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### Meeting set for interim city manager interview

**By LeAnne Rogers** Staff Writer

The Wayne City Council will hold a special council meeting at 6 p.m. Monday to interview a potential interim city manager.

It will be the first council meeting held at Wayne Activity and Banquet Center, 35000 Sims, located just south of city hall. The council has been meeting at the Wayne Community Center due to structural problems with the roof at city



Wright

Wayne Police Chief Jason Wright has been acting city manager since the resignation of Joseph Merucci, who received a requested a

leave of absence making Oct. 11 his last day with the city.

The name of the applicant wasn't being released in advance. City officials consulted the Michigan Municipal League, which provided a list of city managers willing to be considered for interim positions.

Also on the special meeting agenda, Wright said there will be discussion about the onemill police-fire millage renewal that is on the Nov. 4 ballot. The millage is expiring after five years. Currently, the one mill generates about \$375,000 annually.

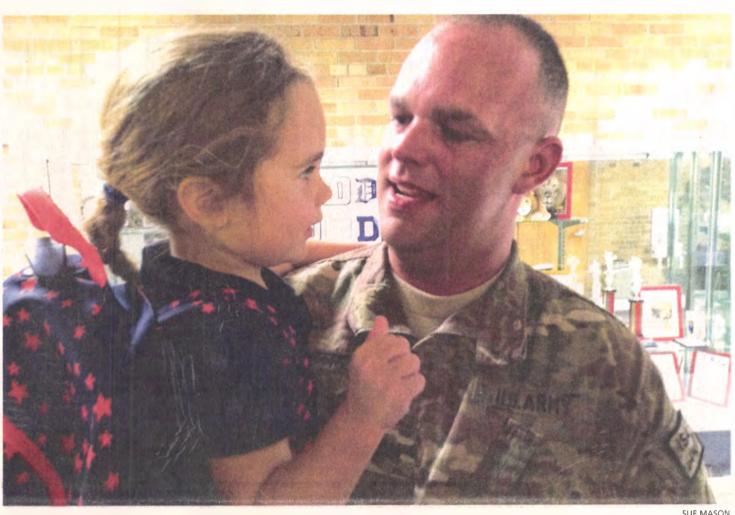
"It's an important issue. It

(non-renewal of the millage) would impact our operation big time. It's needed," Wright said. "We would have to cut our operations, if it is not passed. We have cut the police department to 26 officers, top to bottom. When I took over as chief in 2010, we had 40 officers,

including me." Loss of the one mill would likely require elimination of three positions in the police and fire departments, Wright

In a related topic, council will receive a report from Councilman Skip Monit, who was appointed to a committee meeting with Westland officials on the proposed fire authority. The Wayne and Westland fire departments have merged but a separate authority would require voter approv-

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Coraline McAffrey talks with her father, National Guard Sgt. Levon McAffrey, who just returned from a deployment to Iraq. He surprised the preschooler at St. Damian School in Westland.

# Dad surprises daughter at school after deployment in Iraq

**By LeAnne Rogers** Staff Writer

Having spent nearly a year in Iraq with his National Guard unit, Sgt. Levon McAffrey was excited to surprise his 4-year-old daughter Coraline as she left her preschool class Wednesday afternoon at St. Damian Catholic School in Westland.

"I'm excited to get to see her. I'm nervous because I don't know how she will react," said McAffrey, a Westland resident. "We were able to Skype (while he was in Iraq), but she would normally hide from the camera. Or if she was on cam-

era, it was all about her." McAffrey didn't need to be nervous. McAffrey and his wife Jaline stood just out of sight as Coraline walked down the hallway from her class.

McAffrey stepped into view just as his daughter walked under a welcome home banner and Coraline ran into his

"You've gotten so big. I got a hug this big from you for a year," McAffrey told his daughter who, when asked, said she

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### Cloud 9 taken out of local business; forum scheduled

**By LeAnne Rogers** Staff Writer

Visits to merchants by police officers and an emergency ban from the Wayne County Health Department are helping get Cloud 9 and other synthetic drugs out of local stores and gas stations.

"We had guys go out to stores (including gas stations) Tuesday and Wednesday. I think they've hit every store in the city now," Westland Police Deputy Chief Todd Adams

said. "That's 40-50 stores. They only found it (Cloud 9) at one place.'

That particular business was located in the Wayne Road and Palmer area, Adams said, and when the officer made a follow-up visit, Cloud 9 was no longer being sold.

Cloud 9, which is reported to contain a synthetic cannabinoid, was reported to have been taken by two Westland John Glenn High School students at school Monday. Both reportedly ended up hospitalized. Four students were also reportedly made ill by the substance in Canton earlier.

"We're actively checking stores ourselves. We're on similar paths with Westland Police," Wayne Police Chief Jason Wright said. "We have not had any complaints about Cloud 9, but people could have gotten sick and it went unreported. We're trying to be proactive."

**Community forum** 

Westland and Wayne police are both participating in an upcoming informational meeting about Cloud 9 and similar substances. It's an effort to educate parents about the substance.

The Community Forum: Synthetic Drug Use in Teens is scheduled for 7-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2, in the auditorium of John Glenn High School, 36105 Marquette, Westland.

Wayne-Westland Schools

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### Wayne council moves meetings to WABC

**By LeAnne Rogers** Staff Writer

Until further notice, Wayne City Council meetings will be held at the Wayne Activities and Banquet Center located just south of city hall.

Due to structural roof problems in city hall, including the council chambers, the council meetings have been held in recent months at the Wayne Community Center. There had been discussion about moving to another location.

"I suggested it. We have had a lot of complaints from the city and residents. You can hear distractions in the hallway," acting City Manager Jason Wright said. "There are kids in the hall noisy activities."

Attempting to keep down the noise from people in the hallway and adjoining rooms wasn't fair to community center users, Wright

"Now we won't disturb others telling them to be quiet. This will be good," Wright said.

Council members voted earlier this month to move ahead with the repairs, which are estimated to cost less than \$10,000 with a \$1,000 deductible from the

city. The council chambers have been unused since March when firefighters discovered broken trusses in the roof while investigating smoke from a failed motor. Temporary supports were installed, which allows the building to be used by staff.

Wayne City Hall, located on Wayne Road just north of Michigan Avenue, was constructed in the 1940s as a recreation building. The council chamber was part of a gymnasium/roller rink. The building was remodeled in 1988.

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### 'Magicians' has more adult themes than 'P

ev Grossman's third book of the Magicians series, The Magician's Land, was published this year, following The Magicians (2010) and The Magician King (2012). The series follows a group of young adults as they attend, graduate from, and put to practice the lessons learned at Brakebills, a sort of magical vocational school for those who

bend nature to their will. Although this may sound a bit derivative of the Harry Potter series, the Magicians series is an entirely different animal. To start with, it is most certainly not for children. Grossman touches on subjects and portrays scenes that would make J.K. Rowling's editors run in terror. Both the characters and the situations they find themselves in are

seek to cast spells and

much more adult.

The first book in the series, The Magicians, introduces us to Quentin Coldwater, a young man with a knack for parlor tricks and an unhealthy obsession with books

about Fillory, a Narnia-esque fantasy land. Quentin is drawn into the magical world of Brakebills, and initially has trouble believing it is real,

or at least that it really is magic he's witnessing, and not an elaborate trick. Through the course of the book, Quentin makes friends, enemies, learns a lot about magic, and discov ers that Fillory may not be as imaginary as he'd thought.

In The Magician King, Quentin and his friends embark on a quest to save the magical land they have made their home. Quentin is made to face what happened

to a friend of his when he left for Brakebills and she was left behind in the non-magical world. A magical underworld on Earth and the far reaches of Fillory are explored, leading to the revelation of a much deeper threat to

all Quentin holds dear. Finally, in The Magician's Land, Quentin finds himself back on Earth, teaching at Brakebills. The relative peace doesn't last long, though, and Quentin soon finds himself involved in another adventure. Will he find a way back to where he belongs? Will he be reunited with his long-lost friends? Check out the series, and find out for yourself!

#### **Upcoming Events**

Friends Used Book Sale, noon-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1, noon to 5 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 2-4 — Attention bargain hunters!

Don't miss our annual used book sale. Family Fun Story-

time, 2 p.m. Tuesdays -Multi-age storytime for the whole family. Join us for stories, rhymes, movement, and crafts intended to engage children and caregivers of all ages. An adult caregiver must remain with the child during the entire program. Approximately 30 minutes long. Registration is required. Sign up begins two weeks prior to event. For the fall storytime sessions we are lucky to have a grand prize Arthur basket to give away. Every time a child attends a storytime, they will receive an entry to win the basket. The drawing will take place Nov. 18 at the end of storytime. Session 2 is Oct. 28 (Halloween costumes encouraged), Nov. 4, Nov. 11 and Nov.

Halloween Tea, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15 -

The Wayne Civitans Club will hold their annual Halloween Tea on Wednesday, Oct. 15. This year's speaker is Christian Belz of Berkley, the author of the Ken Knoll Architectural Mystery series. Limited tickets will be available at the Wayne Public Library

Mystery of the Missing Honey Bee, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 21 — Experienced beekeeper and Detroit resident Ann Kerwin will present a talk on the importance of bees, both to our food supply and the threats to their (and our) wellbeing. Contact the adult reference desk at 734-721-7832 to register for this free program.

Halloween Storytime, 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25 Join Cackling Kelly for a special Halloween Family Fun storytime. We will read spooky tales, sing creepy songs, and create terrifying crafts (don't worry it

will all be fun and family-friendly). Costumes are highly encouraged for both children and adults. An adult caregiver must remain with the child during the entire program. Registration is requested beginning two weeks prior to the event for this free program.

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Halloween Trick or Treat — Children from 0-18 are welcome to visit the library 3-5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31, for Trick or Treat. Visit the different desks to receive special treats. Costumes are required. Need a costume idea or on a tight budget? Stop by the youth desk prior to Halloween for ideas and books to put you in the spirit of the season.

Information Central was compiled by librarian Sean Glasgow. The Wayne Public Library is at 3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne. For more information, call 734-721-7832 or go online to www.wayne.lib.mi.us.

### Wayne-Westland firefighters host pancake breakfast

Wayne-Westland Firefighters are kicking off Fire Prevention Month with their 16th annual pancake breakfast from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 4.

It's a fundraiser with all-you-can-eat pancakes cooked by firefighters at the station at 3300 S. Wayne Road, Wayne. The cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for kids age 10 and younger. Sausage, coffee, juice or milk are also included.

Along with breakfast, guests can attend an 11 a.m. fire extinguisher demonstration.

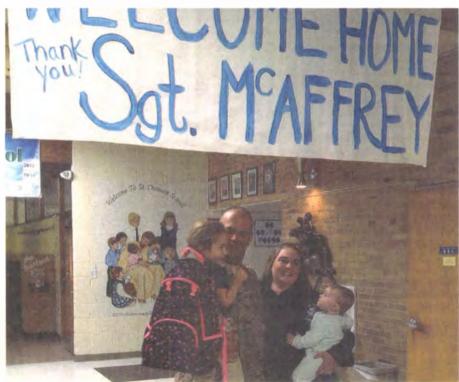
"It will be a 10-15minute demonstration on how to use a fire

extinguisher," Wayne-Westland Assistant Chief/Fire Marshal Kelly Eggers said. "We can service the fire extinguishers to make sure they are work-

Anyone attending can bring their home fire extinguishers to be checked out, Eggers said, adding that the program is for Wayne and Westland residents only, no businesses.

We will service whatever fire extinguisher they have at home — 2.5 pounds, 5 pounds or 10 pounds," Eggers said

For more information, call Cathy at 734-722-1111.



Under a banner welcoming him home at St. Damian Catholic School in Westland is Sgt. Levon McAffrey, his wife Jaline and daughters Coraline, 4, and Venelope.

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knew her father was

Hugging her father. Coraline was a bit shy as cameras captured the moment, but soon she started talking. She wanted her father to take her to the park.

A Livonia Franklin High School graduate, McAffrey, 36, is part of the National Guard 146th Transportation Unit that returned Tuesday night to its home base in Midland. Coraline had spent the night at a friend's home and went straight

to school, so she didn't know her father had arrived home.

On his return, McAffrey also got to meet the newest member of the family — 7-month-old Venelope, who was born during his deployment. Levon and Jaline, 31, have been married six vears

"This is the first time we've had a parent returning from the military at the school," St. Damian Principal Jacqueline Majeske said. "We made a banner for

him (McAffrey).' Now that he is back from his deployment as a mechanic, McAffrey will return to working as a mechanic as a civilian employee for the National Guard.

He has also volunteered to take over St. Damian's third-through sixth-grade robotics

"It was so surprising. We were looking for a volunteer and he told his wife he would do it,' Majeske said.

McAffrey isn't worried about his lack of experience with robot-

"I'm a mechanic. How different can it be?" he said.

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Superintendent Michele Harmala will moderate a panel that will include Wayne Police Sgt. Matthew Spunar, Westland Police Officer Joe Bobby, Paul Motz and Justin Thomas of the Westland Youth Assistance Program, a doctor from Oakwood Healthcare and a parent and child talking about Cloud 9.

The program is open to all concerned parents, students and community officials from Wayne, Westland and neighboring communities.

A clear liquid, Cloud 9 can be put into a drink, smoked using an e-cigarette or hookah or smoked with marijuana. The effects can include agitation, paranoia, hallucinations, chest pain, increased pulse, high blood pressure and suicidal thinking/behavior. It's often sold as incense.

The experience with another synthetic drug sold at convenience stores and gas stations, K2 or Spice, in recent vears gave police and other officials an example of how to respond.

It's a little different with the law written the way it is. I think we've got a good grasp on it," Adams said. "They (business owners) knew what they selling. They were selling it for \$20 a bottle.'

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Ss. Simon and Jude Ushers Club will sponsor a buy and swap, toy and train show, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30, at the church hall, 32500 Palmer Road, Westland.

Admission is \$2 per

person, \$4 per family. Food is available and parking is free. There will be operating train layouts and more than 100 dealer tables with various gauges of trains.

Tables are available at \$10 per table. To reserve tables, call 734-595-8327

Dealer set-up is at 9 a.m. on the day of the show.

#### **Fall Festival**

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St. John's Episcopal, 555 S. Wayne Road, Westland, will have its annual Fall Festival 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Oct. 4.

There will be three

bands, a beer tent, car show, children's activities and food and drinks to purchase. Crafters are needed for the craft show.

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### Western Wayne County is poised to boom

Business banquet showcases regional cooperation

**By Lonnie Huhman** 

Remembering the common bonds they share as neighbors, leaders from around western Wayne County gathered Thursday night for the second annual Western Wayne Business Leader-

ship Banquet. Held at the Ford Motor Co. Conference and Event Center in Dearborn, the banquet is the brainchild of the Conference of Western Wayne, a nonprofit, non-partisan advocacy group, and the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, as well as a handful of other local

chambers. The event's goal is to build stronger relationships between the business community and political leadership in a region that contains some 700,000 residents and 54 percent of the county's tax base.

"It's a little bit different than other communities and organizations, when you consider the fact that we are a bipartisan organization, that we try to reach consensus on everything that we do and we look to do things that are good for all western Wayne communities," said Redford Township Supervisor Tracey Schultz Kobylarz, chairperson for the

#### The CWW

The CWW is a consortium of 18 western Wayne County communities, which meets monthly to discuss issues such as legislation, transportation, public safety, substance abuse prevention, community and economic development, employment and the environmental health of the region.

Elected leaders from

Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Romulus, Wayne and Westland and the townships of Canton, Huron, North-ville, Plymouth, Redford, Sumpter and Van Buren comprise the board of

directors. "Our main goal is to better represent the people in our communities and western Wayne County as a whole," Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey said of the CWW. "We set aside our differences and come to the table unified in taking on common challenges and problems that we have, which is what people really want to see more of."

Northville Township Supervisor Robert Nix agreed and said the banquet was a great way to establish more relationships between the private and public sectors.

"There are a lot of outstanding leaders here tonight, so this is an important gathering for us," Nix said. "It's criti-cal that local businesses and government work together for this community. What a banquet like this does is gets us better connected."

#### **Brighter future**

With 350 people in attendance, speakers at the banquet included Mary Kramer of Crain's Detroit Business and David Sowerby, CFA vice president, portfolio manager at Loomis, Sayles and Co. Both emphasized the positive changes happening in metro Detroit and specifically western Wayne County.

Among a variety of topics, Kramer cited western Wayne businesses as being some of the most innovative in the state.

One company cited was Gentherm, which is in Northville and makes climate control technology for automotive interiors. It was No. 2 on Crain's Fast 50 list. which came out last



A group of western Wayne County leaders gathered at the Leadership Banquet to better connect with local business leaders. Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey stands in the middle.

month. The list is the fastest-growing companies in a five-county region in southeast Michigan. Six are from western Wayne.

