open as well as a bake sale. Admission is \$1 (early bird is \$2).

Contact: For more information or to reserve a table, email Sheryll for a table agreement at GCMom2Momsale@hotmail.com, visit www.mom2momlist.com under 2014 Sales or call 734-277-0791 and leave a message.

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GUNS 'N' GOWNS

Time/date: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27; noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28.

Location: Greenmead Historical Park, Newburgh and Eight Mile roads, Livonia.

Details: A Civil War living history event presented by 17th Michigan, Company E. Military equipment, drilling and demonstrations, field surgeon and medical practices of the day, civilian life, fashion show, temperance rally and more. A Civil War Tea co-sponsored by the Livonia Historical Commission will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday. Advance tickets are required for the tea. Cost is \$25. Call Greenmead at 248-477-7375 to reserve tea tickets.

Contact: www.17micoe.org.

FORD EMPLOYEES RECREATION ASSOCIATION OPEN HOUSE EXPO

Time/date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1

Location: Italian American Banquet Center, 39200 Five Mile Road, Livonia

Details: Trip information/sign ups and ski displays, prizes, disc jockey and dancing, find out what the Ford Employees Recreation Association Ski & Social Club is all about. Appetizers and cash bar. Admission is \$8 at the door.

Contact: 586-295-8694; judyblueeyeshog@yahoo.com

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/date: 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2; 9 a.m. to noon Friday and Saturday, Oct. 3-4

Location: Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia

Details: Admission is \$2 on Thursday for the pre-sale, free on Saturday and Sunday.

FALL FESTIVAL

Time/date: 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Oct. 4.

Location: St. John's Episcopal, 555 S. Wayne Road, Westland.

Details: St. John's Episcopal will hold its annual Fall Festival. There will be three bands, a beer tent, car show, children's activities and food and drinks to purchase. Crafters are needed.

Contact: For more information, call St. John's at 734-721-5023 between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

3D PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB MEETING

Time/date: 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 8.

Location: Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: See great stereo images from around the world, and learn how to make your own 3D pictures. The meetings are free to attend - visitors are always welcome. Stereo cameras, 3D movies and educational videos are available for members to rent. The Oct. 8 program will be a presentation of all the winning and accepted 3D images from the Detroit International Stereo Exhibition.

Contact: www.Detroit3D.org; 248-398-3591

CRAFTERS WANTED

Date/Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11.

Location: St. Theodore Parish Social Halls, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

Details: St. Theodore Confraternity of Christian Women is looking for crafters for its Fall Craft Show. There are 70 tables available for \$25 each.

Contact: Call Mary at 734-425-4421 (vm #10) for a table rental contact.

COLOR SPLASH DASH

Time/date: 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 11.

Location: Randolph Elementary, 14470 Norman, Livonia.

Details: Randolph Elementary's Second

Annual Color Splash Dash, fun for all ages, benefits the school's Leader in Me program. Register at www.runsignup.com. Randolph is located in the neighborhood of the southwest corner of Newburgh and Five Mile.

Contact: 734-744-2770.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Time/date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18.

Location: St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

Details: Hosted by the Women's Guild, this will feature crafter tables with new handmade craft items. Homemade baked goods, raffles and lunch during the day. Some tables available.

Contact: 734-464-0476.

FALL ARTS, CRAFT SHOW

Time/date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18.

Location: Community Room and Gym, St. Damian Parish, 30055 Joy, west of Middlebelt, Westland.

Details: St. Damian is looking for crafters for its annual arts and crafts show. Tables are \$25 each or \$40 for two tables. The

Contact: Call 734-421-6130 weekdays or download an application at www.stdamian.com under "events," then "craft show."

LIVONIA CAMERA CLUB

Time/date: 8-9:30 p.m. the first two Thursdays September through May.

Location: McKinley School, 9100 Hillcrest, Livonia.

Details: A group of photographic enthusiasts dedicated to promotion of photography through displays, competitions, critiques and education.

Contact: Dennis Gelarden, president, 734-591-2589; livoniacameraclub.com.

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PREP CROSS COUNTRY

Franklin harriers too much for Rockets

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Livonia Franklin's boys cross country team out-strode Westland John Glenn, 15-50, in a KLAAs South Division match-up Tuesday afternoon.

Gage Wheeler set the winning pace for the Patriots, crossing the finish line first with a time of 17 minutes, 46 seconds. Seven Franklin runners finished ahead of the first Rockets harrier.

Kyle Perelli placed second for the winners in 17:46. Also scoring for the Patriots were Nathan

McCall (17:47), Tony Floyd (17:48) and Matt Lepper (17:49).

Keenan Jones (17:49) and Jacob Forgacs (17:50) filled out the front-running pack for Franklin.

Ben Bieber turned in a solid time of 18:38 for John Glenn. Also scoring for the Rockets were Austin Hickerson (18:38), Justin Hadyaniak (19:00), Zeke Thompson (20:00) and Cory Rou-ten (20:41).

Spartans roll

The Livonia Stevenson girls cross country team defeated

South Lyon East, 20-54, on Sept. 9. East's Erin O'Donnell won the race in 21 minutes and 41 seconds, but it was all Spartans after that.

Leading the charge for the Spartans was Emily Chapski, who placed second in 21:57. Stevenson's Emily Lauzon (22:49), Grace Lamerson (22:53), Kaylee McCarthy (22:54) and Kennedy Thurlow (23:03) placed third through sixth, respectively.

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ED WRIGHT

Junior Tony Floyd has been a front-of-the-pack performer for Livonia Franklin's cross country team this season.

Martin lauded

Redford Thurston graduate Desmond Martin was named the GLIAC Football Player of the Week following his outstanding performance in Wayne State's 41-31 victory last Saturday over No. 13-ranked Carson Newman.

The former Eagle standout running back set career-highs for rushing attempts (30), rushing yards (235) and rushing touchdowns (three), with two of the scores coming in the decisive fourth quarter when the Warriors overcame a 31-27 deficit.

WWAC FOOTBALL ROUNDUP



ED WRIGHT

Redford Thurston receiver Isiah Crofford is dragged down by a swarm of Dearborn Fordson defenders after making a 3-yard reception Friday night.

Holes-in-one

Wixom resident Mel Hussin registered his first career hole-in-one on Sept. 14 at Glenhurst Golf Course in Redford. The 55-year-old, who has been playing for 30 years, knocked his tee shot in the cup on the 138-yard 17th hole.

Berkley resident Mike Sermo aced the 147-yard ninth hole at Glenhurst on Sept. 9. It was the first ace for the 69-year-old, who has been playing for 10 years. He fired a nine-hole score of 46.

Fraser resident John Allie aced Glenhurst's 168-yard 15th hole on Sept. 1 using a six iron. The 53-year-old, who has been playing for 25 years, fired an 18-hole score of 92.

Honored

Livonia Ladywood graduate Domenique Sarnecky, a forward on the Albion College soccer team, was recently named the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association's Offensive Player of the Week.

A junior from Canton, Sarnecky scored four goals in two games as the Britons improved their record to 4-0. Sarnecky scored three goals in Albion's 4-2 victory over Illinois Tech and the game-winning net-finder in overtime in the Britons' 3-2 victory over Transylvania, Ky.

Reporting results

Local high school athletic coaches are encouraged to report results of their team's contests to *Observer* sports editor Ed Wright, who can be reached at 734-578-2767 or ewright@hometownlife.com.

The deadline for Thursday editions of the *Observer* is Tuesday at 10 p.m. The deadline for Sunday editions is Friday at 10 p.m.

TRACTOR PULL

Dearborn Fordson uses aerial attack to blitz Redford Thurston, 34-6

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Dearborn Fordson has scrapped its rugged four-wheel-drive offense for a Lear Jet.

Led by a sturdy offensive line that allowed senior quarterback Muhammed Zahr more than enough time to locate receivers, the modernized Tractors flew Friday night to a 34-6 victory at Redford Thurston.

Although he didn't play the fourth quarter, Zahr completed 15-of-29 passes for 213 yards and two touchdowns – passing stats

that may have comprised an entire season under former Fordson legendary coach Charlie Jestice.

The new-look Tractors gave the crowd an early glimpse of what was about to unfold on the second play of the game, when Zahr launched a 49-yard missile to Hefdadeen Mashrah, who hauled the spiral in with one hand.

Like it did all night, Thurston's defense proved resilient by holding the Tractors to a 26-yard field goal by Haider Zaidan, but the rout was on.

The Eagles didn't get on the scoreboard until late in the fourth quarter, when senior quarterback Travis Wesenberg hooked up with Alonzo McCoy on a 40-yard TD pass.

"That's the best Fordson team I've seen since we started playing them," Thurston head coach Bob Snell said. "The biggest thing I was impressed with was their offensive line. They gave their quarterback a lot of time to throw. Our defensive backs did a great job of covering their man on the initial routes, but their quarterback was able to buy extra time and their receivers came open late."

"I thought our kids were very resilient tonight. Fordson was up 24-0 in the first quarter and that was the halftime score, so we really picked it up in the second quarter and in the second half, too. Everybody on

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PREP GOLF

Stevenson's Vento deals an ace

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Livonia Stevenson golfer Anna Vento is enjoying the kind of season that makes a casual observer ask: She's a freshman?

On Sunday at the Novi Invitational, the sweet-swinging ninth-grader guided her tee shot on the 117-yard 11th hole at Cattails Golf Course into the bottom of the cup with her hybrid club.

Due to an elevated green on the par 3, Vento didn't actually see the ball roll into the hole,

but the parent of an opposing player did and popped the news to her a short time after she finished her back swing.

"I knew I hit it well; I liked the shot, but I couldn't see it go in the hole," Vento recounted. "When the dad told me it went in, I didn't believe him at first. When I saw the ball in the hole I was shocked. It was an unbelievable feeling."

Understandably, Vento doesn't remember when score she carded on the 12th hole.

"I was still shaking a little bit; I was in shock," she said.

A golfer for just the past couple of years, Vento has been a major contributor to the Spartans' fortunes this year. As of Thursday afternoon she had already medaled in three events and is carrying an un-freshman-like nine-hole stroke average of something in the mid-40s range.

Vento's first career ace – she's come within six inches on previous attempts – earned her a certificate and a ball-mounted plaque that she will hang in her bedroom.

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Anna Vento stands next to the pin on the 11th hole at Cattails Golf Course after recording her first hole-in-one.



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BOYS SOCCER

Stevenson, Novi settle for 0-0 draw

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Everything came up goose eggs in Thursday's KLAA Central Division boys soccer showdown between host Livonia Stevenson and Novi.

The 0-0 deadlock leaves Northville atop the division at 5-1, while Stevenson and Novi stand at 4-1-1 and 3-1-2, respectively.

Stevenson, now 8-1-1 overall, lost the first encounter to the Wildcats, 5-2, on Sept. 2, but tightened up defensively to keep Novi, now 5-2-3 overall, off the board.

"There's a lot of soccer to be played," Stevenson coach Ken Shingledecker said of the Central Division race. "There's a long way to go before this thing is decided by anybody. It was a great game, two really good teams and I'm happy with my guys' performance. I thought Novi was good, too."

There were only a couple of

golden chances for either side, but the biggest save of the night came from Stevenson junior goalkeeper Austin Kaczmarek, who blocked a point-blank header with his right arm to deny Novi forward Amissi Kajinake with 28:59 left in the match.

