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Wayne council looks at interim manager

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Appointment of an interim city manager will be considered by the Wayne City Council at its regular meeting Tues-

Former South Lyon manager David Murphy and Taylor Deputy City Manager David Mackie, who was a late addition to the process, were in-

terviewed by the council Mon-

day.

Having served over five years in South Lyon, Murphy also has worked in Almont, Caro and Brighton Township. Since he left South Lyon in October 2013, Murphy has filled interim positions in Franklin and Huntington Woods.

"My goal is to get a job that I feel comfortable in. I love what I do," Murphy said.
"What I can bring is budgeting skills. I helped South Lyon through the toughest economic times with one lay-off — a building inspector who would have been laid off anyway since there was no work. There were no furlough days."

Additionally, Murphy said as someone not currently working or living in Wayne, he would bring a fresh perspective to the city's financial problems. Currently, the city has an approximately \$500,000 deficit and a larger one project for the 2014-15 fiscal year.

"I can bring you the facts and figures. The council has to make those decisions," said Murphy, who estimated he could have budget recommendations to council after a month on the job.

Study budget

"I can't tell you what I would do without studying the budget. Consolidating buildings is a possibility," he said. "I can't make recommendations until I look through it and write out the figures. I would look at everything."

His management style is

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New Westland City Hall opens



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Staff thrilled with new surroundings

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Westland's new city hall opened for business Monday morning.

Most of the city staff spent the previous Friday in the new building unpacking and getting settled into their new surroundings, a renovated former Circuit City store.

"It's excellent. I'm absolutely excited. I've been looking forward to it for a year," said Westland Finance Director Steve Smith about the move. "When the mayor (William Wild) was first appointed, he asked us to put on a list our top three things. City hall was ton."

Smith had a particular reason for wanting get out of the old city hall, which opened as Nankin Township Hall in 1964 on Ford at Carlson. Built on a high water table, the building's basement was continually filling with water, causing an ongoing effort to handle the resulting mold.

"I used to have to squeegee the water (in the basement). It was bad back then," Smith said. When Jade Smith, later deputy mayor, was hired as comptroller, Steve Smith recalls turning the squeegee over to him at the end of a work day.

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Wayne-Westland adds OK2SAY safety hotline

Westland council Secretary Donna DeWinter unpacks a rent-a-crate in the new city half.

By Sue Mason Staff Writer

Wayne-Westland Community Schools has joined a statewide initiative that provides a confidential way for students to report anything that threatens their safety or the safety of others.

The school district will announce its participation in Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette's OK2SAY campaign at this evening's community forum. OK2SAY enables students to confidentially report potential harm or criminal activities aimed at students, teachers, staff or other school employees.

"We've attempted to set up a hotline with the police departments, but the kids were reluctant to use it because they didn't feel it was anonymous enough," Assistant Superintendent John Albrecht. said "This program operates on the assumption that kids want to help, but have been afraid to do it. With this, it allows them to do it without any fear of being identified."

Created as a result of the Student Safety Act of 2013, OK2SAY's focus is on early intervention and prevention. In 81 percent of violent incidents in U.S. schools, someone other than the attacker had knowledge of the attack-

er's plan.
OK2SAY lets students and others
report tips on potential school violence via a 24-hour hotline, text message, email or website.

Available 24/7

OK2SAY is operational 24 hours a day, seven days a week, every day of

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Who will it be?



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Members of the Wayne Memorial High School Homecoming court — Abby Baker (from left), Angelo Wiggins, Esperanza Varela, Terrance Brown, Kayla Strong, Cierra Eschenbacher, Shakyra Shoulders, Brandon Moore and Juan Wise — will have to wait until halftime Friday evening to find out who will be king and queen of this year's festivities.



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inclusive, Murphy said, as he tries to surround himself with the best people for the job. Murphy indicated he wasn't put off by the recent departure of city department heads.

"Sometimes that's good. It's like a football coach who brings in their own staff," said Murphy, who expressed interest in being considered for a

permanent position. After spending time in

the Air Force and working as a consultant in economic and community development, Mackie said he was recruited to return to his hometown of Taylor in 2010.

As deputy city manager, Mackie said he oversees all services. including public works and a \$40 million budget.

"My goal is to be city manager again. I have a very strong economic development background," Mackie said. "I know how to get projects done. I'm a consensus builder working with the mayor, council and counterparts in other communities; I reach across the aisle to get things done. I see that as very important.'

During the economic downturn in 2010, Mackie said the budget he worked with dropped in a short time from \$60 million to \$45 million.

"I was able to identify excess staffing existing in the budget of \$1 million. I was able to rightsize," Mackie said.

A particular accomplishment cited by Mackie was development of a solid waste and recycling program working with Midwestern Sanitation. The program offers curbside recycling, he said, along with saving the city \$350,000 annually. Mackie noted Westland has recently implemented the same program.

Develop strong team

"I would focus on development a strong management team. My job as supervisor is to remove obstacles so they can do their jobs effec-

tively," he said. To further his move back into being a city manager, Mackie said he was willing to leave his existing position and use time as an interim manager to earn the permanent manager appointment.

Since he had only made contact with the city to interview with the city the previous day, Mackie said he hadn't had a chance to review the budget.

Council decided to not take action at the special meeting to allow time for checking Mackie's references. A reference check had already been done on Murphy.

Police Chief Jason Wright has been acting city manager since Joseph Merucci resigned and went on a leave of absence for his contractually required 30-day notice.

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the year. Students, staff, parents and community members can submit tips, anonymously, if they are aware of a threat in a school.

They can call 1-8-555-OK2SAY (1-855-565-2729), text 652729 (OK2SAY), email ok2say@mi.gov or go online to www.mi.gov/ ok2say.

There also is an OK2SAY mobile app available for download with an iPhone or Android phone.

All tips are forwarded to the school and to law enforcement.

The identity of the person isn't disclosed to local law enforcement, school officials or the person against whom a tip is made, unless that party voluntarily chooses to disclose his or her identity.

"There's no way to know who submitted the tip," Albrecht said. "This really protects the identity of the person completely.'

School officials have just begun talking to students about OK2SAY.

They already have a direct link to OK2SAY on the front page of the district's websites as well as a related video by Michigan State University basketball coach Tom Izzo.

'We think this will work better than anything else," Albrecht

said.

Variety of issues

State officials anticipate OK2SAY will log tips on a variety of issues involving student safety, including weapons possession, bullying, substance abuse and suicide threats. Schuette said other states have had success with similar programs.

"Our students learn best in a safe environment, but dangerous behaviors threaten to disrupt our schools, and in the worst cases, take the lives of our students," Schuette said. "OK2SAY will create an early warning system in our schools and communities to stop tragedies before they start. We cannot sit and wait for the next Columbine or Sandy Hook. We must be proactive to ensure our kids are safe, both inside and outside the classroom. If even one child is saved, this program will be a success."

"OK2SAY gives students a way to break the culture of silence by confidentially reporting anything that threatens their safety or the safety of others," added Col. Kriste Kibbey Etue, director of the the Michigan State Police. "OK2SAY is one more way we are working together to improve school safety and prevent school violence."

The program is completely funded by the

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One of the changes in the new city hall is a large single counter with clerical staff having desks in one area. In the past, the clerical staff would have been assigned to different buildings and departments but now they will be crosstrained and working at

one location. "We have done as much as we can already. We've brought other offices here. Some of them have worked in other offices," Smith said. "When the refuse program was implemented, they were overwhelmed (at the Department of Public Services) so we sent someone down there to help."

There are computers at the counter for use when assisting customers, several serving as cash registers for bill payments. Nearby are cubicles where residents with more complicated or sensitive issues can be

assisted. "I will not miss the old city hall, not one bit. I can't get over how nice it (the new city hall) is," said Donna DeWinter, who has worked in the Clerk's Office for nearly 16 years. "It's nice to have everyone working together.

The employees now have a break room. There was no break room at the old city hall DeWinter said staff ate lunch and took their

breaks in the mail room. "I'm pleased, absolute-They did a stellar job. I had a lot of input on my area and they gave me all I asked for," Westland City Clerk Eileen DeHart Schoof said. "The movers were incredible. The packed up during the week. We left at 5 p.m. (Thursday, Sept. 25) and in the morning, all the boxes were where they were supposed to be.'

The move to the 64,000-square-foot build-



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Trim is still being installed on the building exterior as Westland employees moved into the new



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Workers carry a ladder through the lobby and into council chambers to put the finishing touches on the new Westland

AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

ing provides space to move city departments like Department of Public Services administration, economic development, planning/building and Youth Assistance, which has a

private entrance, under one roof.

The building also provides space for storing voting machines and records, eliminating the need for rented off-site storage. Other than police and fire, the only city departments remaining outside city hall will be Community Development at the Dorsey Center, which is moving soon to the former Jefferson-Barns School, and the senior citizen program at the Friendship Center.

WLND, Westland's municipal cable service, moved from a building on Warren Road to a control room and studios adjoining the city council chambers.

"We've been here three weeks. We're ready to tape the council meeting," said Craig Welkenbach of WLND. "We have a control room that doubles as a studio. It's nice and easy. It's more convenient and nice if you want to do something quick. The mayor has a busy schedule and can pop down here.'

The first council meeting in the new building will be Monday.

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Farmers Market

The Fall Fest at the Westland's Farmers and Artisans Market today features the flavors, scents and beauty of autumn.

Visitors can win a fall arrangement from My Lady's Florist. There's two chances to win. The drawing will be at 5:30 p.m. Winners must be present or be able to pick up the arrangement at

the Westland Chamber of Commerce office on Ford Road by noon Fri-

The market features local vendors with fresh produce, jams, breads, honey, baked goods, soaps, candles, jewelry, Halloween decor and more. There's also great music every week.

Westland Farmers and Artisans Market is sponsored by the Westland Downtown Development

Authority and managed by the Westland Chamber of Commerce. It is located at 1901 N. Carlson between Ford road and Marquette. For more information, call 734-326-7222 or visit www.westlandfarmersmarket.com or Westland Farmers Market on Facebook.

Tribute show

Angelo Brothers Banquet Hall in Westland will host tribute artist

and impressionist Chris Ayotte on Friday-Saturday, Oct. 10-11. Doors

open at 5:30 p.m. There will be appetizers at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the show 8-9 p.m. A cash bar will be available. Tickets are \$40 each and are available by contacting Kathy at 734-216-9451 or visiting

www.angelos1958.com. Angelo Brothers is at 33550 Ford Road, Westland.





Rouge-A-Palooza flows into a second year

Communities along the Rouge River's lower branch are starting to realize the recreational opportunities that the stream is beginning to offer after years of water quality improvements. That is certainly the case in the City of Wayne, where local river enthusiasts will be hosting the second annual Rouge-A-Palooza on Saturday, Oct. 11, at Goudy Park (3355 S. Wayne Road).

Now in its second year, the celebration of the Rouge and the outdoors world in general will be a little bigger than last year, according to organizers.

Returning will be popular events like the rubber duck and paper boat races, Logjam Classic Canoe Race, and the group canoe/kayak trip put on by Friends of the Rouge. There will also be plenty of food, live music, free bounce houses for the kids, and a beer tent. There will, however, be some expanded activities, including canoe rentals available throughout the festival offered by Heavner Canoe and Kayak Rental.

Organizers are excited about the addition of some new education displays. New this year will be displays by Michigan State Parks and the Howell Nature Center, which will be bringing The Spirit of Alexandria Nature Bus and some live birds of prey. Wayne County Parks will be bringing some live animals and their naturalist, and the Wayne County Water Quality Division will also have displays. Friends of the Rouge, the organization that has led efforts to revive the Rouge River for several decades, will also be on hand, as will the Michigan Department of Community Health.

"We're pretty excited

SECOND ANNUAL ROUGE-A-PALOOZA

When: Noon to 10 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 11. Where: Goudy Park Address: 3355 S. Wayne Road, Wayne. What: Celebration of the Rouge River, including outdoors educational booths, canoe rentals, group canoe

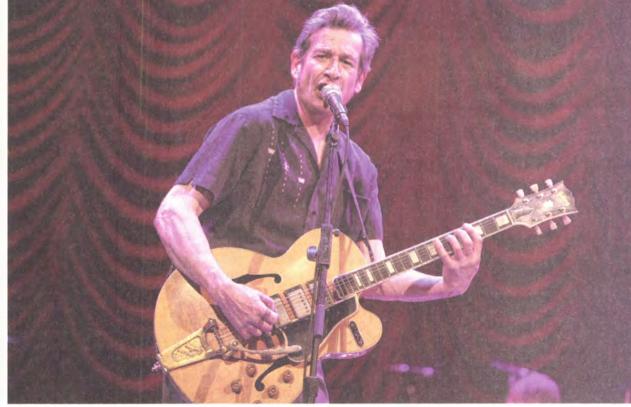
Schedule: Noon - Tyrone Hamil-

2 p.m. — Troublesome Creek.

3 p.m. - Howell Nature Center birds of prey

4:30 p.m. — Wayne Rotary Build Your Own Boat Race/Rubber Duck

6 p.m. — Corndaddy. 7:30 - George Bedard and and Kingpins.



George Bedard (pictured) and the Kingpins will close out Rouge-A-Palooza on Saturday, Oct. 11.

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groups that will have displays," said Kurt Kuban, one of the event organizers and a community editor with O&E Media, the media sponsor of the event.

"This is really a family-oriented event where we hope children and their parents can learn not only about the Rouge River and what they can do to help protect it, but also some of the wildlife that calls our area home. People will be able to see live birds of prey, different kinds of animals, fish and even aquatic insects that live in our river. And the Rouge River is our river. That's what this event is all about. We want people to know what a great resource the Rouge can be," Kuban

The event is being

organized by the Wayne Rotary Club, local river volunteers, and River Restorations Inc., a nonprofit organization formed to put on the event and also continue clean-up efforts in the Lower Rouge River, which flows from the western portions of Canton Township through Wayne, Westland, Inkster, and Dearborn before ultimately dumping into the Detroit River.

Many local organizations will be involved in Rouge-A-Palooza, including Wayne Main Street, which is organizing the rubber duck race and will also be raffling off two kayaks with proceeds going toward the group's efforts to revitalize downtown Wayne. Wayne Rotary is putting on the paper boat race; it will have a booth set up with free supplies where chil-

dren can build boats for the race, with prizes going to the winners.

There will also be booths set up by local nonprofits, including the Wayne Memorial cheerleaders and volleyball team, and local Boy Scout troops.

Live music

There will also be plenty of live music throughout the day, beginning with local favorite Tyrone Hamilton, who will once again kick off the event at noon from the Goudy Park stage. Other bands include the bluegrass band Troublesome Creek, the Native American-based Huron Flute Circle, and the Americana band Corndaddy. New to the festival this year is Ann Arbor-based George Bedard and the Kingpins.

Bedard's playing style



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Kaden Kuban displays his paper boat that he entered in the





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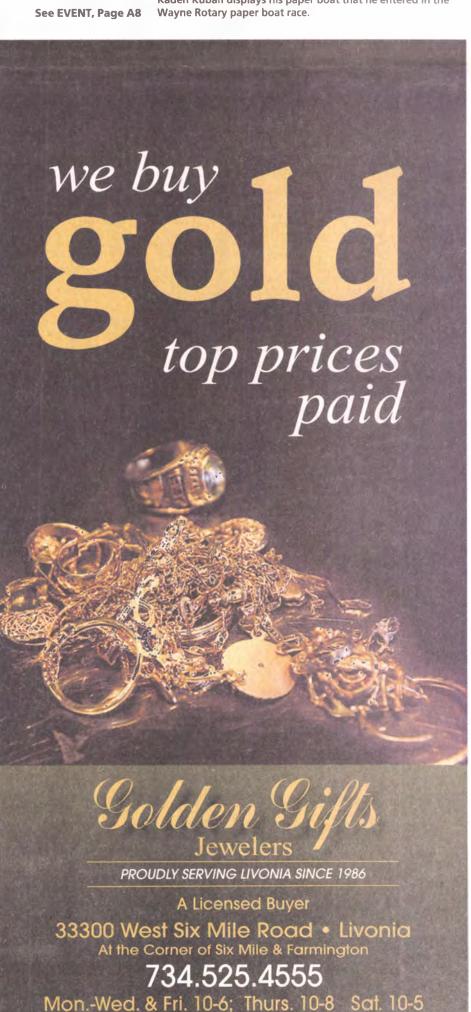
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Westland Coffee with Cops rescheduled

Due to a scheduling conflict, the second Coffee with the Cops event with the Westland Police has been moved to 10-11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 16, at Our Savior Manor, 29495 Annapolis, Westland.

This meeting will provide an informal opportunity for citizens to meet with the Westland Police administration and discuss neighborhood concerns. The event, hosted by the Southeast Westland Homeowners Association, is open to all Westland residents.

"I wanted to create a



Jedrusik

forum and an opportunity for residents to speak with myself and other members of our police depart-

ment (on a) one-on-one basis. We will be open to discuss neighborhood concerns, crime trends or whatever else is on the residents' mind," Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik said.

For more information, call the Westland Police Administration Offices at 734-467-3226.

Vandalism

A Dearborn Heights man was arrested for allegedly damaging the door to Cal Signs, 35059 Glenwood, on Sept. 26. The owner told police he fell asleep at the business and was awoken just before 2:30 a.m. by someone kicking the side door.

The owner said he grabbed a baseball bat and approached the side door when he saw a man, who eventually stopped kicking the door and walked away. The weather strip and metal trim were pulled off the door and found on the ground. Damage was estimated at \$1,000.

When officers arrived, a Dearborn Heights man was walking west on Glenwood, about 25 feet west of the business. Unsure where he was coming from, the man said he was walking to his girlfriend's home, according to the police

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Intoxicated with a .14 blood alcohol level, the man later told police he had argued with his girlfriend and was so angry that he kicked the door several times, according to a police report.

