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Questions surface about western Wayne fire authority

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

The councils representing the three potential members of a proposed western Wayne fire authority are willing to hear more information, but whether the idea will move forward remains to be seen.

In Westland, council members were concerned about partnering with financially challenged communities — Wayne has a growing deficit and Inkster is emerging from a financial consent agreement with the state. Wayne currently has only 12 firefighters; Inkster has nine.

For Wayne, there are concerns about being a junior partner in the authority. The proposal has weighted voting by the authority board based on population and financial contribution, both of which are significantly larger for Westland.

And that doesn't address the ability of any of the communities to get the needed millage — a proposal that would be put forward by an authority board — approved by voters.

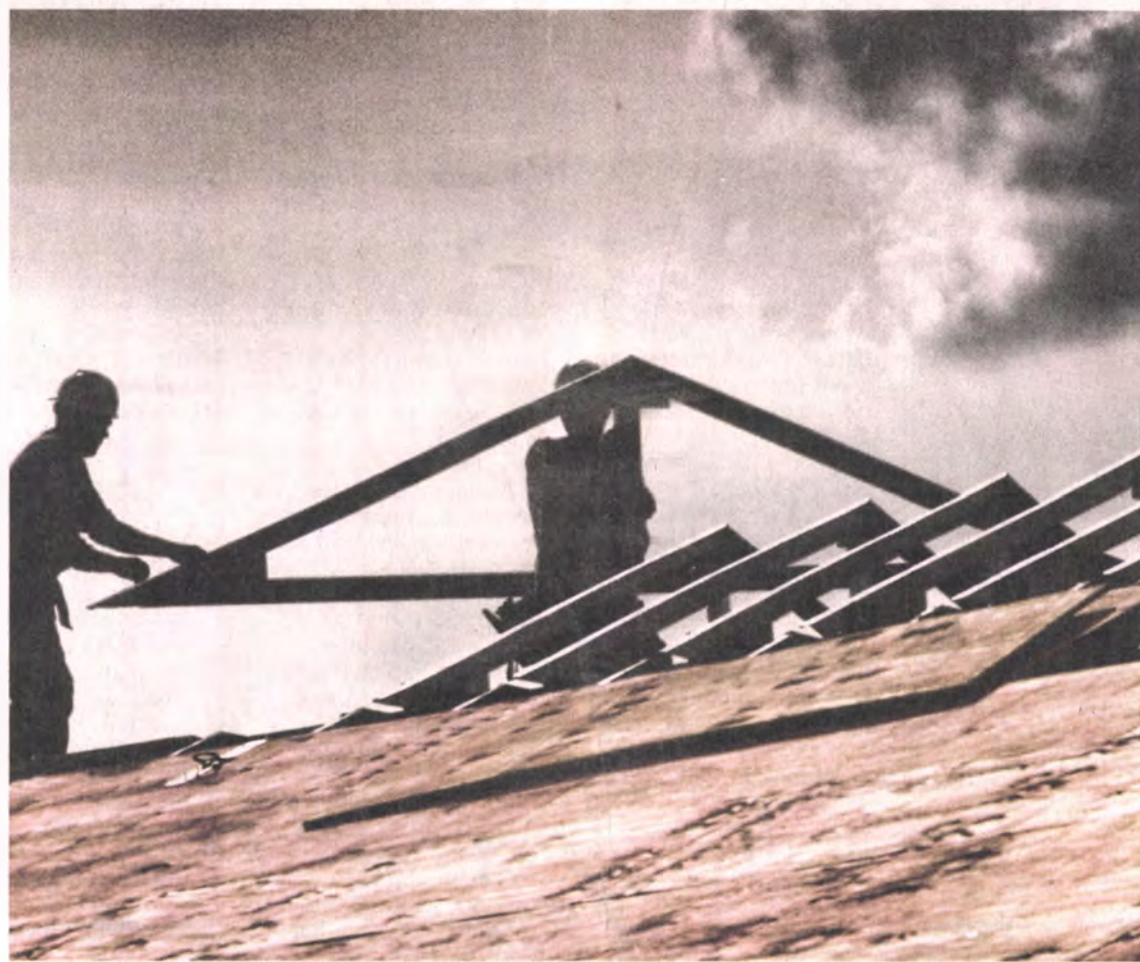
Approved by district

An issue raised at the fire authority presentations in Wayne and Westland is that voters in a single community can't veto a millage to fund a fire authority. If an authority is formed and a millage is placed before voters, under state law it would be approved by a majority of the fire authority district, not individual cities.