"I thought their goalie (Kaczmarek) made two very athletic saves," Novi Brian O'Leary said. "One down on this end on Tony's (Asimadu) header, and the one down here after we had taken a free kick or corner kick that came on top of the box. Connor (O'Leary) hit it and he (Kaczmarek) made two athletic saves there. He definitely did a good job."

Novi put four shots on target out of seven attempts. The Wildcats also had seven corner kicks to Stevenson's three.

"He (Kaczmarek) was excellent," Shingledecker said. "He's really stepped up and has been really good. That's our fifth shutout and he's been playing really well."

Stevenson, meanwhile, put three shots on net out of seven tries as well, but Novi's 6-foot-3 senior goalkeeper Tommy McMaster stood tall as well.

"I thought my goalie really played well," O'Leary said. "It's something I've been looking for. We've got three goalies on the roster and I just kind of been rotating and waiting for someone to grab a hold of that job and I think he made a huge step in that direction tonight."

"There was a lot of things I really liked - his leadership out there, being very vocal, taking charge of things. And also his ability of decision-making, when he should come out and grab a ball, when he should stay back and let his defense play the ball. I don't think we made any mistakes in that area tonight. And that's been an area that has hurt us this year."

Although the first match turned out to be a three-goal differential in favor of the Wildcats, the second meeting fea-

tured the two teams playing more close to the vest.

"The first go-around the game was fine," Shingledecker said. "We just had a couple of miscues and it just kind of slipped away from us. They're not 5-2 better than us than I think they were the first time. That's not going to happen again. This game I thought was very even. I think both teams respect each other and it was a great game."

And despite settling for a draw, O'Leary was satisfied with his team's effort.

"People would probably believe me, but we don't talk about winning or losing," the Novi coach said. "We just talk about getting better every game and I thought we got this game from last game. So I was 100 percent happy. One thing we've been having trouble with all year was we'll play real well, then we'll have a five or 10-minute chunk where we just don't play well. And I thought that was our best

80-minute game of the year, so I was pleased with that and that's what we've been focusing on."

There were only a few new wrinkles made following the first meeting as the Spartans' defense put a dragnet around Novi's pair of dangerous forwards Kajinake and Asimadu.

"I think they (Stevenson) may have gone with a little bit more tighter making scheme," O'Leary said. "I think last time maybe they let us get the ball a little bit more than they did tonight. But I don't know if that's huge to us because we basically talked about: 'What do you do when the defender comes up tight on your back versus what do you do when the defender gives you cushion?' We should be prepared for both things, but I think that was an adjustment they made."

JOHN GLENN 2, FRANKLIN 0: The Rockets blanked the Patriots in a KLAA South Division clash. Details of the match were not available as of press-time.

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PREP TENNIS



ED WRIGHT

Livonia Franklin's Lukas Pekorius won the No. 2 singles flight in the Wayne Memorial Invitational.



Livonia Franklin's tennis team captured the title at the Wayne Memorial Invitational earlier this month.

Patriots net crown at Wayne Invitational

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The Livonia Franklin boys tennis team's superiority was indisputable at the Wayne Memorial Invitational held earlier this month.

The Patriots placed first in seven of the eight flights to rack up 22 points and out-distance runners-up Dearborn Fordson and Plymouth

Christian, both of whom finished with 12. Dearborn Heights Crestwood was fourth with seven points, followed by Detroit Cass Tech and the host Zebras, who tied with six points each.

Led by No. 1 player Nick Munro, the Patriots swept the titles in all four singles brackets. Lukas Pekorius won at No. 2, Jordan Stasser at No. 3 and Adam Alger at

No. 4.

The No. 1 doubles duo of Jon Montie and Justin Crawford registered spotless records as did the No. 3 team of Graham Schuerman and Eric Liberati; and the No. 4 tandem of Keyur Patel and Kyle McCulloch.

Cougars roll

The Garden City laid a pair of goose eggs on

two Western Wayne Athletic Conference foes this week to improve its record to 6-0.

On Tuesday the Cougars dominated Belleville, 8-0, before scorching Dearborn Edsel Ford by the same count one day later.

"It was a great week for us," said Garden City head coach Ron Pummill. "The boys are playing really good tennis

and we hope to continue our fine play next week."

Led by No. 1 singles player Joe Pummill, GC not only won every match in the dual domination, it swept every set.

Other singles sweepers were No. 2 man Robbie Moyers, No. 3 player Travis Kidd and No. 4 netter Tyler Kelly.

The No. 1 and 2 doubles tandems of Zack

Quartz and Aaron Wilson, and Jake Beasley and Trent Wallace, respectively, also won handily, while the No. 3 team of Nick Bennett and Jassen Matuscak had little trouble with their competition.

The brother duo of Tony and Derrick Van-Dooren were perfect at No. 4 doubles.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL

Friday, Sept. 26
Churchill at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at South Lyon, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Canton at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Highland Park at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Garden City at Robichaud, 7 p.m.
Romulus at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
Edsel Ford at Thurston, 7 p.m.

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Tuesday, Sept. 23
John Glenn at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m.
Luth. Westland at HVL, 6:30 p.m.
Salem vs. Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.
Canton at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 25

Wayne at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m.
Fordson at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Canton, 7 p.m.
Stevenson vs. Northville, 6:30 p.m.
Franklin at Chuchill, 6:30 p.m.
Marian at Ladywood, 6:30 p.m.
HVL at Oakland Christian, 6:30 p.m.
Garden City at Romulus, 7 p.m.
Clarenceville at Robichaud, 7 p.m.
Thurston at Annapolis, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 27

Mt. Morris Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
St. Louis Invitational, 8 a.m.
Northville Invitational, 9 a.m.

BOYS SOCCER

Monday, Sept. 22
Luth. South at HVL, 4:30 p.m.

Garden City at Redford Union, 6 p.m.
Dearborn at Thurston, 7 p.m.
Clarenceville at Belleville, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 23

Canton at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Churchill at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Lutheran West at Franklin Rd., 4:30 p.m.
Stevenson vs. Northville, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Plymouth, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 24

RU at Dearborn, 6 p.m.
Garden City at Edsel Ford, 7 p.m.
Thurston at Belleville, 4 p.m.
Clarenceville at Fordson, 6 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 25

John Glenn at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Canton at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Stevenson vs. South Lyon, 7 p.m.

HVL at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Hazel Park at Clarenceville, 6 p.m.
Churchill at Wayne, 4 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 26

Garden City at Lincoln, 4 p.m.
S.L. East at Churchill, 5:30 p.m.

GIRLS SWIMMING

Thursday, Sept. 25
Crestwood at Garden City, 5:30 p.m.
Thurston at Annapolis, 6 p.m.
Churchill at Canton, 6:30 p.m.
Stevenson vs. Salem, 6:30 p.m.
Plymouth at Franklin, 6:30 p.m.
John Glenn at Wayne, 6:30 p.m.
Belleville at RU, 6 p.m.

BOYS TENNIS

Monday, Sept. 22
Farm. Harrison at Churchill, 4 p.m.

Dearborn at RU, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 23

KLAA cross-overs, 4 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 24

Crestwood at RU, 4 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 25

KLAA cross-overs, 4 p.m.

GIRLS GOLF

Monday, Sept. 22
Stevenson at Rochester Invite, 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 23

Novi at John Glenn, 3:30 p.m.

South Lyon at Franklin, 3 p.m.

Lutheran North at Ladywood, 4 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 25

Ladywood at Divine Child, TBA
KLAA cross-overs, TBA
Franklin at Novi, 3 p.m.

John Glenn at Salem, 3:30 p.m.

PREP CROSS COUNTRY

Tuesday, Sept. 23
Garden City at Dearborn, 4:30 p.m.

Ladywood at CHSL Quad, 5:15 p.m.

Thurston at Crestwood, 4 p.m.

Franklin at Churchill, 5:05 p.m.

Stevenson vs. Northville, 4 p.m.

John Glenn at Canton, 4 p.m.

RU at Edsel Ford, 4 p.m.

Wayne at Plymouth, 4:30 p.m.

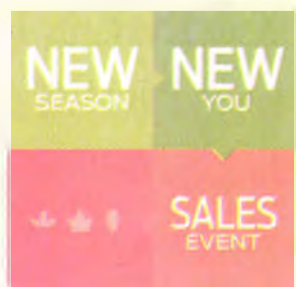
Saturday, Sept. 27

Divine Child Invite, TBA

Legends Classic, 12:50 p.m.

Falcon Invite, TBA

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KLAAs FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

Surging Churchill declaws Plymouth, 42-0

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

It was appropriate that, on a night when Plymouth got knocked off 42-0 by Livonia Churchill, one of the Wildcats would get hit so hard his helmet flew off his head.

On that same play, with less than four minutes to play in the first quarter at Churchill, Plymouth senior middle linebacker Shane Raymond injured a knee and had to leave the ballgame.

For all intents and purposes, the rest of the Wildcats left the gridiron at the same time. Churchill improved to 4-0 overall and 2-0 in the KLAAs South Division, while Plymouth dropped to 3-1 and 1-1.

"No excuses, they kicked our tail, they came (and) they out-physicaled us," Plymouth head coach Mike Sawchuk said. "And I'm not a very good coach right now. I got to get better and coach my kids up."

Plymouth had no answer against Chargers senior running back Paul Romain, who gained 259 yards in 16 carries and scored four touchdowns.

Romain bolted through the left side of the line and breezed down the sideline for a 72-yard score just two plays after Raymond left the contest.

That gave the Chargers a 7-0 lead, following the first of six extra points by senior quarterback and jack-of-all-trades Brian Alsobrooks.

Just 26 seconds into the

second quarter, Romain scored again. This time, it was a burst through the middle for 11 yards.

Romain, who last year scored five TDs in a game, said the Chargers knew they would have to be on top of their game right from the start.

Sawchuk did give credit to Romain, but added that the Plymouth defense "just didn't squeeze, we didn't tackle. Our ends dipped their heads inside and he bounced it."

Midway through the second quarter, some strong-armed passes from Alsobrooks (10-of-18 passing, 107 yards) resulted in Churchill's third touchdown to go up 21-0.

Alsobrooks connected with senior slot receiver Steven

Szymanski (four catches, 61 yards, two TDs) for three receptions during the 57-yard scoring march.

After the quarterback rolled right and hit Szymanski down the right sideline for a 19-yard gain, the Chargers were down to Plymouth's 21.

Then, on third-and-14 from the 25, Alsobrooks fired a laser over the middle that Szymanski reeled in near the goal line for the score.

In the final minute of the half, the Alsobrooks-to-Szymanski combo worked for a 6-yard TD to give the Chargers a 28-point edge at the intermission.

Spartans roll
Livonia Stevenson rolled to a 21-0 halftime lead and never looked back on the way to posting a 35-20 home victory Friday night over South Lyon East. The

Spartans improved to 3-1 overall while the Cougars slipped to 0-4.

Austin Petrie played a huge role in the winners' 42-0 night as he ran for 148 yards and three touchdowns on 18 carries. Petrie finished with 198 all-purpose yards.

Sophomore quarterback Chris Tanderys was brilliant, completing 18 of 22 passes for 248 yards and a pair of TDs. His favorite target was C Weiss, who caught eight balls for 88 yards and a score.

Defensively, Kevin Bowersox was all over the field for Stevenson as he compiled seven tackles (five solo) and 3.5 tackles for loss.