He said he hadn't been trying to break into the building and never removed the weather strip/trim, which must have fallen off when he kicked the door, police said.

Break-in

A generator, 8-foot ladder, DeWalt drill and industrial paint sprayer valued at \$6,180 were reported stolen from a building under construction for Jack Demmer Ford at 37410 W. Michigan Ave. on Sept. 24.

The construction site superintendent told police someone removed two sections of fence between the property and Mitch's Party Store. The suspects then drove a truck

through the opening and up to the building. A door to the building was unlocked.

Larceny

An employee at Metro PCS, 5758 S. Merriman, told police Sept. 29 that he realized after the fact that someone had stolen speakers from his store. He spotted the theft while reviewing the store surveillance video,

Larceny

Police were called to Wendy's, 32967 Michigan Ave., on Sept. 25 when an employee reported her purse had been stolen three days earlier at the business. The officer couldn't complete the report. When he arrived at the restaurant, the employee said she was working the drive-through and didn't have time to speak with him.

By LeAnne Rogers

GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

Stolen money

Garden City Police are investigating a report theft at a medical office building at 6255 N. Inkster Road.

After interviewing a couple of office employees, police learned that about \$136 was stolen from the till

Examining which people had access around the area is the focus of the investi-

Retail fraud

Headphones valued at \$100 were reported stolen in a retail fraud incident about 1 p.m. Sept. 26 from a phone store at 6876 Middlebelt in Garden City.

The security tape showed a man pulling the headphones from the wall and then concealing the headphones in the front of his pants, police said.

The man left the store without purchasing the

headphones, police said.

After a Garden City resident parked his 1995 Chevy pickup Sept. 27 in the 3000 block of Brown, someone illegally entered the vehicle.

The truck owner said that someone stole a \$300 air compressor and \$100 circular saw from the vehi-

Suspended license

Police arrested a 66year-old Garden City woman about 1 p.m. Sept. 29 for driving with a suspended licensed on Cherry Hill near Craig.

The officer reportedly stopped the woman because she was weaving on the road. The driver blamed her weaving on the alignment of her 1998 Chevy Cavalier, police said.

By Sue Buck

37189 N. Woodbridge Circle told

Larceny from a vehicle

A San Clemente, Calif., resident told police Sept. 26 that someone had stolen assorted clothing, an iPad, an underwater camera, personal care items, including a curling iron and perfume, text books, headphones, a cell charger, camera charger and credit card from her vehicle while it was parked in the 400 block of Brookfield. She said \$80 in cash was also taken.

The owner told police she had discovered the passenger door had not latched. She said she tried several times to lock the car with the key fob but was uncertain if it had actually locked. The stolen items were valued at \$1,995.

Larceny from a vehicle

All four wheels and tires were reported stolen from a 2013 Lincoln MKT parked in the 30000 block of Nelson Circle on Sept. 26. The owner said the theft happened overnight. The tires and wheels were valued at \$800.

A resident of an apartment at

police Sept. 28 that someone had stolen all four tires and wheels from a 2014 Chevrolet Impala. He said the vehicle is registered to his mother and he was driving it. The car was left on cinder

WESTLAND COP CALLS

Attempted break-in

A resident of apartments at 6836 N. Merriman told police Sept. 26 that she returned home to find four screens pried from her first-floor windows. No entry appeared to have been made.

Larceny from a vehicle

Overnight Sept. 25-26, a resident in the 1400 block of S. Norma told police that someone had stolen \$10 in bills and coins from two vehicles parked in the driveway. He said both were locked. There was no sign of forced entry, but the vehicles had been searched.

Larceny from a vehicle

A resident in the 2000 block of Kaley told police Sept. 27 that in the morning he found someone had searched his vehicle. A pair

of sunglasses valued at \$20 and \$1 in change were reported missing. The owner said the vehicle may have been left unlocked.

A Westland woman told police Sept. 27 that she discovered someone used her debit card to make three unauthorized withdrawals from her account totaling \$441. She said she found the money missing when she attempted to pay her water bill.

Break-in

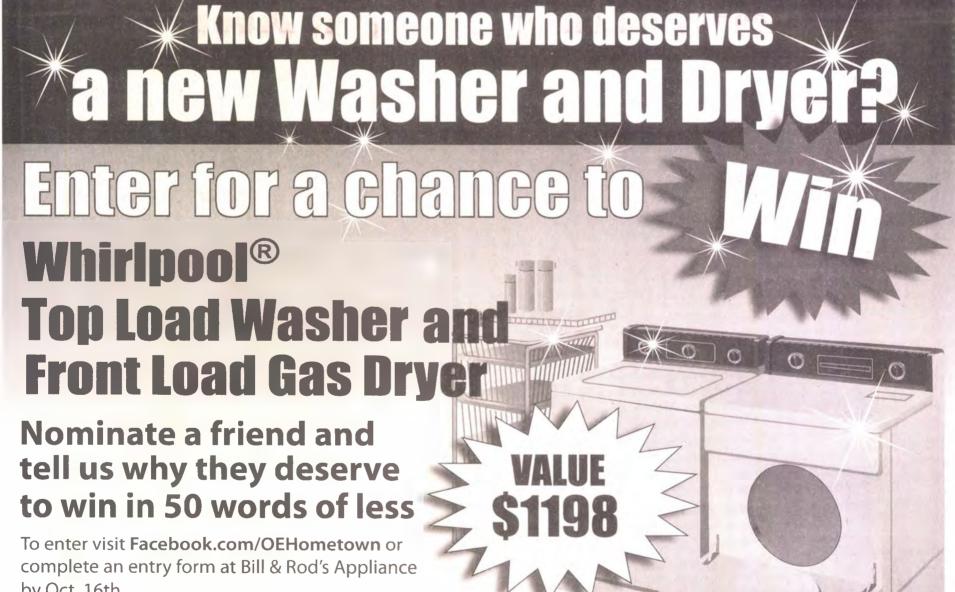
On Sept. 26, a resident in the 33000 block of Avondale told police someone had stolen a jar, containing an estimated \$300 in assorted coins. She said it appeared an unlocked window was used to enter the home, which had no damage.

Hit and run

A Westland man told police Sept. 28 that someone hit his 2014 Ford Explorer while it was parked at his church, 34850 Marquette. The right front fender was damaged.

By LeAnne Rogers

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This year's Maybury Farm Corn Maze encompasses 10 acres of

Maybury Corn Maze offers guests a 10-acre challenge

Looking for a place to get lost? Try the Maybury Farm Corn Maze.

This year's corn maze encompasses 10 acres of thick, very tall corn. When you hear the bell, your journey will begin with a hayride to the corn maze, where you are dropped off and then you are on your own to weave your way through.

The challenge: While winding your way through the maze, find all eight wooden animals that are hidden throughout. Complete this challenge and you can enter to win four tickets to this November's Ringling Bros. and Barnum & **Bailey Circus Built to**

Once completed, another hayride awaits to take you back to the farm, where you can enjoy cider, doughnuts and snacks that are

available. Want an even bigger challenge? See if you can complete the corn maze in the dark. The Maybury Farm Corn Maze is open until 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday nights for those who are brave enough to find their way through with just the stars to light the way.

The Maybury Farm Corn Maze is open 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, noon to 10 p.m. Saturday and noon to 7 p.m. Sunday through Nov. 2. The last wagon leaves for the maze one hour prior to

Group tours and bonfires for 15 or more are available. Call 248-374-0200 to reserve a date.

The corn maze costs \$7 per person and includes a hayride and admission to Maybury Farm. Children age 2 and under are free. All of the proceeds from the maze are used to pay for the winter feed bills for the farm's animals.

Maybury Farm is operated by the Northville Community Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. A historic farm, it provides interactive educational opportunities for the public. Maybury Farm is at 50165 Eight Mile, west of Beck Road and Maybury State Park, in Northville. Enter at the Maybury Farm sign, not the state

park. Parking is free. For more information, visit www.northvillecommunityfoundation.org or go online to the Maybury Farm Facebook page.

Craft beer event benefits Livonia Community Foundation

The Livonia Community Foundation will present The Best Craft Beers in Michigan from 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 29, at One Under, 35780 Five Mile Road,

Tickets are \$35 per

person, \$25 of which is eligible for a federal tax contribution. Tickets include beer and appetizers.

The event benefits the Livonia Community Foundation, a trust fund that supports Livonia's

charitable, cultural, historical, educational and recreational institutions.

Tickets can be purchased at the Livonia Chamber of Commerce office, 33233 Five Mile Road, Livonia and Meakin and Associates, 33300 Five Mile Road,

Suite 102, Livonia. For more information, contact Brian Meakin at 734-425-7555 or

www.livoniacommunity foundation.org.

Knights of Columbus group donates \$1,000 to Fallen Heroes Monument



Representatives of the George F. Monahan Knights of Columbus in Livonia presented Mayor Jack Kirksey with a check for \$1,000 for the Fallen Heroes Monument that is being installed at the almost-completed Nehasil Park, just west of Livonia City Hall. Shown, from left, are Leo Neville, Kirksey, Sam Aldridge and Dick Gibson. Funds were raised through a summer golf

Republicans No Longer Value Education

When Governor Snyder and the Republicans in the Legislature gave business owners a huge tax cut, state spending had to be cut. They immediately cut education spending by \$393 million. They would not have done this if they valued the education of our children.

The Livonia Public Schools would have received over \$14 million more over the last four budget years had the Snyder Administration continued the school budget it inherited from the Granholm Administration. The Northville and Clarenceville school district had similar cuts based on their size. Governor Snyder and the Republicans in the Legislature chose to hurt our schools with budget cuts in order to help business owners.

School districts had to cut back on the number of teachers. This not only increased class size but it also reduced or eliminated support teachers who regularly took out of the classroom children who needed more individual help than the classroom teacher had time to give them.

Governor Snyder and the Republican legislators were certainly told that this would happen but they didn't seem to care. Their priority was a tax cut for business.

Democrats in the legislature opposed what they saw as a gift to business owners. They also strongly opposed the cuts in educational spending.

Spending on education is one of the most important things our state government does. There is a clear difference between Republicans and Democrats on this issue. Regardless of how you may have voted in the past, if this issue is important to you, you should vote for the party that shares your position on education.

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The John Glenn High School "Rocket Rage" zone is packed for the Homecoming game.

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JOHN GLENN **CELEBRATES** HOMECOMII

Mother Nature provided a perfect evening for a football game and a perfect weekend for Homecoming at Westland John Glenn High School.

The festivities kicked off with a pep assembly on the football field Friday afternoon and were followed by the annual Homecoming parade down Marquette to the high school.

At halftime, fans watched as Hannah Udel and Kimari Johnson were crowned

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Oueen Hannah **Udel and** king Kimari Johnson strike a pose after they are crowned at halftime at John Glenn High School on Friday night. Homecoming queen and king. Members of their court included Mariah Phelan, De'ja Rush, Jade Stovall and Asha Smith, Jimmy Solberg, Le'Jon Crawford, Charles Guy and Xavier Edwards.

However, the festive mood was dampened late in the fourth period when Homecoming gridiron opponent Canton scored a late touchdown and two-point conversion, leaving the Rockets on the short end of a 22-21 score.



The John Glenn marching band entertained a packed house at this year's Homecoming football





Homecoming court members Mariah Phelan, De'ja Rush, Hannah Udell, Jade Stovall and Asha



TOM BEAUDOIN Homecoming court members Jimmy Solberg, Le'Jon Crawford, Kimari Johnson, Charles Guy and Xavier Edwards.



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Stevenson Middle School National Junior Honor Society students march in this year's Homecoming parade.

What has become of our elementary school classmates?

ver wonder what became of your elementary classmates? I do.

We live a stone's throw away from the house I grew up in and, subsequently, the elementary school I attended, which I intentionally drive past twice a week when I take my son to his Play & Learn class. Each and every time I enter my old subdivision it's like going down Memory Lane - both literally and figuratively.

Because my parents and I moved after fifth-grade, I never attended school with these kids again. But motherhood — coupled with my weekly elementary school drive-bys — has prompted me to reflect on the relationships I had with these kids: If I could go back in time, would I change the way I treated them?

There are two that I won't soon forget. And while everything you are about to read is 100 percent true, I've changed their names. (What



Courtney Conover **GUEST COLUMNIST**

with Facebook and social media, the last thing I wish to do is dredge up someone's

past and embarrass them.) First, there's Heather. I met Heather, who was one year younger than me and lived four houses down, when our big wheels collided on the sidewalk one summer afternoon. The details of our first encounter are murky, admittedly, as I was only 4 years old at the time. But I do remember this: I couldn't understand a word Heather said because she had a severe speech impediment.

And I also remember that it didn't matter.

Cross and Ritchie

What did matter, however, was that she knew every single lyric of Christopher Cross' Sailing and Lionel

Ritchie's You Are the Sun, You Are the Rain, which we sang together nearly every day under the large pine tree in my front yard. And from simple activities like that one, we forged the strongest friendship of my childhood.

It was as if, seemingly overnight, my ears became trained to understand each and every word Heather said because her language issues became less and less of a barrier. I don't know whatever became of Heather, but I think of her, and her mother, often. As a mother now myself, I often wonder what Heather's mom must have gone through, having a child who couldn't verbalize her own name and ended up transferring to a special elementary school because of her disability, and how relieved she must have been that I accepted Heather wholeheartedly.

Isn't that what we all want our children to experience acceptance and true friendship?

And then there's Bennett. Bennett was a classmate as well as the brother of a fellow Girl Scout member. And his legacy, as far as I can recall, boiled down to two words: "Booger Bennett." Short and petite, Bennett was always the proverbial runt of the class, which, as a boy, put him at a disadvantage from Jump Street.

And then the death knell came sometime around the third-grade when someone noticed him picking his nose. Stunned by being called out, Bennett then proceeded to try and wipe his finger on the sleeve of a nearby student.

Vicious cycle It was all downhill from there, and a vicious cycle ensued: The more Bennett was teased, the more he wiped his boogers on people. He seemed to revel in his unpopularity, which, in hindsight, was all just a coping mechanism, I'm sure.

Thirty years later, I still wonder about Bennett, how he eventually turned out, and whether the incessant teasing he endured still affects him today.

And here's the one regret I have: While I never teased Bennett, I never really made an effort to befriend him, either. I can't help but wonder if the true essence of his identity was lying dormant under the armor he had built up to protect himself. Was Bennett ever truly able to be himself after that fateful day in third grade? Like Heather, all he probably wanted was to be liked.

What relationships from your childhood do you remember — for better or for worse?

Wayne resident Courtney Conover is a mom of two little ones and the wife of former Detroit Lions offensive lineman Scott Conover. She has more LEGOs and NFL memorabilia than she needs. She blogs at www.thebrowngirlwithlonghair.com and over-shares at

www.facebook.com/ thebrowngirlwithlonghair.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

FINE ARTS EXHIBIT

Time/date: 6-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3, opening reception; exhibit runs through Oct. 31.

Location: Livonia Fine Arts Gallery, Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia

Details: Works by sculptor Robert Bielat and ceramic artists Daniel Borton and John Albert Murphy. The gallery is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

RUMMAGE SALE

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

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

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

FALL FESTIVAL

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

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

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

BLOOD DRIVE

Time/date: 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9.

Location: St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile Road, Livo-

Details: In partnership with the American Red Cross, St. Mary Mercy Hospital will hold a blood drive in the North Auditorium. The public is invited to join St. Mary Mercy Hospital employees and volunteers in donating blood. Walk-ins are accepted, but appointments are preferred. Contact: 1-800-GIVE-LIFE; red-

crossblood.org. **BOOK SALE AND BAKE** SALE

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

Location: St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile Road, Livonia.

Details: Hosted by the United Methodist Women's group, this sale will feature tables of used books, and homemade baked

CRAFTERS WANTED

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

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

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

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

COLOR SPLASH DASH Time/date: 10 a.m. Saturday,

Location: Randolph Elementary, 14470 Norman, Livonia.

Details: Randolph Elementary's Second Annual Color Splash Dash, fun for all ages, benefits the school's Leader in Me program. Register at www.runsignup.com. Randolph is located in the neighborhood at the southwest corner of Newburgh and Five Mile. Contact: 734-744-2770.

CUT-A-THON

Time/Date: noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13. Location: Santa Fe Salon, 34367 Plymouth Road, Livonia.

Details: Santa Fe Salon will hold its third annual cut-a-thon fundraiser for Children with Hairloss, a Michigan-based company that provides hair

related hair loss. Haircuts will cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Eyebrow and lip wax ing will be \$5. Or donate a ponytail of eight inches or longer. There also will be raffles, prizes, refreshments and 20 percent off Paul Mitchell prod-

Contact: For more information, visit www.santafesalon.biz or www.childrenwithhairloss.us.

CELIAC SUPPORT GROUP

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Monday, Oct.

Location: First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington.

Details: The Tri-County Celiac Support Group will hold a general support meeting Oct. 13. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7 p.m. On Friday, Oct. 17, there will be a Halloween Trunk or Treat for gluten-free candy from 7-7:30 p.m., with games, cider and donuts inside the church hall from 7:30-9 p.m. There also will be a costume contest at 8:30 p.m. Members are free; guests cost \$10 per family.

Contact: Email Laura Budweg at bellabraun@ameritech.net to register your children.

LIVONIA NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS

Time/date: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct.

Location: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile Road,

Details: History Teller Maureen Esther will talk about some of history's most interesting women, from King Tut's wife, Ankhesenamun, to the wives of Henry the VIII. Livonia Neighbors and Friends, a woman's club in Livonia, is open to women who live/work in Livonia and its surrounding communities. General meetings are held at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month, September through May. Special activity groups continue to meet year round. New members are always welcome.

Contact: http://livonia neighborsandfriends.tripod.com.