Sowerby, the featured speaker, talked about how Michigan is looking market-wise. From his point of view, things are looking better.

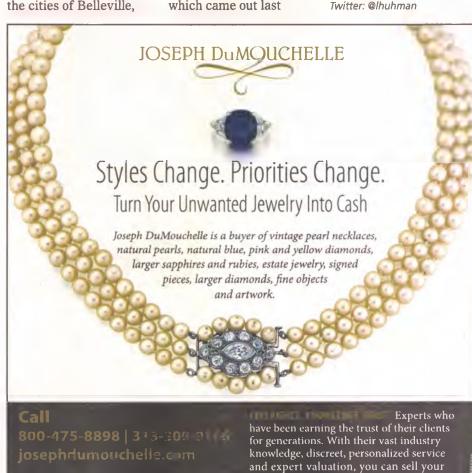
He said the state tax climate has improved, there is better state and local fiscal discipline, the auto industry is seeing some profits, there is greater entrepreneurial risk-taking and low inflation is yielding a low cost of capital.

In simpler terms, he said, "I feel a lot better about business conditions locally than I have in a long time."

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Tracey Schultz Kobylarz, Redford Township supervisor and CWW chairperson, welcomed the audience to the second annual Leadership Banquet.





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### Wayne Memorial cadets receive MacArthur Award

By Sue Mason Staff Writer

The leadership team of the Wayne Memorial High School JROTC Zebra Battalion was on the receiving end of an award presentation at the Wayne-Westland school board meeting last week.

Cadets Douglas Chuong, Jesse Medlen, Nicholas Parraghi, Jonathan Dennis and Nicole Rodgers were awarded the General Douglas MacArthur Foundation Leadership Award.

Establish in 1987, the award recognizes officers who embody the beliefs of duty, honor and country of Gen. MacArthur. He spoke those words in a speech before cadets at the U.S. Military Academy in 1962, telling them that

"Those three hallowed words reverently dictate what you ought to be, what you can be, what you will be.'

"The JROTC isn't a military recruiting program," Wayne Memorial Principal Kevin Weber said in introducing the

"JROTC promotes graduation and citizenship and teaches discipline and being successful in school. We have cadets who have gone on to attend West Point, the Citadel, University of Michigan and Michigan State.

'Our cadets participate in service learning and do community service," he added. "They support activities around town and contribute thousands of hours to the community.

The Zebra Battalion



Wayne-Westland Superintendent Michele Harmala congratulates Cadet Jesse Medlen on receiving the Gen. Douglas MacArthur Foundation Leadership Award. Also receiving the honor were cadets Douglas Chuong (from left), Nicholas Parraghi, Nicole Rodgers and Jonathan

Leadership Team has made a name for itself with several top five finishes in the national Leadership Bowl in the last five years. This year,

the team placed 19th in the nation at the Leadership Bowl.

The competition began in November 2013 and included 1,700

JROTC programs from all 50 states, American Samoa, Guam, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico. Asia Pacific and Europe. The Wayne Memorial

team advanced through two rounds of competition and was named the seventh Brigade Champion, which earned it a spot in the national competition in June in Washington, D.C.

Only 40 Leadership Teams are selected to advance to the Leadership Bowl. The teams were selected based on their knowledge of the JROTC curriculum, the leadership tenets from Gen. MacArthur and Gen. George C. Marshall, their understanding of JROTC Leadership theory and their ability to translate those tenets and theories to scenariobased questions.

"They know the art of leadership and the JROTC curriculum." Weber said.

### Wayne-Westland board says no to property transfer

A decision on whether a subdivision in southwest Canton Township will be transferred from the Wayne-Westland to the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools will likely be made by the Michigan Department of Education.

The Wayne-Westland school board Monday evening voted no for the transfer, which was requested by petition by the seventy-five resident property owners of the Parkview Estates Subdivision Homeowners Assocation.

The association filed petitions for a Block Transfer of Property with Wayne RESA on Aug. 25, 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.

"The Wayne County superintendent has asked both districts for a recommendation and we're asking that you not approve it," Wayne-West-land Superintendent Michele Harmala said.

The Plymouth-Canton school board had already voted to not recommend the transfer. The measure now goes before the Wayne RESA Board for a vote at its Oct. 15 meeting. Wayne County Superintendent Chris Wigent has said that the intermediate school board's decision will be based on the recommendation of the two districts. Since both districts have said no, he will recommend that it be sent to the MDE for a decision.

By Sue Mason

#### SCHOOLCRAFT BRIEFS

#### **Career Mapping**

The University of Toledo will present Career Mapping for Those in the Health Information Field at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 30, in Room 308 at the Jeffress Center on the main campus of Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Nilgun Sezginis, director of the Health Information Program for the University of Toledo, will facilitate a career mapping session for those who are currently in or are interested in exploring a career in the growing health information profession.

The session will help participants determine if the Health **Information Administration** program of study offered by UT at Schoolcraft College fits in with their career goals. The Schoolcraft to U Partnership allows students to seamlessly transfer credits earned at Schoolcraft College to UT in a variety of programs and con-

tinue their bachelor degreelevel studies at Schoolcraft's main campus in Livonia, rather than commuting to the UT main campus in Toledo.

Reservations for the information session are recommended and can be made by email at joe.guziolec@utoledo.edu or by calling 734-853-

#### **College Night**

More than 80 colleges will be at Schoolcraft College on Wednesday, Oct. 8, for the annual College Night. The program will be held from 6-8 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center on the main campus in Livonia.

Area high school and college students and their families can learn about the programs of more than 80 colleges and universities, primarily from Michigan and the Midwest, will be on hand to answer questions and provide information on degrees, fields of study, admission requirements, cost

and extracurricular activities. A sample of in-state schools attending include Michigan State University, University of Michigan, Grand Valley State University, Wayne State University, University of Detroit Mercy, Michigan Technological University, Eastern Michigan University, Central Michigan University, Northern Michigan University, College for Creative Studies, Adrian College and Hillsdale College.

Out-of-state institutions attending include Defiance College, Valparaiso University, the University of Alabama, and the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., to name a

More information, including a complete list of participating colleges and universities can be found at www.schoolcraft.edu/collegenight or by calling 734-462-4683.

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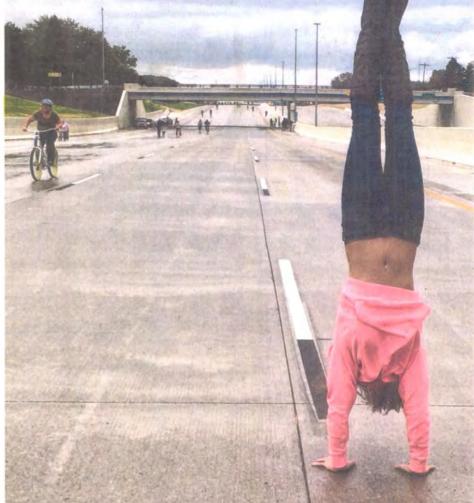


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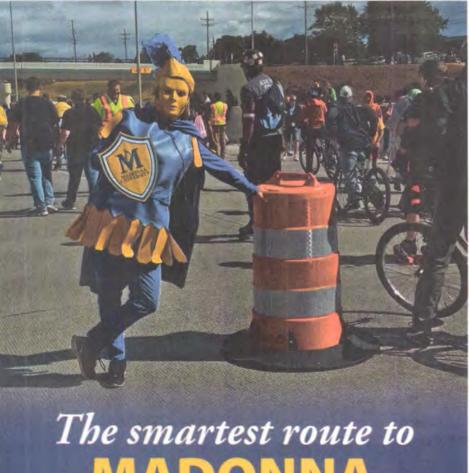
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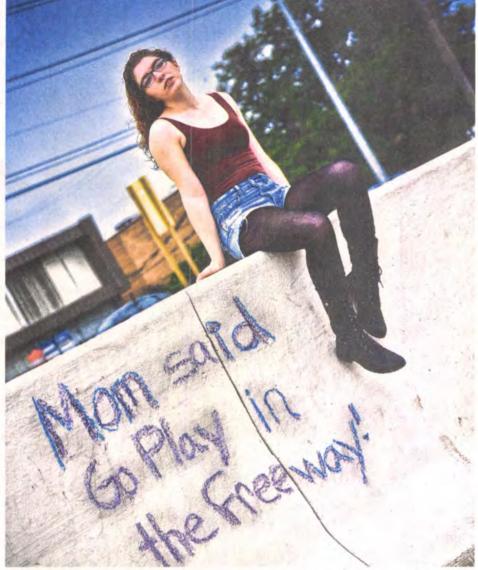
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### Consumers Energy breaks ground on new center

Consumers Energy broke ground Wednesday on a new \$18 million Livonia service center at

11801 Farmington Road. "The new service center will replace a building that has served us well since 1960. A modern, more efficient facility will help us enhance service and be more responsive to our customers. At the same time Consumers Energy is also proud to help fuel growth in Livonia and Wayne County by employing over 200 construction contractors and having more than 155 permanent employees working from the new building," said Daniel Malone, senior vice president of distribution operations and engineering and transmission for Consumers Energy.

The new 63,000square-foot service center will be built on the same 17-acre site as the company's existing Farmington Road building. Construction will be managed by DeMaria, Novi, and the building is expected to be occupied in August 2015. CORE Design Group of Walled Lake is the project archi-

Gas service and distribution field employees,



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Officials from Consumers Energy, the city of Livonia, Livonia Chamber of Commerce and DeMaria take part in the groundbreaking for the new Livonia service center.

customer energy specialists, meter readers, facilities, revenue recovery, storeroom, equipment repair and management employees are part of the existing service center and will move to the new building. Approximately 100,000 natural gas customers will be served by

the service center. As with other recently constructed Consumers Energy service centers, the Livonia building will be built to Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) specifications. These environmentally friendly characteristics include

the building's architectural design, lighting, plumbing, HVAC and electrical system, materials and resources. The new building will

also feature: » open office concept

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The company recently opened a Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Fueling Station located adjacent to the existing service center that is open to the public from 5

a.m. to midnight daily. "We cherish our relationship with Consumers Energy and are delighted to have them remain a vital part of our community for years to come," Livonia Mayor Jack E. Kirksey said.

Consumers Energy, Michigan's largest utility, is the principal subsidiary of CMS Energy (NYSE: CMS), providing natural gas and electricity to 6.5 million of the state's 10 million residents in all 68 Lower Peninsula counties.

### Woman seen on camera breaking into cars identified by police

By Beth Jachman Staff Writer

A warrant has been issued for the young woman whose image was captured on video in connection with breaking into vehicles in Redford in August.

Redford Police posted photos and video taken by a resident's private security camera after a series of larcenies and attempted larcenies from parked cars at about 2:50 a.m. Aug. 20.

The young blonde female seen in the photos and video was identified and brought in for questioning, according to Redford Police.

A warrant was issued from 17th District Court Wednesday for the woman on a larceny from auto charge, a felony with a penalty of up to five years and/or up to \$10,000.

The incidents occurred near the intersection of Garfield and Midland, a neighborhood east of Beech Daly and north of Five Mile, police said.

A resident's private security cameras captured the event but the lighting and quality of the video made detailed identification difficult,

although some features of the suspects and their vehicle could be seen, according to police.

In the incident, at least three people arrived in a light-colored, four-door car, according to police.

Two of the people got out of the car and attempted to enter every parked vehicle within easy walking distance,

according to police.
One of the culprits was described as white, in her 20s, with long light-colored hair, reports said. The other appeared to be a male. A third person was driving



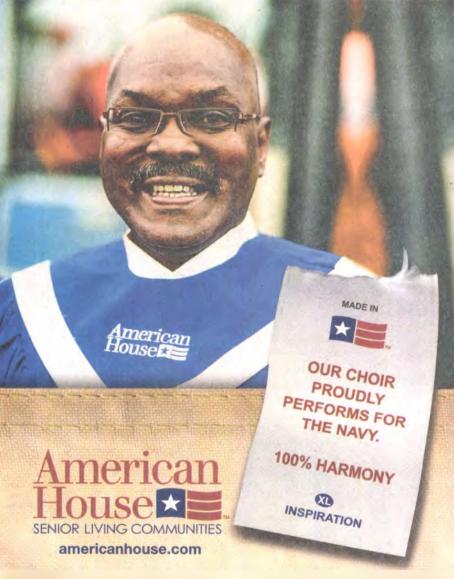
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the car.

The suspects only entered vehicles that were not locked, reports

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policy to not name suspects until after they are arraigned.



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### Music series supports veterans in Oakland, Wayne

By Cal Stone Staff Writer

Michigan is committed to supporting veterans. As an example, the state now has more veterans treatment courts than any other state, growing from one five years ago to 20 today.

"We are also encouraging existing VTCs to accept vet defendants across geographic boundaries to expand access where resources are thin," said Karen Mac-Kenzie, executive director of the Michigan Association of Drug Court Professionals. "Each court has a working relationship with the Veterans Administration, providing the support of a veterans justice outreach coordinator.'

That person helps match vets with additional services that enhance the effectiveness of court supports and structures and facilitates more indepth services than can often be accessed absent court involvement.

MacKenzie is the wife of 52-1 District Judge Brian MacKenzie, a strong advocate of specialty courts who is running for re-election in November.

She expects vet courts to continue to expand and said MADCP wants to facilitate that expansion and optimize the use of courts already in place. To that end, the MADCP has developed a music series — Voices for Vets



The Steve Taylor Three will kick off the Voices for Veterans music series Oct. 2 at the Hyatt Place hotel at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

beginning in October, where vets and their families and supporters can hang out, support each other and learn about options that are available to them in their

"We are working with established concert planners 2 Stones Events to find family-friendly, accessible and inexpensive community venues

and reasonably-priced entertainment so we can keep ticket costs way down," MacKenzie said. "We plan to have basic food themes - pizza, tacos, hot dogs — for each event and to schedule them around dinner time so the family can enjoy the activity without worrying about fitting in a meal beforehand.'

Music options will be

family friendly, ranging from folk and rock to blues and country, with emphasis on Americana themes. The schedule so far includes the Steve Taylor Three (Oct. 2 at the Hyatt Place hotel in Novi), Michael May & The Messarounds (Oct. 16) and The Flutter &

Wow (Oct. 30). The initial plan is for the series to span the

year and rotate through various communities in Wayne and Oakland coun-

"We are starting from nothing and hope to generate enough to perpetuate the series into next summer, where we will culminate the series with an veterans outdoor festival," MacKenzie said.

What organizers are looking for now is a spon-

#### **WHAT ARE** VTCS?

Veterans treatment court uses a hybrid integration of drug court and mental health court principles to serve military veterans and sometimes active-duty personnel. They promote sobriety, recovery and stability through a coordinated response that involves collaboration with the traditional partners found in drug courts and mental health courts, as well as the Department of Veterans Affairs health care networks, Veterans Benefits Administration, state Departments of Veterans Affairs, volunteer mentors and organizations that support veterans and veterans' families (Office of National Drug Control Policy, 2010).

Veterans treatment courts follow the drug court model and require compliance with the 10 Key Components of Drug Courts as outlined in the federal guidelines. Public Act 335 of 2012 outlines the operation of veterans treatment courts in Michigan.

Source: www.courts.mi.gov

sor to support the series kickoff. For more information, contact Mac-Kenzie at krnmknz@me.com.

cstone@gannett.com

### PVM looks at Redford for assisted living pilot project

By Beth Jachman Staff Writer

The Village of Redford, a senior living community, could be the future home of a pilot project for assisted liv-

A two-story building of 50 apartments would take the place of the current assisted living facility at the Redford site, according to Brian Carnaghi, senior vice business development and chief financial officer of Presbyterian Villages of Michigan.

He made a presentation to the Redford Township Board of Trustees during a study session Tuesday.

Presbyterian Villages of Michigan, or PVM, also piloted the cottage style of senior housing at the Redford site, known as the Cottages of Red-

The cottages are designed for independent living.

#### **Assisted living**

The Redford site currently has a 90-unit assisted living facility; the plan is to tear it down and replace it with the pilot project, Carnaghi said. "It was designed in the

'60s and '70s as independent living and it just

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doesn't work," Carnaghi

Redford Township Trustee Jay Johnson questioned going from 90 units down to 50.

Parts of the current assisted living facility are "offline," Carnaghi said, as PVM was not able to fill them with the current competition in the senior market place.

About 40 assisted living apartments are now filled, so "we're really going up to 50, Carnaghi said.

Half of the new units would be "affordable assisted living," in which a resident would pay \$2,500 and Medicaid would pay the balance, he

The others will cost \$5,000 a month to rent.