John Glenn opens Pats
Livonia Franklin scored first in Friday night's KLAAs South Division clash at Westland John Glenn, but the Rockets had the last laugh, winning 47-28 in a game that featured two high-octane offenses. The result left John Glenn with a 3-1 record while Franklin slipped to 0-4.

Leon Crawford was the winners' most-dangerous weapon, racking up 132 yards and two touchdowns on 10 carries. John Glenn quarterback Brendan Wetmore completed three of four passes for 141 yards and two six-pointers — one each to Jerimey Martin and Andre Brown.

Senior running back Nathan Rodgers had a huge night for the Patriots, picking up 148 yards and two TDs on 19 carries. Chris Nehasil and Charles Keith also scored for Franklin. Jaylen Smith (8 rushes for 87 yards) and Jamie Melchor (8 for 69) also scored TDs for the Rockets.

PREP VOLLEYBALL ROUNDUP

Cougars beat Chargers in three

Garden City off to sizzling start in WWAC Blue play

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

It was hammer time Thursday night for Garden City's volleyball team, which posted its second consecutive three-set triumph of the week when it out-performed visiting Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 25-16, 25-14, 25-14.

"We had a good crowd at home tonight, which made for an exciting atmosphere," Cougars head coach John Pace said. "We had a great team effort. Everyone had some input to the night's success."

"Skylar [Clendening] had two great digs down the stretch in set three. Britanny [Radtke] had a key kill in set two. When you see everyone competing like they did, it is a great night to be a coach."

Garden City exploded to a 10-1 lead in set one and never trailed thereafter, even the spunky Chargers went on a five-point run to pull to within 14-10. Emily Hoffman sparked the early defense for the winners by registering five digs while Taylor Bejma picked up nine potential kills.

The Cougars owned a precarious 11-8 lead in set two until Hannah Vera-Burgos reeled off a seven-point service string to put a padlock on the momentum.

At the outset of set three, Vera-Burgos picked up where she left off by serving the Cougars to a 7-0 advantage.

Allie Lynn led the Cougars with 11 kills. Holly Sayer chipped in with eight. Vera-Burgos dished out a team-high 15 assists.

"I always worry about Crestwood; they play hard and do not give up," Pace concluded. "They seem to play their best against us. We knew that we could not relax and needed to play as hard as possible until the match was over."

"They will be even tougher in their gym."

Zebras come up short

KLAAs South Division front-runner Canton had its way Thursday with host Wayne Memorial, winning 25-12, 25-14, 25-10 to improve to 3-0 in the division.

The setback dropped the Zebras' record to 1-11-5 overall and 0-3 in the division.

"We came into tonight's match very timid," Wayne

head coach Samantha Dye said. "As a team, we struggle with confidence and going into a match with a well-trained and well-coached team like Canton. The girls lose that aggressiveness that we see when they play other teams."

"As a young team, we keep trying to take steps forward and try to strive to get better. Before the second set, our goals were to start putting up blocks and bring intensity at the net. The girls began to accomplish this."

Senior Janae Strickland had a big night against the Chiefs, registering six kills, seven digs and six assists. Dye was especially pleased with the effort of libero Shaleah Spencer, who put 21 digs in the books.

"Shaleah never fears our opponents," Dye said. "She went in tonight with confidence and was aggressive on the back line for us."

Kaitlyn Lees contributed three kills, three blocks and seven assists.

"Canton is a competitive team and we need to learn how to go in strong and finish strong," Dye said.

Clarenceville excels

Livonia Clarenceville had a good opening week of competition in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference with a pair of victories.

The Trojans swept visiting Redford Union in three sets Thursday night to improve their overall record to 3-5-1.

They won the first two sets by 25-15 scores and held off the Panthers in the third for a 25-21 victory.

Senior Sarah Curvin led the Clarenceville offense with six kills and eight aces, while senior Jillian Bunker was 9-for-9 on the service line with three aces.

Juniors Delanie McRae and Brianna Brown also contributed three aces each. Senior Haley Abajay led the defense with six digs.

"Our setters, Brianna Brown and Emily Swartz, are learning their new roles and doing a great job delivering for us," Clarenceville coach Wendy Merschman said.

"We started very strong in all sets, but we tend to let teams right back in it. This team has so much potential."

"We just need to work on better communication throughout the match. The more experience and confidence the players get the stronger they will become."

The host Trojans outlasted Dearborn Fordson in a hotly contested league match Tuesday in five sets,

25-21, 22-25, 27-25, 23-25, 15-6.

Curvin, who had a dozen kills and six blocks, "stepped up and won the battle at the net," Merschman said.

Seniors Maddison Van Dyke and Lindsey Fosth added five kills apiece to complement the play of Curvin.

Van Dyke also had a team-high eight aces and Brown pulled up eight digs to lead the defense. Abajay and Swartz chipped in six digs each.

HVL wins nail-biter

Westland Huron Valley Lutheran earned a bit of redemption with Tuesday night's 16-25, 25-20, 12-25, 25-21, 15-12 marathon victory over visiting Lutheran Northwest, which had up-ended the Hawks the previous week.

The victory improved HVL's overall record to 6-4-3 and its MIAC mark to 1-1.

"As the scores would indicate, it was an up-and-down night for us," HVL head coach Mike Dest said. "The girls fought hard all night and never quit. It's nice to see the fight we had against a good team."

"We were sloppy early in the match, but the deeper we got into it, we started cleaning up our unforced errors and we were able to win a hard-fought match."

Leading the way for the winners was senior Madison Dest, who compiled 27 kills, 17 digs and four aces in addition to anchoring the Hawks' serve-receive unit.

Also thriving for HVL were Anne St. John (10 kills, 35 assists, 12 digs), Bethany Schaffer (25 service points, 10 assists) and Nikki Alcini (seven kills, three blocks).

Warriors clipped by PCA

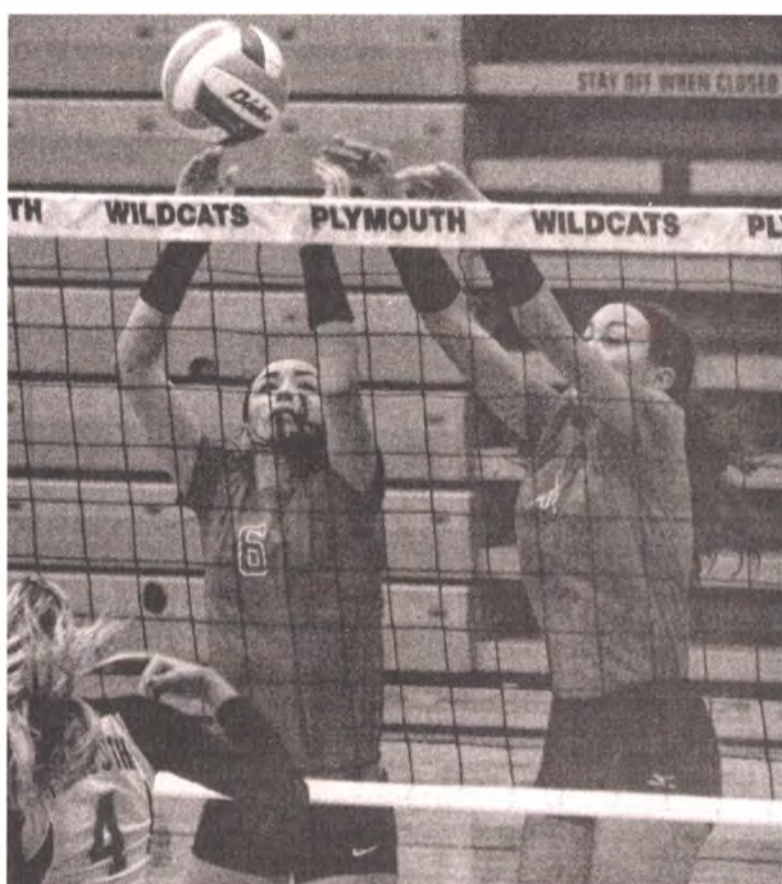
Lutheran Westland dropped a tension-packed 19-25, 25-20, 25-14, 25-20 decision Tuesday to Plymouth Christian.

Sabrina Morrison had a huge night defensively for the Warriors as she recorded 53 digs. Pacing the attack were Allie Lange and Mackenzie York, who combined for 17 kills. Lange also launched five aces.

"We tried a new line up tonight, moving some girls into positions where they weren't comfortable, and it showed," Lutheran Westland head coach Tom Lange said. "Plymouth Christian also figured some things out and attacked us more effectively as the game went along."

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PREP VOLLEYBALL



Livonia Churchill's Maddy Pargoff (left) and Natalie Panek elevate for a block during Thursday night's match at Plymouth.

NO ROOM FOR ERROR

Plymouth outlasts Churchill in nail-biting five-set showdown

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

A popular bubbly, clear soft drink would have been the perfect sponsor for Thursday night's Livonia Churchill-Plymouth volleyball thriller, which featured carbonated action from beginning to end and a "7" who was always up.

In a match in which neither team could muster much breathing room, the host Wildcats survived with a rarely-dull five-set victory over the Chargers: 25-20, 22-25, 23-25, 25-23, 15-9.

Both teams were within five points of each other — and usually separated by just one or two — all night except for the final tally in the decisive fifth set, when the Wildcats capitalized on the Chargers' constant nemesis — shaky serving — while riding a serving hot streak from junior Brianna Risi.

The two-hour-plus barn-burner left both teams with a 2-1 record in the hotly-contested KLAAs South Division standings, which are currently ruled by 3-0 Canton.

Plymouth senior Olivia Beyer, who wears No. 7, was the brightest star on a night that produced a galaxy of sparklers. Beyer piled up a truck-load of stats — 20 kills, six blocks and 19 digs — but her never-wavering positivity may have been the Louisiana State University-bound standout's most notable contribution to the Wildcats' success.

"We like to make things interesting," Beyer said, smiling, when asked for her thoughts on the tension-packed match. "I enjoy playing in game fives, but I'd prefer getting it done in just three. Game fives seem to bring us together more as a team. We play more aggressively and with more confidence."

The Chargers misfired on a whopping 23 serves — a statistic head coach Anna Gatt would like to toss into the recycling bin as soon as possible.

"I honestly don't know why we're serving so poorly," Gatt said. "We've been working extra hard on serving in practice, but then we go out there tonight and give away 23 points. That's like one entire game. During one timeout tonight, I told the girls to just

lolly-gag the ball over the net if that's what it took. I trust my defense enough that I think we'll be fine if we just get the serve over the net."

"It just comes down to we need to focus more when we're serving."

After winning the opening set 25-20, the Wildcats were on the verge of earning a comfortable two-set advantage when a Beyer kill gave them a 21-20 lead.

However, powered by a trio of kills by Rayna Yetts (two) and Maddie Darling, the Chargers went on a 5-1 surge knot the match at 1-1.

The third set was deadlocked at 23-23 before Churchill took the lead for good on a Natalie Panek kill, which was made possible by Alyssa Facione's jaw-dropping point-extending dig. Sophomore Sam Zonca, who was promoted to the varsity just a few hours before the match, sealed the deal with a set-ending throw-down.

Fueled by stellar defense from Brianna Risi and Charley Irvin, and productive front-row play by Jordan Schamp, Plymouth appeared well on its way to forcing a fifth set when it seized a 24-19 lead in the fourth. However, Churchill went on a 4-0 spurt thanks to two Panek kills and pulled to within 24-23 before a hitting error by the visitors ensured the deciding set.