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 17-18 Location: St. Genevieve School, 28933 Jamison, Livonia

Details: Come bag yourself some bargains at the 20th Annual Parent School Association Rummage Sale. Bag sale starts at 1 p.m. Saturday. St. Genevieve School is two blocks east of Middlebelt and two blocks south

Scout troop tours I-96



Fourteen Boy Scouts and their adult leaders from Boy Scout Troop 897 Livonia visited the I-96 reconstruction project before it reopened to traffic last month. Scout Master Mark Bywalec contacted Joe Goodall from Dan's Excavating to arrange the trip. It was an educational and instructional visit and a great learning experience for the Scouts and the adult leaders from Livonia and the surrounding areas.

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has been described as a blend of "blues, rockabilly, swing, jazz, country chicken pickin', '60s garage band chording, and the sleazier aspects of Chicago and Mississippi blues styles all whipped up into a most heady mix." Bedard is set to go on at 7:30 p.m.

There will also be a beer tent and plenty of food options. The main food vendors this year are Hickory BBQ & Grill and Papa Romano's/Mr. Pita of Wayne.

Canoe race and group paddle

One of the anchors of Rouge-A-Palooza will be the Logjam Classic Canoe Race, which will begin with registration at 9 a.m. behind the Wayne County Environmental Services Water Quality Management Division building located at 3600 Commerce Court in Wayne (just east of Hix Road). The race is a 3mile sprint along the river through the woodlands of Wayne County's Lower Rouge Parkway.

Kuban said last year's race attracted 14 teams. He would like to see a few more adventurous souls enter the race this year.

"Many of the teams from last year weren't sure what to expect,' said Kuban, who has canoed this stretch of the Rouge many times. "After the race, most of the people told us they couldn't believe how nice a stretch of river we have right here in Wayne. We had some great competitors last year, and we're hoping to get a few more. There aren't many canoe races in our neck of the woods. We think it's a pretty unique event.

Last year's winners, Michael Parsons of Westland and Steve Landfair of Dearborn Heights, won the event with a time of 37 minutes. The finish line is at Goudy Park, the location of Rouge-A-Palooza.

"We will definitely be back to defend our title," Parsons said.

Those interested in competing in the race should contact Kuban at 734-716-0783 or show up the morning of the race at the time of registration

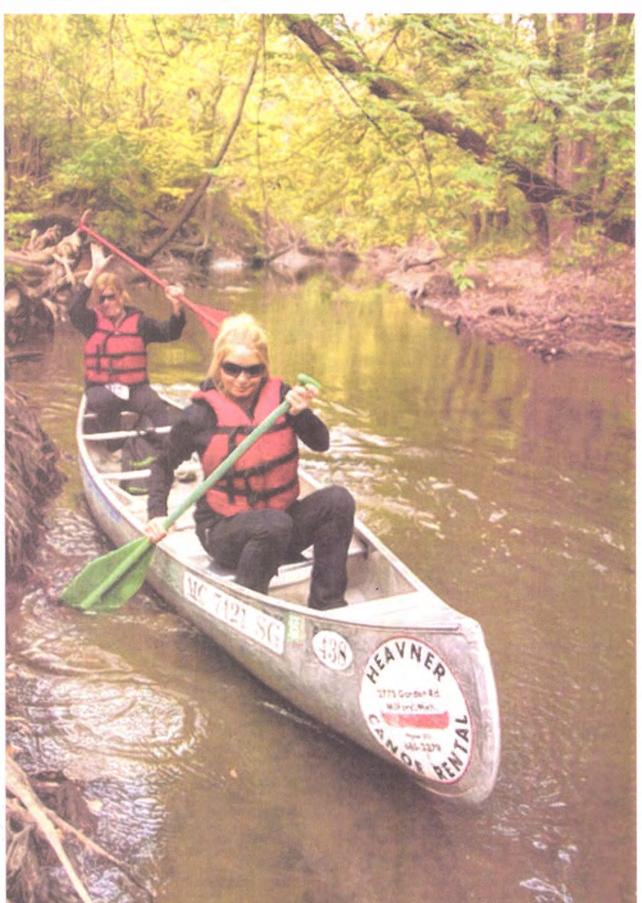
Friends of the Rouge has been organizing the group canoe/kayak trip for about a decade now. They have tried to do the paddle trips on other branches of the Rouge, but the Lower Branch offers the best paddling opportunities.

"This event has been pretty popular over the years. We've had close to 40 boats on our trips in the past. We think it's a great way to showcase the Rouge. It's really beautiful with the fall colors at this time of year, as well," said Sally Petrella of Friends of the Rouge.

The trip begins at noon, and starts at the same location as the canoe race. Canoe rentals are available for the group trip. Those interested in registering should visit the Friends of the Rouge website at http://therouge.org. Canoe rentals for the trip can be secured by calling Heavner at 248-685-2379.

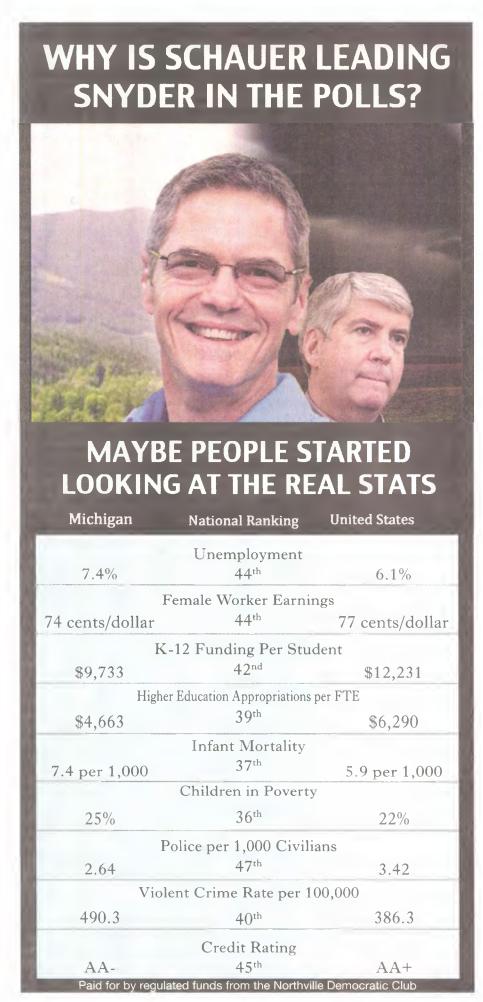
Organizers said the event has really been embraced by the community, specifically the business community. There are many sponsors this year, including event sponsor Wayne-Westland Federal Credit Union.

"I was amazed at how willing and generous our local business community was when we went out to ask for sponsorships," said Mathew Mulholland, another event organizer. "Without their support this event would not be possible. We think this is a great family event, and their support tells us we must be doing something right."



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Lisa Duminske (left) and Brittany Duminske compete in the Logjam Classic Canoe Race last year.





What to do when a fund manager leaves

was shocked when I saw the news that Bill Gross, head honcho of PIMCO, one of the largest mutual fund families, announced he was leaving the company that he helped found, and moving to manage a new fund at Janus.

Gross is one of the most well-known portfolio managers and had been



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tionately known as the "Bond King.' Why he left? I'll leave that for others to speculate.

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The issue for investors is what to do when a portfolio manager leaves as abruptly as Gross.

In today's world, most investments, particularly mutual funds, are no longer managed by one person, but rather, by a team. You don't have to worry that when a manager leaves there is no one there to manage your money. However, when the head manager of your fund leaves it requires you to review the situation if the reason you invested in the fund was because of the departing manager.

When a manager leaves, look at the re-placement and his/her previous track record. For example, is he/she a member of the portfolio management team or a new person? When there is a change in the main portfolio manager it does pay to review investments to make the decision whether to stay or go.

In addition, if you decide to stay with the investment, keep a closer eye on it to see how the new portfolio management team is doing. Remember, investors should not let loyalty nor tax consequences dictate a decision. The question to ask is whether or fund still belongs in your portfolio.

Another question regarding Gross' decision is should one use his track record at PIM-CO and apply it to the new Janus Fund. I say no. Many times in my career I have seen a successful manager leave one fund for another and they don't do nearly as well at the new fund.

Would I invest in the new fund to be managed by Gross? No. I will judge him like I would any other fund — I want to see a track record. I want to see at least

three to five years. It may seem logical that managing money is managing money and if you can do it for one fund you can do it for another. Unfortunately, that is not the case. Different companies have different resources. In addition, the culture of a company makes a difference. Just because Gross had a great run at PIMCO doesn't mean he'll have the same run at Janus.

As an investor it is important to feel comfortable with every investment in your portfolio. If you don't, then don't hesitate to make a change.

Good luck.

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

Garden City 10-Minute Oil Change aims to please customers

By Sue Mason Staff Writer

Sam Saad has always dreamed of owning his own business. His dream came true in April when he purchased the Garden City 10-Minute Oil Change on Ford Road.

Now after five months of renovations inside and out, he's ready to celebrate with a grand opening from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday

"I've been doing this since I was 16; I ran a store on Eight Mile in Detroit," the Dearborn Heights resident said. "I worked there 12-13 years before I decided to buy my own business. I wanted something in the suburbs, closer to my home.

Opened in 1987, the 10-Minute Oil Change was in need of updating. Saad repainted the outside and put in new landscaping. Inside, he redid the customer waiting area, replacing plastic outdoor furniture with a coach and putting in a tile floor, flatscreen TV, coffee maker and a mini frig stocked with water.

The work area also was repainted and epoxy flooring put down. The existing lighting throughout the building was replaced with energy-efficient LED fixtures.

The business has been a Penzoil facility, and Saad continues to carry a full line of Penzoil products, including all different weight of oils and those recommended by different manufacturers. He also has other brands like Mobil and Quaker State in case a customer wants them.

"It's been Penzoil since 1987 and people love the (Penzoil) brand," he said. "I want customers to know that when they come in they're going to get excellent service and always get a quality product. They're going to get that every time.

The oil change is full service. Saad tops off fluids, adjusts tire pressure and even offers customers a bottle of water or fresh cup of coffee. He wants to make them feel comfortable about something a lot of people don't like to do.

His services also include



A fresh coat of paint and new landscaping are part of the updates at Garden City 10-Minute Oil Change.



Owner Sam Saad (right) and Imad Hassen are making sure customers get quality products and great service at Garden City 10-Minute Oil Change. Hassen has worked at the store for 22 years.

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For the grand opening, Saad is offering \$10 off an oil change and a free Penzoil T-shirt. Every customer that comes in will also receive a ticket for a raffle. The prizes include a flat-screen TV. Penzoil neon clock and collectible Penzoil truck. He also plans to have coffee, doughnuts and bagels for those who come early and a barbecue later in the day.

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Address: 31510 Ford Road Hours: 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Phone: 734-422-0662.

Saad also chose the Garden City store because of the city and its residents. The city is clean and the people are friendly, he said. Many of the people who pull in have been coming to the store since it opened in 1987 and are "happy with the ser-

"We're a friendly oil change and never try to pressure the customer into buying unnecessary services," he said. "Customer satisfaction and giving the customer a quality product is my priority. I want to make sure the customer is happy and coming back.'

"Changing oil and preventive maintenance is my life; I can't see myself doing anything else." he said. "I love what I do.

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Free film festival

Bloomfield Hills-based MJR Digital Cinemas announced it will offer its Free Fall Children's Film Festival at the Westland Grand Digital Cinema 16 every Saturday and Sunday beginning Saturday, Oct. 4, and running every Saturday

and Sunday through Oct. 26. It's totally free to children age 12 and under, and parents are just \$1. Advance tickets are not available, and tickets are distributed on a first-come, first served basis until theater

The film line-up is Muppets Most Wanted Oct. 4-5, Earth to Echo Oct. 11-12, Mr. Peabody and Sherman Oct. 18-19 and Rio 2 Oct. 25-26.

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day prior to the show at mjrtheatres.com. Westland Grand Digital

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times or check online the Tues-

Cinema 16 is at 6800 N. Wavne Road, south of Warren Road.

New project manager

Paul Davis Restoration & Remodeling of Washtenaw County, a leading provider of fire, water and mold damage restoration services for residential and commercial properties, has named Erik Felt as the company's new project man-

Felt will be responsible for estimating and overseeing jobs in residential and commercial restoration, remodeling, and clean up and reconstruction of

property damage from water, fire, smoke, vandalism, and mold insurance claim losses.

Felt was born and raised in Garden City. He attended business management classes at Schoolcraft College in Livonia and Wayne County Community College in Detroit. For more than 14 years, Felt has extensive experience as a professional technician in fire, smoke, and water restoration along with demolition work to full reconstruction projects.

He also worked in the custom home improvement and renovations field while specializing in kitchen and bath remodeling. Felt was a business owner in home improvements, renovations and restoring foreclosed, distressed bank-owned

properties. He served in the U.S. Navy. He currently coaches as a volunteer for the Junior Varsity football team in Westland. Felt and his family are residents of Garden City.

"Erik is a valued member of our team. He understands the importance of providing exceptional customer service and the delivery of an outstanding product on each job," said Brian McCall, the local Paul Davis franchise owner. "Our customers can rely on Erik and all of our staff to provide the latest in restoration technologies. We are proud of our full-time technicians who are certified by The Institute of Inspection, Cleaning and Restoration Certi-





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OUR VIEWS

Use Fire Prevention Week to make your home safe

For more than 140 years, Mrs. O'Leary's cow has been blamed for the Great Chicago Fire. The poor animal has been accused of kicking over a lamp that set the barn and then all of Chicago on fire on Oct. 8, 1871. The resulting conflagration killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 people homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures, and burned more than 2,000 acres.

That fire and an even more devastating fire in northeast Wisconsin, which started on Oct. 8, burning down 16 towns, killing 1,152 people, and scorching 1.2 million acres, changed the way that firefighters and public officials thought about fire safety. On the 40th anniversary, the Fire Marshals Association of North America decided that it should be observed with festivities as a way to keep the public informed about the importance of fire prevention.

One hundred forty-three years later, we observe October as Fire Prevention Month, and the week of Oct. 9 is Fire Prevention Week. Local fire departments and departments across the country have different things planned to get the word out that fire safety is a serious matter.

The Wayne-Westland Fire Department will be holding a fundraising all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 4, at the station at 3300 S. Wayne Road, Wayne. There also will be a demonstration on how to use a fire extinguisher. Wayne and Westland residents also can bring their home fire extinguishers in to be checked out.

The Garden City Fire Department will hold its very popular annual open house 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, at the Garden City Fire Station, 6000 Middlebelt. This year, there will be a special Autism Preview from 10-11 a.m. for autistic students who need a quiet time to enjoy the open house. There will be a Jaws of Life demonstration at 1 p.m. and a chance to get up close and personal with the fire equipment.

These kinds of festivities are designed to be fun and interactive, and also are meant to keep people aware of what they can do to survive a fire. One of the main tools is smoke detectors. They can give people the warning needed to escape a fire, but in many cases of fire deaths, they aren't opera-

Nearly two-thirds of home structure fire deaths occur in homes where there is no smoke alarm or where smoke alarms are present but fail to operate because the batteries have been removed. Having working smoke alarms cuts the risk of dying in reported home fires in half and having automatic fire sprinkler systems in the home cuts the risk of dying in a home fire by about

Fire officials recommend that smoke alarms should be installed in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of a home, including the basement. They should be tested every month and replaced every 10 years

Mrs. O'Leary's cow has taken a lot of lumps for the Great Chicago Fire, but she also should get credit her for today's fire prevention efforts. Considering what happened on Oct. 8, 1871, the 143rd anniversary sounds like an excellent time to make sure you smoke detectors are operating. Push the test button to see if they work. Change the batteries, if necessary, and put up more throughout your

Smoke detectors do save lives. Make sure yours is one of them.

OUR VIEWS

Kosowski is best fit for 16th House District

In Michigan, getting elected to the State Legislature is half of the battle. The other half is becoming an effective lawmaker. It's even

more difficult if you're a Democrat. With both the House and the Senate under the control of the Republicans, the ability to work both sides of the aisle to make

Kosowski

things happen is a must. In the 16th State House District, incumbent Robert Kosowski has proven he has that ability. The first-term Democrat is being challenged by Republican Steve Boron in the Nov. 4 general election, and in listening to the two candidates, we believe Robert Kosowski offers the best choice for residents of Wayne and Westland.

A former parks and recreation director, Kosowski has been masterful in working with his Democratic and Republican colleagues. He went to Lansing

not to fight but to get things done, and it shows. He has had the most bills come out of the House and has had three signed into law by Gov. Rick Snyder. That's quite a feat for a Lansing newcomer and member of the minority party.

Kosowski has been able to work the other side and, as a result, has gotten three bills signed by the governor. Among the bills he sponsored that became law are: one that waives fees for veterans who are training in civilian careers that require licensing; and, most recently, one signed into law that addresses the workman compensation claims of Delphi workers filed between 1999 and 2005 when the company filed for bankrupt-

Like most candidates this election season, Kosowski talks about the deplorable condition of the state's roads and favors doubling the fines of overweight trucks. While he says he's not opposed to charter schools and believes parents should have a choice, he is opposed to cyber

schools getting the same state aid as K-12 schools for students who sit in front of computers. He also opposes the senior pension tax, calling it outrageous, and if given the chance, would vote to repeal

Boron is a Libertarian-turned-Republican who realizes that getting elected means being a part of a major party. He describes himself as a conservative who believes that the state shouldn't raise taxes, but rather spend what it has wisely. He opposes tax dollars going to big businesses rather than roads and classrooms and tax hikes on workers and retirees. Unfortunately, that puts him at odds with his fellow Republicans who ush-

ered through those changes.
Robert Kosowski has proven
he is up to the challenges of the State Legislature. He is man who didn't go to Lansing to fight but to get things done, and he has done that. He has provided fair and adequate representation for the 16th District and more than deserves a second term in office.