That's because a fire authority would be a new separate entity independent of the individual cities, Westland City Attorney James Fausone said.

"You're looking at it from a proprietary standpoint (as a city), not a district," Westland Council President James Godbout said. "It's like Wayne County and all the voters in the county. This would be the same with a (fire authority) district."

The impetus for the fire authority concept is to enhance services and save the communities money. If voters approved the dedicated fire millage — 6.24 mills or 4.65 mills are the proposed num-



Construction workers set roof trusses on the new Ralph Savini Fire Station on Central City Parkway and Nankin Boulevard. The facility will replace the current fire state at Ford Road and Carlson.

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bers — Wayne and Inkster would be expected to bring their firefighter staffing to 18 firefighters each.

Westland is also currently at the 54-firefighter minimum staffing level. Through the authority, Wayne Mayor Al Haidous said his city would pay for 18 firefighters but get service from 100 firefighters and pay less.

"The authority is really a shell until the millage is passed. The authority would not take over responsibilities until the funding is in place," Fausone said. "The cities have millage caps and can't seek the millage."

Approving an authority before getting voter approval for the required operating millage is putting the cart before horse, Westland Councilman Bill Johnson said. Along with Councilwoman Christine Bryant, Johnson was vocal in opposing a fire authority.

If voters approved a fire authority millage, Westland

officials would be looking at reducing the general operating millage to offset the fire millage and not raise taxes.

That would be a decision for each city council, said Michael Swartz of Plante Moran, which is doing the financial analysis for the proposed authority.

"Do you utilize the savings for other services or roll back the millage? Police, roads and every facet of your budget is being shrunk," Swartz told the Wayne Council. "The authority takes the cost structure for the fire department out of the budget. It lets each council decide on the millage and cost structure. It could be a big opportunity on the budget."

Current savings

Through the current merged Westland and Wayne fire departments, cost savings have been realized already, but for Westland the authority could also provide a way to address legacy costs.

New hires in the fire department would no longer be city employees and would receive their pay and benefits from the authority.

"I would only go for this if it is cost-neutral to us and makes business sense," Westland Mayor William Wild said. "The authority has to be our way out of legacy costs. They can handle pensions in a different way. It's our only way to have a cap on the 345 (police-fire pension) millage."

Wayne will have the fire authority as an agenda item open for public comment at their Oct. 21 meeting.

"I've never seen elected officials shy away from making a decision," Wayne Mayor Al Haidous said. "Business as usual is not working. The revenue is not there and we have to find ways to do more with less. We need to protect vital services."

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What it takes to form a fire authority

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Under state law, establishing an independent fire authority requires an intergovernmental agreement approved by all of the participating city councils.

If that happens, an authority board would be appointed by the council to oversee the fire authority. Here is other information provided at recent study sessions:

The proposal for the Wayne-Westland Fire Authority calls for Westland, Wayne and Inkster to approve the inter-local government agreement to establish the authority in November, followed by appointment of an authority board. The goal is a millage vote in May with the authority in operation in July.

As proposed, each city would appoint a member to a three-person board with weighted voting based on factors, including population density and financial contribution. Some issues would require a super-majority vote.

Calling for a larger board similar to the Nankin Transit Commission, Wayne Council member James Hawley called for two representatives per community. "Weighted voting would be a non-starter for me," he commented.

However, weighted voting is a strong requirement for Westland, said Westland Councilman Dewey Reeves, who serves on the council committee meeting on the authority.

Under an authority, each city would continue to own its buildings and be responsible for any debt payments. In Wayne, that would include payments on a fire engine, ladder truck and fire station.

Westland is currently building a new fire station on Central City Parkway, funded through a Tax Increment Finance Authority.

Each city would be responsible for retirement costs for their existing firefighters but new hires would be authority employees. That means the cities wouldn't be responsible for those legacy costs.

As a separate entity from the cities, a fire authority would not be subject to an emergency financial manager.

If an authority is formed but the operating millage isn't approved by voters, it would dissolve. If millage is approved, a city could withdraw, but the millage would continue to be levied until it expired.

Westland officials quickly respond to rumor voiced by resident

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

There was a full house Monday as the Westland City Council held its first meeting in the new city hall.

Amidst all the positive comments about the new building, things turned ugly as resident Burke Rock attacked Westland Mayor William Wild regarding the 2013 death of Wayne-Westland Firefighter Brian Wohlke.