"I told the girls I loved the way they fought back at the end of game four, but unfortunately we started fighting a little too late," Gatt said.

With the 'Cats leading 4-3 in the fifth set, Risi went on a seven-point service run — which included a pair of floor-denting swings by Schamp — to spark the 15-9 triumph.

"This win will help us later in the season, because it will give us the confidence we need to know we can stay composed in matches where every point matters," Beyer said.

Plymouth head coach Sarah Marody said her team has displayed a steely resilience twice this week.

"Tonight's match was a lot like Tuesday's (against Westland John Glenn)," she said. "We were down going into game four, but we found a way to fight back. The girls never quit and found the drive it took to get the win. Our seniors made a huge impact tonight."

Irvin finished with 24 digs. Payton Petruski chalked up 18 assists.

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Hall key link in Blazers' victory

Sophomore Carley Hall fired a season-best 35 to take medalist honors and lead Livonia Ladywood to a 166-167 Catholic League girls golf triumph Wednesday over Warren Regina in a match at St. John's Golf Center.

Other scorers for the Blazers, who improved to 4-1 in the Catholic League, included sophomore Jordyn Rioux (41), sophomore Lydia Cranmer (43) and freshman Gabriella Scopone (46).

The Blazers non-scorers were sophomore Sydney Malek and freshman Brooke Spiegel (both with 60).

On Tuesday, Ladywood defeated Bloomfield Hills Academy of the Sacred Heart, 198-212, in a Catholic League match at Stonecroft Golf Course.

Other Ladywood scorers included Cranmer (48), Rioux (51) and Hall (53). Senior

Laura Hureski added a 60, while freshman Anna Francone contributed a 69.

The Blazers will tee off again beginning at noon Monday in the Rochester Invitational at Great Oaks Country Club.

Franklin clips Churchill

Kendall Payne's sizzling round of 42 at Idyl Wild Golf Course led the Patriots to a 218-233 victory over the Chargers on Sept. 12. The victory improved Franklin's record to 4-1 while Churchill slipped to 1-3.

Also scoring for the winners were Jaime Whitney (55), Brenna Campau (58) and Jacquelyn Hansen (63). Carly Cuip also fired a 63 while Katie Evans turned in a 64.

Kristin McLead led the Chargers with a 50. Alyssa Mazur (57), Marin McGowan (63) and Paige Peterson (63) also figured in the scoring for the Chargers.

PREP SWIMMING PREVIEW

Stevenson returns talented nucleus of winners

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The return of several state-qualifying swimmers gives Livonia Stevenson head coach Greg Phill reason to be optimistic as the 2014 season hits the high-water mark.

"We have all of our state swimmers back and it looks like two or three incoming freshmen who might help," said Phill, whose team finished 6-6 last fall. "My expectations are for every swimmer or diver to be the best they can be. Ev-

erything else will take care of itself."

The Spartans' top returning performers include senior Rebecca Arakelian, senior Brenna Erickson, senior Merrill Frone, junior Rachel Arce, junior Sara Bowen and sophomore Jessica Weak.

Zebras young and hungry

Given that its roster runs just 13 swimmers deep, racking up a ton of dual-meet victories is going to be challenging for Wayne Memorial's girls swim-

ming and diving team this fall.

However, that doesn't mean the Zebras aren't focused on reaching their maximum potential.

"Since it's going to be difficult to win a dual meet, we're looking at establishing individual goals for each of our swimmers and divers," said Wayne head coach Mike Greuber. "We have a good strong core of young kids with no seniors. The No. 1 thing we're looking for is consistency."

Junior Julia Bryant is expected to be a points machine

for the Zebras. A freestyle sprinter and breast-stroker, Bryant has a lot of talent, Greuber said.

"The first couple of years with us Julia was a little inconsistent, but she really worked hard during the off-season and is putting it all together now," Greuber said. "She's won the 50 free and the 100 breast in all of our meets so far, so she's off to a great start."

The Zebras' top specialist is junior Amber Rutter, who excels in the 200 individual medley and 100 butterfly.

"I like Amber's consistency," Greuber noted. "Her attitude is great. She doesn't like to lose."

Sophomore Kayla Theus is a promising freestyle sprinter who honed her skills during the summer for the Wayne Dolphins Swim Club. Fellow 10th-grader Morgan Smeltzer is a threat to earn points in both the 200 and 500 freestyles as is junior Samantha Wass.

Sophomore Patience Massey's best events are the 50 freestyle and 100 breaststroke.

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PREP SWIMMING

Panthers upend Thurston for first victory

By Ed Wright
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The Redford Union girls swimming and diving team chalked up its first victory of the season Thursday night when it upended host Redford Thurston, 112-28, in a Western Wayne Athletic Conference dual meet.

"Even though the girls swam against each other, they were able to bring in many best times," said first-year head coach Shelly Helwig. "They are finally seeing their hard work pay off."

"Thurston's team may be small in numbers, but they had some nice finishes."

The Panthers' decisive victory was ignited by their 200-yard medley relay team of Sarah Bishop, Kaylah Wiley, Abby Wiley and Hailey McKay, which won with a time of 2 minutes and 31 seconds.

Freshman Abby Bishop touched first in the 200 individual medley in 2:52.45.

Sophomore Abby Walters won the 100 butterfly in 1:44.44 before Sarah Bishop captured the 100 freestyle in 1:11.45.

The 200-yard freestyle relay quartet of Dejaney Jones, Hailey Peace, Chelsea Beard and Bridget Corea earned first-place points by cutting through the water in 2:24.22. Sarah Bishop then won the 100 backstroke in 1:18.57.

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TOM BEAUDOIN
Sarah Bishop has been a first-year standout for the Redford Union swimming team this season.

PREP CROSS COUNTRY

Panther harriers run well in debut

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The Redford Union cross country teams' season-opening tri-meet Tuesday afternoon at Bell Creek Park was punctuated by junior Cliffangela Stafford's first-place effort in the girls race.

Stafford out-strided all competitors from visiting Dearborn High and Dearborn Heights Crestwood with a time of 22 minutes and 10 seconds.

"Cliffangela was very excited to win a race this early in the season," said RU head coach Roger Weekes. "Last year it took her a while longer

into the season. Her confidence is way up this year. She's running with our boys team and she's keeping up with them.

"Dearborn and Crestwood have some very good runners, so for her to finish first is a nice accomplishment."

The bad news for the Panthers girls team: It has just one other runner besides Stafford, so it cannot qualify for a victory. Stafford's lone teammate - freshman Lauren Vereeke - has displayed outstanding improvement during the first few weeks of the pre-season, Weekes said.

RU's boys team showed

promise in its season-opening losses to the Pioneers (15-50) and Chargers (21-34).

Senior Anise Grady-Shelton placed 10th overall in the three-school race, crossing the finish line in 20:01.

"It was a really good start to the season for Anise," Weekes said. "He is running much better compared to his first race last year."

Grady-Shelton is being pushed by first-year sophomore Nyric Rodgers, who placed 12th overall on Tuesday with a 20:25 clocking.

"Nyric couldn't even keep up with the rest of the team when we started training,"

Weekes marveled. "But he has worked hard and now he realizes what it takes to be successful. He's gotten stronger and stronger every day."

Clifford Stafford, the younger brother of Cliffangela, had a sterling debut for the Panthers. The freshman recorded a time of 22:36, which was good enough for 18th overall. Another freshman, Jack Short, placed 22nd in 23:27.

Also scoring for the Panthers were freshman Mark Eccles (24th overall in 24:40) and senior Reggie Jennings (24:52).

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FOOTBALL

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this team knows their brothers are going to battle for them and when you have that going for you, you can play with anybody."

While Thurston's running game was held in check for most of the night, Laymon Giddings-Whately managed to gash out a couple of sizable runs - he had three of 11 yards or more - in the second half when the Tractors' first-string defense

was still on the field.

Wesenberg completed 7-of-15 first-half passes for 35 yards, but he was victimized twice by dropped passes and he trying to elude Tractors defensive linemen on most passing plays.

Now 1-3, Thurston faces the same hurdle it ran into - and cleared - in 2013: win five in a row to qualify for the post-season playoffs.

Romulus stymies RU

Just when the host Panthers were on the verge of striking first Friday night against the

visiting Eagles, a Romulus defensive back stripped an RU running back of the ball at the RU 35 and raced 65 yards for a touchdown to give the visitors a lead they would never relinquish on the way to a 40-0 victory.

Romulus improved to 4-0, while the Panthers slipped to 0-4 overall and 0-3 in the WWAC Red Division.

"Offensively, we had some opportunities we didn't cash in on and defensively we had some good hits, but we weren't wrapping up," head coach Miles Tomasaitis said.

With starting quarterback Jason Crowe sidelined by pneumonia, Tyrone Robinson got the start under center and completed 6-of-19 passes for 66 yards and two interceptions.

Bryce Williams was a bright spot for the Panthers' offense, carrying the ball four times for 39 yards.

The good news for the Panthers this week: Their next scheduled opponent, Highland Park, dropped its football program, so RU will receive a victory via forfeit - and an extra week to work on its execution on both sides of the ball.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Schoolcraft spikers lose match to Macomb

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Momentum proved fleeting Thursday night for Schoolcraft College's women's volleyball team against Macomb Community College.

The host Lady Ocelots could never really sustain any kind of offensive roll against the Monarchs in the MCCA match-up, which Macomb won in three sets (25-21, 25-21, 25-20).

"Right now, teams are going to have off-days," Schoolcraft first-year head coach Shannon Pummill said. "I thought we fought, we just have to learn to fight through it a little more. It's a battle on those days."

One big reason why Schoolcraft could not muster scoring runs was the strong play in the front row by Macomb freshman outside hitter Karlie Kelly, who tallied 19 kills along with three blocks.

"She's a very consistent player for us," Monarchs head coach

Holly Ritchie said when asked about Kelly's performance. "She's real good at getting behind the ball and putting it in an open hole. We're excited; she's a freshman, so we ask her to carry a lot of weight and she does."

Also solid for Macomb (6-2, 3-0) were freshman setter Amanda Crozier (27 assists), sophomore outside hitter Leah Hofmann (13 kills) and sophomore defensive specialist Erica Wilson (seven digs).

For Schoolcraft, now 5-5 overall and 0-2 in the conference, sophomore outside hitter Ajsha Davis (seven kills, seven digs), sophomore setter Lindsey Umin (23 assists) and freshman libero Victoria Vellucci (14 digs) had good showings.

"I thought Victoria, our libero, played really well," Pummill said. "I thought Sydnee Miller had a good game and I thought Lindsey made some good decisions setting. So I did see some positives."

Livonia Stevenson alum Mor-

gan Copperstone, a sophomore outside hitter, tallied five kills and four blocks, while sophomore setter and Garden City product Julene Pummill chipped in with two kills and an ace.

"A lot of this was just our own errors. We let ourselves down," Copperstone said. "A lot of it was communication errors as well. We really need to talk to each other."

Momentum stalls

For much of the match, the Lady Ocelots just could not get over the hump.

The teams were tied for much of the second set, but Kelly hammered home a feed from Crozier to put the Monarchs up 22-21 and Macomb wrapped up the set with a service ace by freshman middle hitter Amauri Greenfield.