#### <mark>'neighborhoods'</mark>

To live there a person would need to qualify for nursing home placement, but be able to live in an apartment and have home healthcare visits, Carnaghi said.

A person would need to qualify for Medicaid to receive a Medicaid voucher for the affordable rents.

The building being considered would be a two-story building with four different "neighborhoods," Carnaghi

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### Earlier this year, PVM began work on the The Cottages at Redford pro-

All 57 cottages got a facelift and 24 new cottages are being built as part of a \$16 million project at the complex off of Six Mile Road. Work began in March on the

The Village of Redford complex also has a memory care unit, short-term rehabilitation and term skilled nursing

Presbyterian Village has a long history in Redford dating back to 1945. It was the first of 26 campuses the organization now has.

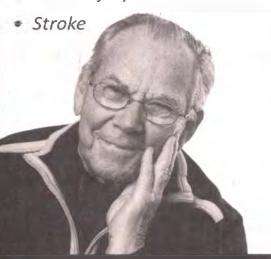
The Village provides about \$1 million a year in benevolence support to residents who can no longer pay full charges, but are not asked to leave, Carnaghi said.



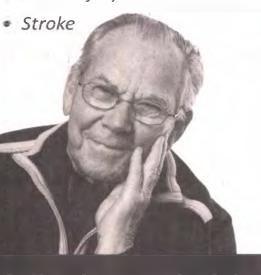
Presbyterian Village of Michigan has a complex north of Six Mile and east of Beech Daly.

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### **Motorist killed in fiery** crash on I-275

Livonia Police have identified the driver who was killed in a crash on northbound I-275 on Thursday morning as Jamel Banks, 32, of De-

The initial investigation revealed that Banks was stopped on the left shoulder of I-275 at about 3:25 a.m. when his 1992

Chrysler LeBaron was struck from behind by a 2014 Ford Fusion.

The Fusion was being driven by a 27-year-old man from Trenton, Lt. Thomas Goralski said.

The initial investigation indicates that the impact of the crash caused the LeBaron to catch fire.

Banks was pronounced dead at the scene by the Livonia Fire Department. The driver of the Fusion was taken to an area hospital with non-life threatening in-

Alcohol does not appear to be a factor in the crash. The investigation is ongoing.

### Livonia Town Hall to feature 'Happy Days' actors Oct. 15

Livonia Town Hall will introduce its 51st season on Oct. 15 with Happy Days actors Don Most and Anson Williams.

Most is probably best known for his co-starring role as Ralph in the television series Happy Days. However, he has played other starring roles in TV shows such as Glee and The Yankees.

He attended Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa., and was a member of Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity.

He is not only an actor but a director of three feature films, The Last Best Sunday, Moola and Harley Hill.

His cohort on Happy



**Don Most** 

Anson Williams

Days, Williams, discovered his talent for acting at Pierce Junior College while taking a drama course.

His first professional jobs were in Kansas where he played a role in The Music Man and the Sound of Music.

The chance to act on television was an opportunity for him to play on the episodes of Owen

Marshall, Counselor at Law and Marcus Welby,

Meanwhile, the role Potsie on Happy Days enhanced his talents for

acting and singing. The program takes place at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15, in St. Mary's Cultural Center 18100 Merriman Road, Livonia. The program is followed by lunch at noon. After lunch a question-and-answer period will take place.

Tickets are available and can be obtained by calling 734-420-0383. Å single ticket is \$55. Patron tickets for the series are \$180; regular tickets for the series are \$150.

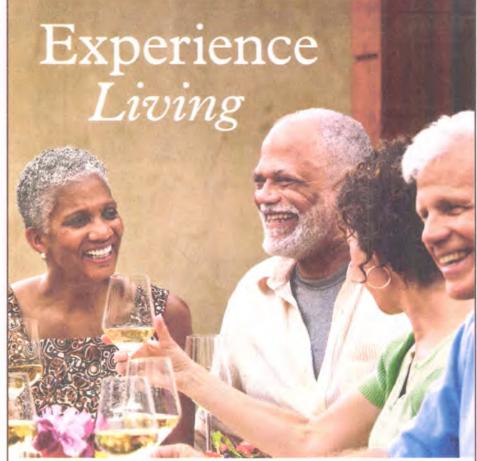
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### FEMA help available for August flooding victims

President Barack Obama issued a major disaster declaration for the State of Michigan this week because of the widespread flooding damage on Aug. 11-13.

The assistance is for those affected in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. Affected individuals and business owners in designated areas can begin the disaster application process by registering with FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency.)

» Apply online at www.DisasterAssistance.

» Apply via smartphone at m.fema.gov. » Apply by phone at 1-800-621-3362

The toll-free telephone numbers will operate from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. (local time) seven days a week until further notice. Applicants registering for aid should be prepared to provide basic information about themselves (name, permanent address, phone number), insurance coverage and any other information to help substantiate losses

Some of the help available includes:

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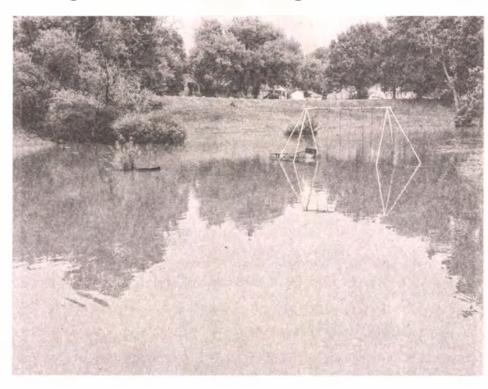
» Grants for home repairs and replacement of essential household items not covered by insurance to make damaged dwellings safe, sanitary and functional.

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FEMA assistance is available for those who suffered damage in the Aug. 11 heavy rains and flooding.



Participants dressed up in costumes for last year's Trick or Feet! event at Maybury State Park. The event, scheduled for Oct. 5, is a fundraiser for the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan.



**Planning Commission** NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Redford has scheduled a public hearing for Thursday,

October 2, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Redford Township Hall Board Room, 15145 Beech Daly Road, to consider the following:

Amended Zoning Map No. 2-14. A request to rezone the following property from R-1 to C-2 (Commercial):

Parcel 1: NW 1/4 of Sec 33. T1S R10E as BEG AT A POINT DISTANT 906.90 FT S1 DEG 41M 30S E ALONG W LINE OF SEC 33 AND 256 FT N 88 DEG 14 M 30 S E FROM NW CORNER OF SEC 33; TH N 88 DEG 14M 30S E 563.42 FT TO W LINE OF FRISHKORNS PARKWAY SUB LIBER 71 P49; TH S 1 DEG 51M 30S 242.90 FT E ALONG W LINE OF FRISCHKORNS PARKWAY SUB; THEN S 88 DEG 14 M 30S W 562.71 FT; TH N 1 DEG 41 MIN 30 S W 242.90 FT

Parcel 2: NW ¼ OF SEC 33, T1S R10E AT A POINT 1270 MEAS N 1DEG 41M 30S W333 FT"N87DEG 52M 30S E FROM W ¼ SEC 33; TH N 1DEG 41M 30S W PARALLEL 199.19 FT W LINE OF SEC 33; TH N 88 DEG 41M 30S E 488.28 FT TO POINT IN W LINE OF FRISCHKORNS PARKWAY SUB; TH S 1 DEG 39M 30S E ALONG W LINE OF FRISCHKORNS PARKWAY SUB 196.22FT; TH S 87 DEG 52 M 30 S W 488.18 FT.
Parcel 3: NW ¼ SEC 33, T1SR10E 1270 FT N 1 DEG 41M 30W AND N 87 DEG 51 M 30 S

E, 366 FT FROM W 1/4 CORNER OF SEC 33; TH N 87 DEG 52M 30S E 453.78 TO W LINE OF FRISCHKORNS PARKWAY SUB, LIBER 71,P49; TH S 1 DEG 44M 45S E295 FT; TH S 88 DEG 21M 50S W 394.04; TH N 32 DEG 39M 30S W, 116.17 FT; TH N 1 DEG 41M 30W,

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It is further required that a copy of the Application may be examined at the Redford Twp. Public Services Building, 12200 Beech Daly Rd., from 8.30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday. Phone (313) 387-2641.

Interested persons unable to attend the public hearing are invited to send their written comments to the attention of the Planning Commission at 12200 Beech Daly Road, Redford, MI 48239. All written comments must be received by the close of business October 2, 2014 to be considered.

Erin Kreis, Chairman Planning Commission **Charter Township of Redford** 

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### Trick or Feet!

National Kidney Foundation to host run, walk, roll event at Maybury

The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan will host Trick or Feet! Sunday, Oct. 5, at Maybury State Park in Northville Township. The Halloween-themed event will include a 5K and 10K run, walk and roll, as well as the halfmile Mini Monster Dash for the youngsters.

The starting line will be at the Oak Shelter, located at the Eight Mile entrance (4975 Eight Mile, one mile west of

Participants are encouraged to dress up in a Halloween costume at the family-friendly event. Dogs on a leash are welcome to attend in costume as well

There will be a costume contest, which includes winners for Best Individual, Best Group (four or more), Best Kids Costume (age 12 and under) and Cutest Furry Friend.

In between events, all race participants are invited to enjoy pumpkin painting, face painting, balloon creations, kids games like pumpkin bowling, cider and doughnuts, massages and spooky Halloween

The 5K and 10K Run, Walk, and Roll begins at 10 a.m. and is on a paved trail. The Mini Monster Dash, for all kids under the age of 12, begins at 11:30 a.m. and is also on a paved trail.

Cost to register is \$35 for the 5K, \$40 for the 10K and \$7 for the Mini Monster Dash. All race participants will receive a finisher's medal and T-shirt. There will also

be awards for the top three male and female runners in each age group: 17 and under, 18-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59,

60-69 and 70-plus. Packet pickup will be held on the day of the race, beginning at 9 a.m. at the Oak Shelter in Maybury State Park. All race participants must have a Recreation Park Passport, available for \$11 at the entrance of the

**Proceeds from Trick** or Feet! will go toward the NKFM's many patient services and prevention education programs, offered to the more than 900,000 people in Michigan living with kidney disease and the many more at risk for developing it.

For more information or to register, visit www.nkfm.org/TrickOr-Feet or call Kiel Porter from the NKFM at 800-482-1455

### The Republican Right to Work Law

Under this law, paying for collective bargaining becomes optional for workers even though they receive the benefits of collective bargaining. Just think what would happen to movie theaters if paying admission became optional. How long would they stay in business? What would happen to government if taxes were optional?

Governor Snyder and the Republicans in the legislature knew quite well when they passed this law that it was not about creating a right to freeload but rather it was about hurting collective bargaining rights. Republicans represent businesses and their owners. They know that right to work laws help keep employees' compensation lower so that employers can have larger profits. Right to work states' businesses generally pay thousands of dollars less for the average employee than businesses do in states that do not restrain unions.

Snyder and the Republicans also showed their loyalty to business owners when they gave them a big tax cut while increasing taxes on many individuals. It is clear on whose side the Republicans stand. Is it your side?

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#### Patrick O'Neil

**Democrat for Wayne County Commissioner** District 9



Livonia, Northville and Northville Township

Paid for by the Patrick O'Neil for County Commission Committee 366393 Munger, Livonia, MI 48154

### Hire a professional to handle your estate

Dear Rick: I am a widow with two adult children who do not get along. Currently, each child gets half my estate and both are named as executors. I realize this is a mistake and is going to cause problems. I'm afraid that if I name one of them, there would also be hard feelings. I don't have a large estate. I love my children equal-



ly and I just want to do what's right. Do you have a suggestion?

A: You may be surprised to hear this, but your situation is not out of the ordinary. We all know that family relationships are hard and as much as we'd all love an Ozzie and Harriet family, they very rarely exist.

In reviewing your situation, I agree that it is a prescription for disaster to have your two sons as co-personal representatives. When personal representatives don't get along, inevitably their disagreements end up in court and the only winners are the

lawyers. I also agree that to name one child may also cause problems.

There are two alternatives. The first is to name another friend or family member, who has the respect of both of your sons, to act as personal representative. Even if they don't have all the skills necessary to be a personal representative, they can certainly hire someone to assist them.

If there is no family or friend, then the next option is to hire a professional. You can consider either an attorney, such as the one who is drafting your will, or you can use a bank. Professional trustees, whether an attorney or a bank, have certain advantages such

as they will not let emotions sway their decision. However, professional trustees can be expensive.

I generally prefer to name another family member or a friend as the personal representative. It makes sense to have a loved one in charge of one's estate. After all, if they need professional help, they can hire someone.

If you are going to hire a professional, understand the costs in-volved. I believe that whenever you hire a professional, you should talk costs. You would be surprised at the difference in fees between different entities.

Whom you name as personal representative

of your will or trustee of a trust is an essential person to how that entity will be managed. The trustee and personal representative are key people in assuring that, upon your death, your family gets their money without undue aggravation or excessive costs.

As difficult as this may be, you have to be honest with yourself. If you do not have family or friends who can handle your estate, hiring a professional is the next best way to go.

Good luck.

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

#### City of Garden City **Close of Registration Notice** General Election, Tuesday, November 4, 2014

Notice is hereby given that the last day of registration for the General Election is Monday, October 6, 2014.

Candidates of the Democratic and Republican parties for the following offices are to be voted on:

Governor and Lieutenant Governor Secretary of State Attorney General U.S. Senator U.S. Representative in Congress State Senator

Representative in State Legislature Members State Board of Education Vote For 2 University of Michigan Regents Vote For 2 Michigan State University Trustees Vote For 2 Wayne State University Governors Vote For 2 County Executive County Commissioner

Justice of Supreme Court Vote For 2 Justice of Supreme Court Incumbent Position Partial Term ending 01/01/2017 Vote For 1 Judge of Court of appeals 1st District Incumbent Position Vote for 3 Judge of Circuit Court 3rd Circuit Incumbent Position Vote For 16 Judge of Circuit Court 3rd Circuit Non-incumbent Vote For 1

Judge of Circuit Court 3rd Circuit Incumbent Partial Term ending 1/1/2019 Vote for 4 Judge of Circuit Court 3rd Circuit Incumbent Partial Term ending 1/1/2017 Vote for 2 Judge of Probate Court Incumbent Position Vote For 2 Judge of Probate Court Non-Incumbent Position Vote For 1 Judge of the Probate Court Incumbent Position Partial Term ending 1/1/2017 Judge of 21st District Court Incumbent Position Vote For 1

> Schoolcraft College Trustees Vote For 3 Garden City School Board Members Vote For 4

The following proposals will also be voted on:

PROPOSAL 14-1

A REFERENDUM OF PUBLIC ACT 520 OF 2012, ESTABLISHING A HUNTING SEASON FOR WOLVES AND AUTHORIZING ANNUAL WOLF HUNTING SEASONS

Public Act 520 of 2012 would:

- Designate wolf as game for hunting purposes and authorize the first wolf hunting
- Allow the Natural Resources Commission to schedule annual wolf hunting seasons. • Provide criminal penalties for the unlawful possession or taking of wolves, but shield a person who lawfully captures or destroys a wolf from prosecution.
- Require a person who wishes to hunt wolves to obtain a wolf hunting license.
- Create a Wolf Management Advisory Council for the purpose of making nonbinding recommendations to the legislature regarding the proper management of wolves. Should this law be approved?

#### **PROPOSAL 14-2**

A REFERENDUM OF PUBLIC ACT 21 OF 2013, GRANTING THE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION THE POWER TO DESIGNATE WOLVES AND CERTAIN OTHER ANIMALS AS GAME WITHOUT LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Public Act 21 of 2013 would:

- Allow the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) to designate certain animals as game for hunting purposes and establish the first hunting season for game animals without
- Continue the NRC's designation of wolves as game and allow the NRC to set a wolf hunting season.
- Grant the Legislature sole authority to remove a species from the list of designated game animals.
- Eliminate the \$1.00 hunting and fishing licensing fee for members of the military, whether stationed inside or outside of Michigan, subject to any lottery.
- · Give the NRC sole authority to regulate fishing.

Should this law be approved?

#### COUNTY

THE WAYNE COUNTY RETIREMENT COMMISSION SECTION 6.112 OF THE WAYNE COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER APPOINTS THE WAYNE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION AS MEMBERS OF THE WAYNE COUNTY RETIREMENT COMMISSION. SECTION 6.112 AUTHORIZES THE WAYNE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO APPOINT A DESIGNEE TO REPRESENT HIM/HER ON THE RETIREMENT COMMISSION. SHALL SECTION 6.112 OF THE WAYNE COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER BE AMENDED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION TO A PROUNTE TO REPRESENT OF THE WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION TO APPOINT A DESIGNEE TO REPRESENT HIM/HER ON THE RETIREMENT COMMISSION?"