Known for making personal attacks on Wild, Rock said he was sharing a rumor that Westland firefighters couldn't come forward out of fear for their jobs or ongoing contract negotiations. He said the rumor blamed Wild for Wohlke's death.

City officials blasted Rock for his comments about Wohlke's death, which occurred during a fire that destroyed the Electric Stick/



Wild

An investigation determined the fire was an arson and that Wohlke's death was a homicide.

"When he (Rock) makes accusations based on rumors and innuendos, it never fails to amaze me how low he will go," Wild said. "I won't mention his name in the same breath as Brian Wohlke."

In fact, Wild had at one time publicly said he would not respond to Rock's comments any longer due to his continuing personal attacks.

Critical of pensions

Among other topics, Rock has for several years criticized

Maravaso's Italian Grille in May 2013. Wohlke died of asphyxia and smoke inhalation after being trapped in the burning building.

the city's police and fire pensions, including personal attacks against Wayne-Westland Fire Chief Michael Reddy.

"Unfortunately, I'm not able to temper my comments. Mr. Rock is a hater of the police department and fire department," Reddy said. "He berates myself, my family, the police and fire departments. He has gone to an all-time low."

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Open case

"It has been ruled an arson and is still an open case. They (state police) are looking for

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Garden City man charged in sports betting ring investigation

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Three men are facing charges, including operating a continuing criminal enterprise, over their alleged participation in an illegal sports betting operation.

It's allegedly the same multi-county betting ring that was headed by a Westland couple who entered guilty pleas in connection with the operation in early 2014.

Appearing Thursday in Westland 18th District Court for a preliminary examination were George Abick, 64, of Garden City, Sean Barnes, 42, of Novi and John Cramblet, 45, of Detroit.

All three men were charged with operating a continuing criminal enterprise — two counts for Abick — along with failing to file income taxes. Abick and Barnes are charged with four counts each of gambling/taking bets, with Cramblet



Abick



Barnes



Cramblet

facing three counts of the same crime. Not guilty pleas were entered for all three men at their arraignments.

According to the complaint, the defendants were involved in a sports betting ring operated by Westland residents John and Ellen Zunic. According to police, the three men were instrumental in producing and distributing the football cards used in the betting ring.

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Griffin, Adamski seek partial W-W board term

Editor's Note: There are four terms on the Wayne-Westland Board of Education — a partial two year term and three six-year terms.

Appointed incumbent Charles Trav Griffin of Westland and Adam Salam Adamski of Wayne are campaigning for the two-year term, while incumbents Carol Middel of Canton and Shawna Walker of Westland, Tom Froerich of Westland and Melandie Hines of Westland are vying for the three full terms.

The following are the responses of Griffin and Adamski to questions posed by the *Observer*. The remaining responses will appear in the Thursday, Oct. 9, issue.

1. What made you decide to seek a school board seat?

Griffin: As a former member of the bond oversight committee, former teacher and cur-

rent member of the board of education, I feel as though I have a unique perspective on the important issues facing our district that can only be gained through experience. My affection for my community and our schools is such that I wish to contribute that experience to make our schools better and give our children the best educational experience possible.

Adamski: It is my lifetime goal to educate our American people about the illegal, criminal state of Israel. America has no obligation to defend or continue to give \$3 billion per year to Israel.

2. What do you see as the biggest issue facing the district?

Griffin: Without reservation that issue is our district's future finances.

Adamski: We must demand from President

Obama and our Congress to give \$3 billion annually to Wayne County schools instead of Israel.

3. How would you recommend increasing revenue considering the state legislature has shown no willingness to address Proposal A and the funding inequities it created?

Griffin: The Wayne-Westland School District has been dealing with funding inequities since Proposal A was passed in 1995. While it is true the legislature has shown little interest in rewriting Proposal A, they have increased funding for technical education such as that offered by our William D. Ford Technical Center. I favor taking advantage of this new funding and expanding our students' technical training opportunities.

Adamski: We can increase revenue by placing the RESA ballot question on the November ballot again and work for its passage. Also, the federal government must give up the \$3 billion given to Israel

annually.

4. What qualities and skills do you believe you would bring to the school board, if elected?

Griffin: I believe I have a proven record as a fiscal conservative. My main goal is to make sure our district maintains a balanced budget so that it can offer excellent educational opportunities to our districts students.