The third set went back and forth in similar fashion, with the Lady Ocelots briefly taking the lead several times only to relin-

quish the edge on the next serve.

An ace by sophomore middle blocker Caroline Scott put Schoolcraft up 14-13, for example.

But Macomb earned a defensive side-out point on the next serve to even things up again.

The Lady Ocelots' inconsistency continued when Julene Pummill followed a service ace with a service error - stopping a potential rally and upping the Monarchs' lead to 19-16.

Coach Pummill lamented that Schoolcraft could not muster more of an offensive surge, but added that "we're working on keeping balls and serving aggressively" every day during practice.

"Every team in this conference is going to have a really good serve-serve," Pummill said. "We just have to learn to serve aggressively."

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN 2014 SANITARY SEWER PROJECT- LEVAN ROAD CONTRACT 14-M

Sealed proposals for the 2014 Sanitary Sewer Improvement - Levan Road will be received by the City of Livonia as owner until 2:00 P.M., on Tuesday, September 30, 2014 at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read.

The City of Livonia seeks proposals for the following:

The construction of 532 lineal feet of 10-inch PVC sanitary sewer, 125 lineal feet of 24-inch steel casing pipe, manholes, 8-inch concrete pavement and sidewalk removal and replacement, restoration and other related items of work within the City of Livonia.

Instructions to bidders and specifications may be obtained by registering with the Michigan Inter-Governmental Trade Network (MITN) at www.govbids.com/scripts/mitn/Public/home1.asp.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check in the amount of five percent (5%) of the proposal, payable to the City of Livonia, as security for the acceptance of the contract. A bid bond on the Michigan Standard Form, issued by an approved Surety Company, may be furnished in lieu of a certified check. No electronic bids will be allowed.

All bids shall be opened publicly at the date and time specified. Each bid shall be recorded together with the name of the bidder. Bids shall be in accordance with the requirements of this notice in order to be deemed "responsive."

Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope, plainly marked: **2014 Sanitary Sewer Project - Levan Road: Contract 14-M** and received by the City Clerk on or before the time and date given above.

The bidder shall demonstrate that they have successfully completed projects in the last three (3) years of equal scope in the State of Michigan totaling more than \$250,000 each year.

No bidder may withdraw his proposal within one hundred twenty (120) calendar days after the date set for opening thereof. The right to accept any bid, to reject any or all proposals and to waive irregularities in bidding is reserved by the City of Livonia. Portions of this Contract may be deleted due to unforeseen circumstances without compensation. Acceptance of any bid does not constitute a binding agreement until a written Contract is signed by both parties.

Todd J. Zilincik, P.E.
City Engineer

Jack E. Kirksey, Mayor
City of Livonia

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF GARDEN CITY WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

To all residents and interested parties:
Legal notices are available for review at our website.

The minutes (including approved ordinances) from regular and special Council meetings are available at:
www.gardencitymi.org/minutes

Current requests for bids and proposals are available at:
www.gardencitymi.org/bids

You may also access this information at Garden City Hall or the Garden City Library during regular business hours or in the Garden City Police station lobby 24 hours a day.

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CITY OF LIVONIA PUBLIC NOTICE

AGENDA Zoning Board of Appeals

October 7, 2014 - 7:00 p.m.
Livonia City Hall - Gallery (5th Floor)
33000 Civic Center Drive
Livonia, MI
(734) 466-2259

APPEAL CASE 2014-10-51: Paula Bjertness, west side of Sunset (11301) between Elmira and Dalhay, seeking to construct an attached garage onto an existing nonconforming dwelling, resulting in deficient south side yard setback and combined side yard setbacks. Nonconformity is based on the existing front yard setback of 21 feet where 25 feet is required

APPEAL CASE 2014-10-52: John and Valerie Fabirkiewicz, 15465 Bayhill Drive, Northville, MI 48168, seeking to construct a single family dwelling upon property located on the east side of Santa Anita (16132), between Jamison and Five Mile, resulting in deficient lot area.

APPEAL CASE 2014-10-53: Daniel P. Mooney, Edge Design Associates, Inc., 1973 High Hollow Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48103, on behalf of owner John Tenbusch, J. L. Tenbusch Holdings, LLC, east side of Stark (12926), between Schoolcraft and the C and O Railroad, seeking to construct an addition to the north and rear elevations of an industrial building, resulting in deficient north side yard setback.

Public Comments may be sent to the Zoning Board of Appeals Office at 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, MI 48154 - all comments must include name, address and signature.

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Grant funds aging research at University of Michigan

The University of Michigan recently received a \$3 million grant from The Glenn Foundation for Medical Research to establish a national center in biogerontology research.

The Paul F. Glenn Center for Aging Research at the University of Michigan has been established as a part of the U-M Geriatrics Center and Institute of Gerontology.

The award recognizes U-M as part of a select group of elite members of The Glenn Consortium for Research in

Aging.

"To be named as a member of the Glenn Consortium for Research in Aging is a highly-prestigious designation by the foundation," said Steven L. Kunkel, M.D., U-M Medical School senior associate dean for research.

"The award is a testament to the quality of the U-M's



Richard A. Miller, M.D.

biogerontology research program and the excellence of our faculty."

Researchers at the Glenn Center for Aging Research at U-M hope to better understand mechanisms of aging that can help develop medications to help people live longer

"It is a tremendous honor to have been invited to join the Glenn Center consortium," said Richard A. Miller, M.D., Ph.D., professor of pathology and the Geriatric Center's associate director for re-

search. "We are confident that this newly inaugurated research program will let us show how work involving cells, worms, flies, and mice will lead to major advances in our understanding of aging and disease, and we expect that the program will help Michigan attract students and fellows who want to make biogerontology the focus of their own research careers."

The Glenn Center at U-M will have two components: The Model Systems Unit will ana-

lyze pharmaceuticals using worms, flies and cultured cell lines, and will be directed by Scott Pletcher, Ph.D., professor of molecular and integrative physiology and research professor of the Institute of Gerontology. Miller will direct the Slow-Aging Mouse facility, which will use mice to discover the pathways by which the drugs slow the effects of aging and postpone disease.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Upcoming

American Red Cross

Upcoming blood drives:

Canton — 1-6:45 p.m. Sept. 24, Friendship Church Canton, 1240 N. Beck; 1:30-7:15 p.m. Sept. 29, Geneva United Presbyterian, 5835 Sheldon

Farmington Hills — 1-6:45 p.m. Sept. 22, 25 and 29 and 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Sept. 27, at the Farmington Hills Blood Donation Center, 31150 Haggerty

Livonia — 1-6:45 p.m. Sept. 22-25, 29-30 and 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Sept. 26 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
Call 800-RED CROSS to make an appointment.

Gynecologic cancer

Presented by the Foundation for Women's Cancer, the 2014 Gynecologic Cancer Survivors Course runs 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital, 6777 W. Maple, west of Drake, West Bloomfield. Presentations on ovarian and uterine cancer by Henry Ford Health System physicians. Register at foundationfor-womenscancer.org or call 312-578-1439.

Healthy eating

Upcoming nutrition workshops and cooking demonstrations from Botsford Hospital and Busch's Fresh Foods Mar-

ket:

» Dietitian Denise Cykiert teaches quick 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 Cykiert 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.

Hearing loss support

The Hearing Loss Association of America will present information on induction loops and hearing aide telecoils, 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 2, at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster, Garden City. For more information, call Tony at 734-664-3297.

Ladies Night Out

St. Mary Mercy Hospital presents a Ladies Night Out with the focus on "Keeping Women Healthy," 5:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16, at the hospital, 36475 Five Mile, at Levan, in Livonia. The event will include massage, health screenings, cooking demonstrations, vendors and speakers. Free. Register at stmarymercy.org or call 734-655-1182.

Sleep seminar

Punitha Vijayakumar, M.D., will discuss how a woman's sleep is unique and will talk about its effect on quality of life, 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16, in the North Auditorium at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, located at Five Mile and Levan

in Livonia. Free. Register at 734-655-4640.

Women's health expo

Kavitha Chinnaiyan will talk about women's heart health at the expo, which runs 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, at 584 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Vendors will have information on fitness and safety programs, nutrition, senior care, massage and more. 734-459-4183 for more information.

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 purging, 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.ymcadowood.org.

Breast cancer support

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

Blood pressure

Garden City Hospital offers free blood pressure testing, cholesterol (\$5), and lipid panel (\$10) testing, 10 a.m. to noon the first Tuesday of each month in the main lobby of the hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. No registration is required. Senior citizens can have their blood pressure tested monthly, free of charge, at 8:30 a.m. the first and third Tuesday and second and fourth Thursdays of each month at Westland Shopping Center, 35000 Warren Road, 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.

Choir therapy

The Therapy Choirs of Michigan extend an invitation to individuals with any kind of special needs or disabilities and their able-bodied family and friends, to participate in singing. Call Len McCulloch at 248-474-2763, Ext. 22, or visit www.therapychoirs.org for additional information.

Bipolar support

Depression Bipolar Support Alliance meets 6-7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday at Lincoln Behavioral Services Center, 14500 Sheldon, Suite 160B, Plymouth. It is accessed through the Plymouth Executive Park driveway north of M-14. It is a self-help group for people suffering from depression and bipolar disorders. Meetings open to families. Call Nancy at 734-536-3457 for directions.

CPAP/BIPAP

The Sleep Disorders Center of Michigan offers a free CPAP/BIPAP mask fitting clinic, 5-6 p.m. each Wednesday at 35600 Central City Parkway, Suite 103, Westland. Most insurances cover new supplies. No appointment needed. For more information, call 734-458-7251.

CPR classes

Classes range from basic CPR for people who want to know how to help save a life to certification for those who need CPR for work and state licensure, at DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. First aid classes are also available. Classes are offered weekday evenings and Saturday mornings. Price varies. Preregistration required at www.hvsh.org/hvsh/calendar or call 248-937-3314.

Diabetes support

An adult diabetes support group sponsored by the Plymouth Lions Club meets 2-3:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main in downtown Plymouth. Fern Vining, a registered nurse, certified diabetes educator and Plymouth Lion, will facilitate. Call 734-454-0859.

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GARDEN CITY HOSPITAL

New book tells how social media empowers women's lives

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Annette Rochelle Aben is fluent in Wordpress, Blog Talk Radio, YouTube, Facebook, LinkedIn, Pinterest, Google+, MySpace, and Twitter.

She shoots video, hosts a weekly podcast program, and connects with her audience through social media.

And she doesn't even own a smartphone.

"All you need is a computer and blogtalkradio.com," Aben said, describing a few of the tools she uses to produce her weekly podcast, "Attitude of Gratitude." "You can send the link to your show anywhere people can find you. All they do is click on your link and listen."

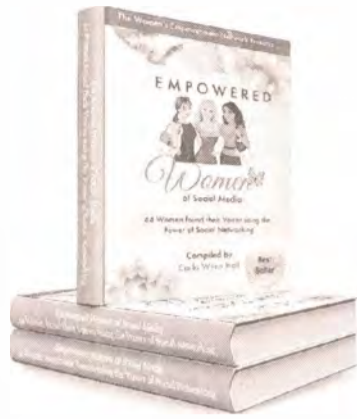
The Westland woman says listeners can find her just about everywhere on social media these days. Next month, her essay on social media and self-expression will be published in a book, *Empowered Women of Social Media*, available Oct. 5 — for 99 cents that day — through Kindle and as a paperback on Oct. 16. The book is a compilation of stories by 44 women from 20 countries on becoming empowered by using social media. Each writer tells



Submitted
Annette Rochelle Aben of Westland is among 44 writers of a new book about women becoming empowered by social media.

how she discovered her "voice" through the use of social media.