YES CITY

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT #1

Shall Section 2.02 of the Garden City charter be amended to provide that persons elected to the office of Mayor and City Council member shall take office at the first regularly scheduled Council meeting following the certification of election results by the Board of Canvassers?

YES

#### PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT #2

Shall Section 2.07(E) of the Garden City Charter be amended to add a requirement that the synopsis of a City Council meeting prepared by the City Clerk shall be published on the City's website or other form of electronic communication available to the City and to delete the requirements for the Mayor's approval of the synopsis and its publication in a

NO

#### YES PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT #3

Shall Section 2.09(C) of the Garden City Charter be amended to provide that a person appointed or elected to fill a vacancy on the Council shall file an acceptance of office, and shall hold office until the next regular general City election when the vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term (if any)?

YES

#### PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT #4

Shall Section 5.03(B) and 5.03(D) of the Garden City Charter be amended to permit the City Council to adopt a proposed ordinance after holding a public hearing on it rather than having to wait until its next regular meeting; to permit publication of an adopted ordinance on the City's website or other official form of electronic communication available to the City as an alternative to the current requirement of newspaper publication, and to require that an ordinance be published at least once in a newspaper during the period of the Council's deliberation regarding the ordinance?

YES NO

#### PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT #5

Shall Section 8.02 of the Garden City Charter be amended to delete the requirement for the use of registered mail for the mailing of notices of special assessment hearings to affected property owners and provide instead that such notice be sent by first class mail? YES NO

#### PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT #6

Shall Section 11.07 of the Garden City Charter be amended to delete the provision for the City Attorney to be a member of the election commission and provide instead that the City Manager shall be a member of the election commission? YES NO

#### LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL **BUILDING AND SITE SINKING FUND TAX LEVY**

Shall the currently authorized millage rate of 2 mills (\$2.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) which may be assessed against all property in Garden City Public Schools, Wayne County, Michigan, be renewed for a period of 5 years, 2016 to 2020, inclusive, to continue to provide for a sinking fund for the construction or repair of school buildings and all other purposes authorized by law; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2016 is approximately \$974,101 (this is a renewal of millage which will expire with the 2015 tax levy)?

Allyson M. Bettis, City Clerk

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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 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. Plus 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

Michigan-grown products and live music.

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

#### **GUNS 'N' GOWNS** Time/date: 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

Contact: www.17micoe.org.

#### **FORD EMPLOYEES REC 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/signups 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.

#### **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 for the craft show.

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. Meetings include a 3D program, refreshment break, and a competition among members. 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

#### NOTICE OF THE LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF LIVONIA, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

All voters are hereby given notice that the City of Livonia will hold a STATE GENERAL ELECTION on Tuesday, November 4, 2014.

Electors who wish to vote in the election must be registered to vote no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 6, 2014.

Registrations will be taken at the office of the City Clerk, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan during regular hours, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

THE STATUTORY DEADLINE for registering to vote will be on Monday, October 6, 2014, on which day the City Clerk will be in her office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., for the purpose of receiving registrations of electors to vote.

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TERRY MARECKI, CITY CLERK

#### CITY OF LIVONIA

The City of Livonia will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, October 8, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. in the Auditorium at 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan for the purpose of hearing written and oral comment from the public concerning the proposed annual budget for the fiscal year 2014 - 2015. All interested citizens, groups, senior citizens and organizations representing the interests of senior citizens are encouraged to attend and submit comments.

A copy of the entire proposed budget and additional background materials are available for public inspection from 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. weekdays at the City Clerk's Office, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

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#### PUBLIC NOTICE

Published in accordance with Public Act 331 (1966), as amended.

Schoolcraft College announces that the financial audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, has been completed by Plante & Moran, LLP, Southfield, Michigan. It has been presented to the College Board of Trustees and has been accepted by them.

Notice is hereby given that the audit is available for public inspection in the Office of the Vice President and Chief Financial Officer in the Jeffress Center, Room 406, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, Michigan, on weekdays, between the hours of 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. The financial statements are also available on our website at www.schoolcraft.edu/a-z-index/budgetperformance.

Glenn Cerny Vice President and CFO

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#### CITY OF WESTLAND **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC NOTICE**

The following appeal will be heard at a public hearing to be held in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, MI on Wednesday, October 15, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. at which time comments may be directed to the Board during audience participation. If you wish to reply by mail, send your comments to the above address. All property owners whose names appear in our tax rolls located within 300' of this property are being notified pursuant to this statute.

Petition #2816-P. Simakas-8581 N. Inkster Rd.

Req. for a 186 sq. ft. front yd. coverage variance from Ord. 248 in order to pave an additional 186 sq. ft. over the maximum 33% allowed; whereas Sec. 16:2.1(b) states that driveways cannot exceed 33% of the required front yd.

Petition #2817-M & P Chocolates, 204 S. Wayne Rd.

Req. for a non-conforming sign variance from Ord. 248 in order to make a one-time change to an existing free-standing sign located at the east side of the site, whereas Sec. 15:6.3(b)(5) states that a non-conforming sign cannot be changed to any extent without being brought into conformance with current Zoning Ordinance standards.

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### 1835 Livonia City Hall of Fame Class of 2014

Livonia Civic Chorus Introduced by State Senator Glenn Anderson

Hearts of Livonia

Introduced by former Livonia Mayor Jack Engebretson Dr. Jerry Smith Introduced by Livonia City Clerk Terry Marecki

Harry Tatigian Introduced by former Livonia Mayor Robert Bennett

Steve King Introduced by Livonia School Trustee Eileen McDonell

Sister Rose Marie Kujawa Introduced by Brigadier General Carol Ann Fausone (retired)

Dr. Conway Jeffress Introduced by Schoolcraft College Trustee Gretchen Alaniz

**Induction Ceremony** Thursday, October 2nd

7:00. Franciscan Center, Madonna University Free and Open to the Public



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# Build. Stay. Love. Share.

Robert Kennedy liked to plunge into cold water swimming in the surf off Cape Cod encouraging friends to follow him into the fifty-degree ocean.

Think of this trait as you look over the list of leaders being inducted into the Livonia Hall of Fame. Each found a way to inspire, to blaze a new trail, to create, to help others realize what can be done with a focus and determination.

Sr. Rose Marie Kujawa inspiring while building, Dr. Conway Jeffress taking a hometown college to a new level, Dr. Jerry Smith teaching lessons of life through the love of music and culture. Harry Tatigian engaging the community to preserve our history, the Hearts of Livonia taking one man's legacy while touching the lives of hundreds, Steve King living the philosophy that without music life would be a mistake, our Livonia Civic Chorus embodying the spirit of cultural excellence.

Robert Kennedy left a legacy daring others to try something new, different and challenging. Our inductees have put in place a legacy for others to build upon for the simple reason that they have been living for others not just themselves.

That is a challenge we all must accept. This year's class inspires. And offers us yet more reasons to Love Livonia.

> Richard William Joyner Mayor Jack Engebretson Senie Engebretson Mayor Bob Bennett Janet Bennett Commissioner Laura Cox State Senator Glenn Anderson Representative John Walsh

Clerk Terry Marecki Council President Maureen Brosnan Schoolcraft Trustee Gretchen Alaniz Peggy and Richard Gaskill Stacey and Dave Dogonski Mark, Brenda, LaBerge Andrew, Sarah LaBerge

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Melissa Pilzner Kathy and Bob Hoen Debra Bonde Madonna University Joe Neussendorfer Community Alliance Credit Union Dan, Veronica, MacIver Kameron, Ashlyn, Marissa MacIver

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PREP FOOTBALL

### Late Canton gamble edges Rockets



ED WRIGHT

Westland John Glenn quarterback Brendan Wetmore follows the block of Anthony Williamson (52) during a fourth-quarter run Friday night.

**By Ed Wright** Staff Writer

Not long after Westland John Glenn's homecoming king and queen were announced Friday night, Canton's football team trumped the Rockets' special night with a late, high-stakes deuce.

Chief sophomore running back Marcus Sanders bolted up the middle for a 20-yard touchdown run with 5:21 play, cutting his team's deficit to 21-20.

Instead of opting for the more conventional point-after kick, Canton coach Tim Baechler rolled the dice on a do-or-die two-point conversion play and was rewarded when senior quarterback Greg Williams lofted a soft spiral into the right corner of the end zone to

Nolan Gilo, who secured the ball to give the Chiefs a 22-21 victory.

Williams was Houdini-like on the game-winning possession as he twice completed fourth-and-5 passes - one to Gilo, the other to Jakob Wickens - to keep the drive

Canton stuffed the Rockets' final drive of the night and walked off the field with a heart-pounding one-point victory to improve its record to 4-1 overall and 3-0 in the KLAA South Division. John Glenn slipped to 3-2 and 1-2, respectively.

I knew before that last drive even started that if we scored, we're going for two," asserted Baechler. "We had a few kicking and snapping problems in our last

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#### **Horton** shines

Wavne Memorial graduate Katie Horton, who is a sophomore on the Florida State University women's volleyball team, was recently named ACC Player of the Week while helping the No. 6-ranked Seminoles win three matches last week to improve to 11-0 overall.

"We are still learning a lot about our new additions,' FSU head coach Chris Poole said. "Katie had a real breakout weekend and she continues to be a welcomed addition as a full-rotation passer."

Horton racked up 36 kills while hitting .325 percent, averaging 3.27 kills per set last week. Horton also played a significant role for the Seminoles' defense, recording 25 digs while chipping in with nine blocks.

#### Franklin coaching vacancy

The Livonia Franklin athletic department is searching for a head coach for its juniorvarsity girls basketball team.

Interested candidates are encouraged to send an email to Franklin athletic director Ron Hammye at rhammye@livoniapublicschools.org.

#### Churchill 5K run

The Livonia Churchill High School **Athletics Patrons** will be hosting a Family 5K Fun Run on Nov. 8 at a.m. around the trails on Churchill's campus. There will also be a 5K walk and a one-mile fun

Awards will be presented to the overall top-three male and female finishers in age groups that will be divided every five years.

For more information and to register, visit chscap.com.



Registration for the 2014-15 Redford Township Junior Athletic Association basketball leagues will be held Sept. 30-Oct. 2, and Oct. 7-9, from 6-8 p.m. each night at the Redford Community Center, which is located at 12126 Hemingway in Redford.

For more information, contact Angie at 313-333-3337 or Jill at 313-204-

## A GREATER CAUSE

Final result of cross-town volleyball showdown takes back seat to kicking cancer's rear end

PREP VOLLEYBALL

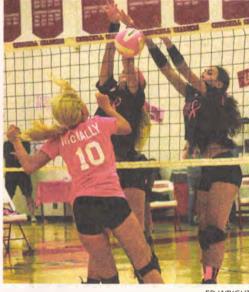
**By Ed Wright** 

There were 119 serves launched during Thursday night's pink-coated volleyball match featuring host Livonia Churchill and Livonia Franklin, but none more important

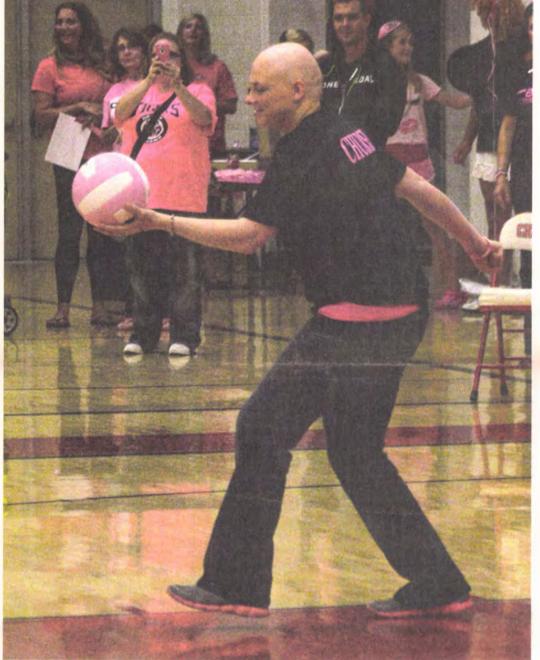
A few moments after her sister Beth - a Churchill assistant volleyball coach - delivered a moving, heart-felt speech, Danielle Bushey stepped to the service line and under-handed a rainbow that floated softly over the net, igniting a warm round of applause from the crowd.

For close to a year now, Danielle Bushey has been battling breast cancer - the dis-

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A pair of Churchill players rise to the occasion during Thursday night's match against Franklin.



Danielle Bushey, who was diagnosed with breast cancer almost a year ago, delivered the ceremonial first serve during Thursday night's Churchill-Franklin volleyball match.

**BOYS BASKETBALL** 

### Stevenson's Sinawi heads to Novi

'Sad' to leave Livonia after nine years with JV, varsity

> **By Brad Emons** Staff Writer

When boys basketball practice officially starts on Monday, Nov. 17, Brandon Sinawi will be trading coaching spots within the KLAA's Central Division.

The 33-year-old Sinawi was officially named Novi's new varsity boys basketball coach Thursday after leading Livonia



who resigned Aug. 28 after going 24-38 in his Sinawi three years as the Wildcats' varsity coach. Tass, who teaches part-

Stevenson to a

three seasons.

Sinawi re-

30-35 record in his

places Brian Tass,

time in the Northville Schools system, reportedly stepped down to become more involved in his personal training business. Sinawi, who is in his third

year teaching health and physical education at Novi Middle School, previously spent six years as Stevenson's JV coach before taking the varsity reins during the 2011-12 season. He went 7-15 last season after posting 9-13 and 14-7 records with the Spartans.

"It's sad to leave Stevenson, but for me it's the right move," Sinawi said. "There's no question about it, being a teacher in the district, starting to build relationships in Novi and that community, it's an opportunity I

couldn't pass up." Novi athletic director Brian Gordon sifted through several candidates before settling on Sinawi.

'We had multiple applicants, all folks with great basketball experience," Gordon said. "The (search) committee was given the charge to narrow it to two finalists and those two finalists met with myself and our principal Nicole Carter. And we came to a conclusion that Brandon

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#### Senior golf banquet



The Livonia Senior Men's Golf Association held its 2014 Awards Banquet Sept. 5 at the 1 Under Bar and Grill. Pictured are (standing from left) Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey, Roger **Pattee (Championship Flight** runner-up) Vince Bastine (First Flight runner-up), Buck Sobolewski (Second Flight runner-up), Ken Hunt (Third Flight runner-up) Bill Martin (Fourth Flight runner-up) Paul Worley (Head Pro Whispering Willows Golf Course); seated (from left) Don Hooper (Championship Flight winner), Lou Molnar (First Flight winner), Ron McCaffery (Second Flight winner), Craige Moore (Third Flight winner) and Jerry Sygit (Fourth Flight winner).

**PREP GIRLS GOLF** 

### Spartan golfers out-swing Canton

**By Ed Wright** Staff Writer

The Livonia Stevenson girls golf team defeated Canton, 180-200, earlier this week in a KLAA cross-over match.

Stevenson's Kristen Szabelski and Canton's Madelyn Mans tied for medalist honors with rounds of

Also scoring for the Spartans were Danielle Marzec (45), Madi Maurier (45) and Megan Gronau (46). Jackie Green fired a 50 and Jess Crachiola scored a 54, but did not figure in the final tally

Alyce Krumm carded a 49 for the Chiefs, three shots better than teammate Lauren Lynet. Caroline Jones shot a 55. Non-scorers for Canton were Meghan Meredith (60) and Avery Ralston (62).

#### **Lions upend Patriots**

Livonia Franklin ace Kendall Payne's fine round of 41 couldn't prevent South Lyon from defeating the Patriots, 163-224, in a KLAA cross-over match held Sept. 23 at Idvl Wyld Golf Course in Livonia.

Caroline Harding carded an outstanding round of 34 for the



Livonia Stevenson golfer Danielle Marzek played well in the Spartans' victory over Canton.

victorious Lions.

Additional scorers for Franklin were Jamie Whitney (57), Jacquelyn Hansen (62) and Carly Cuip (64). Non-scorers included Brenna Campau (71) and Katie Evans, who shot a 73.

Joining Harding on South Lyon's scoring ledger were Priscilla Harding (41), Elizabeth Harding (43) and Lucy Dinsmore (45). Vickie Hartlep registered a 63 and Alex Bernas a 65 for the victors.

Ki-Jana Malone paced the Patriots' junior-varsity squad with a 63, one shot better than teammate Anglina DiPonio.

#### **South Lyon clips Chargers**

Caroline Harding's medalist round of 42 lifted the Lions to a 181-234 victory over visiting Livonia Churchill in a match played at Cattails Golf Course.

Paige Peterson led the Chargers with a 56. Also scoring for Churchill were Alyssa Mazur (58), Marin McGowan (59) and Kristin McLean (61). Kelsie Nowicki (62) and Kaira Howard (68) played for the Chargers' varsity, but did not figure in the scoring.