LETTERS

Curbside recycling

What are the chances of Garden City getting curbside recycling? I, for one, would support this program. Not just the little plastic box but the bigger bin would work best. I recycle everything and have been recy cling since we moved in in 1986.

Mary Morgan Garden City

Who's running the city?

Recently the heavy rains and floods caused our fire department to misjudge a flooded area on an emergency run and in the process cause severe damage to one of the old fire trucks to the tune of \$19,000 to the engine. The city manager's approval for the repairs without getting city council OK went above his authorization of \$5,000.

Also, at the same time, \$2,000 worth of damage was done to one of our new police cars. The city manager approval of the repairs to the motor in the police car was vithin his powers to authorize. Of course, I wonder why we didn't have any warranty on this new expensive police cruiser.

The city manager/chief of police Bob Muery has councilapproved authority to use up to \$5,000 on an emergency as he deems fit. However, the shortterm inexperience of his OK for the repairs of \$19,000 without council approval is dis-respectable to the office he represents.

So is the city manager/chief of police running the city or is (Mayor Randy) Walker and council? Since Bob Muery holds two strong seats in the city, maybe he

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feels he knows best and holds enough power that he can tell council after the fact and none of them will be smart enough to question him or his actions.

I have two problems action of Muery. One, like Councilman Jim Kerwin pointed, out the \$19,000 could have been used for a nice down payment on a newer fire truck. But, instead \$19,000 was spent to fix an old fire truck. Not a smart decision. Two, this council under Walker's leadership for the last five years thinks and does whatever they please with no regards to city charter, state law and their own

Walker's and council actions in the past of overriding the city charter and state law just voting the chief of police as also the city manager is enough to let all the residents know our city government will do as they wish. Just sad!

Al Buckner

Garden City Who's suing whom?

I read where Republican members of the U.S. House of Representatives have voted to sue President Obama.

You know, there may be some merit to that. After all, the president gave millions of our fellow citizens the Ebola virus. Oh, wait, that's wrong. He gave millions of our people health insurance. So scratch that.

All right, let's see what else they can sue him for. How about him pushing to make sure our auto industry didn't survive; he wanted our unemployed neighbors to lose benefits; he wanted college students to pay more for loans; he stalled the job and highway bills and, uh-oh, I have been informed that our president fought against all of those and it suers who own them Now what?

OK, he certainly signed on to give billionaires lower taxes, allow corporate leaders to hide profits and ship jobs overseas, right? Nope, once again his suers are behind those actions.

Well, I guess I'll see if I can sue the right-wingers and Tea Partiers in the U.S. House on behalf of all the sane people in this country that have been harmed. Also, gross incompetency and pandering for the rich should be included in the suit.

James Huddleston Canton

GUEST COLUMN

Take time to prepare your family for an emergency

By Michael Bratcher Guest Columnist

ow prepared is your family for the next emergency situation?

It's an important question to which unfortunately more families don't have a very good answer. Whether it's a natural disaster or other disaster scenario, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) encourages all families to take two preparedness steps intended to help a family endure the next emergency situation: have an emergency preparedness kit packed at home and make a family communications plan.



Preparedness kit

Having an emergency that your household may need is critical prior to an emergency. Assuming that basic utilities, such as electricity, gas, water, sewage and phone service may be unavailable after a storm strikes, the emergency readiness kit should contain a threeday supply of non-perish-

preparedness kit of items

Planning ahead helps guarantee that families stay safe and comfortable immediately following a disaster. Because family members may not be together when a disaster occurs, things to consider in an emergency communication plan include:

ter (a gallon per person,

per day), first aid sup-

plies, matches, battery-

powered radio, flash-

lights, extra batteries

and essential toiletry

items such as a tooth-

brush and toothpaste.

Establishing a family emergency contact point person. Identify an outof-town contact because, depending on the situation, that person may be

in a better position to coordinate with separated family members.

Making sure that family members know your home phone number and have access to a cell phone to call the designated emergency contact, which they should have memorized.

Establishing a meeting location for family members in case communication is difficult.

Subscribing to emergency alert services, if available.

In addition to having a kit and making a communication plan, it's also important to prepare for an extended period without utility power.

Portable power

Purchasing a portable generator or installing a standby generator is the simplest way to keep the power on when a storm or other emergency knocks utility power offline. And understanding the distinction between these options will help any family determine which choice is best for their home. A portable generator is a more immediate, but

temporary, solution. Usually powered by gasoline, a portable generator is less expensive than a standby unit and can be used immediately to power outdoor power equipment to clear the property of dangerous debris. It doesn't require permanent installation, either. If a portable unit is used to power home electric circuits, its benefits have limits compared to a standby generator, as a portable unit can only power a few items for a few hours before needing refueling. It's worth noting a transfer switch needs to be professionally installed just like with a standby generator system, if a portable unit is used to power home appliances

A standby generator is an automatic, permanent solution. It is professionally installed outside the home and can power more of your home's appliances for long periods of time. Powered by

natural gas or liquid propane, recent power management technology has allowed homes to still receive whole-house power, but with a smaller, more affordable generator than in years past.

Standby generators can power more of a home's high-wattage appliances, like AC units, electric stoves and electric dryers. But unlike portable generators, standby generators need to be professionally installed, so families need to allow for a period of installation.

To learn more about keeping your home powered throughout an emergency, visit www.bratcherelectric.com.

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Schoolcraft College plans to offer three new bachelor's degree programs in the culinary arts field, a first for the community college.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Chef helps Schoolcraft develop 4-year programs

By Susan Selasky Gannett Michigan

resh off a 26-day trip ■to Spain with Team USA Basketball, chef Shawn Loving is celebrating the team's big win and looking forward to one of his own.

Loving recently returned from Madrid, where he served as chef for U.S. men's basketball team, which defeated Serbia on Sept. 14 during FIBA World Cup. The full-time instructor and culinary department chair at Schoolcraft College in Livonia revealed he's helping develop a new four-year culinary arts bachelor's degree program at the school.

Schoolcraft College plans to offer three new bachelor's degree programs in the culinary arts field, a first for the community college known for its two-yeardegreed culinary arts program and culinary certification program.

"It's a three-track opportunity so you're not ness aspect," Loving



SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Chef Shawn Loving, Schoolcraft's culinary department chairman, recently worked as chef for the U.S. men's basketball team.

said. "Having a variety today seems to be the right way to go."

The new baccalaureate programs — Culinary Entrepreneurial Leadership; Culinary Nutrition and Leadership, and Culinary and Dietary **Operations Management** - are pending approval by the Higher Learning Commission and could be offered as soon as spring 2015, said Rich Weinkauf. vice president and chief academic officer for

The programs were

made possible by a change in legislation that now allows community colleges to grant baccalaureate degrees in certain areas of study, including culinary arts.

Of the degrees that will be offered, only the Culinary Nutrition and Leadership program will have limited enrollment (12 students per year).

"These are folks that will work directly under certified master and executive chefs for honing their kitchen skills and cooking ability,"

Weinkauf said. "It will be

Mike Hansen, president of the Michigan Community College Association in Lansing, said bringing baccalaureate programs to community colleges like Schoolcraft "makes perfect sense."

"This is offering the opportunity for a whole range of students who were previously denied that opportunity," he said. "Some can't go to a four-year college or they can't afford a four-year and but can afford a

community college. When Schoolcraft began entertaining the idea of four-year programs, Loving says, officials wanted to offer students a chance to learn about nutrition as well as the business side of the industry. The new degree programs reflect that, he says, and they will provide an "opportunity for students to get jobs in different areas," such as the nutrition and dietary fields as well as

culinary management. We might have a student that is in a second or third career and they may not want to work on the line as a sous chef," he said.

For those out in the field already, Loving says the school will offer tenured credit, meaning prior learning credits earned could be applied toward a bachelor's degree.

As for Loving's other job as chef for the nation's basketball team (which includes Detroit Piston Andre Drummond), Loving says planning is key.

"They are pretty finicky," he said of the team members. "But it's all about the player and building the relationship and making sure they are always fueled with what they need.

Loving takes the same approach to developing Schoolcraft's expanded programs

"I want this to feel inviting," he said. "My desire is for this to be open ... for ... anyone who wants to go into that particular path."





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GC reaches great heights in Mt. Morris

Cougars go 5-0 to win first tournament of season

By Ed Wright Staff Writer

Garden City's volleyball team was running on all cylinders at Saturday's Mt. Morris Invita-

The Cougars turned in several clutch performances at key times to finish 5-0 and take the title with a stirring 25-14, 33-31 triumph over Brown City in the

championship match.
"It was great to see the girls battle the way they did," said Garden City head coach John Pace. "Everyone contributed and made an impact. Brittany [Radtke] had a key kill, Skyler [Clendening] served match point after being subbed in stone cold. Our defense was tough all day.

"Having the final set go 33-31

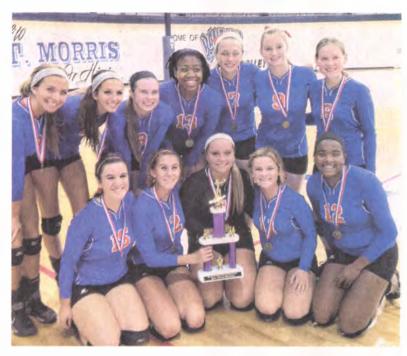
was completely intense. It was just an awesome set to close out

The Cougars opened play by sweeping three pool-play matches: 25-11, 25-10 over Christ the King; 25-17, 26-24 over Imlay City; and 25-17, 25-21 over Brown City.

GC then survived a tense three-set semifinal showdown against Birmingham Groves, 25-11, 23-25, 16-14, before taking down Brown City in the final.

Allie Lynn had a phenomenal day, chalking up 39 kills, 42 digs and 13 aces.

Other key contributors included Holly Sayger (34 kills), Hanna Vera-Burgos (42 assists), Alex Roffi (33 assists) and Taylor Bejma, who notched 36 digs and 12 aces.



Members of the Garden City volleyball team pose with their first-place trophy after winning Saturday's Mt. Morris Invitational.

The tournament features teams made up of students, teachers and alumni. **MU** spikers

RU dodge

The Redford Union High School Blue and Gold Club

is hosting its annual dodge ball tournament on Friday, Nov.

7 at 6:30 p.m. in the school's gymnasium.

Admission is \$3.

ball

Casey Gates fin-ished with 15 kills and 12 digs to lift the ninth-ranked Madonna University women's volleyball team to a 25-20, 25-22, 25-17 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference win Saturday at home over

Marygrove College. **Emily Johnson** and Katie Breault chipped in with 13 and eight kills, respectively, for the Crusaders, who improved to 20-2 overall and 8-0 in the WHAC

Setter Spencer Stokes racked up 40 assist-to-kills, while Amanda Obrycki paced the defense

with 15 digs.

Kara Kempinski
(Livonia Churchill) led the Mustangs (4-12, 1-7) with 20 digs, while setter Hayley Jury (Livonia Ladywood) had 14 assists.

On Friday, host Madonna got 14 kills from Johnson and 49 assists from Stokes in a 25-18, 23-25, 25-22, 25-20 WHAC victory over Lawrence Tech.

Padget making an impact at Alma

Churchill grad named to 'Good Works Team'

> **By Ed Wright** Staff Writer

Simply going through the motions has never been a viable option for Blake Pad-

Whether he's clearing running lanes as an offensive lineman for the Alma College football team, volunteering at youth football camps, studying for a Law School Admission Test or collecting equipment for less-fortunate young athletes, the 2011 Livonia Churchill graduate's motor is always revving at full throt-



ALMA COLLEGE **Padget**

So it was no surprise to anyone who knows the energetic Padget that he was recently named to the 2014 Allstate AFCA Good Works Team

a prestigious group of 22 college football players (11 from Division 1 schools; and 11 from D2 and smaller schools) who have made extraordinary commitments to enriching the lives of others in their communi-

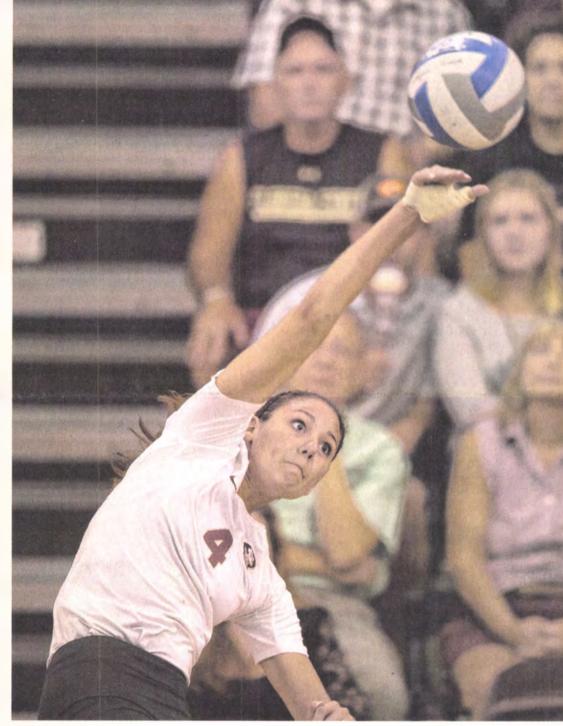
In addition to participating in a local soup kitchen at Alma First Presbyterian Church, serving at various Big Brothers/Big Sisters events and working with Habitat for Humanity to build ramps for people with cerebral palsy, Padget co-founded the nonprofit organization Together All Can Keep Limits Exhausted (T.A.C.K.L.E.), which provides equipment to young football players who may not be able to play without a helping hand.

"We thought that it would be sad if a kid couldn't play football just because of something silly like not being able to afford cleats," said Padget, when asked about the inspiration for forming T.A.C.K.L.E. "We raise money and collect equipment for youth football leagues so that

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ALMA COLLEGE Alma College senior Blake Padget (67), a 2011 graduate of Livonia Churchill, has been a mainstay on and off the field.



Wayne Memorial graduate Katie Horton has been made an instant impact during her first season at Florida State

RISE & SHINE

Wayne Memorial grad Horton contributing big-time for Florida State volleyball team

By Ed Wright Staff Writer

It hasn't taken long for Katie Horton's skyhigh volleyball skills to heat up in the "Sunshine State."

In her first season playing for the nationallyranked Florida State University volleyball team, the former Wayne Memorial standout has proven to be a sunbelt sensation, helping the Seminoles to an 11-0 record by earning Atlantic Coast Conference Player of the Week honors.

Horton was an all-around force during her accolades-filled performance, collecting 36 kills, 25 digs and nine blocks in a pair of victories over No. 21-ranked Texas A&M.

"Katie had a real breakout weekend and she continues to be a welcomed addition as a full-rotation passer," said FSU head coach Chris Poole. "Katie's recognition is very well-deserved."

Horton excelled during her freshman season of collegiate volleyball at Ohio University, where she was instrumental in leading the Bobcats to a 27-6 overall record and the school's 10th Mid-American Conference championship in the past 11 seasons.



Katie Horton

"It's an honor to come to practice every day and play with such talented teammates. It really makes me want to push myself every

day to get better."

But when Ohio's coach resigned following the season, Horton opted to transfer her talents to Tallahassee.

"I love it down here," Horton said during a Tuesday afternoon phone interview. "The people are nice, the weather is nice, I won't have to deal with snow this winter.

"It's an honor to come to practice every day and play with such talented teammates. It really makes me want to push myself every day to get better.'

The opportunity to play volleyball indoors

and outdoors at the college level was a big

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Redford **Catholic** football

The Lancers freshman team lost, 7-6, to Cabrini on Saturday. The lone offensive highlight for Redford Catholic was Donovan Lemon's 95-yard TD run. Anthony Blouin (12 tackles) was a force on defense.

The junior-varsity Lancers fell 29-0 to the Monarchs. Daron Dunning, Skyler Bowens, Michael Rossi and Jerry Shananaquet sparkled for the defense.

The Lancers' varsity squad secured a berth in a CYO consolation game Oct. 25 at Ford Field by blanking Cabrini, 28-0. JJ Cantrell excelled at quarterback while Matthew McCarty had two touchdowns - one on each side of the ball. Devin Dunning also scored a TD. Defensively, Dunning, McCarty, Kevin Cox, Karron Paynes, Jeremy Pfeifer, Cantrell, Joseph Brintley, Sean Rankin, Reginald Jones, Mark Grundy, Logan Warren, Paul Wagner and Terrance Moore stood out.

Reporting results

Local high school athletic coaches are encouraged to report results of their team's contests to Observer sports editor Ed Wright, who can be reached

at 734-578-2767. The deadline for Sunday editions of the Observer is Friday at 10 p.m. The deadline for Thursday editions is Tuesday at 10 p.m.

Zebras stampede foes at Carlson Invitational

Wayne also clinches KLAA South title

> **By Ed Wright** Staff Writer

Wayne Memorial's boys cross country team didn't just win Saturday's Gibraltar Carlson Marauder Invitational, it thoroughly dominated the 11-team event.

The Zebras registered just 36 points to outdistance runner-up Flat Rock by 46 points. Grosse Ile placed third with 87 points and Dearborn was fourth with 103.

The race was hosted by Lake Erie Metro Park, which will serve as the site of the Division 1 regional the Zebras will compete in later this month.

"The boys ran a really good race," said Wayne head coach Tom Gibson. "Devin Gibson and Malik Jordan just missed their course records and the other five boys either ran their course PR or their overall PR.

Led by Devin Gibson's second-place finish in 16 minutes and 25.1 seconds, five Zebras medaled. Jordan placed third in 16:47.9; Uriel Figueroa was sixth in 17:32.2; Michael Gibson was sev-



Pictured are Churchill's Kathleen George and Franklin's Natalie Douglas during a meet earlier this season,

enth in 17:35.4 and Jamie Carranza was 18th with an all-time personal-best clocking of 18:22.6.

Wayne also received strong showings from sixth man John Gaton (20:11.4) and Matt Fischer, who covered the 5K course in 20:11.8.