For Aben, a 1985 graduate of John Glenn High School and a 1985 graduate of Specs Howard School of Broadcast Arts, social media has helped her re-discover her communication skills. In the past, she worked as a freelance journalist, gave live traffic reports on radio, wrote commercials,



The book focuses on social media.

designed and ran the public access television in Monroe, produced shows for Body Mind Spirit Radio, performed in dinner theater and sang with a variety of bands.

Opening new doors

Falling on a piece of loose carpeting in her home eight years ago made her re-think how and where she would work in the future. The accident left her bedridden for a few months that year until she learned to walk again, with the help of a walker, which she still

uses today. During her recuperation, she longed for social interaction and found it via the Internet.

"My biggest outlet was social media. I thought I would build a network and keep relationships going," said Aben, who was living in the Toledo, Ohio, area when she was injured. "It was as much a tool keeping me in the loop as much as it was getting myself out there."

"It helped me a lot. It helped me find people and meet new people. The slip and fall pointed me in a new direction, opened up a whole new world."

New projects

Through Facebook connections she joined a group of indie artists and produced art work that ended up in gift bags at the Sundance Film Festival and Country Music Awards in Canada. She discovered blog talk radio and started a talk show, and eventually was hired to train and produce Internet shows for other podcast hosts. Meanwhile, she wrote two books, *Perspective*, a collection of poems and photography, and *Choose*, which focuses on seven basic choices individuals make. One of her shows included an interview with a

writer involved in the *Empowered Women of Social Media* project. That led to an invitation to write her own story for the book.

She hopes readers will realize that social media can be a forum for camaraderie and a way to both seek help and offer help to others.

"A lot of women still think life is about being in competition with other women. One thing I hope readers take away from the book is that there is a lot of support out there. A lot of other people are willing to help you succeed."

"If you pour your heart and soul out there you'll touch someone. You can make a difference in a life. And that's something everyone wants."

Find Aben's book, *Choose*, on Amazon. Her blog spot is annetterochelleaben.wordpress.com and her podcasts are at blogtalkradio.com/perspectivepower. Follow her on Twitter @YouAreTheExpert and @SisterAngel. She also regularly writes at themagichappens.com and offers daily "Angel Messages" at sesamechi.com.

Get creative with needle, thread at Novi sewing expo

Bernadine Vida, costume designer from Redford Township, will be among the instructors at the American Sewing Expo, Sept. 26-28 at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

Vida, who has created costumes for film, television and theater, will teach a class in the "Power of Spandex," 12:15-1:15 p.m. Friday-Sunday. She'll talk about different kinds of Spandex, how to determine which weight fabric to use, and where to buy.

She'll also demonstrate fast and easy costume making 8:30-

10:30 a.m. Sunday. Vida will show how to create costume pieces using thrift store garments that won't break your budget.

Her seminar on Living the Life of a Costume Designer, 4-5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, will include stories about her experiences designing for the performing arts.

The American Sewing Expo will run 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday and will include the Passion for Fashion Sewing Challenge, sewing classes, celebrities such as David Tut-

era, fashion designer and host of WETV's reality event planning series *David Tutera's CELEBRATIONS*.

The 21st annual show features accessories, embellishments, one of a kind fabrics and supplies, fashion sewing, drafting, fitting, home decorating, costuming, fashion accessories, machine embroidery, needle arts, quilting, sergers and wearable art. Visitors will see 17 exhibits, fashion style shows and sewing challenge competitions and can shop for sewing machines, notions, threads, patterns,

yarn, technology, kits, gadgets, embroidery designs, tools and other products from 25 states, Australia and Canada. Techniques and tips will be taught at more than 260 seminars, hands-on workshops and demonstrations including professional and industrial sewing.

Admission is \$14 for adults, free for with children 15 and under. All-day workshops are \$130. Parking is \$5. The Suburban Collection Showplace is located at 46100 Grand River Ave. Novi; 248-889-3111; americansewingexpo.com.



Archive
Bernadine Vida will be among the instructors at the American Sewing Expo, Sept. 26 at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi. She is shown in the costume department on the set of a 2011 movie.

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Unexpected changes in life bring big blessings

Less than 30 days until my daughter's due date. I cannot wait to meet her. I am looking forward to seeing her first smile, to holding her in my arms, and to teaching her all the things that are important in life. I have spent a lot of this pregnancy wondering how I will do all of the parenting, and questioning if I am going to make the right decisions or choices along the way. I pray that I can be as good to my daughter as my parents are to me, and I have faith that I will figure things out as I need to. My parents provided me an incredible life full of love, and I only hope that love will be something I can pass on to my daughter as



well. Recently, I was visiting with my sister and my niece, when out of the blue my niece came and ran up to me and hugged me. She is only 19 months old. It was the best feeling in the world, and I felt so incredible knowing that she just decided to do that all on her own. My heart melted. Maybe I am just extra emotional, all hormone affected and all, but I couldn't help but think of how amazing that is going to be when it's my daughter who wants to hug me. I

am so excited to see how she will act and think and am so curious about the person she will become. If my pregnancy has anything to do with it, she will love music and dancing, as she just loves to kick and move around when a good song is playing. I wonder if I will forget all these feelings about pregnancy once my daughter arrives. Will I remember the back pain and the rib cage kicks? Will I remember what it's like to wake up in the middle of the night, arms frozen from carpal tunnel and legs cramping from charley horses? Will I recall how it feels to walk to the mailbox and feel exhausted when I get

there? Or will I just be so overjoyed with my new love that I will forget about it all? **Unexpected, life-changing** Very soon, I am going to be a mother. I feel almost like I am crossing-over to some other world that I have only read about and haven't yet experienced. I'll get to have play dates, and mommy-daughter days, and most likely many sleepless nights to go along with them. There will be stories to be told, and pictures to be taken, and memories to make together. When I think of my own childhood, and life up to this point, my family is such a huge part of it, and I cannot

wait to build that for my own child. I feel so blessed for this unexpected, life-changing opportunity, and am excited to begin this journey. It is crazy to me now that a year ago my life didn't have these things in store for it. I didn't know if I would ever have children and certainly didn't see any in my near future. And now, I patiently wait for the arrival of my daughter with excitement and anticipation. You really can never be too certain about your life. You cannot plan too much, and you have to be willing to go with the flow sometimes. There is a bigger plan than what we set out for ourselves, and it's best to have faith

in that and just accepts things as they are. You should never feel down about your accomplishments, or lack thereof, as one day, you just might wake up and everything will be different. Life can change in the blink of the eye, and many times we are not expecting it. And sometimes, just sometimes, it is that unexpected change that makes life really worthwhile. **Sarah Davies of Livonia writes about her journey toward single motherhood in her column, Then There Were Two. Contact her at sarahmari Davies@gmail.com.**

Lace up your sneakers, walk, run for a cause

Get ready to walk or run to help raise awareness and funds for melanoma research and patient support. The ninth annual KDB Melanoma 5K Run/Walk starts at 11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 12, at Martindale Beach at Kensington Metropark, 2240 Buno, Milford. Registration opens at 9 a.m. The family-friendly event will include a face painter and balloon twister. Dogs on 6-foot leashes are welcome. Prices will be awarded to top finishers in the 5K race for all age categories. Melanoma strikes all ages, all races, all economic levels and both sexes. Eight-six percent of melanomas can be attributed to ultraviolet radiation from the sun, according to AIM at Mel-



anoma, a cancer research organization. All proceeds from the walk will benefit AIM at Melanoma (www.aimat-melanoma.org). For more on the KDB visit melanomawalk.org. A sampling of other local fundraising walk/run events: **For the Rouge** Friends of the Rouge and Canton Township present the fifth annual Run 4 the Rouge, starting with registration at 8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at Connection Church, 3855 S. Sheldon, Canton. The four-mile run, which is timed and includes prizes for various age categories, will start at 9 a.m. and follow a scenic route along the Rouge River. The event also includes a two-mile walk. Entry fee is \$35. Call 313-792-9900 or visit therouge.org.



Run 4 the Rouge follows a scenic trail along the lower Rouge River.

NAMI Walks

The 11th annual Walk of the Minds starts with registration at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at Heritage Park, 46202

Heritage Park Road, Canton. The 5K walk will start at noon. NAMI Walks is a nationwide fundraising and mental health awareness program that is being held in

nearly 100 communities around the country. For more information, call Shelene Hahn, Walk manager, at 800-331-4264; shahn@namimi.org.

Heroes on Hines

Wayne County, in partnership with Running Fit, presents the second annual Heroes on Hines Half Marathon and 5K Run Saturday, Oct. 4, in Plymouth. The half marathon begins at 8 a.m. and the 5K starts at 8:45 a.m. Registration runs from 6:30 a.m. to 15 minutes before the start of each race, at Burroughs, 41100 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Registration fee is \$59 through Oct. 2 and \$70 from Oct. 3-4 for the half marathon and \$35 through Oct. 2 and \$40 Oct. 3-4 for the 5K. Proceeds will go to support and maintain the First Responders Memorial in Hines Park, at Hines Drive and Haggerty. Register at heroesonhines.com.

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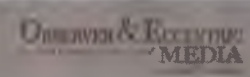
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Jessica and Kenneth both graduated from Western Michigan University and work in Seattle, Wash. She is a teacher and he is an engineer.

An October 2014 wedding is planned in Warren.

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GARDEN & NATURE CALENDAR



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The Friends of the Rouge seeks volunteers to help find river bugs, like this stonefly.

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

Beekeepers

Join a free group, 6:30 p.m. Oct. 14, at Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum, 1800 N. Dixboro, Ann Arbor, to talk about honeybee management, care, production and related topics. The session is open to beekeepers and bee enthusiasts. 734-647-7600; lsa.umich.edu/mbg

Bug hunters needed

Friends of the Rouge needs volunteers to help look for stoneflies, mayflies and other aquatic insects at the annual Fall Bug Hunt, beginning at 9 a.m. Oct. 25, at the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, located on Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile in Livonia. Pre-registration deadline is Oct. 10. Volunteers are assigned to teams of four-eight individuals that each travel to two sites where they look for living organisms in samples collected from the river under the direction of a trained team leader. The number and kind of bugs found is used to assess each site. Children may attend if accompanied

by a participating adult. Sign up at www.therouge.org.

English Gardens

» 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 or email rmo78jsa@aol.com.

Heritage Park

The park is located on Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills. Pre-register for programs online at re-creg.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

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

DETROIT CENTRAL HIGH CLASS OF 1954

60th reunion, 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, at Knollwood Country Club, 5050 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. Includes dinner and entertainment. For more information, call Elaine Cohen Bass, 248-626-0146, Marion Carel Kantor, 248-661-0507, or Sandra Rogers Brenner, 248-200-7783.

DETROIT EASTERN HIGH ALL CLASSES

Annual reunion set for 1-6:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5, at the Ukrainian Cultural Center in Warren. Cost is \$35 per person, which includes a meal. Reservations deadline is Sept. 26. For more information, call Judy Elias Thun at 586-296-2949 or Nancy Germain Linhard at nancylinhard@comcast.net.