Two other Hardings - Elizabeth (44) and Priscilla (47) - scored for the winners along with Alex Bernas, who carded a 48. Lucy Dinsmore just missed the scoring ledger with a 49.

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#### THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL
Thursday, Oct. 2
Garden City at Edsel Ford, 7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 3
Churchill at Canton, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Northville, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Wayne, 7 p.m.
John Glopp at Phymouth, 7 p.m. John Glenn at Plymouth, 7 p.m. Thurston at Belleville, 7 p.m. Luth. Westland at Franklin Rd., 7

Annapolis at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
PREP VOLLEYBALL **Tuesday, Sept. 30** Churchill at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m. Redford Union at Thurston, 7 p.m. Garden City at Edsel Ford, 7 p.m. Annapolis at Clarenceville, 7 p.m. Ladywood at Regina, 6:30 p.m. Stevenson at. S.L. East, 6:30 p.m Greenhills at HVL, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2
Wayne at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.
Dearborn at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Luth. Westland at PCA, 6:30 p.m.
Clarenceville at Thurston, 7 p.m.
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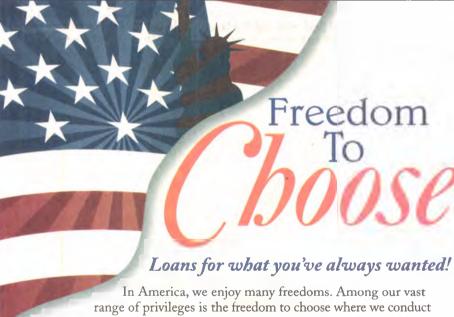
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**KLAA FOOTBALL ROUNDUP** 

### Churchill continues to steamroll foes, 47-12

By Ed Wright Staff Writer

Livonia Churchill senior running back Paul Romain remained in his season-long beast mode Friday night as he piled up 195 all-purpose yards and four touchdowns in the Chargers' 47-12 victory at Wayne Memorial.

The Chargers are now 5-0 overall and 3-0 in the KLAA South Division heading into Friday night's crucial match-up at Canton (3-0 in South). The Zebras displayed a lot of spunk both early and late in Friday contest, yet still slipped to 0-5 and 0-3, respectively.

Senior quarterback Brian Alsobrooks got the train rolling for the Chargers when he took a keeper to the house from 19 yards out to make it 6-0 in the first quarter. Sean Stenzel then ran in a two-point conversion to up the visitors' lead to 8-0.

Undaunted, Wayne clawed back to within 8-6 on their next possession when quarterback Joe Bob Walker hooked up with Danny Delleh on a highlight-reel 89-yard catch and run, which took the ball to the Churchill 1. Jarvis Martin bulled the ball into the end zone one snap later and Wayne trailed by just two.

That's when Romain got into the act, scoring four consecutive TD's to push

the Chargers lead to 30-6 at the half. Romain's third TD was set up by a slick interception return by Shakur Lockett that gave the Chargers the ball at the Zebra 22.

Alsobrooks opened the third quarter with a 35-yard field goal to expand his team's lead to 33-6.

A 5-yard TD run by Stenzel and Matt Pachota's first of two extra-point kicks made it 40-6. Steven Szymanski returned an interception to the Wayne 5 one play prior to Stenzel's score

The Zebras' final TD came with 15 seconds left when Walker ran in a 20yard keeper.

Romain racked up 141 yards rushing on 15 carries. He also hauled in an Alsobrooks pass for 54 yards. Alsobrooks completed 6 of 13 aerials for 113 yards. Stenzel gained 30 yards on seven hauls.

Walker had a big statistical night for Wayne as he completed 17 of 33 passes for 249 yards. He also ran 12 times for 130 yards.

Churchill outgained Wayne in total yards, 421-

#### **Stevenson upended**

Resurgent South Lyon handed visiting Livonia Stevenson a 31-7 setback Friday night.

Trevor Tank spearheaded ewright@hometownlife.com

the Lions' attack by picking up 132 yards and a touchdown on 17 carries. NIco Woods also had a solid game for South Lyon, churning out 62 yards on 13 attempts.

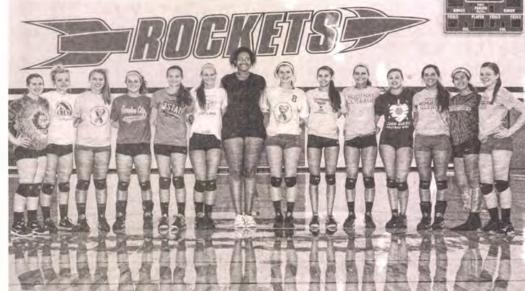
Stevenson's top performers were both receivers: C.J. Weiss grabbed six passes for 56 yards while Nathan Martoia caught five

Robert Schneider excelled for the Spartans' defense, racking up four solo tackles and 12 assists.

for 64 and a touchdown.

Mario Ferrera was also a ball hawk for the Spartans, getting credit for 10 tack-

PREP VOLLEYBALL



Pictured (from left) are Westland John Glenn varsity volleyball players Jeanette Wakeford, Penelope Stoliker, Hannah Udell, Shelby Hodges, Megan Buford, Kelly Epperson, Diamond Jordan, Ryan Clemmons, Kaitlin McGrath, Erin Parrinello, Rachel Shollack, Valerie Ernat, Denae Tolu and Victoria Dulock.

## **NEW COACH JUMP** STARTS ROCKETS

Focus on top-flight serving has helped lift John Glenn spikers to early-season success.

**By Ed Wright** 

Whether the setting is a low-key family reunion or a high-intensity high school showdown, nothing sets the tone in a volleyball match more than an effective serve.

With that in mind, first-year Westland John Glenn head volleyball coach Andrew Walker has ramped up the Rockets' approach when they step to the service stripe.

"I don't allow anything but jump serving," said Walker, the top assistant women's volleyball coach last year at Emory & Henry College, a Division III university located in Emory, Va. "When I came in, I noticed some of the girls weren't jump serving, but they all are now. We probably work on serving for 45 minutes to an hour every practice. It's that important.

"Serving is the only thing in volleyball that every single individual has complete control over. The set relies on the pass, the pass depends on how hard the opponent hit the ball, and the swing relies on a good pass, but you can control the serve, which is why we're making it a priority.'

The hard work at the line has paid off for the Rockets, who have won the gold bracket in one tournament (Wyandotte Invitational)

and finished in the final four in two others. "When we're on," Walker said, "we're going to serve people off the court. If we're not making our serves, we're going to be in

Walker has been extremely impressed by the talent level the Rockets have displayed.

'They're all athletes," Walker said. "Where I come from, everything is built around skill and controlling the ball well; the girls didn't hit the ball hard, but they kept it in play. Here, it's more like the men's game. Some of these girls can hit the ball 100 miles per hour. If it's in, we're going to get a kill. We just have to learn how to control it a little better."

Among the Rockets' leaders this fall will be senior libero Valerie Ernat, an All-Observer honoree last season who has already committed to play college volleyball at Radford

"Val is a great player," Walker said. "She's very quick and there isn't a ball she won't go for. She keeps us in a lot of rallies we wouldn't

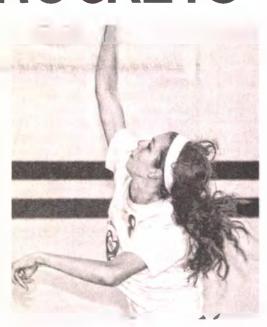
be in without her hustle. 'She's a leader, too. Val is the one person I can look at on the court when we're struggling and say, 'Get your team out of this hole', and she'll pull them out. She has a way of changing everyone's attitude for the better."

Junior Shelby Hodges has earned the role as the Rockets' No. 1 setter.

"Shelby is not real loud and she's undersized, but she doesn't get scored on very often," Walker said. "She plays great defense and she puts the ball in a great place for our hitters even when you don't think it's pos-

Senior outside/right-side hitter Erin Parrinello is the team's most explosive front-row

"Erin has the most power on the team,"



Westland John Glenn's Ryan Clemmons takes a swing at a well-placed set during Wednesday afternoon's practice session.

Walker said. "She has a really high top end compared to most players. She jumps extremely well - she touches 9-6 or 9-8, depending how much effort she puts into it. She can put the ball straight down for us.'

Walker also raved about outside hitters Kelly Epperson and Ryan Clemmons.

"Kelly and Ryan are a great pair for me," Walker said. "Ryan is my player who can put the ball down in places nobody can get it while Kelly can hit the ball straight down. It's a great situation for us because we can change it up every three rotations, which makes our opponent have to re-adjust. When they're both on, we're hard to beat.'

Although she stands just 5 feet, six inches tall, Denae Tolu is a threat in the middle for

'She can touch 9-2 or 9-3, so Denae can get up," said Walker. "She's fast and she's constantly keeping the defense wondering whether she's going to hit the ball. She's always thinking out there."

Diamond Jordan, the Rockets' tallest player, will also serve time in the middle.

Diamond is a basketball player who never played volleyball before this season, so she's a work in progress, but I see a lot of potential," Walker shared.

Senior Hannah Udell provides the Rockets an energetic spark off the bench.

When she's not in the match, Hannah does an outstanding job of encouraging her teammates and keeping everybody up," said Walker. "When she is in the game, she's somebody who I never have to worry about performing.

She's very consistent." Walker mentioned Penelope Stoliker as another reserve her offers the Rockets with

valuable depth. The team's only two sophomores - Kaitlin McGrath and Megan Buford - are making solid strides and pushing for extended playing time, the first-year coach noted.

Other key players for the Rockets include Jeannette Wakeford, Rachel Shollack and Victoria Dulock.

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**PREP SOCCER** 

### Lutheran Westland kickers edge HVL, 3-2

**By Ed Wright** Staff Writer

Lutheran Westland's boys soccer team has rival Huron Valley Lutheran's number this season - but

On Thursday afternoon on the Warriors' pitch, Lutheran Westland overcame an early 2-0 deficit to post an exciting 3-2 victory over the

The Warriors won by the identical score earlier this month, but the scenarios that led up to the final results couldn't have been more

In the next-door neighbors' first encounter on Sept. 4, the Warriors led from the get-go before proving resilient in the one-goal triumph. On Thursday, the winners had to battle some early-match adversity when goals from Jer Stockdale and Enit Olojo staked the Hawks to a

2-0 lead. 'I liked the way we fought back today," said Lutheran Westland head coach Rod Schultz, whose team improved to 3-7-1 overall and 2-5-1 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference. "We had two shots go square off each of the posts in the first half, which is kind of tough to deal with, but the boys fought back and played a great second half.

Lutheran Westland's Bobby Sprague monopolized his team's goals column as he punched in all The biggest came with just over 26 minutes left when he controlled a Kyle Farley pass just outside the 18-yard box and dribbled about 10 yards before chipping in a perfectly-placed shot over HVL goal-keeper Troy Last.

"Bobby has been our leading scorer all season," said Schultz. "He gets it done when we need it most."

Despite the loss, HVL head coach Matt Stockdale was pleased with his team's effort.

"Honestly, today was the best I've seen us play this season as far as communicating with one another and passing," said Stockdale.

The Hawks were playing shorthanded after losing their starting goal-keeper to an injury on Wednesday. Earlier this season one of their top strikers was sidelined, so they entered Thursday's match with just three reserves.

"I think it showed toward the end because we looked a little



Lutheran Westland's Kyle Downey battles a Huron Valley Lutheran player for possession.

tired," said Stockdale. "But I thought everybody played great."

Stockdale was complimentary of Last, who stepped in between the pipes at a moment's notice.

"I thought Troy played very well, considering he's never played the position before," said Stockdale. "I love his attitude; how he stepped up and decided to give it a try without any previous experience.

Mitchell Meyer earned the win in net for the Warriors.

LW center defender Noah Huffman had a stellar performance in front of Mever.

#### **Stevenson cages Lions**

Hunter Mullett's goal from Dom Rea broke a 1-1 draw and lifted Livonia Stevenson's state-ranked boys soccer team to a 2-1 victory over South Lyon Thursday night.

Stevenson is now 10-2-1 overall and 6-1-1 in the KLAA Central Division. The Lions slipped to 3-6-4 and 1-6-1, respectively.

"Hunter and Dom were outstanding tonight," said Stevenson head coach Ken Shingledecker. 'Hunter was unstoppable in the final third and Dom did a great job of finding him. Austin Kaczmarek was excellent in goal again. South Lyon is well-coached and has some big-time players. It's a nice road

win for us.' The Spartans led 1-0 15 minutes in when Mullett scored from Rea. Erik Habkirk scored the equalizer for the hosts just before halftime. Stevenson outshot South Lyon,

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PREP CROSS COUNTRY

### Zebras outpace Wildcats in huge KLAA match-up

**By Ed Wright** Staff Writer

Wayne Memorial's boys cross country team recorded one of the biggest victories in the program's history Tuesday when it edged Plymouth, 27-28, in a KLAA South Division meet held at Cass Benton Park in Northville.

The victory improved the Zebras' division record to 4-0 with one South meet remaining next

Devin Gibson paced the Zebras with a second-place finish in 16 minutes and 34 seconds. Malik Jordan finished third in 17:11 while Michael Gibson took fifth in 17:43. Uriel Figueroa and Jamie Carranza also figured into the winning equation by placing seventh and 10th, respectively.

Every boy on the team ran a personal record on the Cass Benton course," said Wayne head coach Tom Gibson. "Plymouth traditionally gets stronger as the season progresses and the boys did just enough to get the victory." **RU** improving

The Redford Union boys and girls cross country teams didn't post any victories last week, but they did show signs of improve-

The most impressive Panther to date has been Cliffangela Stafford, who earned a medal at last week's Crestwood Invitational with a fourth-place showing in the nine-team event. She registered a time of 21:24.

Anise Grady-Shelton was the boys' top finisher, taking 17th in 18:54. Nyric Rodgers also ran well for head coach Roger Weekes' team, taking 24th in 19:59.

On Tuesday at Ford Woods Park, Stafford finished second behind only an Edsel Ford runner with a time of 22:53. Grady-Shelton was sixth overall for the boys while Rodgers was eighth. Freshman Clifford Stafford also turned in a promising effort, placing 19th in 22:53.

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WWAC FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

## Eagles back on winning track, 34-13

By Ed Wright Staff Writer

Redford Thurston's football team snapped its three-game losing skid in impressive fashion Friday night when it dealt Dearborn Edsel Ford a 34-13 setback.

The victory improved the Eagles' record to 2-3 overall and 1-2 in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference's Blue Division. The Thunderbirds dropped to 3-2 and 2-1, respec-

Senior running back Lay-

mon Giddings-Whatley gave the Edsel Ford defense fits all night as he rushed for a careerbest 234 yards and two touchdowns on 15 carries.

Giddings-Whatley was also impactful on the defensive side of the ball for the winners as he returned a recovered fumble 31 yards to paydirt.

The Eagles' defense was stout all night, especially against the run. The Thunderbirds managed to pick up just 15 yards rushing on 13 attempts until they broke a 99yard quarterback sneak late in the fourth quarter when the game's outcome had already been decided.

Thurston scored first on Aaron Griffin's 5-yard touchdown run. The score was set up by an Alonzo McCoy interception return deep into Edsel Ford territory. The Eagles' extra-point attempt was no

Edsel Ford seized a shortlived 7-6 lead when it scored on a 19-yard half-back pass and booted the point after.

Giddings-Whatley's sixpoint fumble return in the

second quarter – followed by a two-point conversion pass from Travis Wesenberg to Kobe Williams - gave the Eagles a 14-7 edge.

Thurston's halftime adjustments paid dividends immediately as Giddings-Whatley exploded for an 85-vard touchdown run on the first play from scrimmage of the third quarter. He later added a 48vard TD scamper.

Thurston capped its scoring on Dionte Jones' pick-six.

#### **Bulldogs topple GC**

Dearborn Heights Robichaud ran its record to 5-0 Friday night when it handed visiting Garden City a 48-21 setback. The loss dropped the Cougars to 3-2 overall

Senior quarterback Tyler Hubbs excelled in a losing cause for the Cougars, scoring all three of his team's touchdowns

Defensively, Nick DeHetre, Mason Jennings, Micahl Trimble and Cody Johnson played their hearts out for GC.

**PREP TENNIS ROUNDUP** 

### **Churchill netters** notch three wins

**Bv Ed Wright** Staff Writer

Three days, three wins this past week for the busy Livonia Churchill boys tennis team.

On Sept. 22, the Chargers handled Farmington Hills Harrison rather handily, 8-1, as the Chargers swept the singles matches behind No. 1 man Jonathan Martin's straight-sets triumph over Aaron Hack.