Adamski: I have an education, a BA in political science and history from Michigan State University, graduate work in education at UNLV; two years experience as a substitute teacher, private business owner and successful author with 20,000 books sold. I have worldwide contact with business and government leaders.

5. What makes you the best candidate for school board?

Griffin: Past experience on the board of education, knowledge of local funding issues, human relation skills gained as a former Uni-Serv Director for the



ADAM SALAM ADAMSKI

Residence: Wayne.
Age: Not provided.
Employment: Owner/manager of Adam Adamski Enterprises.
Family: Widowed.
Education: Bachelor of arts degree in political science and history from Michigan State University, graduate studies at UNLV.
Community involvement: Not provided.



CHARLES TRAV GRIFFIN

Residence: Westland.
Age: 74.
Employment: Retired, Uni-Serv Director Michigan Education Association.
Family: Widowed; three sons, Bill (Lisa), Ben (Andrea) and David; four grandchildren, Cady, Max, Ben and Cole.
Education: Bachelor of arts degree from Eastern Michigan University with majors in military science and political science and minors in history and geography, master of arts from Eastern Michigan University with majors in business administration and social science.
Community involvement: Treasurer, Wayne-Westland Board of Education, Wayne-Westland Schools Citizens Bond Building and Site Fund Committee, president, Westland City Council, Mayor, City of Westland.

Michigan Education Association and the ability to manage tough issues that will maintain the integrity of our school system.

Adamski: I have the leadership experience and skills to lead our school board.

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Appearing before 18th District Court Judge Sandra Cicirelli, all three men waived their right to a preliminary examination within 14 days of arraignment. The hearing was adjourned until Nov. 13 to allow defense attorneys to obtain and review evidence gathered against their clients.

"We've had no discovery. The prosecution is in the process of collecting it," said defense attorney David Lankford, who is representing Cramblet. "My client has personal bond (and isn't jailed), so we are prepared to waive the 14-day rule."

Assistant Attorney General Richmond Riggs, prosecuting the case, said there are two banker boxes, containing 2,000-3,000 reports and other evidence in the case.

Held in lieu of \$75,000/10 percent bond, Abick was the only one of the defendants in custody. His defense attorney, Daniel Waszak, asked that Cicirelli consider a personal bond with a GPS tether for Abick.

Police had specifically raised the concern that Abick could be a fight risk, since he had no stable home, Cicirelli said. Abick said that he had been staying with his sister for over a year.

Cicirelli changed the \$75,000 to a personal bond with a tether.

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any tips that will help lead them to the capture of whoever was responsible," Jedrusik said.

Rock left the meeting as Wild and others responded to his comments.

"I've heard just about everything from Rock but I never heard anything as low-down," Councilman Bill Johnson said. "I'd consult a lawyer, if I was the mayor."

Kevin Tomazewski, Wayne-Westland firefighters union secretary/treasurer, posted an online response to Rock's allegation.

"I guarantee no one in our union has any information nor would ever keep any information. This is flat out false. How dare this person imply that," he wrote. "We as a union gave \$5,000 of our own money to Crime-stoppers as a reward. Not a day goes by where our members don't pray that the arsonist is brought to justice. The Woelke family and our department family need this closure more than anything."

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The Santa oath is taken by the Santas and Mrs. Clauses at the St. Nicholas Institute Award Banquet held in Livonia. The institute, started by Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church priest the Rev. Joseph Marquis, trains those seeking to portray Kris Kringle for the Christmas season. THOMAS BEAUDOIN

St. Nicholas Institute honors Seedlings Braille Books founder

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Debra Bonde didn't know what to expect when an envelope from the St. Nicholas Institute arrived this summer at Seedlings Braille Books for Children in Livonia. She opened it to find she was to be honored as a part of the institute's annual banquet for her work and love for children, one of the core tenets of the institute in Livonia.

"It was almost a little scary," she said, not knowing what the envelope contained. "This was totally out of the blue. I didn't know I had been nominated. I didn't know anything about the institute."

Bonde was one of several award winners Wednesday night during the St. Nicholas Institute banquet at the Sacred Heart Banquet and Con-

ference Center in Livonia, an event in its third year. Led by the Rev. Joseph Marquis at Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church, the institute trains those looking to carry on the tradition of St. Nicholas and his modern evolution, Santa Claus. A nonprofit organization that benefits the church on Six Mile east of Middlebelt, Marquis uses his background as a priest and Santa Claus portrayer to teach others the craft and to recognize those who do good in the community.