DETROIT SALESIAN CATHOLIC CLASSES OF 1963-66

Mass at Holy Rosary Church followed by dinner at a mid-town Detroit location, Nov. 8. Cost is \$35 per person. Reservations deadline Oct. 7. Contact Jim Moryc at 734-425-2666.

IMMACULATA HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1964

50th reunion set for Friday-Saturday, Oct. 10-11, at the Dearborn Inn. Meet and Greet, 5-8 p.m. Friday and luncheon, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Call Julie Nouné McEvoy for more information at 734-427-2633.

LAKELAND HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1984

30-year reunion, 7 p.m. Sept. 27, White Lake Inn, 3955 Ormond Road, White Lake. No need to RSVP for this casual night of conversation and catching up. For information, email heyboxman@wideopenwest.com.

LIVONIA STEVENSON CLASS OF 1974

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

OAK PARK HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1975

Save the date, Saturday July 25, 2015, at Embassy Suites Livonia, 19525 Victor Parkway, Livonia, Michigan. Classmates may send their contact information to oakpark1975reunion@gmail.com, and to join the Reunion Facebook Page at https://www.facebook.com/events/810805715636204/.

REDFORD THURSTON CLASS OF 1969

45th reunion is set for 6:30 p.m. Oct. 10, at Northville Hills Golf Club, 15565 Bay Hill Drive, Northville. Tickets are \$45 and include dinner, dancing and cash bar. RSVP. Contact Jill Serbay at jjserbay@gmail.com for more information.

ST. CHRISTOPHER ALL CLASSES

Tour of the school at 2 p.m., followed by Mass at 4 p.m., then dinner from 5:30-8 p.m., at St. Christopher Church, 7800 Woodmont, Detroit. Tickets are \$15 per person. RSVP at 313-584-7460 or email at stchrstthom@outlook.com.

ST. MARY'S OF REDFORD CLASS OF 1969

45th reunion planned for Saturday, Nov. 1, at the Monaghan K of C Hall, 19801 Farmington Road, Livonia. Contact Mark Coulter at 734-453-5423; mcoutler@gr-lakes.com.

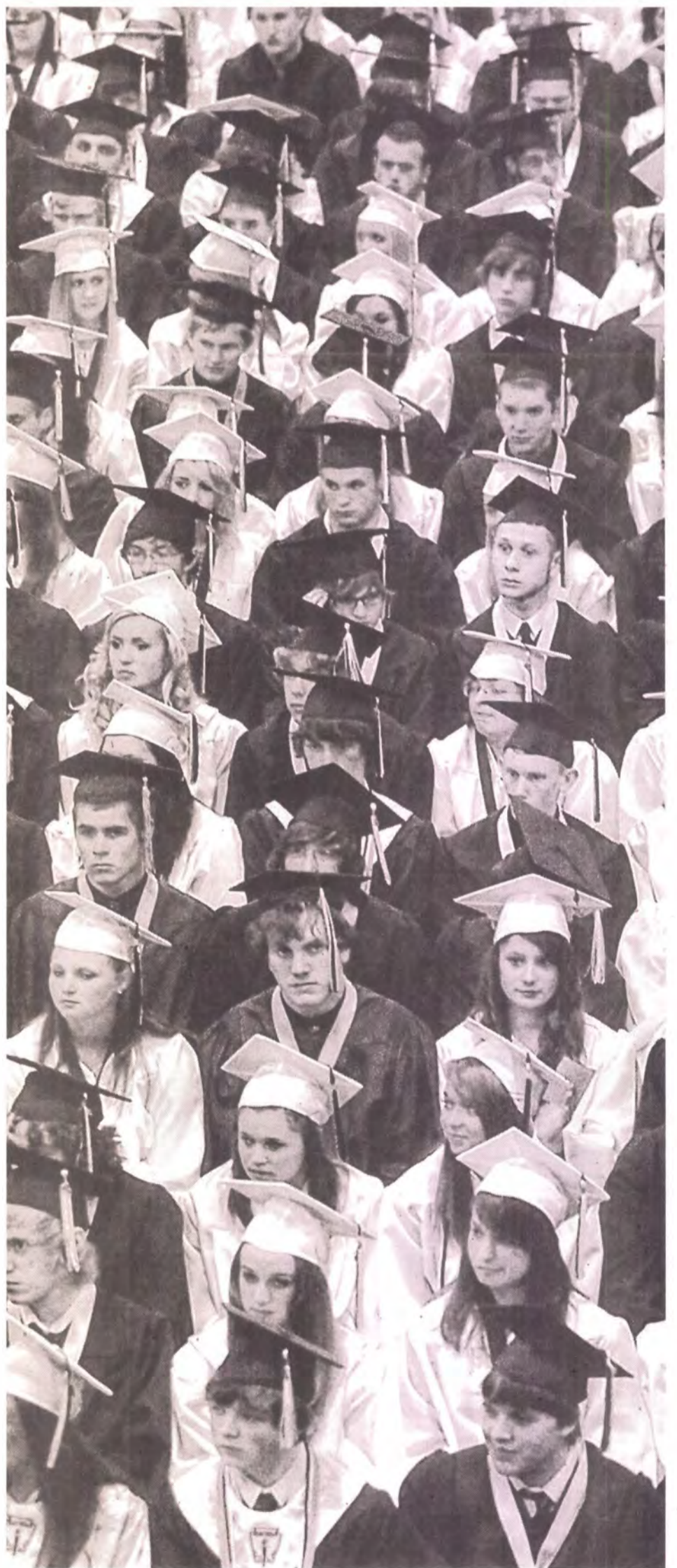
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN CLASS OF 1979

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

CLASS OF 1994

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MARASHESKI, GERALD "SKI"

September 15, 2014 Age 75 of Westland. Beloved husband of Rosalie. Dear father of Kelly (AI) Meadows and Scott (Linda). Brother of Arline (John) Maksiwowicz, Robert (Tracey), and the late John Jr. Grandfather of six and great-grandfather of five. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Funeral services were entrusted to the Uht Funeral Home, Westland Cremation rites were accorded. Family suggests memorials to Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Please view memorial and send tributes at www.uhtfh.com



KORTE, ELSIE
Age 90 resided in Livonia for 50 years. Beloved wife of the late Fred for 30 years. Loving mother of Fred Korte Jr. and Susan Kon. Cherished grandmother of Elise Schenk, Michael Korte, David Korte, Kelly Prokes, and great grandmother of 7. She also leaves behind many other loving family and friends. Memorial gathering Sunday, September 28th 11:30am-1:30pm with a memorial service at 1:30pm at Fred Wood Funeral Home, 36100 5 Mile Rd. Livonia (E. of Levan). In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Assoc. and/or Michigan Humane Society. Please visit online guestbook fredwoodfuneralhome.com



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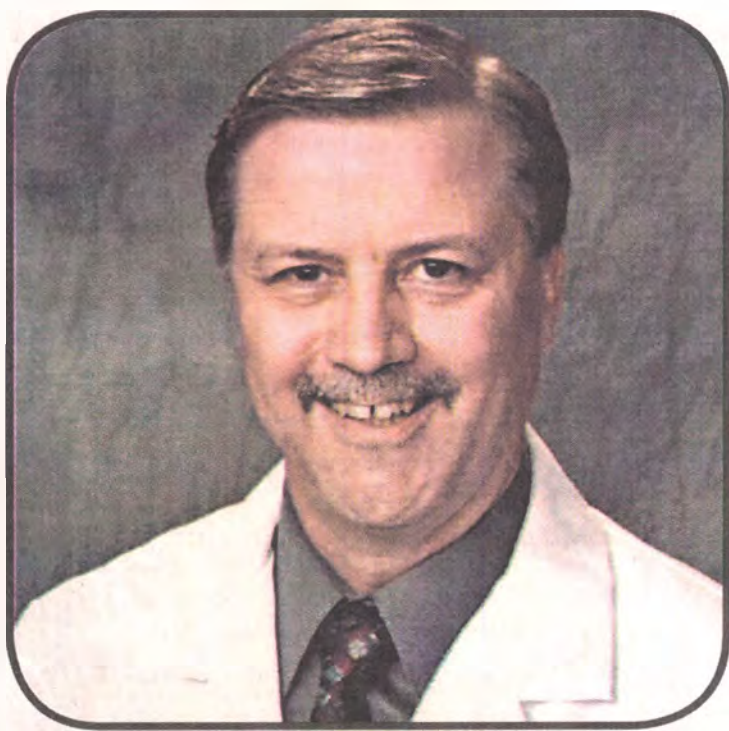
September 13, 2014. Age 81 of Allen Park (Formerly of Redford, Michigan). Loving uncle of Ann Clark (Scarcliff) and David Scarcliff. Jim will be deeply missed by family and friends. Jim was very proud of his service in the United States Army during the Korean War. He enjoyed traveling, playing tennis and was an avid amateur photographer. He retired, after many years at General Motors Corp. For service information please call the Allen Park Chapel of Voran Funeral Home (313-928-2300). Visit our online guestbook and share memories at www.voranfuneralhome.com.

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5 things you can do in 5 minutes to prep for an interview

By Debra Auerbach
CareerBuilder writer

Things that take around five minutes to accomplish: making popcorn, showering, ordering coffee (depending on the line), paying a bill online and prepping for an interview. Yep, that's right. There are some simple things you can do in a short amount of time to ensure that you're confident from the moment the interview begins.

Here are five ways to prep for an interview in five minutes:

1. Select a winning outfit

First impressions are important, and your appearance is part of the first impression you make on hiring managers. It only takes a few minutes to pick out an outfit, but what you choose can actually speak to the type of worker you may be. According to a CareerBuilder survey, when asked to advise job seekers on the best color to wear to a job interview, employers most often recommended blue (23 percent) and black (15



percent). Not only did orange top the list of the worst color to wear, but it was also most likely to be associated with someone who is unprofessional.

Also consider factors such as fit, accessories and other elements of your appearance (nails, polished shoes, etc.). You want to stand out, but you don't want it to be because of a bad outfit choice.

2. Read the company's "about us" section

While you should invest time in researching the company and role before an interview, if you only have five minutes, head to the company's website and give its "about us" section a good read. There you should find information such as the company's mission statement, its core values and general company facts. A quick read like that can impress interviewers

when you demonstrate how your approach to doing business aligns with the company's.

3. Practice your "elevator pitch"

The common, "So, tell me about yourself," question or variant of it usually comes up right at the start of an interview. While it may seem like the easiest question to answer, a question that broad can actually be tricky. How do you truly tell this hiring manager who doesn't know you and whom you want to impress everything about your work experience without going on and on? Instead, take a few minutes beforehand to practice your "elevator pitch," or a

15-30 second overview of who you are, what you do and an example of



what you've accomplished.

4. Determine the best route to your destination

You could spend days prepping for an interview, but if you show up late, it could all be for naught. A simple solution is to check out the location's address beforehand, consider what traffic conditions may be like, and plan out the best route and mode of transportation that will get you there on time (or better yet, early).

5. Review your resume

After spending hours updating your resume, you may think you

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- Makes a grating noise
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The redesigned 2015 GMC Yukon XL SLT.

All-new 2015 GMC Yukon: bold, stylish

By Cars.com Staff

Meet the all-new 2015 GMC Yukon. Its spacious interior offers three rows of seating that can accommodate up to nine passengers. With its bold styling, premium materials and inspiring capability, Yukon creates a new standard in full-size utility. The GMC Yukon and Yukon XL full-size SUVs are redesigned for the 2015 model year after a long stretch without much in the way of updates. The last Yukon update happened in 2007.