Churchill's other singles players - No. 2 Sean Mulka, No. 3 Tim Ohtake and No. 4 Johnny Zhou also won without losing a set, although Harrison's Vijay Sriram battled Zhou hard before falling, 7-5,

The Hawks' lone point came at No. 1 doubles where Kyle Troutman and Mark Payton outlasted Raymond Peters and Matt Smith in three sets.

Doubles winners for Churchill were Cooper King and Mit Patel at No. 2; Mickey Ohtake and Shantam Ravan at No. 3; Zach Smith and Logan King at No. 4; and Kevin Xu and Joe Healy at No. 5.

One day later, Churchill handled Pinckney, 7-2. The Pirates' No. 1 player, Nick Romano captured an exciting 2-6, 6-1, 6-4 decision over Martin, but the rest of the Chargers' singles players swept their respective counterparts.

The tightest match of the week for Churchill came on Wednesday when it nipped Walled Lake Central, 5-4. Winners were Martin, Mulka and Tim Ohtake in singles action;

and the Peters-Smith and Ohtake-Ravan tandems in doubles play.

#### **Cougars remain** perfect

Garden City improved to 8-0 last week with a 5-3 victory over Woodhaven followed by an 8-0 triumph over Dearborn Fordson.

No. 1 singles player Joe Pummill didn't lost a game in his pair of wins for the Cougars, who also received strong singles play from Robbie Moyers, Travis Kidd and Tyler Kelly.

The brotherly doubles duo of Tony and Derrick VanDooren won both its matches.

"Joe is playing his best tennis of the year and that certainly leads us," said GC head coach Ron Pummill. "Robbie, Travis and Tyler have played great all year and continue to do so. Our doubles are playing aggressive tennis and are looking to come to the net. I am proud of the way the boys have played all season and we look to a big quad match this Saturday to continue our fine play.

#### **RU** improving

Redford Union lost a pair of 8-0 setbacks to Dearborn and Crestwood last week, but the Panthers are getting better, cocoaches Eric Geiger and Alice Walters emphasized.

Our players are gaining valuable experience against stronger opponents," said Geiger. "We are seeing a development of skills as the team builds on fundamentals.

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PREP VOLLEYBALL ROUNDUP

### Garden City spikers ace Romulus

By Ed Wright Staff Writer

Garden City's volleyball team keeps rolling.

On Thursday the Cougars improved 8-5 overall and 3-0 in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference's Blue Division with a 25-16, 25-15, 25-19 victory over Romulus.

'We had a great effort tonight," said GC head coach John Pace. "We spoke that desire to get the ball was going to be a factor. Romulus chases after

everything; their pursuit for the ball is amazing. Our serve receive was very good. We passed at a 2.29.3

Taylor Bejma's seven-point service run got the winners rolling in set one. Bejma was also instrumental in the second-set victory, picking up 10 digs. Allie Lynn added 12 digs and 16 kills while Hanna Vera-Burgos chipped in with 21 assists.

Holly Sayger played well in the final stanza, picking up five

#### **Trojans conquer Bulldogs**

Junior Brianna Brown's aggressive play and all-round effort sparked Livonia Clarenceville to a three-set sweep of Dearborn Heights Robichaud in volleyball Thursday, 25-11, 25-15,

Brown did a little of everything for the Trojans, who are 2-0 in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference, with seven aces, five kills and 11 kill assists.

Mia Sampson served two aces to end the third game.

#### CAUSE

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ease that was No. 1 on Thursday night's "Dig For A Cure" awareness-raising/fund-raising event's hit list. So even though her ceremonial first serve lacked velocity, it carried a lot of power.

"That was awesome," said Churchill junior setter/outside hitter Rayna Yetts, referring to Bushey's effort. "Our main motivation tonight - our drive - was to fight just like cancer patients [like Danielle Bushey] fight every day. She definitely inspires

"This is always a big night for us and for the community. We always want it to be special because we're playing for people who have been affected by can-

With both teams decked out in specially-designed pink-detailed jerseys, the Chargers rolled to a 25-21, 25-11, 25-11 victory to improve their KLAA South Division record to 3-2. The Patriots fourth-consecutive division loss dropped their record to 1-4.

We started a little slow, but we woke up in the second game and started talking and moving better," said Churchill head coach Anna Gatt. "We wanted to get up early and win the first two sets so that we could get all the girls in

Early on, the match appeared as if it may evolve into a backand-forth marathon. Franklin actually led game one, 19-18, after Kelly Newton ripped a back-row kill through the heart of the Chargers' defense.

However, Churchill scored

seven of the final nine points to win the opening stanza and never trailed the rest of the night. "Once we got a few points down tonight, the girls had a hard

time picking themselves up," said first-year Franklin head coach Ashly Butkowski. "We needed the entire team to bring a high energy level tonight, but I only saw one girl - Kennedy Mang - playing the whole match with a nevergive-up mentality. We could be 10, 11, 12 points down, and she'd still be trying to pick everybody up. "In the huddle during time-

outs, the girls would be saving. 'We have to do this, we have to do that,' but we'd go back out on the court and they just didn't have it. It's the first time I've seen that all season.

Gatt praised the play of both of her liberos - sophomore Alyssa Facione (four digs) and senior Lauren Fallu (eight digs).

"I told them whoever had the best stats after the first two games was going to get to wear the [libero] shirt for the third game," Gatt said, smiling. "They both played great, but Lauren's numbers were a little better. They have a healthy competition going on for the libero position."

Natalie Panek led the winners with 10 kills. Maddy Pargoff knocked down six while Samantha Zonca chipped in with three. Yetts distributed a team-high 12 assists in addition to chalking up a few big-time kills.

"We've been struggling serving, but we cleaned it up tonight," said Yetts. "We had a ton of aces. Plus, we got some good swings on out-of-system balls tonight.

Although she hadn't yet tallied up her team's statistics, Butkowski estimated that Erin McNally and Hannah Norstrom topped the kills category. "Even though we lost, it was a

great night because of the breast cancer awareness event," said The court was lined with heli-

um balloons that had the names of people who have been impacted by cancer written on them. A majority of the fans in the

stands wore pink shirts and there were several posters on the gymnasium walls that carried inspiring messages.

Along with bringing light to her sister's courageous battle with the pre-game speech, Beth Bushey sported the shortcropped haircut she's worn ever since she decided to get her head shaved once the side effects of Danielle's chemotherapy started kicking in.

"Beth told her sister, 'If you're going to be bald, I'm going to be bald,' and she's kept it short ever since, and she will continue to do so until Beth is in remission,' Gatt said.

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**COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL** 

### No. 9 Crusaders survive 5-set test

**By Brad Emons** Staff Writer

The Madonna University women's volleyball team show plenty of resiliency Wednesday

The host Crusaders were pushed to the limit, rallying from an 11-8 deficit in the final set to beat upset-minded Siena Heights University, 28-26, 24-26, 25-23, 22-25, 15-13, in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference match that lasted two hours and two minutes.

Senior outside hitter Casey Gates, a transfer from the University of Northwestern Ohio, led the first-place Crusaders, who improved to 18-2 overall and 6-0 in the WHAC, with 23 kills to go along with 19 digs.

Kayla Vogel also added 12 kills, while freshman Amanda Hawkins (Livonia Stevenson), who was named WHAC Player of the Week, chipped in with nine.

Kills by Gates and Johnson down the stretch helped break a 12-all deadlock for the Crusaders, who were ranked No.

9 in the latest NAIA poll. Defensively, Amanda Obrycki paced MU with 23 digs, while Payton Maxheimer added 19. Setter Spencer Stokes finished with 57 assist-to-

kills and 15 digs, while Katie Breault had five assist-blocks.

"It turned out to be a great match all five sets," MU coach Jerry Abraham said. "Siena Heights played fast and had a strong, consistent attack. We struggled some with a consistent attack, but the team kept their poise under adversity.

"Amanda Hawkins had a good, strong start with some big kills early in the match. Casey Gates and Kayla Vogel also had key offensive games. Our setter Spencer Stokes made some good decisions at crucial points of the match."

Siena Heights (5-5, 2-4) was led by 6-foot-3 freshman middle blocker Leze Vukaj, who collected 22 kills, 11 block-assists and one solo block.

Rachel Cornish chipped in with 13 kills, while senior Halie Baker (Westland John Glenn/ Canton) added nine kills and 15 digs.

Nicole Morgan paced the Saints defense with 21 digs, while setter Carly Tillotson finished with 46 assists.

'Overall it was a big win against a very enthusiastic and talented Siena Heights team," Abraham

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### SINAWI

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would be best fit for not only our program, but also for the basketball community in Novi.'

Gordon said Sinawi, who has P.E. and Health undergraduate degree from Eastern Michigan University, has a well-rounded view when it comes to coaching. (Sinawi is currently pursuing a masters in Educational Leadership from the University of Michigan-Dearborn.)

"I liked the fact that he's an educator first," the Novi A.D. said. "He said those kind of things in his interview. He understands that Novi is a high-achieving district academically and that our kids are students first, then athletes, so he truly understands the concept of student-athlete.

"What I really like about him is that his basketball court is an extension of the classroom with him. He's about teaching kids life les-

sons. He's about making our players into young men where they're going to be productive citizens in their communities when they get older, and hopefully want to give back to Novi basketball, give back to the Novi community, or give back to the communities they live

Sinawi is a 1999 graduate of Farmington Harrison High School where he played basketball under Mike Teachman. He started is coaching career as a varsity assistant in 2004-05 under Stevenson varsity coach Bill Dyer, who is now at Novi Detroit Catholic Central.

So what style of basketball Novi basketball followers expect in

"I like to play a style that I'm accustomed to when it comes to playing tough defense, making sure that we have guys who are willing to give everything they have for the better of the team," Sinawi said. "Offensively, we're going to get up and down. We're going to move, play transition. Coming into the

season we've got some guys with some size in there, and we're going to utilize those players.

'I'm going to do what I can to get the right guys in the right spots to be successful. There's some talent there. I'm looking forward to getting to know the guys and what they can do. There's some good kids there, some good athletes, and I'm looking forward to working with them.

Sinawi said he kept Stevenson athletic director Lori Hyman informed throughout the entire Novi interview process.

"She's been very supportive," Sinawi said. "She and I have been 10 years together and she's been nothing but helpful, in my corner every step of the way.

"With the relationships I built there it was very hard to leave, but I'm grateful for the opportunity Novi has given me. I look forward to being their coach for a long time to come.'

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#### **ROCKETS**

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game and even though we were twofor-two tonight on extra points, I thought we were a little slow, a little

"I can live with me making a bad call. I can't live with them making a bad snap or a bad hold.

On the game-winning two, Williams faked an inside hand-off and rolled right with a pair of Rockets in hot pursuit.

"I love that play because it gives

him the run-pass option," Baechler

said The result was a bitter pill to swallow for the Rockets, who battled the Chiefs toe-to-toe from the opening kick-off.

"I'm extremely proud of our players," said John Glenn coach Tim Hardin. "They played great tonight. It came down to a two-point conversion play. We were one stop away, so this hurts bad."

The Rockets struck first when Jaylen Smith swept around right end for a 6-yard touchdown with 10:07 left in the second quarter. Stephen Hegenaur's first of three extra points gave the hosts a 7-0 lead.

Canton countered quickly, deadlocking the game at 7-7 on its next possession when Sanders capped a five-play, 66-yard drive with a 14-yard scoring sprint. Andrew Loehnis tacked on the point-after kick.

John Glenn regained a 14-7 advantage 3:59 before halftime when quarterback Brenden Wetmore hooked up with Jaron Flournoy on a 49-yard TD strike.

It took the Chiefs just one play the next time they touched the ball to score the equalizer thanks to Sanders' 64-yard TD run.

It appeared John Glenn senior captain Andre Brown was going to be the night's hero when he blocked Williams' punt with 11:52 left in the game, giving the Rockets the ball at the Chiefs' 14. Three plays later, Wetmore hit Brown with a 14-yard scoring pass to put the Rockets in front, 21-14.

But the Chiefs answered with one of their patented grind-it-out drives, with a couple fourth-down heroics to spice things up.

"They're a better football team than us," Baechler said following the game. "They're bigger, faster and strong than us, and their defensive scheme was very good against us tonight. This was a nice win for us."

### General Electric bails out on appliance market

ome five years ago, I predicted that General Electric would sell their appliance division and so it has come to pass that Sweden-based Electrolux is going to take over the GE brand.

If you are an old guy like me, involved in the appliance industry, this is almost unbelievable. I've never had many issues with the quality of products produced by this company and I've seen many great appliances that performed well and lasted for years. How can a company so big with such a great reputation just close the door on the faces of the American consumers? Just maybe it has to do with the small profits earned by the appliance division. I hear that GE makes less than



3 percent of yearly earnings from its appliance sales. I guess when you make billions as a huge company, 3 percent is not worth the effort. Now, here we go again with a manufacturer selling to another producer of appliances located in another country.

#### **Another Electrolux**

Let's talk a bit about this foreign company which expects to rival Whirlpool with this acquisition and become the biggest player in its field. They also make some great products but not

all. I'll get into that a little later. When I was young, we used to call the refrigerator a "Fridge." That was because we owned a Frigidaire which was made by General Motors. Many people today still refer to it as a Fridge even after General Motors sold their appliance division to Electrolux. Is it possible if General Motors had kept hold of the appliance thing that this country wouldn't have had to bail out GM from bankruptcy? You see folks, it all has to do with money, doesn't it? What ever happened to the pride factor which includes many of the old-fash-ioned verbiage of quality and made-in-America, etc.? I wonder now what will happen to the quality of appliances. Will they

get better or much worse?

#### **Dryer advice**

The appliance repair technicians have always been able to tell a consumer which dryer to purchase. They know which brand is designed to be safer than others and they know which one has more lint build up inside the cabinet, which drum rollers last the longest and which needs fewer repairs. I wrote in my first book, "Don't base your buying decision on past experience with a 20-year-old appliance. Many of the top brands have been completely redesigned in the past few years and are no longer made with the quality you remember." This advice is still true today. Here's another

quote from the book. "Before you buy, stop by two or three independent contractors. Ask them which brands they service the least. Write down those names for further investigation.' Now I'm going to give you some information that is public record and has been known for several years by guess who, a repair technician.

Electrolux agreed to settle a dryer fire lawsuit and reimburse customers. Consumers who purchased a Frigidaire clothes dryer from 2002-12 in the United States will receive \$1,300 if they had a fire start in their clothes dryer. The law-suit, filed in federal court in California, claimed that a defect in the dryer's design allowed lint to accumulate near a heat

source, posing a serious fire risk. In addition to Frigidaire a number of other brands are covered under this lawsuit -White Westinghouse, Kelvinator, Gibson, Tappin, Crosley, and Kenmore. I believe it is too late to get involved in this lawsuit but it is never too late to write a letter of complaint if your dryer caught in the past 14 years. You will have to agree that Electrolux has produced some fine major home appliances but I can attest, the clothes dryer wasn't one of them. Stay tuned.

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

### RSVP to your high school reunion you won't regret it

erhaps you read an announcement in the Observer & Eccentric.

Perhaps you saw a listing on your local cable television bulletin board. Or, perhaps you received a mail or emailed invitation. By any means, "IT" came.

"IT" was your official notice of your upcoming high school class reunion. It may be your fifth annual, or 10th. For many, it is their 20th or 30th. For fewer, it could be their 45th or 50th high school class reunion.

I have not seen much research on the psychology of high school class reunions. But I have attended several and can share my experiences and suggestions for your consideration.

August seemed to be a popular month for reunions. I received notice of mine several months prior from the Planning Committee This would have been the 45th-year class reunion of St. Francis DeSales (SFDS) High School in Detroit, graduating class of 1969. Instead, it was nicely set up as an "All Year Reunion" for any and all who ever graduated from my school, which was open from the 1940s through the mid-1970s. Approximately 150 former students from many of those years attended. Since I had brothers and sisters graduate from the same school. and because I had known, through playing (living) basketball from grade five-12, I also knew a lot of graduates prior to and after my class of 1969.

#### **Pre-reunion issues**

Some pre-reunion experiences included wondering who I would see and how recognizable they might be. I wondered if many or few would recognize or remember me. I hoped there would be name tags with year of graduating class and high school yearbook photo. I wondered about what to wear and whether or not to get a haircut. I wondered about those I would not see at the reunion for unknown reasons or because I knew they had passed away. I hoped that those former friends would be spoke about, or at least mentioned. I wondered how old I would feel given the amount of time since being with many of the attendees prior to graduation, and to turning 18 years old. I took comfort in the fact that I had kept up with my core group of buddies through attending previous reunions, gettogethers in between, and knowing that several of those folks would



be there. My opinion is that these types of concerns are common among reunion goers in general.