Seedlings is an organization Bonde launched from her basement in 1984 to help provide Braille books for blind children. Seeing there was a lack of cost-effective options for blind children, she began creating Braille books. Thirty years later, the organization has created more

than 394,000 books and has moved its operations to a facility on Farmington in Livonia.

"Seedlings was definitely based on a love of children," she said. "I think it was Sparky Anderson who said, 'the most important thing you can do in the world is to love a child,' and that's what we believe."

Marquis, who brought on 24 people to Detroit to participate in the St. Nicholas Institute last week from all over North America, said he's pleased with how the institute has grown and filled the banquet center and the preparations for those as Santa Claus before the beginning of the Christmas season.

He said while it may be early to get out the mistletoe and poinsettias for some people, those portraying Santa Claus need to feel the Christ-

mas spirit and be ready to spread joy sooner.

"They have to be in the spirit of Christmas before everybody else. This is a dress rehearsal," he said.

Others awarded

In addition to Bonde's award, several other Metro Detroit residents were honored, including Domino's Pizza founder Tom Monaghan for his work in nonprofit endeavors, WJR radio host Paul W. Smith for his work with the Paul W. Smith Golf Classic and Joe Kocur, Ron Mann and Chris Baker, co-founders of the Joe Kocur Foundation for Children.

Marquis, who has portrayed St. Nicholas and Santa Claus for more



Livonia resident Debra Bonde, founder and executive director of Seedlings Braille Books for Children, receives the award for her love of children at the St. Nicholas Institute Awards Banquet on Wednesday evening. THOMAS BEAUDOIN

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School board candidates vie for votes at forum

By Karen Smith
Staff Writer

Six of the eight candidates vying for the Livonia school board agreed on most of the issues asked about at a forum hosted Thursday by the League of Women Voters. The majority of their differences are in their backgrounds and what they bring to the table.

Two of the candidates, Jake Emerick and Gregory E. Zotos, were not at the forum. Organizers read a statement from Emerick, who had a previously scheduled long-standing family commitment.

The other candidates are incumbent president Mark R. Johnson, incumbent vice president Colleen Burton, and newcomers Jeffrey T. Jacobs, Liz Jarvis, Steve Johnson and Suzanne Migrin.

The candidates are running for three, four-year seats on the board. A ninth candidate, Dan Centers, is running unopposed for a partial two-year term. The election is Nov. 4.

"All of the candidates feel strongly about these issues," Jarvis said, adding that their answers about the need for more school funding, common core curriculum and standardized tests probably aren't much different. She encouraged voters to look at the candidates' track records and experience. She said she has volunteered for the district for 16 years, and is a member of the LPS District School Improvement Team and LPS Educational Foundation.

Jacobs is a senior facilities manager with a background in law enforcement. He said he believes drugs, particularly prescription drugs, are a major threat to the schools, and he wants to help mitigate that threat. He said his experience as a facilities manager will enable him to look closely at contracts and large projects to help save money.

Steve Johnson, a data retrieval specialist, is concerned about the debt load the district is carrying and is running to "get our financial house in order." He said Moody's Investors Service has downgraded the district's underlying



The League of Women Voters Livonia School District candidate forum.

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rating four times in the past four years.

Migrin, a librarian and president of the Webster Elementary School PTA, said all of her decisions on the board would be based on common sense and research. As a librarian, she said she knows about prioritizing spending. She said she wants to ensure top-quality education for all students through proper management of finances and long-term planning.

Burton said she has a proven history of transparent leadership from her 20 years of volunteer work in the district, including the past five years on the board. She said she cares deeply about the district and has effectively carried out her role as a board member by heading up the review of 600 pages of policy, evaluating "one of the best superintendents in the state" and preserving quality educational programs while maintaining a balanced budget.

Mark Johnson said Livonia Public Schools remains one of the premier school districts in the state, and that is what the community has come to expect.

He said that while some people say the state has increased funding for education, a lot of that has gone to pre-kindergarten programs and community colleges. "We don't see it here in our bottom line." He said the district has to continue to deliver a top-notch education while fighting to get revenue in the district.

Schools of choice and the board's ethics ordinance are two topics about which the candidates differed some.

Schools of choice

Steven Johnson is opposed to schools of choice. He said parents of schools of choice students don't help pay for the district's \$195 million construction bond approved in 2013. "I want those folks to move to Livonia," he said.

Migrin would like the schools to continue being "community-based."