Milan's Joey Humes won the race in 15:56.7.

get ready for

On Tuesday, the Zebras clinched the KLAA South Division title with a 26-29 victory over Livonia Churchill. Malike Jordan (16:30.1) and Devin Gibson (16:31.5) finished 1-2 for the Zebras, who also received strong outings from Uriel Figueroa (sixth in 17:35.9), Michael Gibson (seventh in 17:53.3) and Jamie Carranza (10th in 18:30.3).

Churchill was led by Jonathan Alessandrini's third-place finish in 17:15.8. Also scoring for the Chargers were Matt Cohan (fourth in 17:26.5), Jonathan Hovermale (fifth in 17:31.97), Josh Mussen (eighth in

18:08.3) and John Sas

Floyd leads Patriots

Livonia Franklin's boys cross country team played 16th at Saturday's Running Fit Coaching Legends Invitational, which was held at Huron

fewer than the Patriots. Franklin had two runners finish in the top-21 spots: Junior Tony Floyd was 15th in 16:13 while senior Keenan Jones was

Also competing for Franklin were Matt Lepper (95th in 17:59); Gage Wheeler (115th in 18:25); Zach Fenwick (124th in 18:41); Grant Rudd (125th in 18:41); and Kyle Perelli, who placed 133rd in

"Overall, we performed well as a team," said Franklin head coach Walt Reasor. "Tony Floyd ran a great race and was through his sore leg.

Matt Lepper's effort and a great job in his second varsity start for us."

Franklin girls 4th

Livonia Franklin's

(ninth in 18:12.3).

Meadows Metropark.

Rockford won the event with 80 points, 262

21st in 16:31

Rockford's Isaac Harding won the race in 15:43.

up with the lead pack most of the way. Keenan Jones battled his way to a good time, pushing

"I was pleased with thought Grant Rudd did

girls cross country team

turned in a stellar performance at Saturday's Coaching Legends Invitational, which was held at Huron Meadows

Metropark. The Patriots placed fourth with 136, finishing behind only Brighton (69), Rockford (81) and

Northville (116). Livonia Churchill placed 12th with 243 points while Livonia Stevenson was 15th with 404 points.

The Patriots were powered by strong efforts from Natalie Douglas, who placed 11th in 19:52.3; and Mandy Pokryfky, who was 13th in 19:57.8. Also finishing in the top 50 were Ellary Marano (26th in 20:30.4), Camryn Zurawski (40th in 20:53.6) and Natalie Martinez, who was 49th in 21:11.7

Riley Shine placed 60th for Franklin in 21:23.8 and Julie Wonch was 69th in 21:36.3.

Churchill girls outrun Zebras

Livonia Churchill's girls cross country team defeated Wayne Memorial, 15-50, Tuesday afternoon at Cass Benton Park in Northville.

Churchill's Lauren Bernhardt won the race in 21:28. She was followed across the finish line by teammates Hailey Pampreen (21:48), Kathleen George (21:51), Addison Mussen (21:52), Christina Murphy (22:18), Raquel Zwick (22:21) and Gabby Swider (22:49). Kelsie Wysong was the Zebras' top runner, finishing in 22:45.

Patriot girls oust **Canton, 17-46**

Livonia Franklin improved to 3-1 in the KLAA South thanks to a 1-2-3 finish from Natalie Douglas (20:20.5), Ellary Marano (20:31.5) and Mandy Pokryfky (20:56.4). Camryn Zurawski was fifth in 21:12, Natalie Martinez was seventh in 21:44 and Riley Shine was eighth in 21:48.2.

Canton boys edge Pats 25-33

Keenan Jones (16:39.1) and Tony Floyd (16:39.6) finished 1-2 for Livonia Franklin, but it wasn't enough to push the Patriots past the Chiefs Tuesday afternoon at Nankin

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drawing card when it came time for Horton to decide where to transfer.

"The chance to play indoor volleyball and sand volleyball at Florida State was a big reason I decided to come here," she said. "They're totally different sports and I feel like I have a lot to

learn in both.' The Seminoles' fan base is loyal, to say the least, Horton added.

"I had the chance to go to a half of a home football game and it was a great experience," she said. "It's crazy with all the cheers the students do and everything. We get good crowds at our volleyball games, too, especially when we play a rival like Florida.'

Horton is pursuing a degree in sport management with an eye on eventually playing professional volleyball and coaching at some level.

Ultimately, Horton aspires to play for the United States in the Olympics - either in the sand or in a gym.

"That's my goal and my dream," she said. "But I know I have a lot of work to do to make it come true. Playing at Florida State will make me a better player and give me a better chance."

Although she won't miss the winter snowstorms, Horton said she does get homesick at

"I miss my family and friends," she said. "I talk to my parents every chance I get and they've been able to come down and watch a match. We're on FaceTime, too, so that makes it a little easier."

Horton led the Zebras to back-to-back Division 1 district championships before graduating in 2013. She was ranked 95th in the country on PrepVolleyball's Senior Ace list.

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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 Glenn at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Thurston at Belleville, 7 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Franklin Rd., 7 p.m. PREP VOLLEYBALL **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 Thurstor, 7 p.m. HVL at Inter-City Baptist 6:30 p.m. Franklin at Canton, 6:30 p.m. John Glenn at Plymouth 7 p.m. RU at Robichaud, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 4 Mt. Morris Invite, 9 a.m. Whitmore Lake Tournament, 9 a.m.

BOYS SOCCER

Thursday, Oct. 2 Stevenson at S.L. East, 4 p.m. Churchill at John Glenn, 4 p.m. HVL at Parkway, 4:30 p.m. Franklin at Wayne, 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3 Fordson at Garden City, 4 p.m. South Lyon at Churchill, 5:30 p.m. Luth. Westland at Southfield Christian, 4 PREP CROSS COUNTRY

Saturday, Oct. 4 Wayne County Champic GIRLS SWIMMING Thursday, Oct. 2 Ladywood at Regina, 5:30 p.m Thurston at Crestwood, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.
Wayne at Franklin, 6:30 p.m.
RU at Dearborn, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 4 Wayne Co. Swim Meet, 10:30 a.m. GIRLS GOLF Thursday, Oct. 2

Mercy at Ladywood, 4 p.m

ON THE DOORSTEP

Rynicki's late goal puts Stevenson one win away from Central title

By Ed Wright Staff Writer

Where would Livonia Stevenson's boys soccer team have been Tuesday night without its Austins? Potentially in a world

of hurt.

Thanks in large part to senior captain Austin Rynicki and junior goalkeeper Austin Kaczmarek, the Spartans clipped host Salem, 1-0, to propel them to within one victory from clinching the school's first KLAA Central Division title since 2008. The clincher could come Thursday night, when the Spartans host South Lyon East.

Rynicki played stellar all night along the back line, helping to defuse a series of Rocks threats.

But it was his highflying header goal off a midfield free kick by Philip Vrzovski with 13:20 left that proved to be the difference in the highdrama match-up.

"I wasn't going to go in at first; I was just going to let (Vrzovski) kick it in,' Rynicki said, recounting the game-winning goal.

"At the last second, Philip told me to go in. He played it in and nobody on their team followed me. I knew it was going in once it hit my head.

"I knew we could hold on with our defense, so when the ball went in the net, I knew we had the game."

Kaczmarek enjoyed a relatively low-stress first half, when the ball stayed mainly in the Rocks' end of the pitch. But led by Max Kummer, Salem turned on the heat during the latter stages of the contest, forcing Kaczmarek to bring his 'A' game.

"It was 0-0 most of the game, so I was just doing everything I could to keep a clean sheet," Kaczmarek said. "Once we scored the goal, it was just a matter of our defense holding them out to win the game."

Stevenson head coach Ken Shingledecker said his team's performance was brilliant, especially considering the way the Rocks battled from the opening touch.

"This win was absolutely huge for us," said Shingledecker, whose stateranked team improved to 11-2-1 overall and 7-1-1 in the Central. "It puts us in a position to win the Central Division and, from what I understand, it's been a while since Stevenson has done that.

"Everyone is excited. The kids have worked extremely hard for this and they deserve it. Our goalkeeping and defense have been outstanding the past month and that's usually the recipe for a successful season.

"I thought Salem was awesome tonight. They made this the great game that it was.'

The loss dropped the Rocks to 4-8-2 and 3-4-2, respectively.

Junior goalkeeper Karson Gregory also did a solid job of keeping the goose egg on Stevenson's side of the scoreboard until Rybicki's late hero-

In addition to Kaczmarek's clutch performance, Shingledecker heaped praise on his defensive quartet of Rynicki, Max Hoover, Brandon Eklund and Vrzovski.

"Austin did a nice job of finishing Philip's long service on the goal," Shin-gledecker said. "Both of our center backs have come up and scored some big goals for us this sea-

Trojans trounce Eagles

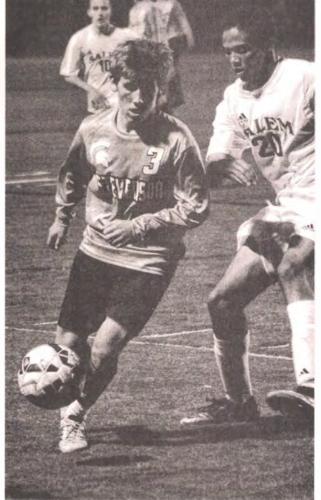
Livonia Clarenceville scored twice in the first minute of play Monday evening and rolled to a 7-1 win over visiting Redford Thurston in boys soccer.

Jayson Fitzpatrick had two goals for the Trojans, who are 5-9-1 overall with the Western Wayne Athletic Conference victory.

Cam Fyffe, Kevin Marzolo, Armin Andelija, Gerardo Arzate and Alvin Tong scored one goal apiece. Diego Almedia-Navorro scored for Thurston.

Connor Nolan and Fyffe had two assists each; Kevin Marzolo, Dante Marzolo and Alex Immonen chipped in one apiece. Clarenceville goalie Jon Murphy made eight saves.

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ED WRIGHT

Livonia Stevenson's Sam Landefeld pushes the ball upfield in front of Salem's Daniel Branch.

Stevenson aces Pinckney test, 7-2

By Ed Wright Staff Writer

Livonia Stevenson's boys tennis team was running on all cylinders Sept. 25 against visiting Pinckney in a KLAA cross-over match.

Spearheaded by a sweep of the five doubles matches, the Spartans prevailed 7-2 against the Pirates

The two teams split the four singles matches with Pinckney's No. 1 player, Nick Romano, upending Cade Bunton, 6-0, 6-0. The Pirates' No. 3 man, Wilson Wagner, outlasted Stevenson's Neal Adams, 6-2, 6-4.

However, the hosts earned a 2-2 deadlock in the solo matches thanks to strong efforts from Brendan Parker, who ousted Adam Flickema, 6-3, 6-4, at No. 2, and Andrew Dziobak, who survived a tight battle against Alex Theis at

Igniting the Spartans' doubles sweep was the No. 1 tandem of Brad Weiand and Jack Dunne, who out-stroked Mitch Swanson and Edwin Bredick, 6-3, 6-2. The No. 2 duo of Alex Westphall and Mike Licata followed suit by posting a 6-3, 6-3 triumph over Nick Marlatt and Paul Moenart.

Other winners for Stevenson included the No. 3 team of Peter Akel and Jeff Della Mora; the No. 4 pair of Scott Findlay and Alex Walkuski;



Garden City No. 1 singles player Joe Pummill captured the gold medal at Saturday's Crestwood Quad Meet.

and the No. 5 tandem of Davis White and Dalton Rhoedes.

The Garden City boys tennis team continued to steamroll through its schedule the past week as it placed first in Saturday's Dearborn Heights Crestwood Quad Tournament. In addition to the host Chargers, South Lyon and Farmington competed in the four-team event.

Cougar No. 1 singles player Joe Pummill earned a gold medal in his flight along with No. 4 singles player Tyler Kelly; the No. 3 doubles team of Nick Bennett and Jassen Matuscak; and the No. 4 doubles

duo of Derrick and Tony VanDooren.

Travis Kidd earned valuable points by winning the silver medal at No. 3 singles.

On Monday, the Cougars white-washed visiting Dearborn High, 8-0. Both teams entered the showdown with unbeaten records in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference.

"This was a huge win for our program and I am extremely proud of the boys," said GC head coach Ron Pummill. "They are a joy to coach and they are playing really well."

Monday's match was the first time GC had defeated Dearborn since 2008.

Joe Pummill started

things rolling with a 6-1, 6-2 victory over Austin Watson at No. 1 singles. Fellow singles players Robbie Moyer (who won an exciting three-setter against Ali Beydoun at No. 2), Kidd and Kelly

also won their matches. The No. 1 doubles team of Zack Quartz and Aaron Wilson defeated Adam Dawdy and Nathan Kamrad, 6-4, 6-0, while the No. 2 squad of Trent Wallace and Jake Beasley tormented Ian Sorenson and George Morrison,

6-1, 6-1. Also winning were Bennett and Matuscak at No. 3 and Derrick VanDooren and Nathan Gonzales at No. 4.

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PADGET

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every kid who wants to play will get an opportunity."

Football has made a long-lasting and powerful impact on Padget, who played for the Livonia Orioles and under his No. 1 mentor – his father, Robert Padget.

"I could talk to you for two or three hours about what the sport of football has meant to me," he said. "Most importantly, it has given me an opportunity to educate myself and given me incentive to do well in school. And being on some teams that have struggled on the field, I've learned how to battle through adversity and never give up.'

Padget has been a positive force both on and off the gridiron during the past four years at Alma, said Scots head coach Greg Pscoana.

"Blake is a young man who epitomizes division three athletics," Pscodna said. "He has been a class act both on and off the field his entire career at Alma College. He is an example for his teammates and for future Scots that come to this campus."

At 6-foot and 245 pounds, Padget is not on the massive side when it comes to collegiate offensive linemen, but he's been super-effective during his tenure at Alma. After playing sparingly as a freshman in 2011, Padget worked his way into the starting

line-up as a right offensive tackle his sophomore season and has been a starter ever since.

Although the Scots have finished 1-9 the past two seasons, optimism is abundant this fall thanks to a 2-1 start.

"We have a really good group of senior leaders and we're motivated to finish our college football careers on a positive note," said Padget. "We were in just about every game last season, but we just couldn't make that big play at the end to finish. This year we feel like we have what it takes to finish games."

A testament to his versatility, Padget will be making his first career start at center this week-

Family is big for Padget, who sets a positive example for his younger brother, Dylan – a senior on this season's 5-0 Churchill football team - like his older brother Robert and dad did for him.

"I'd like to think I'm a mentor for my younger brother, at least to some extent," Padget said. "I want to be a good role model for him. Living away from him during his high school football career has been kind of hard, but I get to as many of his games as I can. I'm

very proud of him." Padget is working toward a degree in history with a minor in psychology. Ultimately, he aspires to attend law school - preferably at a state school - and become a lawyer.

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Romano lifts Blazers in field hockey win

Livonia Ladywood pulled off a mild surprise Monday at home by upending defending Michigan High School Field Hockey Association Division 1 champion Ann Arbor Huron, 1-0.

Senior Kendall Romano scored midway through the second half off assists from seniors Christina Meyer and Madison Markwardt as the Blazers outshot the

Last week's record

Overall record

River Rats, 7-3, to go along with a 5-3 advantage in corners. The Blazers improved to 5-2-3 overall and 1-2-2 in the division.

Junior goalie Maddie Haas made three saves for her fifth shutout for the Blazers.

"The team has been working hard and really coming together as a unit," Ladywood coach Kris Sanders said.

On Friday, Ladywood downed host East Grand Rapids, 3-0, as Romano notched a hat trick with assists going to senior Emma Smalley and Meyer. (The loss dropped the Pioneers to 0-6-2 in Divi-

sion 1 play.) Haas recorded the shutout in goal for the Blazers, who played Bloomfield Hills Academy of the Sacred Heart Wednesday at home.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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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/budget-

Glenn Cerny Vice President and CFO

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OBSERVER FOOTBALL PREDICTIONS

ALL GAMES 7 P.M. UNLESS NOTED			
Thursday, Oct. 2	Ed Wright	Dan O'Meara	Tim Smith
Berkley (5-0, 4-0) at Farmington (4-1, 4-0)	Farmington	Farmington	Berkley
Roch. Adams (2-3, 2-2) at Farm. Harrison (4-1, 3-1)	Harrison	Harrison	Harrison
Oak Park (4-1, 4-0) at North Farmington (3-2, 2-2)	Oak Park	Oak Park	Oak Park
Garden City (3-2) at Dearborn Edsel Ford (3-2)	Garden City	Edsel Ford	Garden City
Friday, Oct. 3			
West. John Glenn (3-2, 1-2) at Plymouth (4-1, 2-1)	John Glenn	John Glenn	Plymouth
Salem (0-5, 0-3) at South Lyon East (0-5, 0-3)	Salem	Salem	Salem
Livonia Churchill (5-0, 3-0) at Canton (4-1, 3-0)	Canton	Churchill	Canton
Liv. Franklin (0-5, 0-3) at Wayne Memorial (0-5, 0-3)	Franklin	Franklin	Franklin
Livonia Stevenson (3-2, 2-1) at Northville (4-1, 2-1)	Northville	Northville	Northville
Clarenceville (0-5) at Delton Kellogg (2-3)	Delton	Delton	Delton
Redford Thurston (2-3, 1-2) at Belleville (2-3, 1-2)	Thurston	Thurston	Thurston
D.H. Annapolis (2-3, 0-2) at Redford Union (1-4, 0-3)	Annapolis	Annapolis	R.Union
Luth. Westland (4-1, 3-0) at S'field Christian (0-5,	Luth. West.	Luth. West.	Luth. West.

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PREP CROSS COUNTRY

Zebra girls improving with every stride

By Ed Wright Staff Writer

It's not about the W's and L's as much as the PR's for members of the Wayne Memorial girls cross country team.