My experience, like it is to most life events, was richly mixed. There was enjoyment, sadness, and curiosity. There was gladness that some questions I had about past people and events were answered. There were frustrations that some questions were not answered, nor asked. I was greeted by a rush of memories of information about long ago interactions with many friends from days in the classrooms, on the basketball courts, at the Friday night dances, and around the local neighborhood hang-outs of those days

I observed that most other attendees were asking questions of each other, such as, "You are who?" Or they were introducing themselves and asking, "Do you remember me?" I found that other attendees enjoyed my recalls and I in turn asked for and enjoyed theirs.

#### Things to consider Barring the unfortu-

nate possibility that one

was traumatically horrified by the experience of their years in high school which might be better left not revisiting, I suggest people RVSP and attend their high school reunion. I am glad I did. I would suggest that the event be seen as an opportunity to re-engage with people from the past in an atmosphere that is intended to be enjoyed. Sure, the road down Memory Lane can include re-experiencing the bumps and potholes the negative feelings and memories. But, aren't all roads potentially difficult? Perhaps, one can consider the difficult parts as the price tag or toll charge for the positive and gratifying glimpse of times spent with people who played a role in our formative years. I suggest going to reunions, experiencing what you experience and look forward to "IT" again in the future.

Len McCulloch has authored his Our Mental Health column with the Observer & Eccentric for 15 years. His 200 publications to date are archived at www.farmlib.org. He is a proud graduate of the SFDS High School class of 1969. For consultation with McCulloch, call 248-474-2763,

#### Send school reunion information to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometown-

#### **FORDSON HIGH SCHOOL**

**DEARBORN** 

**CLASSES OF 1965** 50th reunion is set for Aug. 7,

2015, at the Italian American Banquet Center, 39200 Five Mile, east of Haggerty, Livonia. Tickets are \$60 each. Deadline is April 11, 2015. Contact Virginia (Mariani) Koch at 734-981-4763, ginny6491@att.net, Rochell May-Bridge at 734-675-2680, wildchild 48138@aol.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. For more at 586-296-2949 or Nancy Germain Linhard at nancylin-

#### **DETROIT SALESIAN** CATHOLIC **CLASSES OF 1963-66**

Mass at Holy Rosary Church followed by dinner at a midtown Detroit location, Nov. 8. Cost is \$35 per person. Reserva-

tions 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 Noune McEvoy for more information at 734-427-2633.

#### 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,

Northville, Tickets are \$45 and 2015, at Embassy Suites Livonia, 19525 Victor Parkway, Livonia. include dinner, dancing and cash Classmates may send their contact information to oak-

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and to join the Reunion Facebook Page at https://www.facebook.com /events/810805715636204/.

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#### **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,

bar. RSVP.. Contact Jill Serbay at ijserbay@gmail.com for more information.

#### 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; mcoulter@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.,

#### **PLAY**

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cludes a covered sandbox, two swing sets, a bridge that an Eagle Scout helped to build, a walking path, splash pad, basketball half court, a "springboard rider" for teens, and 11 play structures, including five pieces donated from a playground in Dearborn that had closed.

"We've gotten a lot of stuff donated. It would be a \$260,000 playground if we hadn't gotten the donations," Bizoe said.

Plants and grass seed will be added after play equipment is installed.

"It's been well-documented as to the efficacy of spaces for healing victims. Research has been on-going for years. It originated with hospitals," Dreyfuss said. "They found patients required less medication

and were discharged earlier."

Dreyfuss planned four different healing gardens for the First Step playscape. A water garden, rock garden and two formal gardens with different plantings will take shape on the site

this fall. "It's a place that is visually soothing, allows for reflection and is secure, "he said, adding that victims of domestic violence often are "hypervigilant," and fear their abusers may be watching them.

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"I tried to design these spaces as a secure place, so that when they look out, they don't see hiding spaces, but positive visual cues that say, come out and relax."

First Step's personalized brick program helps fund building projects such as the healing playscape. Visit firststepmi.org to find out how vou can help.

#### REUNIONS



## COMMUNITY LIFE

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# Speaking up: First Step asks that men take a stand against domestic violence

**By Sharon Dargay** Staff Writer

First Step is looking for a few more men to sign onto its 100 Men Campaign by Sept. 30.

The Wayne County-based organization that helps victims of sexual and domestic violence, raised approximately \$18,000 and recruited 18 men since the campaign began on

Another 80 participants, contributing \$100 each, would put the campaign on target by the month's end, although Theresa Bizoe, associate director, says the project is about much more than fundraising.

"We believe domestic violence is not specifically a women's issue," Bizoe said. "We're hoping more men feel compelled to do something and to provide support." First Step lists the Cam-

paign participants on its website and in a newsletter and encourages them to help spread the word to other men. A few contributors shared their views via videos posted on the site.

Bizoe said First Step began planning the 100 Men Campaign last year, well before NFL running back Ray Rice's



assault on his girlfriend - now his wife — drew national attention to the issue. The Baltimore Ravens player was suspended

indefinitely this month after TMZ Sports released a video showing him punch his thenfiancee in a casino elevator earlier this year.

#### **Personal experience**

Jerome Espy, a First Step board member and chair of the 100 Men Campaign, said that although the Rice incident was "deplorable," it was a family tragedy that compelled him to get involved in First Step. Espy's aunt was killed during an act of domestic violence.

"That (Rice scandal) will pass and the media swill move on from that topic to another. But there will still be women out there and some men, too, that won't get the benefit of a videotape to show what they are going through. They're still dealing with the problem," said Espy, who is married and the father of a son and a daughter.

"This whole issue is very important to me," he said. "This campaign is a way to be part of something that can make a difference."

Both he and Jonathan Dreyfuss, who designed a healing playscape and gardens for First Step's shelter, say men need to help change the culture of violence by speaking out.

"Men need to get engaged in the conversation. Men need to stand up and be that voice, to say no more, we're not going to stand by and be passive," said Dreyfuss, a Campaign mem-

"When I was in college many years ago I knew a good number of women who were victims of sexual violence. I've maintained friendships with some of them and have seen the profound impact it has, said Dreyfuss, the father of two grown sons. "I think we have to be honest in terms of looking at the root cause, which is cultural -- how men look upon women - and start in our schools with uniform programs, educating children."

#### **Programs, services**

Prevention is a part of First Step's mission and a key component of education programs that it presents to schools, community organizations, businesses and churches.

First Step also runs an emergency shelter, a 24-hour help line, offers crisis support and information and referrals. The hotline took 17,476 calls and First Step gave essential supplies to 16,817 families over the past two years.

"We would like men to feel like they are part of the solu-tion," Bizoe said. "We want people to open their eyes and recognize the issue of violence and not be bystanders. That doesn't mean if you see something going on at a bar you should step in and get injured. But there are things people can do, including calling police, asking if the victim is OK, alerting the bartender, slipping

the victim our hotline number.
"If we can teach people to stand up and do something, we

can make changes."
First Step also welcomes male volunteers. They can serve as role models for youngsters in temporary housing, lend a hand with programs, maintenance and other services.

"Next week, we're installing playground equipment and both men and women will come out to volunteer," Bizoe noted of the effort beginning this week, Sept. 29. "We can

use the help of men all over." To join the 100 Men Campaign or to become a volunteer, visit firststep-mi.org.

### Dedicated volunteers will add play equipment at domestic abuse shelter

**By Sharon Dargay** Staff Writer

Jonathan Dreyfuss calls the new playscape at First Step 'ground breaking.'

"It's the most comprehensive healing playscape in the U.S. It is really a wonderful space," said Dreyfuss, who designed the environment for

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the organization's temporary housing shelter for victims of sexual and domestic violence.

Volunteers will install play equipment at the site, where most of the concrete work has been completed, during the week of Sept. 29.

'We've been raising money for a little over two years, said Theresa Bizoe, First Step associate director. "It's more than just a playground in a backyard. We've done a thorough design plan. There are elements for all ages. There are healing gardens for adult

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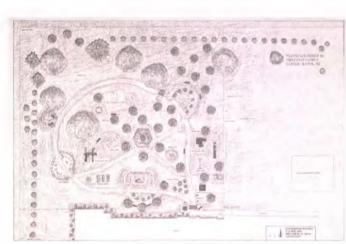
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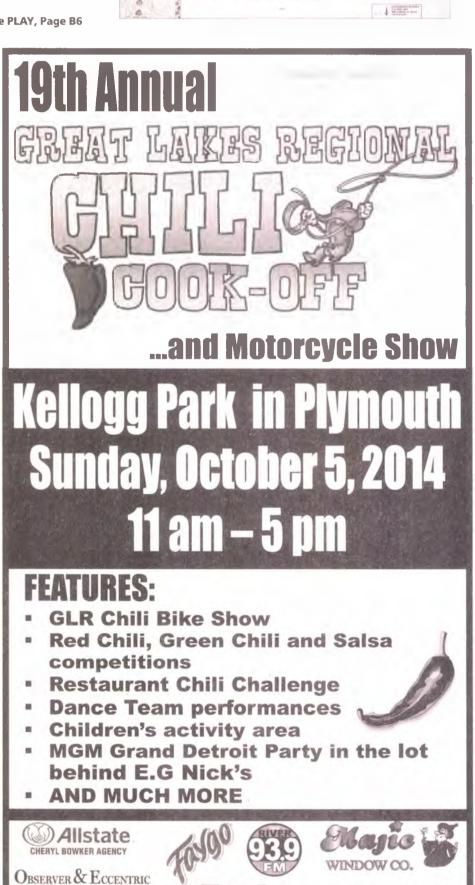
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#### **GARDEN & NATURE CALENDAR**

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#### 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 VisTa-Tech 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. Children may attend if accompanied by a participating adult. Sign up at www.therouge.org.

#### **Plymouth Nursery**

**Pups & Pumpkins** runs 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, at the store, 9900 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Kids and dogs can enter a costume parade at 1 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for best costume. The event also will include cookie and dog biscuit decorating, refreshments, local dog rescue organizations, face painting, fall crafts, and an opportunity to take a family photo in front of a fall display. Call 734-453-5500 for more informa-





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Learn about honey production and bee management at a beekeeper's group at Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum in Ann Arbor.

tion.

#### **English Gardens**

» 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. » It's not too early to

start planning a decorating theme for Christmas. Get tips at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 25. Free.

» Kids can dress in their Halloween costumes and bring a predecorated pumpkin to the store for judging 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 25. Free

Classes and events are held at all English Gardens stores. Area stores are at 155 N. Ma-

ple, 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 recreg.fhgov.com.

» Take a full moon hike 7:30-8:30 p.m. Oct. 10 and 7-8 p.m. Nov. 7. The Friday night hikes are for families and children, 5 and up. Cost is \$3 per person payable online or at the door. Meet at the nature center in the park.

» Hayrides run 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, through Oct. 24 and Saturday, Nov. 1. Rides are approximately 30 minutes. The fee is \$5 per person. Pre-register online. A limited number of tickets will be sold at the event. Includes the hay wagon ride, marshmallow roasting over a campfire and apple cider.

» Practice yoga 5:30-6:30 p.m. Wednesday through Oct. 8 outdoors, in front of the Heritage

Park Visitor Center. Designed for adults of all skill levels. \$10 per class paid at the class. Bring your own mat and blanket.

» Junior Naturalist Club, for ages 5-11, meets 10-11:30 a.m. the second Saturday of the month from September through June at the nature center. The fee is \$10 per class in advance and \$12 per class, paid at the door. Register online. The topic is Wilderness Skills on Oct. 11.

#### **Meet critters**

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

#### RELIGION **CALENDAR**

#### **SEPTEMBER**

Sept. 28

Cathedral, 21931 Evergreen Details: The Orthodox Choir of Metropolitan Detroit, conducted by Victoria Kopistiansky, performs a benefit concert to aid Christians in the Middle East, North Africa and Ukraine through International Orthodox Christian Charities. An afterglow will follow the concert. Donations will be collected. Spon-

Contact: www.iocc.org

Detroit

Time/Date: Through Oct. 4 Location: Ward Church, 4000

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#### Pianist to perform at Vivace music series Oct. 19

Pianist Christopher Atzinger will perform 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 19, at The Birmingham Temple, 28611W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills.



**Atzinger** 

Atzinger, a prize-winning pianist and native of Michigan, is an interna-tional performer. Refreshments and an afterglow will follow the concert, which is part of the Vivace series at the Birmingham Temple.

Tickets are \$28 for general admission, \$25 for members and seniors and \$10 for students.

For tickets, call Joyce Cheresh, 248-788-9338, or Ann Sipher, 248-661-1348.

### **Arthritis Today**

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Swollen hands quickly bring a patient from home to the doctor's office. Usually, but not always, pain accompanies the swelling. When that happens the doctor can consider a limited number of causes. Osteoarthritis, gout and rheumatoid arthritis are the usual culprits. If swelling involves both hands, injury or infection are unlikely

the hands may suffice to give an answer without the need for taking x-rays or waiting for the results of laboratory tests.

swelling, then the underlying condition is a neuropathy such as occurs in diabetes. The swelling and tingling are not a reflection of poorly regulated sugar levels; unfortunately this aspect of diabetes can arise in patients with good control of their condition.

At times, a patient may complain of swollen hands but the physician observes that on examination the hand appears normal. This sense of swelling occurs frequently in patients with fibromyalgia.

studies will show abnormalities in keeping with the tingling. In patients with fibromyalgia nerve conduction studies are normal. The doctor has to explain to fibromyalgia patients that they are not going into heart or kidney failure; rather, the patient is experiencing a flare of fibromyalgia.

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

Foster of St. Helen.

engineer. An October 2015 wedding is planned in Warren.

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Haley Elizabeth Horback was born April 24, 2014.

#### **HALEY ELIZABETH HORBACK**

Haley Elizabeth Horback was born April 24, 2014. She weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces and measured 20 ½ inches.

She is the daughter of Erin and Michael Horback of Livonia and has

an older sister, Avery, 2. Proud grandparents are Gail and Mike Horback and Marcia and Jim Hermann, all from Livonia.

She is the greatgranddaughter of Mary Wilson, Ashland, Ky.

#### WEDDING

#### **Taillard-Philips** Denise Elizabeth

Philips and Douglas Raymond Taillard were married Aug. 23, 2014, in Kellogg Park, Plymouth.

The bride, daughter of Joseph and Vicki Philips of Plymouth, is a graduate of Grand Valley State University. The groom, son of John and Diane Taillard of Livonia, is a University of Michigan-Dearborn graduate. He is employed by WorkForce Software.

The Rev. Rod Rhoad officiated at the wedding. The bride's attendants were Christine Philips, Allison Philips, Stephanie Philips, and Tina Tomicic. The groom's attendants were Rob Wasilevich, Michael Taillard, Richard Martinez, and Christopher Herter.

A reception was held at the Meeting House's Grand Ballroom, Ply-



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**Denise Elizabeth Philips and Douglas Raymond Taillard** 

mouth. The couple took a honeymoon trip to Grand Canary Island. They reside in Plymouth.

#### RELIGION

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nament Sept. 28: Tony Campolo, quest speaker, at all services, Sunday, Sept. 28; film festival featuring Blood Brother, 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3; guest speaker Moses Parmer, 9 a.m. Saturday,

Oct. 4; along with many work-

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28, and 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Mon-Location: St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh,

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Deadlines: Friday, 4:00 p.m. for Sunday papers Tuesday, 4:00 p.m. for Thursday papers Holiday deadlines are subject to change.



September 20, 2014. Age 86. Beloved husband of Donna Lee (nee McCandless) for 62 years. (James), William (Suzi), Lesa Lane (Edward), and George (Jo Ann Mitchell). Cherished grandfather of Karlee, Jaimee, the late Louis and James. A Thursday at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI. Memorial tributes to the Kirk in the Hills Music Fund. View obituary and

Beloved husband of the late Ruth PA at a future date. Donations can be made in his memory to the charity of your choice. Arrangements are by Grove-Funeral Home, Bowersox Waynesboro. Online condolences may be expressed at www.bo wersox funeralhomes.com



#### "HANK"

79 September September 21, 2014.Beloved husband of Gloria. Dear father of Cary (Kim) and Dana (Iotis). Grandfather of seven. Frank and the late Joseph. Michigan Bell retiree-35 years The family has chosen cremation. A memorial service is planned. Donations are requested to St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 5885 Venoy Rd., Westland, MI. www.santeiufuneralhome.com.

#### FROST, LEONA

September 6, 2014. Beloved wife of the late Roy Frost. Dear mother of Gloria Frost, Diana (Bob)Barron, Donna Grater, Jerry (Marina) (Ken) Frost, Barbara Burch, and Patti Frost. Beloved grandma of 16 and great grandma of 17. She will be dearly missed. Memorials suggested to Angela Hospice. They were very helpful and kind to Leona.