Mark Johnson said the district already had schools of choice for its magnet programs, such as those for academically talented students and the International Baccalaureate program at Franklin

High before opening up the district to 60 general education schools of choice students. He said he is not in favor of opening the doors "carte blanche" to schools of choice students.

Burton said she voted in favor of opening up the district to 60 general education students because the revenue from the students helped the district to have fewer split classes, keep electives and keep teachers. "If that saves our programs, I'll do it," she said.

Jarvis said schools of choice can be a strategic tool that should be used on a limited basis, monitored and used judiciously.

Jacobs would not like to see schools of choice expanded. He said the people who live, work and worship in the district are the real stakeholders.

Ethics policy

The ethics policy adopted by the board stifles the free speech of board members, Steve Johnson said. "It gives the president and superintendent as the only ones who can speak for the board," he said.

Burton, who led the board in rewriting the policy, said the policy actually obligates board members to educate themselves about issues and to express their differences of opinion at the board table while letting the president speak for the board.

Mark Johnson said two board members initially refused to sign the ethics policy but did so after they worked together to modify it. He said it is a living, breathing document.

Jacobs said he would sign the policy if elected; Migrin said she probably would after reading it.

Jarvis called the policy "right and just." "I would be honored to sign it, I would consider it mandatory to follow it," she said.

The candidate forum will be aired by Bright House Networks (Channel 12 in Livonia and Redford) at 5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 13; 5:45 p.m. Monday, Oct. 20; 4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23; 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 28 and 5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 3.

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Priest removed amid finance investigation

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer



Father Thomas Belczak

Five months after his brother was indicted for allegedly stealing money from a Troy Church, the Rev. Thomas Belczak has been asked to step aside from his duties at St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth Township while being investigated for improper use of church funds.

In a letter sent Thursday to St. Kenneth families and posted to the Archdiocese of Detroit website, Auxiliary Bishop Francis Reiss wrote Belczak, 60, "has been required to step aside as pastor of St. Kenneth

Parish, effective October 9. This action results from a law enforcement investigation into the alleged improper use of St. Kenneth Parish funds."

Archdiocese officials declined further comment, citing "our cooperation with law enforcement authorities."

The Archdiocese wouldn't identify the investigating agency. Plymouth Township Police Chief Tom Tidering-

ton said his department "is not involved in any ongoing criminal investigation" involving St. Kenneth Church.

While Belczak was no longer mentioned among the St. Kenneth staff on its website, his voicemail was still active Friday morning. No one answered the phone at the church.

The Rev. Robert Blondell, a senior priest with the Detroit archdiocese, has been named administrator of St. Kenneth.

The Rev. Thomas Belczak had served at St. Kenneth since February 2004, after serving at St. Valentine Church in Redford from 1989-2004. He

was at St. John Neumann in Canton from 1984-1989.

Plymouth Township resident Dianne Erxleben Griswold, who has been a member of St. Kenneth the last few years, said she was "somewhat surprised" by Belczak's removal. She knew his brother had been investigated, and suspected Thomas Belczak would also be investigated "because they're brothers, and they have the same job."

But she thought since months had passed since Edward Belczak's indictment that "everything was fine" for Thomas. She's concerned his removal will hurt the

church.

"He's charismatic and is very kind to people," Griswold said. "When you have such a charismatic leader, part of the reason you go is to hear him. He's funny and he pulls you in and makes you feel part of the congregation. I truly believe people will leave the church now."

Thomas Belczak's brother, the Rev. Edward Belczak, 69, and his church administrator were indicted in April for stealing about \$700,000 from St. Thomas More Church in Troy over eight years, according to federal prosecutors.

In his letter, Reiss said he "regrets how difficult

and painful" the situation is for St. Kenneth's parishioners, and "especially for those close to Father Belczak."

"It's an unfortunate reality, but news like this can reverberate far beyond parish borders, impacting the priests and people of the archdiocese in various ways," Reiss said. "This is a situation nobody wants to be in, though we have been led here by our obligation to do what is right."

The action prevents Rev. Tom Belczak from serving at St. Kenneth in any capacity.

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PEACE ACTIVIST YUSEF SHAKUR TO SPEAK IN LIVONIA

Detroit's Native Son, a one-hour movie about Yusif Shakur, who metamorphosed from fatherless gang member to community organizer and activist, will be featured at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 14, by Citizens for Peace at Unity of Livonia Church, 28660 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

Following the film, Shakur will respond to audience questions and discuss how he is working to transform his neighborhood from a war zone to a peace zone.