With a roster that runs just 10 deep, Zebras head coach Kathryn Hansen takes a realistic approach when setting goals for her young and ambitious crew.

"I tell my girls right up front that we're probably not going to win a lot of meets. which is OK, but we can get better every practice and every race," said Hansen, who doubles as the school's girls track-and-field coach. "As far as wins and losses, we're not going great, but as far as dropping time and working hard, the girls are doing excellent.

"Every meet we have three of our 10 girls running personal-best times. That's what we're shooting for more than anything else.

Wayne's top runner this season has been junior Kelsie Wysong, who served as the team's manager last fall as she recovered from an injury. The first-year cross country runner has already sliced her time from a beginning-of-theseason time of 23:30 to under 22 minutes.

Sophomore Nikita Bhangu



KATHRYN HANSEN

First-year runner Kelsie Wysong has been a solid No. 1 runner for Wayne Memorial this season.

paces a group of five sophomores who have made huge investments in sweat equity to chop several minutes off their

"Nikita has done extremely well this season," said Hansen. "Last year she was getting a little frustrated because her time was not dropping. But she, along with a lot of our girls, have put in a lot of time



KATHRYN HANSEN

Members of the Wayne Memorial girls cross country team have worked hard this season to drop their times significantly.

this year and they're seeing the results. We have a group of girls who started the season running around 27 and now they're around 24.'

Included in that group are sophomore Melaina Limer,

senior Victoria Boyd and freshman Jessica Leigh.

Senior Kendall Hood has been a consistent performer who usually finishes the 5kilometer course in the 27minute neighborhood.

Junior Gabby Niemiec has also shown signs of improvement as have freshmen Allison Jones and Olya Malcolm.

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

Seniors lead RU to big victory over Thurston

By Ed Wright Staff Writer

Neither team could establish a consistent rhythm during Tuesday night's Western Wayne Athletic Conference Red Division volleyball encounter between visiting Redford Union and Redford Thur-

But a strong finishing touch by the Panthers had the Eagles singing the blues following a four-set RU triumph: 25-22, 22-25, 25-23, 25-22.

"We won tonight mostly because of our seniors," said RU head coach Rob Reese, whose team snapped a threematch losing streak and improved to 3-4 overall and 1-3 in the division. "Our senior captain, Renee Reed, played with such desire. There was no way she was going to let us lose. She put the whole team on her back. She played well in the front row, the back row and she served outstanding tonight."

Thurston head coach Scott Gray lamented his team's absence of spirit and abundance of errors on a night when the Eagles were never able to find their groove.

"We played, in my estimation, uninspired and lackluster volleyball tonight," said Gray, whose team dropped to 5-5 overall and 1-3 in the Red. "It was a mistake-riddled match all around. We missed a lot of serves and we had no semblance of an offensive attack. Just an awful lot of mistakes.

Along with Reed, the Panthers were powered by strong play from senior front-row specialist Sasha Sartain, who missed just one serve all night; and senior libero Logyn Kraft, who was a hustling, defensive wizard against her school's arch rival.

Reese also spoke highly of sophomore captain Shae Smith, Sadie Miles, Kiara Sharpe and Hayley Hebner.

"Every player who played a lot tonight did something that helped us win," Reese said. "When you're in a match as close as this was tonight, you need everybody to step up."

The Eagles appeared on the verge of sending the match to a fifth game as they surged to leads of 7-1 and 12-6 in the fourth stanza. However, RU knotted the game at 17-17 then held on for the triumph.

Both coaches raved about the play of Thurston's Gabrielle Van Well, who led the Eagles with eight kills along with picking up three aces. Tiara Boyd also had her share of crowd-pleasing moments as she knocked down six kills.

Junior Maya McKinney had her serve working as she delivered seven aces.

Cougars sweep T-Birds

Garden City remained unbeaten in the WWAC Blue Division Tuesday night as the Cougars thumped Dearborn Edsel Ford, 25-22, 25-11, 25-8.

"Every player on our roster had a hand in this victory," said GC head coach John Pace. "As a coach, you love nights like this.

'Our desire really picked up in sets two and three. You could see we were much more efficient and controlled the ball much better.'

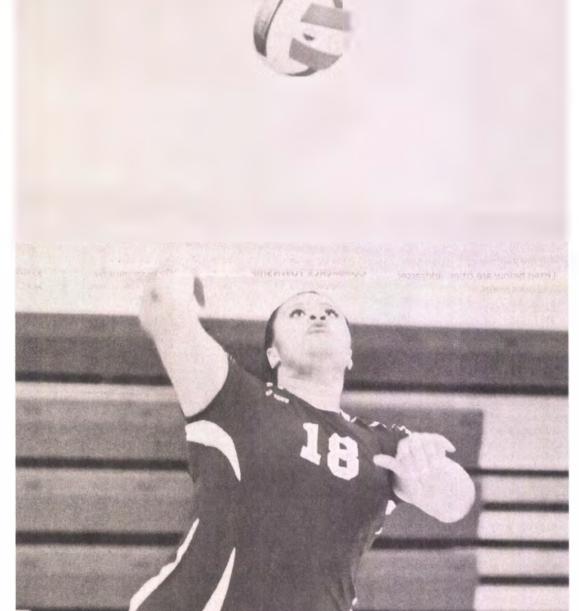
Freshman Alex Roffi enjoyed a solid night for the winners, going 17-for-17 from the service stripe with one ace. She also distributed nine

Taylor Bejma successfully received all seven serves that came her way along with pick-

ing up nine digs. Senior setter Hanna Vera-Burgos chalked up 15 assists while Holly Sayger had 10 kills. Emily Hoffman also had a fine night with 10 digs.

Hawks fly in four

Huron Valley Lutheran upped its record to 10-8-3



Redford Union's Sasha Sartin was nearly flawless from the service stripe Tuesday night.

overall and 3-2 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Tuesday night by upending Ann Arbor Greenhills, 23-25, 25-16, 25-12 and

Senior Madison Dest led the winners' charge with 17 kills, nine digs and five aces. Senior Anne St. John also sparkled as she racked up 15 kills, 25 assists and seven

25-19

Other key contributors included Bethany Schaffer (15 assists, 10 digs), Nikki Alcini (five kills, three aces, three blocks), Ashley Setian (three kills, three blocks) and Brynn

Brown, who chipped in with five blocks and three kills.

"Lydia Gutierrez helped out at the service line with tough serves in game three," noted HVL head coach Mike Dest. "And Andre LeFevre, our libero, played solid for us all night.

"We started out very slow tonight; we couldn't get into our system early, but the girls kept fighting, and we found a little something as the night went on. I'm proud of the girls for fighting when they didn't have their best game on tonight. It was nice to see our seniors - Madison, Anne, Bethany and Nikki - lead the way.'

Warriors toppled

Lutheran Westland fell in straight sets to rival Lutheran High School Northwest of Rochester Hills Tuesday night, 25-18, 25-17, 25-13. "That was a good team we

played tonight," said LW head coach Tom Lange. "They threw a lot of different things at us, and executed them well. Our defense was good, considering the degree of difficulty we faced."

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COLLEGE SOCCER WRAP

Crusader men fall to Indiana Tech in 2 OTs

It was a painful way to start the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference season Saturday night for the Madonna Univer-

sity men's soccer team. The Crusaders outshot host Indiana Tech, 21-11, but fell in double-overtime when Adam Knight tallied the game-winning goal in the 103rd minute on a cross from Robbie Kiernan.

The loss drops MU to 5-3 overall and 0-1 in the WHAC, while Indiana Tech improves to 4-1-1 and 1-0.

The Warriors led 1-0 just 1:40 into the match on Gaston Raposo's goal from Mitch Smith, but Madonna countered on Doug Beason's second goal of the season from Danny

Indiana Tech goalkeeper

Mac Baker made eight saves, while Marcel Schmid had just one for the Crusaders, who return to WHAC action 4 p.m. Wednesday at home against Aquinas College.

MADONNA (WOMEN) 5, ROCHESTER 1: Ashley Parent scored her first two goals of the season and added an assist Monday as host Madonna University (5-3) routed Rochester College (3-9-1) in a

The Crusaders also got a goal and assist from Jennifer Jurcak, along with goals from Allie May and Jessica Witt (her third). Other assists went to Morgan Himanek and Hannah Alston

Jessica Ollila's goal in the 60th minute spoiled MU palkeeper Blaire Schmalenberg's shutout bid.

NMU (WOMEN) 3, MADONNA 2 (OT): Paula Hafner converted a penalty kick, her fourth goal of the season in the 92nd minute to enable Northern Michigan University (2-4-1) to pull out an overtime

non-conference victory over Madonna University All the scoring came in the first 12 minutes as Jessica Witt scored for the Crusaders at 0:36 (from Plymouth Christian's Annette Somercik) and on an

unassisted corner kick at 11:10 (to make it 2-all).
The Wildcats countered with first-half goals from Hafner on unassisted goal at 6:31 followed by Ashley Katers' (from Wynona Maravilla) at 7:59

MU goalkeeper Blaire Schmalenberg made six saves, while NMU's Alexandra Simmons had two

Saves.
SIENA HEIGHTS (WOMEN) 3, MADONNA 0: On Friday, 24th-ranked Siena Heights University (9-1, 1-0) opened Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Confer

University (4-2, 0-1).
Goal scorers for the host Saints, who led 2-0 at halftime, included Alexis Donnelly (17th minute), Carlee Pallett (35th minute) and Jori Bitter (50th

Crystal Wilcoxen made one save for Siena Heights, while Blaire Schmalenberg had five for MU.

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Golf outing of Realtor association boosts Forgotten Harvest work

The Greater Metropolitan Association of Golfers held its Golf Outing Monday, Sept. 15, at Plum Hollow Country Club. Proceeds support Forgotten Harvest, GMAR's 2014 char-

A little over \$3,000 was raised through the event for Forgotten Harvest. This organization works to provide food to those in need within the metropolitan Detroit area by "rescuing" surplus food from establishments where it would otherwise be thrown out. In addition to the golf outing profits, GMAR will be collecting donations of food items from its membership for Forgotten Harvest at the General Membership Meeting on Nov. 13 at Shriners Silver Garden Event Center in Southfield.

The GMAR Member Services Committee planned and carried out the event with support from sponsors and several generous donors. Committee Chair Jamie Iodice said, "I'm very thankful to our dedicated committee members and our sponsors. I'm always amazed at the participation and contribution of our Realtor members.'

GMAR President Maureen Francis joined in to personally hand out prizes to the lucky winners and had this to say, "It was a wonderful day for our Realtor and affiliate members. Everyone had so much fun and gave so generously to Forgotten Harvest. I couldn't be more proud of our staff and membership.

James Iodice was chair, with member services committee members of Mary



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GMAR Realtor members Cindy Hannah and Steve Williams of Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel in Birmingham on the course at the golf outing Sept.



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The dining hall in Plum Hollow Country Club is where the dinner was held directly after the golfers returned from their round of golf Sept. 15.

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Negotiation may work on gate fee for back dues

Q: We live in a gated community in Florida where they charge owners a gate fee for unpaid dues. I am wondering if this is reasonable and whether we should contest

A: I think you should pay vour assessments, after you have gotten a lawyer, and then try to negoti-

ate out the gate fee fine, which may be unreasonable, particularly, if it is not specifically provided for in the documents for the community. I have seen



situations where this type of arrangement, while we do not necessarily condone it, has resulted in the prompt payment of assessments by delinquents, but get a good lawyer as soon as possible.

Q: I know there is a federal law that says that a community association or management company may not adopt or enforce any policy or enter into any agreement that would restrict or prevent a member of the association from displaying the flag of the United States on residential property. My association is not allowing me to put up a flag even though I have a separate ownership interest in my unit. Can I rely on the federal statute?

A: Probably not, based upon a recent decision in the U.S Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit whereby the court dismissed a complaint against an Association holding that a co-owner could not enforce the Freedom To Display the American Flag Act of 2005 against the association. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit said it was not the intent of Congress to create a private cause of action nor was there any reference to a remedy, an enforcement mechanism or penalty for violations. You should, however, check your state statute to see if you have any state court rights regarding the American flag as we do in Michigan in the Michigan Condominium Act.

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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of May 19-23, 2014, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

'	
BEVERLY HILLS	
31179 E Rutland St	\$208,000
20065 Plantation Ln	\$160,000
17220 W 13 Mile Rd	\$146,000
20999 W 14 Mile Rd	\$490,000
16962 Wetherby St	\$171,000
BIRMINGHAM	
111 Baldwin Rd	\$535,000
1966 Croft Rd	\$243,000
685 Fairfax St	\$668,000
1930 Hazel St	\$385,000
1328 Lake Park Dr	\$1,200,000
2425 Manchester Rd	\$195,000
2368 Radnor St	\$275,000
2095 Sheffield Rd	\$254,000
1352 Suffield Ave	\$534,000
1180 Villa Rd	\$320,000
1295 Villa Rd	\$440,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
920 Adams Castle Dr	\$390,000
3810 Carriage Rd	\$1,140,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP)
2477 Brenthaven Ct	\$315,000
1995 Crosswick Rd	\$440,000
1515 Lone Pine Rd	\$1,882,000
6809 N Adams Rd	\$141,000

1528 Old Chatham Dr
6545 Red Maple Ln
5067 Van Ness Dr
1190 W Long Lake Rd
COMMERCE TOWNSH
1853 Applebrook Dr
1547 Commerce Shrs
2871 E Commerce Rd
7959 Farrant St
6096 Lochmore Dr
2600 Old Sherwood Ct
1242 Penarth St
FARMINGTON
32718 Grand River Ave
Unit B29
FARMINGTON HILLS
22851 Albion Ave
29725 Deer Run
29676 Dorchester Ct
31566 E Stonewood Ct
29460 Earth Ln
29567 Eastfield St
35251 Edythe Dr
28069 Gettysburg St
39239 Horton Dr
35776 Johnstown Rd
33496 Kirby St
35123 Meadow Ln
32418 Nestlewood St
21674 Roosevelt Ave
25448 Rutledge Xing
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\$415,000	23242 Woodhaven Ct
\$205,000	HIGHLAND
	995 Beaumont Rd
\$467,000	3389 W Clarice Ave
\$276,000	260 Woodruff Lake Rd
\$185,000	LATHRUP VILLAGE
\$385,000	18586 Bungalow Dr
\$278,000	MILFORD
\$260,000	30751 Fortune Trl
\$130,000	930 Hill Hollow Ln
	400 Ravineside Dr
\$35,000	1593 Rowe Rd
	NORTHVILLE
	21668 Beauford Ln
\$55,000	1017 Coldspring Dr
\$260,000	51180 Park Place Dr
\$265,000	NOVI
\$310,000	31197 Barrington Dr
\$515,000	41872 Cantebury Dr
\$139,000	22227 Chelsea Ln
\$185,000	50735 Glades Ct E
\$239,000	24700 Highlands Dr
\$360,000	24560 Kings Pointe
\$299,000	40572 Lenox Park Dr
\$95,000	51207 Luke Ln
\$150,000	23665 Maude Lea St
\$213,000	26990 Maxwell Ct
\$70,000	44708 Midway Dr
\$313,000	23509 Valley Starr
\$165,000	27219 Victoria Rd
\$23,000	29338 Weston Dr

	SOUTH LYON	
\$350,000	54125 Birchwood Dr	\$370,000
	1147 Colt Dr	\$270,000
\$330,000	23785 Currie Rd	\$215,000
\$277,000	322 Harvard Ave	\$152,000
\$215,000	57167 Meadowcreek Cir	\$391,000
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\$150,000	137 N Hagadorn St	\$115,000
	24411 Padstone Dr	\$82,000
\$200,000	53548 Shinnecock Dr	\$325,000
\$595,000	915 Westhills Dr	\$280,000
\$345,000	SOUTHFIELD	
\$278,000	17197 Adrian Rd	\$230,000
	27475 Bradford Ln	\$158,000
\$640,000	21041 Dartmouth Dr	\$140,000
\$640,000	23300 Evergreen Rd	\$47,000
\$558,000	29656 Farmbrook Villa Ct	\$71,000
	19800 W 12 Mile Rd # 5	\$38,000
\$230,000	28855 W Kalong Cir	\$125,000
\$163,000	WHITE LAKE	
\$175,000	8858 Arlington St	\$365,000
\$100,000	8820 Cove Ct	\$253,000
\$233,000	8220 Eastway Dr	\$385,000
\$220,000	761 Golden Shrs	\$200,000
\$285,000	8493 Huron River Dr	\$135,000
\$265,000	911 Pembroke Dr	\$40,000
\$160,000	9511 Portage Trl	\$164,000
\$330,000	10304 Riverwood Ct	\$125,000
\$250,000	9268 Steephollow Dr	\$200,000
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	819 Garden St
	2225 Gilman St
	6627 Hawthorne St
	31529 James St
	28639 Leona St
	332 Lytle Pl
	29424 Rosslyn Ave
	30055 Rush St
	LIVONIA
	34861 Six Mile Rd
	8931 Beatrice St 30143 Bretton St
	9932 Denne St
	9017 E Deborah Ct
	15422 Fairfield St
	36108 Fairway Dr
	14449 Fairway St
	14970 Fairway St
	16382 Farmington Rd
	28866 Five Mile Rd
	15590 Foch St
	9901 Garvett St
	19450 Gill Rd
	31140 Grennada St
	39068 Grennada St
	38580 Lancaster Ct
	29910 Mcintyre St
	9242 Melrose St
	9054 Melvin St
	19859 Melvin St 32825 Myrna St
	32336 Norfolk St
	9473 Patton St
	34200 Richland St
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\$70,000	35835 W Chicago St
\$135,000	29557 Westfield St
\$178,000	9277 Woodring St
\$86,000	NORTHVILLE
\$65,000	46155 Seven Mile Rd
\$55,000	16696 Brooklane Blvd
\$50,000	16939 Dunswood Rd
\$78,000	18614 Fox Hollow Ct
\$80,000	16011 Jupiter Hills Dr 16098 Morningside
\$110,000 \$60,000	49626 S Glacier
\$55,000	224 Saint Lawrence Blvc
\$74,000 \$98,000	17228 Summit Dr 17228 Summit Dr
\$75,000	39439 Village Run Dr
\$75,000	39507 Village Run Dr
\$165,000	Unit 172
€0E 000	500 W Cady St
\$66,000	20458 Woodbend Dr
\$149,000	PLYMOUTH
\$170,000	9090 Baywood Dr
\$102,000	41215 Bruce Ave
\$315,000	565 Byron St
\$248,000	49629 Draper Cir
\$176,000	13326 Foxboro Ct
\$152,000	12252 Hillside Dr
\$95,000	48479 Hilltop Dr E
\$123,000	619 Maple St
\$135,000	686 Maple St
\$270,000	9047 Oakview St
\$133,000	9365 Red Maple Ct
\$168,000	347 Red Ryder Dr
\$224,000	105 S Evergreen St
\$152,000	10238 Trailwood Rd
\$160,000	39540 Winesap St
\$123,000	REDFORD
\$130,000	18507 Centralia
\$155,000	19465 Dalby
\$222,000	25679 Deborah
\$178,000	19368 Delaware Ave
\$180,000	20469 Fox
\$210,000	15390 Garfield
\$133,000	18691 Glenmore