Customers needn't worry about getting their hands on one of these new vehicles right away. According to John Jeannotte, one of the owners of Bob Jeannotte Buick GMC in Plymouth, the dealership has many on hand.

"Inventory is available now," Jeannotte said. "Sales have been great on the new 2015 Yukon lineup. Last sales numbers I've seen provided by GM has the 2015 Yukon sales up 230 percent. At Bob Jeannotte Buick GMC, through August we are up 365 percent. That includes a slower produc-



GENERAL MOTORS

New for the Yukons is a fold-flat third-row seat.

tion start-up when production began earlier this year."

Vehicle overview

GMC has thoroughly reworked the Yukon and Yukon XL, the only real difference between the two being the length and the resultant interior volume. Changes discussed here generally apply to both the Yukon and Yukon XL models. Changes start with all-new

sheet metal and a distinctive front end that incorporates the new GMC C-shaped LEDs into the headlights.

"We've engineered the Yukon and Yukon XL from the ground up, building on a strong legacy of capability to take them to the top of the segment with exceptional refinement and purposeful technology," said Tony DiSalle, vice president of GMC Mar-

keting. "And when it comes to the tasks people rely on a full-size SUV for, they do it better than ever - and with more style."

The sculpted fenders stretch a distinctive body character line all the way to the taillights. The Yukon does not share any styling with the GMC Sierra full-size pickup truck. Doors have been redesigned to fit into the body side instead of wrap over the roof, significantly improving wind noise according to GMC. Similar aerodynamic improvements in the rear make for a quieter ride and the squared-off cabin improves interior space as well.

The standard powertrain is GM's new Ecotec3 5.3-liter V-8 mated to a six-speed automatic transmission; optional is the big 6.2-liter V-8 that's available only on the upmarket Denali luxury trim. The Denali gets subtle cosmetic changes as well, including a mesh grille, 22-inch wheels and different interior trim with an 8-inch reconfigurable driver display screen.

Interiors on all Yukons are

more car-like in their styling. The dashboard contains a standard 8-inch touch-screen and GMC's IntelliLink multimedia system with optional navigation. A storage cubby resides behind the articulated touch-screen and cupholders abound throughout the interior.

New for the Yukons is a fold-flat third-row seat - no longer removable, the rear split-bench folds into the floor at the touch of a button, as does the second row, resulting in a relatively flat cargo floor without the need to remove a heavy bench out the rear hatch and store it somewhere.

As one would expect with a major redesign, the new SUVs get a full raft of the latest GM electronic safety equipment. Forward radar for collision and lane departure warning systems, blind spot and rear cross-traffic alert, automatic braking systems, center-mounted side airbags for the front seats, adaptive cruise control and the patented Safety Alert Seat are all available.

"The sale numbers above show how great the new launch is," Jeannotte said.

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The 2015 Chrysler Town & Country Touring L model.

CHRYSLER

Town & Country for 2015 loaded with luxury features, V-6

Competes with Toyota Sienna, Honda Odyssey

By Cars.com Staff

The Chrysler Town & Country is related to the Dodge Grand Caravan, but it's the more luxury-oriented of the two minivans. The Town & Country was significantly revised for 2015 with new exterior styling, a substantially revised interior and a new V-6 engine. The seven-seat minivan competes with the Toyota Sienna and Honda Odyssey. Interested customers can find a full inventory of the new vehicles at Al Deeb Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram in Clarkston.

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Under the hood

The 2015 Town & Country features 283-horsepower, 3.6-liter V-6 with 260 pounds-foot of torque and a six-speed automatic transmission. Putting the vehicle in econ mode improves gas mileage by altering shift points and maintaining torque-converter lockup longer. It also features an available load-leveling suspension.

Safety features

The new Town & Country has all the safety features required in every new car: front airbags, anti-lock brakes and an electronic stability system. It also has side-impact airbags for the front seats; side curtain airbags for all three rows of seats; and traction control. Other safety-related items include active front head restraints, a backup camera, power-adjustable pedals, available rear parking sensors and available blind spot warning system with rear cross-path detection.



The Town & Country features hands-free calling.

CHRYSLER

New for 2015

Chrysler introduces two new models for the Town & Country for 2015: the LX and Limited Platinum. The LX has leather seats, a backup camera and other special safety features. The Limited Platinum has a sunroof, dual-screen Blu-ray system and other features. A Blu-ray player with HDMI connection is available for all models, however.

Below is a list of highlighted features and not an exhaustive list. Features are standard unless otherwise noted.

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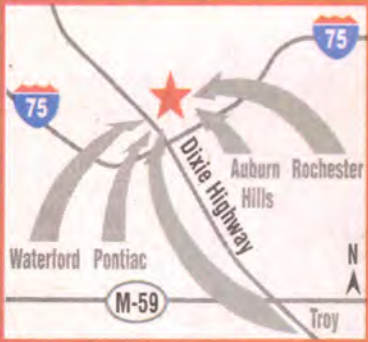
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2015 Lincoln MKC: Arrive in style

By Greg Mullin and Cars.com Staff

Ford's premium brand is entering the luxury compact crossover fray with the 2015 Lincoln MKC.

For the folks at Jack Demmer Lincoln in Dearborn, the move is a game-changer.

"It's a unique vehicle to Lincoln," sales manager Steve Hunsinger said. "It's a brand-new product for us, which is fantastic. The '15 MKC is Lincoln's new flagship for a new style and a new product to expand the Lincoln lineup and target additional customers."

"With our location in the heart of Dearborn and in the heart of Ford country, it's great to have the Lincoln lineup available, not just to Ford employees or retirees, but to the Dearborn market itself and Detroit," Hunsinger said. "And with our ever-increasing product lineup, our store is going to expand and it's going to grow. It's just a matter of time — as our volume grows, our clientele list will grow."

"It's a great day for Jack Demmer Lincoln."

The 2015 Lincoln MKC aims to compete with established luxury compact crossovers like the Audi Q5, Acura RDX and Cadillac SRX and somewhat smaller, new premium entries like the upcoming Mercedes-Benz GLA. The MKC compares favorably, Hunsinger says.

"It's the lowest price of the class, but equipment-wise, it's right up against the toughest competition head to head," he said.

A wide selection of inventory is available now — customers don't have to wait to drive home the model they desire.

Coupled with the seal of approval from A-list movie star Matthew



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According to Jack Demmer Lincoln Sales Manager Steve Hunsinger, the MKC is the lowest priced vehicle of its class, but equipment-wise, is right up against the toughest competition.

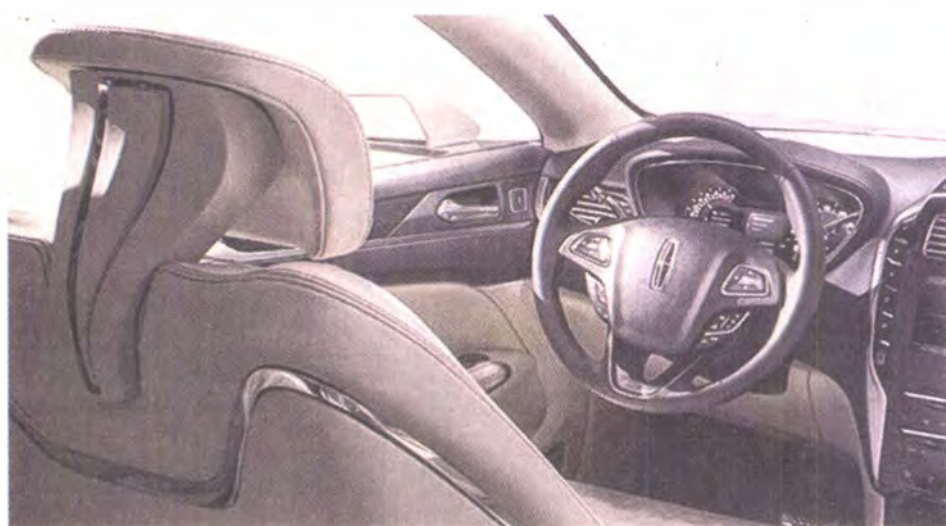
McConaughey — who's appearing in a series of sleek, memorable TV commercials — the 2015 Lincoln MKC is a brand on the rise.

"It shows Ford's commitment to Lincoln and the Lincoln brand with this new product," Hunsinger says. "And tied in with the new spokesperson for Lincoln, it really shows that Ford is standing with a commitment to the Lincoln brand and we're moving forward, which is fantastic."

"It's a nice feeling to know that we're not forgotten and we're expanding our product line to increase our clientele base."

Exterior

The MKC slots below the MKX in size and Lincoln stayed true to the concept car in styling the production version. The MKC retains the concept's prominent winged grille, sculpted body, menacing LED-accented headlamps and full-width LED tail lamps with



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The Lincoln MKC has a base price of \$33,995 for the front-wheel drive or \$36,490 for AWD.

wraparound lift gate.

Interior

Inside, a panoramic sunroof, leather seats with French stitching and real wood trim give the cabin an airy, upscale look. An 8-inch touchscreen that uses Ford's Sync with MyLincoln Touch is front and center. Unlike many vehicles

that use Ford's troubled multimedia system, the MKC's panel also features buttons and knobs for controlling audio and climate functions — a welcome sight.

Connectivity is a highlight. With the MyLincoln Mobile app, drivers can start, lock, unlock and locate their MKC. They also can use the app to

call roadside assistance and check the vehicle's fuel level, tire pressure and battery charge.

Under the hood

Although the MKC shares a platform with the Ford Escape compact crossover, one of its powertrains is new. Under the hood is a turbocharged 2.3-liter Eco-

Boost four-cylinder. Lincoln says it's good for 275 horsepower; fuel-economy figures are not yet out. The standard engine, however, is the Escape's turbocharged 2.0-liter; it makes 240 horsepower in this application. Lincoln hasn't confirmed the MKC's transmission, but we expect it to use the Escape's six-speed automatic. One item carried over from the concept version is the push-button shifter instead of an actual mechanical shifter.

Front-wheel drive is standard; all-wheel drive is an option and includes a new continuously controlled damping system. Drivers can select from Sport, Comfort and normal drive modes, and Lincoln says CCD continually monitors the road and adjusts the suspension according to the mode selected.

Safety features

The MKC is loaded with safety options, including a blind spot warning system, collision warning with brake support, lane keeping system, cross-traffic alert and the class-exclusive park-out assist system. Rather than help guide the vehicle into parallel parking spots, the latter system helps steer the car out of a tight parking spot.

Value in its class

The MKC is a well-rounded luxury car with athletic looks and a driving experience to match, along with all the luxury goods buyers expect in the segment. Lincoln sold roughly 600 MKCs per month during its first two months on sale, May and June 2014. Cars.com's national inventory is quickly populating with MKCs and most run from \$40,000 to \$45,000, a price range in which the MKC should be a serious consideration.

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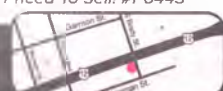
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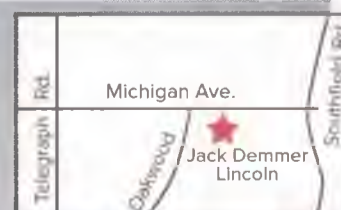
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