The film tells the story of Shakur's transformation from a fatherless gang member raised by an abusive, alcoholic mother in Detroit to a business owner, proud father, author, inspirational speaker, mentor, well-respected community organizer, and activist.

Shakur's gang member-

ship led to his imprisonment at age 19. He spent nine years in prison, and his transformation began when he became acquainted with his father during his imprisonment.

Grace Lee Boggs, a legendary Detroit community activist, said, "Yusef's journey, like Malcolm X's, has been one of transformation and resurrection."

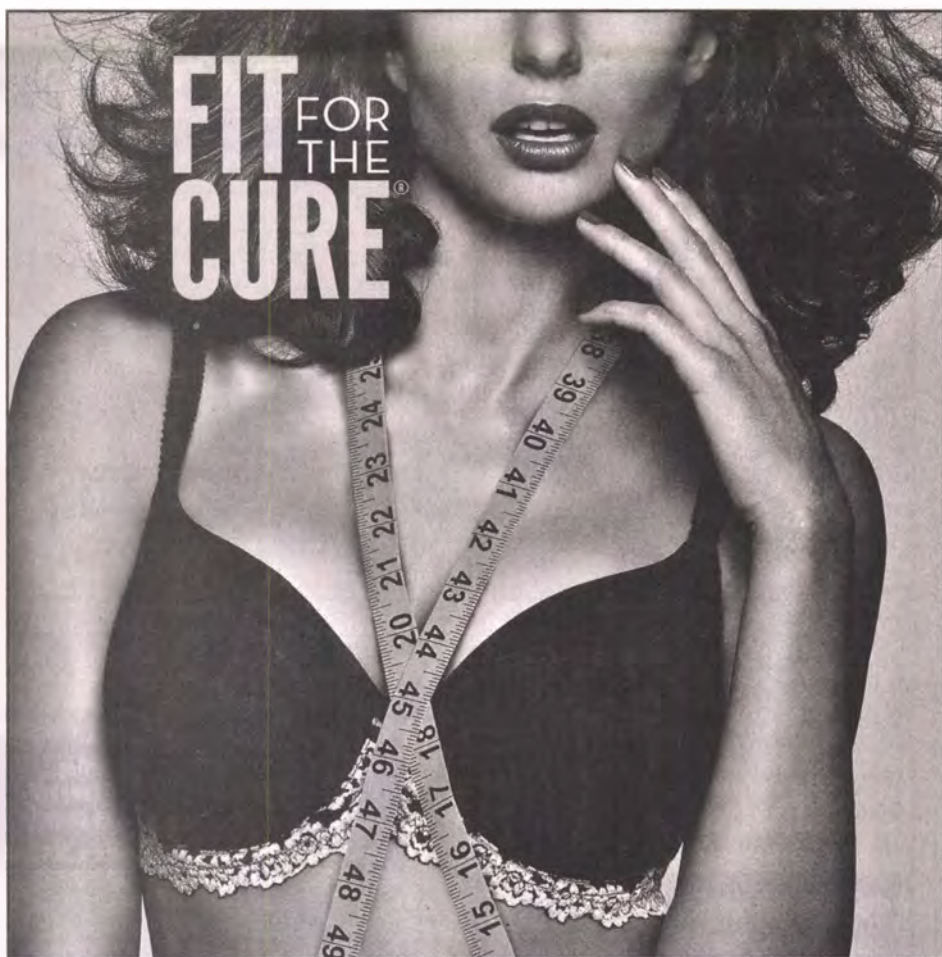
Dr. Carl S. Taylor, professor at Michigan State University, had this to say about Yusef: "Without any reservation this is one of the most insightful and evolutionary perspectives of a young man in urban America."

This event is free and open to the public. For more information call 734-425-0079 or go to www.citizensforpeace11.blogspot.com.



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Colbeck top spender in Senate race

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

The incumbent in the Michigan Senate's 7th District race has the fundraising edge, but a primary campaign and what he called the "front-loading" of expenses left him with less than a fifth of his challenger's campaign cash as they entered the home stretch.

Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton Township, had \$27,742 on hand as of Aug. 25, compared to the \$156,633 reported by his opponent, state Rep. Dian Slavens, D-Canton Township, according to campaign finance reports filed with the state.