\$155,000	25211 Keeler	\$17,000
\$146,000	20054 Kinloch	\$65,000
\$150,000	17021 Macarthur	\$59,000
	11301 Marion	\$70,000
\$344,000	9387 Marion Cres	\$93,000
\$609,000	14243 Mason Dr	\$145,000
\$279,000	18390 Negaunee	\$60,000
\$985,000	18873 Olympia	\$23,000
\$750,000	25909 Plymouth Rd	\$40,000
\$163,000	25950 Student	\$36,000
\$395,000	WAYNE	
\$300,000	4442 Fourth St	\$68,000
\$345,000	34520 Elm St	\$51,000
\$300,000	38491 Laurenwood St	\$145,000
\$310,000	3379 Pershing St	\$47,000
\$285,000	3360 Rivers Edge Dr	\$109,000
	WESTLAND	
\$310,000	1137 Abbey Ct	\$144,000
\$375,000	1751 Ackley Ave	\$45,000
	37137 Amhurst Dr	\$88,000
\$240,000	34305 Aztec Dr	\$102,000
\$199,000	35103 Bakewell St	\$53,000
\$184,000	34553 Bayview St	\$106,000
\$140,000	1677 Berkshire St	\$98,000
\$405,000	7824 Crabtree St	\$90,000
\$350,000	35828 Fernwood St	\$76,000
\$479,000	39074 Huron Pkwy	\$205,000
\$225,000	35857 Joy Rd	\$75,000
\$301,000	1208 Judith St	\$100,000
\$140,000	38419 Maes St	\$123,000
\$329,000	29218 Manchester St	\$38,000
\$325,000	36219 Manila Ave	\$40,000
\$95,000 \$324,000	7477 Manor Cir	\$46,000
	38865 Palmer Rd	\$145,000
\$217,000	1772 Regene St	\$59,000
£20.000	816 S Hawthorne St	\$45,000
\$36,000	476 S Marie St	\$102,000
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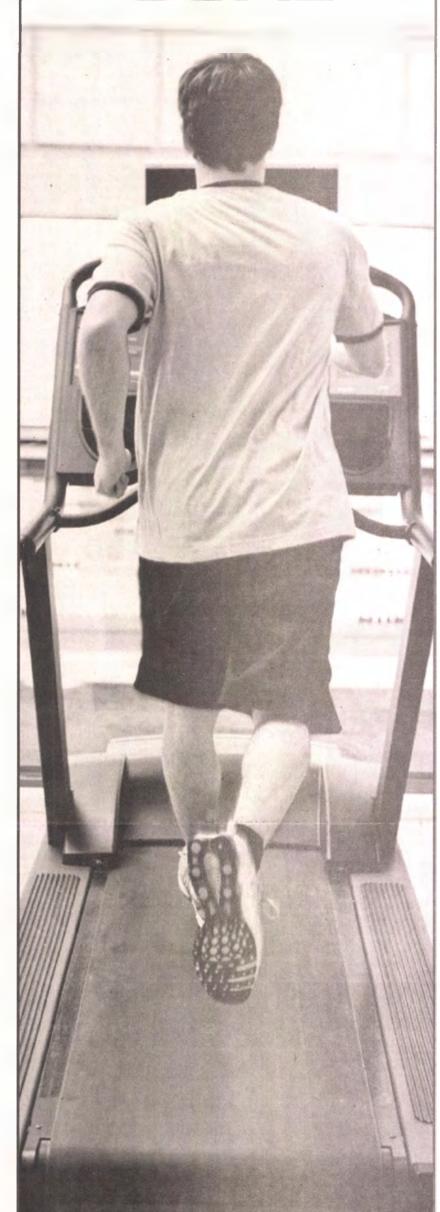
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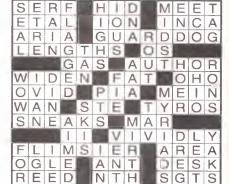
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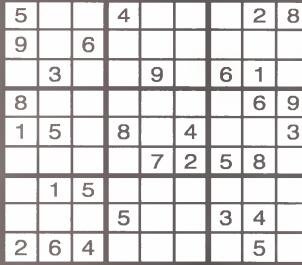
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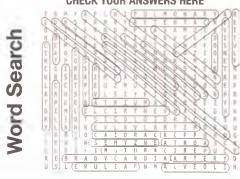
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JOHN HOWARD

August 11, 1922 - September 11, 2014. John H. Burdakin, retired presi-dent of Grand Trunk Western Railroad and a longtime resident of Bloomfield Hills, MI, died September 11, 2014, at Cottage Grove Place in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He was 92. John Howard Burdakin was born August 11, 1922, in Milton, Massachusetts, to L. Richard and Martha (Rogers) Burdakin. He graduated from MIT in 1947 after completing military service and married Jean Moulton on October 2, 1948 in Milton, Mass. They lived in 16 cities in 23 years as Mr. Burdakin's career advanced with the Pennsylvania Railroad. In 1960-61 Mr. Burdakin managed the Panama Canal Railroad in the Canal Zone for 15 months. The Burdakins moved to Michigan in 1970, and Mr. Burdakin served as president of the Detroit-based Grand Trunk Grand Western from 1974 to 1986 before retiring as vice-chairman of Grand Trunk Corporation in 1987. In 1992, Mr. Burdakin became the first railroader to be inducted into the Michigan Depart-ment of Transportation's Hall of Honor. He and his wife lived in Bloomfield Hills, where they were longtime members of the Northbrook Presbyterian Church and Bloomfield Hills Country Club. They spent 20 winters in Naples, Florida. Mr. Burdakin volunteered at William Beau-mont Hospital and served on the hospital's Board of Trustees for many years. The Burdakins moved to Colorado Springs in 2010. Mr. Burdakin moved to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in October 2013. Mr. Burdakin was dearly loved by the family he cherished. He is survived by three sons, Dr. John (Cynthia) Burdakin, Jr. of Denver, Dave (Kim) Burdakin of Chicago, and Dan (Cheryl) Burdakin of Atlanta; six grandchildren, Julia Burdakin (Brian) Privett, Michael Burdakin, Thomas Burdakin, Nicole Burdakin, Jenna Campbell (Kris) Dietrich, and Brittany Campbell; and one great-grandson, Evan Privett. Preceded in death by his beloved wife, parents, and two sisters. Send any memorials to:Boys & Girls Club of Southeast Michigan, 26777 Halsted Rd., Suite

48331, or Northbrook Presbyteri-

an Church, 22055 W. 14 Mile

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FOLSOM ROBERT BERNARD

October 19, 1921 - September 24, 2014. World War II Veteran in the Army Air Corp. Beloved father of Robert Allan Folsom (Patricia), Ina Christine Folsom (Gary Latzman), Cynthia Louise (James Patterson). Folsom, Grandfather to Kelly, Kevin, Jason, Holly, Joshua and Cassan-

dra. Great Grandfather to Maggie, Harper, Nathaniel, and Mairenn Dear brother of Donald, David, and Barbara. Best friend, Irene Turner. "Started down the trail October 23rd". We love and will miss you



KARPINSKI. **HUBERTA**

January 4, 1925-September 27, Age 89 of Redford. Beloved wife of the late Edward. Loving mother of Susan Tanielian, Rebecca Donnelly (Jeffrey Hitch), and Amy Jaward. Dear sister of Alfred, Larry, Romylta and Zaide. Dearest grandmother of Graig, Lana, Myron, Eric, Shaun, the late Joel, Jennifer, and James. Loving great-grandmother of Brenden, Cameron, Kayla, Mia, and Chloey. Huberta was active in the Redford Township Public Library; creative talents include art, China painting, stained glass, and sewing





KILGOUR. **BARBARA ELSIE**

Canton Township, Michigan Age 84, passed away peacefully Friday, September 26, 2014 at home with her loving family by her side. She was born May 26, 1930 in St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada the daughter of Edward and Elsie (Littlewood) Bill. She was married to John Barrymore Kilgour and he preceded her in death March 8, 2010. Barbara was a strong, brave woman with a very loving and kind heart. She was a Christian who loved her family and friends and believed there was good in everyone. Her loving energy touched many people, making an impact on their lives. Barbara loved painting, gardening, sudoku, bicy-cling, swimming, watching golf, reading, and music. She also adored her grandchildren and the joy of being a grandmother. Survivors include, four children, Jonathon (Linda) Kilgour, Heather (Christopher) Wiggins, Sandra Foersterling and Michelle (Paul) Marchetti; eight grandchildren, Jim, Anthony, Amber, Stephanie, Nicholas, Samantha, and Erin; and eight great-grandchildren, James Wyatt, Anthony, Devlin, Alex Marley, Hunter, and Ashton. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents son-in-law, Foersterling. The funeral service was held September 29, 2014 at Stark Funeral Service. Burial followed in Knollwood Memorial Park. Contributions in her mem-ory may be made to the child development organization, www.ch ildfund.org. Please sign her guest

book at www.starkfuneral.com. S STARK FUNERAL SERVICE

MANSFIELD, THOMAS E.

Age 85, September 27, 2014 of Age 85, September 27, 2014 of Westland. Beloved husband of Donna for 64 years. Dear father of Linda (Duane) Gibbons, Carolyn (Ed) Salna, Diane (Henry) Vlieg, Debbie (David) Smith, Lisa (Todd) Amthor. Dearest grandfather of 16 and great grandfather of 12. Loving brother of Barbara and Marion. brother of Barbara and Marion. The family will have a memorial gathering Saturday from 10:30-1:30 a.m. at Divine Savior Catholic Church, 39375 Joy Rd., Westland. Memorial Mass will begin at 12 Noon. Cremation services respectfully provided by the Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, Westland. Memorial donations to Angela Hospice or the American Diabetes Association would be appreciated. To share a memory visit vermeulenth.com

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MARKELL, MARY M.

Hamburg Township, Michigan Her Legacy... Mary Markell, age 80, passed away September 24, 2014 in Hamburg Township, MI. She was born on July 13, 1934 in Milford, MI to Richard and Margaret (Moorton) Reid. She married Albert Markell on Septem-ber 12, 1953 in Milford. Mary was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Dexter, MI. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Her Family... Mary is survived by her children, Julia (Thomas) Perkins of Orange Park, Florida, Ronald (Susan) Markell of Mancelona, MI, Sheryl (Eric) Becker of Lorain, OH, Theresa (Thomas) Flores of Hamburg Township, MI; six grandchiland two dren; grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister, Rose (John) Ingles of Louisiana. Mary is preceded in death by her husband, Albert; son, Donald; mother, Margaret; father, Richard; brother, Richard; and granddaughter, Alaina.

Her Farewell... Mary's Memorial Mass will be on Thursday, October 2, 2014 at 11 a.m. with a gathering beginning at 10 a.m. until the time of service at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 6805 Mast Road, Dexter, MI 48130. Father Brendan Walsh will serve as celebrant. Memorial contributions may be given to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Please leave a message of com-fort to the Markell family by calling, 1-877-231-7900 or sign the guestbook at

www.borekjennings.com



McKENNY, JUNE F. September 29, 2014, Age 87.

Loving and beloved wife, grandmother, grandmother. Born February 7, 1927 in Detroit. Married Owen Cleary McKenny May 21, 1955. Preceded in death by Owen, and grandsons Tommy Andre and Peter Andre. Survived by children Gail (David) Andre, Gerald (Phimpmas) McKenny, Stephen (Catherine) McKenny, McKenny; grandchildren Annette (Travis) Moser, Erika McKenny, Ian McKenny; and great-grandchildren James, and Cora. June loved God and her extended family, and was a Sunday school teacher, choir member, hospital volunteer, and friend to many. The Funeral Service will be Saturday, October 4th at 10 a.m. at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd. (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Ply-mouth. The visitation is Friday 2-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m., and on Saturday morning from 9 a.m. until the time of service. Private interment will be at Highland Cemetery, Ypsilanti. In lieu of In lieu of flowers donations will be received by Praise Baptist Church, Plymouth, and Cleary University. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com



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MUNN, WILSON E.

Age 83, September 28, 2014, longtime resident of Livonia. Beloved husband of Maybelle, celebrating 61 years of marriage. Loving father of Teresa (Robert) Michael (Maria), John (Jill), Matthew (Jill), and Anne Marie. Dear grandfather of nine and great-grandfather of seven. Brother of Betty Jane McHale. Wilson served in the Air Force during the Korean War. Later he became a Professor at Schoolcraft College, retiring in 1995 with the honor of Professor Emeritus. Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, October 4, at 1p.m. at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd, Livonia. Visitation ington Rd, Livonia. Visitation Friday from 6-9 pm and Saturday from 11am-1pm. In lieu of flowers, his family suggests donations to the Community Oppor-tunity Center of Livonia or the Veterans of Foreign Please share a memory at www.rggrharris.com

NORGROVE, Leora D. September 29, 2014, age 98. Beloved wife of the late Herbert H. Norgrove. Dear mother of Herbert "Ron" (Jean) Norgrove and Lynda Plotinski. Also leaves four grandchildren; six greatgrandchildren and one sister. Visitation Thursday 3-8 p.m. at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth where funeral services will be conducted on Friday at 11 a.m. Share your memories at: www.schrader-howell.com



74, of Westland MI died peacefully at his home on September 28, 2014. Mr. Rhea was born in Detroit on October 26. 1939 to John and Lillie Rhea. He served in the U.S. Navy onboard the U.S.S. Hancock as a Machinist's Mate. He worked as a sheet metal worker for more than 27 years until his retirement. He was an active member of the Allen Park Church of the Nazarene where he enjoyed helping out when it was needed. Beloved Husband of Audrey, his wife of 55 years. Dear brother to Barbara (Rick) Lucas of Sebastian, Florida, Devoted father to Vickie (John) Hajduk of Howell, Michigan, John (Amanda) Rhea of Fort Thomas, Kentucky, Bruce (Cris) Rhea of Westland MI and Tammy (Scott) Simpson of Livonia, MI. Caring grandfather to Danny, Nicole. Corey, Austin, Katie, Elizabeth, Maddie, Rylee, Amanda, Scotty, and Courtney (Johnny). Proud great grandfather to Kaitlyn. Dear uncle to many nieces and nephews. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him. A Memorial Service will be held at the Allen Park Church of the Nazarene, 10944 Reeck Rd., Allen Park, MI on Sunday October 5th at 3:00, Rev. Robert McFarlane officiating



GLENDORA MAE

Age 85. September 27, 2014 Loving wife of the late Thomas Earl Rice. Beloved mother of Brenda Carol Rice. Dear sister of Stanley (Brigitte) Shipley and Charles (Louise) Shipley. Also survived by sisters-in-law Evelyn Shipley and Mary Shipley and many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her parents Margaret and Stanley Shipley, her husband Thomas, Harold Shipley, Clyde Shipley, Paul Shipley and sister Dorothea Montgomery. Glendora was a life-long member of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth and a proud retiree of Ford Motor Co. Visitation Tuesday, September 30 from 1-9pm at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Road, Livonia. Funeral Service Wednesday, October 1 at 11a.m., with visitation at 10a.m., at the First United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial, Plymouth. Memorial donations can be made to the American Cancer Association or the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth Music Ministry. Share a memory at

www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com Harry J Will Funeral Homes



STONE, SALLEE

Age 87, died Saturday, September 27, 2014 at Henry Ford Hospital, West Bloomfield. Beloved wife of the late Arthur F. Stone. Loving mother of Celeste Slemer (Carl) & Rock Geoffrey (Karey) Stone. Proud grandmother of Sean & Evan. Sister of Joanne Gawlowski, the late sister Barbara Gribas and the late brothers James Casey, and Thomas Casey. Funeral Mass will be held 11 a.m. Friday, October 3, 2014 at Prince of Peace Catholic Church, 4300 Walnut Lake Rd., West Bloomfield Township, MI Michael Gawlowski celebrant. Memorials may be made to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, Grand Central Station, PO Box 4777, NY NY 10163-4777. https://ww w.michaeljfox.org/files/MJFF_D onation_Form_Interactive.pdf



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Eat 'piroshki,' taste vodka, play chess at Russian festival

By Sharon Dargay Staff Writer

Zena Ealovega was so impressed by a Russian festival she attended last year, that she ended up pitching in to park cars at the event.

"I came as a visitor and was totally swept off my feet. This is the only Russian festival in southeastern Michigan. I discovered St. Vladimir, a little church out in the country on a big piece of farmland," said Ealovega, a 33-year Farmington Hills resident. "I was over-whelmed with joy, just reliving my roots. The food I hadn't tasted since before my mom and dad passed some time ago.