#### shops from Monday-Friday, Sept. 29 through Oct. 3 Contact: 248-374-5954; ward-

day-Wednesday, Sept. 29-Oct. 1

HERDRICH, JR.,

WALTER F.

78 of Falmouth, Maine, passed

17, 2014 at Coastal Manor Nursing Home after a 10 year battle

with Parkinson's disease. He was

born on May 24, 1936 in Pon-

tiac, Michigan, the only child of Dorothy (Barber) and Walter F.

Herdrich. He grew up in Bir-

mingham, Michigan and gradu-

ated from Michigan State University in 1960. Walter was a Se-

nior Buyer for the Buick Divi-

sion of General Motors for 31

at age 55. He then did consulting

ment was in Foreside Communi-

ty Church Cemetery in Fal-mouth, ME. Please visit www.lin

dquistfuneralhome.com to share

condolences, memories and trib-

**KELSEY (MOSHER)** 

**HELEN JEAN** 

Wife of the late John Kelsey II

of Birmingham, MI passed on

September 7, 2014 at the age of

93. Helen is survived by her son Thomas J. Mosher with his wife

Cheryl. Her two grandchildren,

Danielle and Jason with his wife

Amy and two great grandchil-

dren Addison and Jenna. Also,

John Kelsey's family, John Kelsey III, Dwight and Molly Kelsey

sey with grandchildren Jessica &

Jacob and Martha Lynn (Kelsey) with husband Greg Buffington.

She was stunningly beautiful and

gracious her entire life. Her blue

eyes always looked upon her

family and friends with love.

utes with his family

peacefully on September

tion. Reservations requested by

Contact: 248-549-5170 **CRAFTERS WANTED** 

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

Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

ternity of Christian Women is looking for crafters for its Fall Craft Show. There are 70 tables available. Each costs \$25

Contact: Mary at 734-425-4421

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct.

Location: Knights of Columbus Hall, 19801 Farmington Road,

flea market and more; proceeds used to fill Christmas baskets Contact: Denise at 248-474-4162

Wednesday, Oct. 13-15

Location: St. Thomas a' Becket Catholic Church, 555 S. Lilley,

Details: The Rev. Cedric Pisegna is an author, Catholic television and radio personality with a program, Live with Passion that airs on TBN, the Church Channel and Radio Maria

#### Contact: 734-981-1333

Oct. 2, 9 a.m. to noon, Friday, Oct. 3, 9 a.m to noon, Saturday,

**Location**: Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Newburgh

and Wavne Road, Livonia Details: \$2 admission per adult Thursday only; free admission

half-price sale Contact: 734-422-0149

Oct. 16; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17: 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Oct. 18

Location: The Birmingham Temple, 28611 12 Mile, Farming-

everyone including specialty boutique, house wares, electronics, toys, books, home decor, linens, shoes, clothing for baby, kids, teens, adults, furniture. sporting goods and more. Cash only

#### Contact: 248-477-1410 **USED BOOKS**

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 3-4

Location: Risen Christ Lutheran Church, 46250 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township

hardcovers (\$1) and paperbacks (50 cents) along with DVDs and CDs covering a variety of subject matter and popular authors Contact: Call 734-453-5252 or

734-751-3924

#### **ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY** Men's Bible study

and study at 8 a.m. Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township Contact: John Shulenberger at

734-464-9491 **Our Lady of Loretto**  Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township **Details:** Scripture study

Contact: 313-534-9000 St. Michael the Archangel Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday. Location: School library, 11441

**Details:** Catholic author Gary Michuta leads a study of Acts of the Apostles.

Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 200,

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday Location: Salvation Army,

27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12 **MOMS** 

#### **Christ Our Savior Lutheran** Church

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May Location: 14175 Farmington

**Details: Mothers of Preschool**ers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergart-

248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at

#### **Dunning Park Bible Chapel** Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays

Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support,

#### Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767 **PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE**

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday Five Mile, Livonia

**Details:** All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.

#### **PRAYER Nardin Park United Method-**

**Details:** Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests.

**Details:** Music, singing, prayer Contact: Grace at 734-464-1896, Shirley at 734-464-3656 or Geri

Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday Location: 7000 N. Sheldon.

**Details:** Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.

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additional information **SINGLES Detroit World Outreach** 

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304

group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated. Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org

**First Presbyterian Church** Time/Date: 7-7:15 p.m., social time; 7:30 p.m., announcements; 7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9 p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays Location: 200 E. Main St.,

**Details:** Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5

Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

fourth Thursday Details: Widowed men of all

men have an opportunity to meet with others.

#### Contact: 313-534-0399 **SONG CIRCLE**

**Congregation Beth Ahm** Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat

following morning services. Lyrics are provided in transliteration as well as the original Hebrew.

Contact: 248-737-1931 or email

**Apostolic Christian Church** Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily

Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

Older Americans Act. Contact: 734-261-9000;

**Connection Church** Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday Details: Celebrate Recovery is a

Christ-centered recovery for all hurts, habits and hang-ups. Child care is available for free Contact: Jonathan@Connectionchurch.info or 248-787-5009

**Detroit World Outreach** Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202

Church Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in

Farmington Hills Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group Contact: 248-433-1011

#### » Merriman Road Baptist

fourth Thursday Location: 2055 Merriman,

Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations Contact: www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Ruthann with

» Fireside Church of God Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

**Details:** Fireside Adult Day Ministryactivity-based program for dependent adults, specializing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center

734-464-0990; www.firesidechog.org; or email to adm@firesidechog.org

» St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon

Livonia Details: A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items)

#### is available Contact: 734-421-8451 » St. Thomas a' Becket

Church Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton Details: Take Off Pounds Sen-

#### sibly

Contact: Margaret at 734-838-0322

#### » Unity of Livonia

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday Location: 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster,

**Details:** Overeaters Anonymous Contact: 248-559-7722; www.oa.org for additional information

#### » Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 6 p.m. dinner (optional); 7 p.m. worship; 8 p.m. small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/ Location: 40000 Six Mile, North-

ville Township **Details:** Celebrate Recovery helps men and women find

freedom from hurts, habits and hangups (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is

Contact: Child care, 248-374-7400; www.celebraterecovery-.com and www.wardchurch.org/ celebrate

St. James Presbyterian Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford

Contact: 313-534-7730 for

**THRIFT STORE** 

additional information **Way of Life Christian Church** Time/Date: 2-3:30 p.m. third Saturday from October through

Location: 9401 General Drive, Lilley Executive Plaza, Suite 100, Plymouth

Details: Women's fellowship is designed for women with a question to know God more in

#### their lives. Contact: 734-637-7618

**TOUR** Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. to noon first Sunday of the month **Location:** The Solanus Casey Center, a Capuchin ministry, at

1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit Details: Led by Capuchin friar Larry Webber, the director of the Solanus Casey Center, the tour focuses on the spirituality and holiness of Father Solanus, a humble Capuchin friar credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. No reservations are needed, although the center requests an advance phone call for groups of five or more. No cost for the tour, although

#### donations are accepted. Contact: 313-579-2100, Ext. 149;

#### www.solanuscenter.org WORSHIP

» Adat Shalom Synagogue Time/Date: 6 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday; 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Sunday; and 6 p.m. weekdays

Farmington Hills Contact: 248-851-5100 » Bethlehem Lutheran

Location: 29901 Middlebelt,

Church Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday Location: 35300 W. Eight Mile,

Farmington Hills

Contact: pastor Terry Miller at tshelton@mi.rr.com; 248-478-

#### » Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 11

a.m. services; 9:45 a.m. Sunday school and youth and adult Bible classes Location: 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia

Contact: 734-522-6830 » Congregation Bet Chaverim.

Time/Date: Services are held 7 p.m. the third Friday of the month Location: At the shared facilities of Cherry Hill United Meth-

odist Church, 321 S. Ridge, **Details:** Reformed Jewish Congregation with Rabbi Peter

Robin Liberatore Contact: www.Facebook.com/ betchaverim or email to be-

Gluck and Cantorial soloist

tchaverim@yahoo.com

teacher and he is an

**SERMON SERIES** Time/Date: 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept.

Passages



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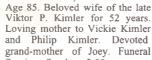
Dear father of Kimberly Lyne Adam, Emily, and Georgia. Brother of Robert and Memorial Service was held

work for 12 years before retiring share memories at at age 67. He and his wife Carole DesmondFuneralHome com retired to their lake home in Grayling, Michigan and wintered in Bradenton, Florida for five al Desmond Son years. Walter is survived by his BALLENTINE, DAVID GEORGE wife, Carole Herdrich, of Falmouth, ME; his son Dwight and wife Lauren of Falmouth, ME; H. (Knade) Ballentine passed away peacefully at Menno his son Craig of San Diego, California; and his three grandchildren, Zachery, Sophia and Noah of Falmouth, ME. Special thanks Haven, Chambersburg, PA on Friday, September 26, 2014. He is survived by his two sons, to the staff of Coastal Manor for the very loving care they gave Keith D. of Crofton, MD, and Kevin P. of Tujunga, CA, and a Walter for the more than two and brother William M (Bette) of half years he spent there. He was Ocala, FL. A Private service for very popular as he told jokes and kept everyone's spirit up. A me-morial service will be held on family only will be held at The Chapel of Menno Haven. Interment will be Private. A Celebra-tion of Life will be held at Saturday, October 4, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. at St. James Episcopal Otterbein Church, Waynesboro, Church, 355 West Maple Road, Birmingham, MI 48009. Inter-



### **EVEN, HENRY**

1935-Great grandfather of three. Brother of



KIMLER, ANNA E.

Loving mother to Vickie Kimler and Philip Kimler. Devoted grand-mother of Joey. Funeral Service Sunday 2:00 p.m. at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Avenue, Visita downtown Farmington. tion Saturday 2-8 p.m. Memorials in Anna's memory may be made to the Kimler Family, to be used in accordance with her wishes. www.thayer-rock.com

Livonia Details: The Rev. Hugh Burns preaches on the topic "Get Real: Religion With Two Feet on the Ground." A free will offering will be collected on Wednesday Contact: 734-464-4433

Time/Date: 8-10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 4 Location: Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, 23925

Northwestern Highway, South-

**OCTOBER** 

**BREAKFAST** 

field Details: Free breakfast of pancakes, sausages, juice and coffee; a home safety presenta-

Location: St. Theodore Parish Details: St. Theodore Confra-

(voice mail #10) **FLEA MARKET** 

Details: Arts and crafts, vintage

**GUEST SPEAKER** Time/Date: 7-8 n m Mc

**RUMMAGE SALE** Time/Date: 5-7 p.m. Thursday,

Friday and Saturday. Saturday

**RUMMAGE SALE** Time/Date: 5-8 p.m. Thursday,

Details: A little something for

**Details:** Annual sale includes

Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m.

Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

or www.livoniastmichael.org **FAMILY MEAL** 

Details: Free meal

Road, Livonia

Contact: Ethanie Defoe at 734-658-2463

practical help and spiritual hope.

Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911

### Contact: 313-563-0162

ist Church Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday Location: 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Contact: 248-476-8860 St. Edith Church Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through back.

at 734-464-8906 St. Michael Lutheran Church

Contact: 734-459-3333 for

**Details:** Divorce Overcomers

Northville

#### Steve's Family Restaurant Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and

Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield **Details:** Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush

nancyellen879@att.net. **SUPPORT** 

Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community, Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C

www.woodhaven-retirement.com Location: 3855 Sheldon, Canton

**Details:** Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244 » Farmington Hills Baptist

Church Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. second and Garden City

questions at 734-981-2519

Contact: 734-855-4056 or

Saturday Location: 16360 Hubbard,

## HEALTH

**SHARON DARGAY, EDITOR** 

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### Study says group nature walks improve mental health

Before you reach for an anti-depressant pill consider slipping into a pair of walking shoes to help ward off the blues.

According to a study conducted by the University of Michigan, group nature walks are linked with significantly lower depression, less perceived stress and enhanced mental health and well-being. The findings appear in a special issue of Ecopsychology.

Individuals who had recently experienced stressful life events like a serious illness, death of a loved one, marital separation or unemployment especially seemed to experience a mood boost after outdoor group walks.

'We hear people say they feel better after a walk or going outside but there haven't been many studies of this large size to support the conclusion that these behaviors actually improve your mental health and well-being," said senior

author Sara Warber, M.D., associate professor of family medicine at the U-M Medical School and member of the Institute for Healthcare Policy and Innovation.

Walking is an inexpensive, low-risk and accessible form of exercise and it turns out that combined with nature and group settings, it may be a very powerful, underutilized stress buster. Our findings suggest that something as simple as joining an outdoor walking group may not only improve someone's daily positive emotions but may also contribute a nonpharmacological approach to serious conditions like depression."

Researchers evaluated 1,991 participants from the Walking for Health program in England, which helps facilitate nearly 3,000 weekly walks and draws more than 70,000 regular walkers a year.

"Given the increase in mental ill health and physical inac-



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Participants in Botsford Hospital's monthly Walk with a Doc program cross a bridge along the trail.

tivity in the developed world, we are constantly exploring new, accessible ways to help people improve their longterm quality of life and well-being," Warber said.

"Group walks in local natural environments may make a potentially important contribution to public health and be beneficial in helping people cope with stress and experience improved emotions.'

U-M's partners in the study were De Montfort University, James Hutton Institute, and Edge Hill University in the United Kingdom.

Ready to walk away those blues? Here's a sampling of upcoming group events:

» Sanford Vieder, D.O., will talk about emergency and trauma centers and will lead a nature walk, noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16, at Heritage

St. Mary Mercy Hospital's 22nd annual

Park, located on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills. The monthly "Walk with a Doc' event is sponsored by Botsford Hospital and is free. Snacks will be provided. Register at 877-477-3621, option 1.

» Livonia Walks is a Meetup.com group with 461 members that hikes and sometimes bikes trails in southeastern Michigan. The group plans to hike at 11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 12, at Proud Lake in Wixom. Join the group at meetup.com/Livonia-Walks/

» Friends of Maybury State Park will take to the trails for a fall color hike, 10-11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, at the park, which is located at 20145 Beck and Eight Mile in Northville. The group will meet at the concession stand in the park for the 1.5- to 3-mile hike along easy to moderate terrain; friendsofmaybury.org or 248-349-8390.

#### MEDICAL DATEBOOK

#### **Upcoming**

#### **American Red Cross**

Upcoming blood drives: Canton — 1:30-7:15 p.m. Sept. 29, Geneva United Presbyterian, 5835

Sheldon Farmington Hills — 1-6:45 p.m. Sept. 29, at the Farmington Hills Blood Donation

Center, 31150 Haggerty Livonia - 1-6:45 p.m. Sept. 29-30 at the Livonia Blood Donation Center, 36650 Five Mile, Livonia; 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.

#### **Breast Cancer Month**

Evita Singh, M.D., radiologist and medical director of Garden City Hospital's Center for Breast Care, will discusses lifestyle, breast health, mammogram guidelines and cancer prevention, at the Pampered Pink event, noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, at Westland Shopping Center's East Court, 35000 W. Warren Road, Westland. Pampered Pink is free and also will include lunch. massages, health screening, and prize



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Monique Marks (left), vice chair for St. Mary Mercy's Motor City Miracle gala, David Spivey, St. Mary Mercy president and CEO, and Suzy Crossley, Gala chair, kick off the Oct. 4 event with a pre-party at the Garage in Northville.

drawings. 734-458-4259 or visit GCH.org.

#### COPD

The Breather's Club, for those touched by COPD, will meet 6-7:30 p.m. Oct. 7 at Oakwood Healthcare's Cardiac Rehab Center, 22060 Beech in Dearborn. For more information, visit Oakwood.org or call Darlene Lingenfelter at 313-562-

**Gala fundraiser** 

gala, Motor City Miracle, is set for 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, at Laurel Manor Banquet and Conference Center, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Cost is \$150 per person. Proceeds will support the Comprehensive Breast Center and the Helen Palmer Image Recovery Center.

#### **Gala fundraiser**

Sweet Dreamzzz presents A Night to R.E.M.ember, 7-11 p.m. Oct. 24 at The Roostertail, 100 Marquette Drive, Detroit. The event includes dinner, silent and live auctions and entertainment. Tickets are \$100 each. Reserve by Oct. 13 at sweetdreamzzz.org.

734-655-2980 or st.marymercy.org/gala.

#### **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 foundationforwomenscancer.orgt or call 312-578-

#### **Healthy eating**

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

» 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. 8, at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster, Garden City. For more information, call Tony at 734-664-3297.

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Wayne County's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual **Heroes on Hines** Half Marathon and 5K



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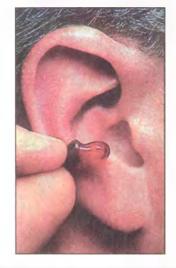
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