"I was supposed to meet my cousins at the festival and I just jumped up and helped."

Ealovega moved to Pittsfield Township and joined the Russian Orthodox congregation in Dexter last year. Although she doesn't plan to park cars again, she's on the festival planning committee this year.
She said the inaugural event last year drew 4,000 guests to the church and its festival grounds. Organizers hope for a repeat crowd Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 4-5.

The festival runs 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and 1-7 p.m. Sunday, at St. Vladimir, 9900 Jackson Road, Dexter; 734-475-4590. Free parking and shuttles will be available at 11745 Jackson Road, Dexter. Parking at the church is reserved for drivers with handicap stickers.

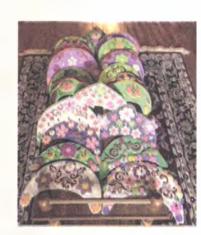
Russian bell ringing will open the festival on Saturday. Performers throughout the weekend will include the Moscow Nights Band, St. Vladimir's Dance Group, Russian Ballet Academy of Michigan, St. Vladimir's Choir, St. Vladimir's youth dancers, Diana Turner with Russian and Ukrainian songs, Michigan Russian Cultural Center dancers and Michael Pastukhov with balalaika.

The church will be open for tours and an iconographer will demonstrate the art of "writing" sacred portraits.

An infused vokda judging nd tasting is set for Sunday. The festival kitchen will serve hot foods and a tearoom will offer Russian sweets. Both will be open daily until closing.

Traditional treats

"They are going to have vegetarian Russian Rassolnik soup made with shredded car-



Festive Russian headgear will be sold at St. Vladimir's festival.

rot, pickle, barley and chopped onion. It's very tasty," said Ealovega, whose parents im-

migrated from Russia.
The menu also will include potato pancakes, kebabs, lamb chops, Russian knockwurst, beef stroganoff, piroshki buns filled with meat, potato and cabbage — and crepe-like blini, with sour cream, Nutella or jam. The tearoom will serve sweets such as Napoleon cake, honey cake, Armenian baklava, cottage cheese-filled pastry, poppyseed buns, Russian cook-ies, including Sigaretki cookies with almond that are shaped like cigarettes.

"It's all homemade," Ealove-ga noted. "We'll also have Russian ice cream. It's unique tasting. It's indescribable. I was on a student cultural exchange in 1975. I was a Russian dancer and went to Kiev. High on the mountain top was a little lady with a babushka selling ice cream. It was the best ice cream I ever had.'

The children's play area will include a bounce house, crafts, games, coloring and caricatures. Russian-style puppet shows are scheduled at noon, 3 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday. "There will be intricate hair

braiding and children can make their own traditionalstyle headpiece. Years ago, people wore them all the time. Now they are for Russian dancing," Ealovega said.

Checkmate

Chess players of all ages and skill levels will find tables and chess sets ready for im-

promptu games. "It's kind of in the Russian culture that chess is one of the things we like. Chess is usually taught to children at 6 or 7 years old," said Zhanna Skalitz-



Chess players consider their moves during the festival last year. Several tables and chess boards will be set up for impromptu games at this year's event, Oct. 4-5.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Folk dancers show off their colorful costumes as they step and twirl in time to the music.

ky, a parishioner and festival volunteer. "My father always loved playing chess. When my family lived in Kalamazoo, they had a Russian festival there. My father brought his chess sets. It was a great suc-

She brought the idea to St.

Vladimir's festival. Her dad will oversee the chess area.

Admission to the festival is free. Twenty percent of the proceeds from baked goods sales will be donated to the Ukrainian Orthodox Church Patriarchate to help victims of the war in the Ukraine.

"One good thing about this festival is that unlike learning about culture from books or news, it engages all the senses," Ealovega said. "All the learning is hands on. It's like taking a trip to Russia, only it's right here. Instead of flying to Russia, just drive to Dexter.'

ANIMALS **DETROIT ZOO**

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily Location: I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak

Details: Admission is \$14 for adults 15-61, \$10 for senior citizens 62 and older, and for children ages 2-14; children under 2 are free. Parking for cars and vans is \$5. Detroit Zoological Society members get free admission and parking.

Volunteers needed: The Zoo seeks volunteers for its annual Wild Lights holiday display, held for 24 nights beginning Nov. 22. A two-part volunteer training session for Wild Lights and other volunteer opportunities, such as Arctic Ring of Life and Australian Outback Adventure, will be held 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 22 and 29, at the Detroit Zoo. Apply at detroitzoo.org/ volunteers/volunteering-detroit-zoo Contact: 248-541-5717

ARTS AND CRAFTS CITY GALLERY

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday and Thursday-Friday, and 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Oct. 10 Location: The Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: "Artpack Services Employee Exhibit" includes works by 10 employees of Artpack Services Inc., a Farmington Hills business

Contact: 248-473-1859

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, through Jan. 4, 2015

Location: 5200 Woodward Ave., De-

Details: Waterlily Pond, Green Harmony, one of Claude Monet's most famous paintings, is on loan to the DIA from the Musee d'Orsay in France. The painting is the only work on display in a gallery adjacent to Rivera court. Contact: 313-833-7900

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, Oct. 3-Nov. 1

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville Details: "Art Quilts: Then and Now," featuring works by local fiber artists

Contact: 248-344-0497 **VILLAGE THEATER AT**

CHERRY HILL Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday, Oct. 2-Nov. 1 Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road,

Details: 22nd annual Canton Fine Arts Exhibition includes works by 61 artists Contact: 734-394-5308

AUDITIONS

TLC PRODUCTIONS Time/Date: 6 p.m. Oct. 13-14; regis-

tration at 5:45 p.m. Location: Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center Road South, Canton

Details: At least 12 roles will be available for Canton's Third Biennial One-Acts Festival, Jan. 16-18, 2015. Each play will run five-15 minutes. Actors may audition for more than one show, but will be cast in no more than two shows. A list of all show synopses, roles, ages, gender and description will be available online at cantononeacts.com after Oct.

Contact: info@tlcproductions.org

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB Time/Date: 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2, and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday,

Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livo-

Details: Nicholas Anthony; tickets are \$12 show only, \$22 with dinner on Thursday; \$16 show only, \$29 with dinner, Friday

Contact: joeyscomedyclub.net; 734-261-0555

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY

GET OUT! CALENDAR



Time/Date: 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2 and 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., Friday-Saturday, Oct. 3-4 Location: Fourth and Troy streets in downtown Royal

Craig Shoemaker

Oak Details: Craig Shoemaker; tickets \$20

Thursday, \$25 Friday-Saturday Contact: 248-542-9900; info@ComedyCastle.com

FILM PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 3-4 and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5

Location: 760 Penniman, Plymouth Details: And So It Goes, admission \$3 Contact: 734-453-0870; www.penn-

theatre.com **REDFORD THEATRE**

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11 Location: 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Ave., in Detroit

Details: Three Stooges Halloween Festival; \$5

Contact: 313-898-1481

HISTORY DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 11-Dec. 28

Location: Second floor in the Community Gallery at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave., Detroit

Details: Fourteen stained glass windows that were installed at the original St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center, built in 1929 and closed in 2005 in Farmington Hills, will be on display Admission is free

Contact: 313-833-7935

KELSEY MUSEUM

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-

Friday and 1-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday,

Oct. 15-Dec. 21 Location: 434 State St., Ann Arbor Details: The exhibit, "Pearls of Wisdom: The Arts of Islam at the University of Michigan," consists of 82 artifacts, including ceramics, glass, metal, textiles

paintings, illuminated manuscripts and

wood. Exhibition opening, 6 p.m. Oct.

15, includes a presentation by Ashley Dimmig, exhibition curator Contact: 734-764-9304

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday-Sunday

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth **Details:** Wheels of Summer runs through Nov. 2. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for ages 6-17 Contact: 734-455-8940

MUSIC **BLUES@THE ELKS**

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month

Location: Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road,

Details: Laura Rain and the Caesars perform Oct. 14: \$5 donation

Contact: 734-453-1780 **CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF DETROIT**

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Oct. 11 Location: Seligman Performing Arts Center, 22305 W. 13 Mile at Lahser, **Beverly Hills**

Details: The Julliard String Quartet performs; tickets \$30-\$60 for adults and \$15-\$30 for students with ID

Contact: 248-855-6070; chambermusicdetroit.org

JAZZ@THE ELKS Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. the last Tuesday

of the month

Location: Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road,

Details: Barbara Ware makes her first appearance at the Elks series on Oct. 28. The Cliff Monear Trio will accompany her. \$10 donation at the door includes hors d'oeuvres

Contact: 734-453-1780 or email plymouthelks1780@vahoo.com

MICHIGAN PHILHARMONIC Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4

Location: Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton Details: "Beethoven, Bridges and Blue

Jeans" is the opening show of the season, with guest composer Victoria Bond. Includes the world premiere of her piece, Bridges, along with music from The Lone Ranger and Beethoven's 5th Symphony. Tickets are \$30 general admission, \$25 for seniors and \$10 for students. The symphony asks concert goers to bring a package of new, white socks to the concert for donation to the Southeastern Michigan Stand Down at the Detroit Rescue Mission

Contact: michiganphil.org **MUSIC HALL**

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Oct. 10 Location: 350 Madison, Detroit **Details**: The Preservation Hall Jazz Band and Allen Toussaint perform.

Tickets are \$30-\$50 Contact: 313 887-8501 ST. JOHN LUTHERAN

CHURCH Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10 Location: 23225 Gill Road, Farmington

Details: The Five Lakes Silver Band, a British-style brass band plays. Tickets are

Contact: ofmenandmountains.eventbrite.com

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

Time/Date: Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m. Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia **Details:** Songwriters Anonymous Showcase, Oct. 3; Dan Hazlett and Friends, Oct. 4. Most tickets \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks

accepted. Contact: 734-464-6302

Start the day right with these five tips for

reakfast has forever been celebrated as the most important meal of the day — but are you eating the right kind of breakfast to power your potential? To ensure your morning meal gets you off on the right start, opt for one with pro-

While experts recommend 20-30 grams of protein at each meal, the average breakfast bowl and plate only contains 10-12 grams. One way to help close the gap is to include an 8-ounce glass of milk. All milk, including fat-free and lowfat, packs the same nutrient-rich punch, with nine essential nutrients, including 8 grams of highquality protein in an 8-ounce glass — that's more protein than

Below are five tips to help you enjoy a better breakfast to help power your day:

Make sure your breakfast consists of three of the five food groups including dairy, fruits, vegetables, meat/beans and whole grains.

Like oatmeal? Swap out 8 ounces of water for 8 ounces of milk to add 8 grams of protein for a creamy addition to your oatmeal.

Pair any breakfast with an 8-ounce glass of milk. Not only does milk help enhance the nutrition of any meal, it can help get you closer to the recommended amount of protein at each meal when served alongside your frittata or egg scramble. In addition to protein, each serving of milk includes nearly one-third of the daily-recommended amount of calcium and vitamin D.

No time to eat at home? No problem. Grab fruit, a granola bar and milk to go. You can also make a quick smoothie by swirling in ½cup of milk to your favorite recipe, and add a tablespoon of almond butter for extra protein punch.

If you find yourself rushing in the mornings, plan ahead and think about breakfast after dinner. You can set the table the night before with bowls and glasses, and pre-mix ingredients to maximize time in the morn-

Get more tips and recipes to be the envy of all breakfasts by visiting http://milklife.com/reci-

Courtesy of Family Features



INDIVIDUAL BREAKFAST CHILE **CHEESE SOUFFLES**

Makes 6 servings, approximately 1 ounce of milk per serving

1 cup lowfat or fat-free milk

5 eggs ½ cup shredded Monterey Jack or Cheddar cheese

3 tablespoons all-purpose flour 1 teaspoon kosher salt

8 ounces ground turkey sausage

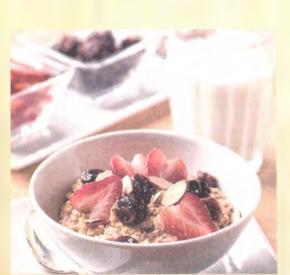
1 cup frozen hash browns Can chopped green chiles (¼ ounces)

3 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro Prepared fresh salsa (optional)

Preheat oven to 425°F. Grease six 6-ounce ovenproof ramekins or custard cups with nonstick spray; arrange on a baking sheet and set aside. In a bowl whisk together milk, eggs, cheese, flour, and salt; set aside. In a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat, brown turkey sausage until nearly cooked through. Add hash browns and chiles, and stir until heated through. Combine sausage mixture with egg mixture and stir well.

Divide the souffle mixture evenly among the prepared ramekins. Bake in the preheated oven 20 to 25 minutes or until souffles are puffy, browned, and set in the center. Sprinkle cilantro over souffles and serve with fresh salsa, if desired.

Nutrition: 219 calories; 10 g fat; 4 g saturated fat; 215 mg cholesterol; 17 g protein; 13 g carbohydrates; 1 g fiber; 772 mg sodium; 152 mg calcium (15 percent of daily value). Nutrition figures based on using fat-free milk.



HEARTY OATMEAL

Serve this hearty dish with an 8-ounce glass of milk and half a banana, and you'll start the day with 25 grams of

1 ¾cup lowfat or fat-free milk 1 cup old fashioned or quick cooking oats (not

instant) 1 teaspoon brown sugar

1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/4 cup sliced strawberries 1/4 cup dried cherries

3 tablespoons toasted sliced almonds (% ounce)

Combine milk, oatmeal, brown sugar and cinnamon in saucepan; bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Stir often to prevent boiling over. Cook until thickened. Divide between two serving bowls and top with strawberries, cherries and almonds.

Nutrition: 510 calories; 8 g fat; 0 g saturated fat; 10 mg cholesterol; 25 g protein; 87 g carbohydrates; 8 g fiber; 0 mg sodium; 600 mg calcium (60 percent of daily value). Nutrition figures based on using fat-free milk.



SKILLET EGGS AND POLENTA

Makes 4 servings

2 teaspoons olive oil, divided

1 cup sliced mushrooms

1 cup red bell pepper, cut into strips 1 cup zucchini, halved lengthwise and sliced into half-moons

1 jar (32 ounces) marinara sauce 2½ cups lowfat or fat-free milk

½ cup finely ground polenta or cornmeal

4 eggs **Chopped fresh basil (optional)** Pair each serving with:

8 ounces fat-free milk Slice of toast with 1 tsp jelly

Spray a large nonstick skillet over medium-high. Add mushrooms, bell pepper, and zucchini, and saute until vegetables soften slightly, about 3 minutes. Add marinara and simmer to heat through. Reduce heat to low and keep warm.

Bring milk and salt to a boil in a medium saucepan over medium-high. Slowly whisk in polenta, stirring constantly to prevent lumps from forming. Cook until thickened, about 5 minutes. Remove from heat, cover, and keep warm.

Heat 2 teaspoons oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high. Carefully crack eggs into pan and cook until whites are set and yolks are cooked to desired doneness, 4 to 6 minutes. To serve, divide polenta among 4 shallow serving bowls; top with marinara and an egg. Sprinkle with chopped basil if desired.

Nutrition: 460 calories; 8 g fat; 1.5 g saturated fat; 170 mg cholesterol; 28 g protein; 74 g carbohydrates; 11 g fiber; 980 mg sodium; 700 mg calcium (70 percent of daily value). Nutrition figures based on using fat-free milk. Per serving: Grains: 1 ounce (slice of toast); Vegetables: 1 ¾ cup (mushrooms, red bell pepper, zucchini, 1 cup marinara); Protein: 1 ounce (1 egg); Dairy: 1 ½ cup (8 ounces in glass, 5 ounces in polenta.



MANGO GINGER SMOOTHIE

Makes two servings, 4 ounces of milk per serving

1/2 cup - quick-cooking oats 1 cup lowfat or fat-free milk

1 cup fresh or jarred mango cubes (peeled, if fresh) 1 (11-ounce) can mandarin orange segments,

drained

2 tablespoons almond butter

1 tablespoon honey 1 tablespoon lime juice ½ teaspoon ground ginger

In a blender grind the oats until fine. Add the milk and buzz to blend, then add remaining ingredients and blend until smooth. Serve immediately.

Nutrition: 380 calories; 10g fat; 1 g saturated fat; 0 mg cholesterol; 11 g protein; 64 g carbohydrates; 6 g fiber; 95 mg sodium; 233 mg calcium (25 percent of daily value). Nutrition figures based on using fat-free milk.

Dine for a cause

Plymouth — If you dine at E.G. Nicks Monday, Oct. 13, you can aid Habitat for Humanity Western Wayne County, the organization that helps families in need with interestfree, low-cost housing. E.G. Nicks will donate 20 percent of the price of your meal to Habitat for Humanity. Print a coupon for the fundraiser from the organization's website at habitatwwc.org. E.G. Nicks is located at 500 Forest. 734-414-

Vegetarian cooking

Farmington Hills — Learn to cook vegetarian dishes 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 3, at Zhong Shu Temple, a Tao community, 23845 Middlebelt. A noon ceremony and potluck lunch follow the class. Participants are asked to bring a vegetarian dish to share. 248-579-4791.

CITY BITES

Chocolate Affair

Livonia - The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians Elizabeth Fagan Division presents the 10th annual Chocolate Affair to benefit First Step, the western Wayne County-based

organization working to end sexual and domestic violence, 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5, at Laurel Manor Banquet & Conference Center, 39000 Schoolcraft. Guests will sample chocolate treats from local bakeries, restaurants, confectioners and caterers. Tickets are \$25, available from First Step at 734-416-1111, Pat at 734-981-1702 and Kittie at 734-646-5212.



SUBMITTED

Learn to make vegetarian dishes at a monthly class at Zhong Shu Temple in Farmington Hills.