Colbeck is battling for a second term against Slavens, a term-limited Michigan House of Representatives member, in a district that includes



Colbeck Slavens

Canton, Plymouth, Plymouth and Northville townships, Livonia, the city of Wayne and part of the city of Northville.

Both candidates said Thursday that they're confident they'll have enough funding to meet campaign expenses. The general election is Tuesday, Nov. 4.

"We've had everything we've needed to do everything we wanted to do so far, and we have a lot more money than we did last time," said Colbeck, whose 2010 win gave him his first public office. "When you've got the right message,

you don't need a lot of money."

"I have a lot of grassroots support, so I believe I have what it takes, absolutely," said Slavens, who described her spending as frugal.

Total fundraising

Colbeck reported raising \$183,650 in the current election cycle — which dates back to the 2010 general election — while Slavens reported contributions of \$171,767. The reports show the Colbeck camp spent just over \$59,600 this year, while Slavens' committee spent less than a third of that, at just over \$15,600.

Slavens was unopposed in the August Democratic primary, while Colbeck had a Republican challenger, Matthew Edwards, a recent Michigan State University graduate, and spent just over

\$13,300 in the last three weeks of the primary campaign. Colbeck, who won the primary handily, said the contest triggered some spending, but added that he likes to spend early in a race so that he can focus on "blocking and tackling" toward the end.

In addition, Colbeck, whose committee spent nearly \$153,500 since election day in 2010, said some spending was due to repaying debts incurred in the 2010 campaign.

PAC support

Among the major contributions to Colbeck's campaign committee were \$5,150 from the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Political Action Committee, \$3,000 from the Michigan State Troopers PAC, and \$4,250 from the Michigan Realtors PAC.

Slavens' committee

got \$10,000 from the Ananich Future Fund, a committee connected to state Sen. Jim Ananich, D-Flint, another \$10,000 from the Genesee 2020 Political Action Committee, and \$7,000 from the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 58.

Both hopefuls said they were campaigning door to door in the 7th District and getting feedback from voters.

"I'm working really hard," Slavens said. "I'm knocking on doors and hearing great things from folks in the community."

"It's actually one of the few things I really enjoy about campaigning, is the folks at the doors," Colbeck said.

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AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

Coffee Hour

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, will hold a coffee hour in Westland on Monday, Oct. 13, to field questions from citizens. No appointment is necessary. The coffee hours will be 9-10 a.m. at Mr. Mike's Grill, 6047 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

Dine to donate

Enjoy dinner at Texas Roadhouse at 36750 Ford Road in Westland on Wednesday, Oct. 15, and help the Wayne Memorial High School Girls Cross Country Team.

Ten percent of the total food bill will be donated to the team between 4-10 p.m. There will also be a bake sale. The money raised will be used to pay for new bags and the banquet at the end of the season.

For more information, contact Kathy Hansen at 734-716-4436.

Northville's Zahra looks to continue on state's top court

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Michigan Supreme Court Justice Brian Zahra believes his breadth of judicial experience is what makes him the right person for this crucial judicial position, which is up for a vote next month in the general election.

Running for re-election on the Nov. 4 ballot, Zahra, a Northville Township resident, wants the community to know what he will continue to bring if picked by voters statewide.

It starts with how he sees himself as a judge.

"I've always considered myself to be a rule-of-law judge, meaning my role as a judge is to determine what the law is, not what it should be,"



Zahra

Zahra said.

This comes from his belief that, "Our founding fathers recognized that this is one of the most important obliga-

tions of the judicial branch. The founders sought to avoid judicial legislation, because it generally goes unchecked and removes the people from the democratic process."

Zahra has more than 20 years of judicial experience in what he said has been a career of upholding the rule of law through consistency and with balance since first selected to be part of the Michigan judicial system.

This campaign is a familiar place for him in the last two years. He was appointed Jan. 14, 2011, to the Michigan Supreme Court by Gov. Rick Snyder to fill an open spot and he then won election in November 2012 to fill out the

remainder of the term, which is up this year.

He's looking to give a long-term commitment (eight-year term) and points to his different endorsements as testament to the support he is getting in this effort. One is from the Michigan Fraternal Order of Police, Police Officers Association of Michigan and from more than 100 county prosecutors and sheriffs.

"I am grateful and proud of the endorsements I have received from the law enforcement community," Zahra said. "To receive such overwhelming support from police, sheriffs and prosecutors is a tremendous honor."

He's also been endorsed by the Michigan Chamber of Commerce and a handful of other community organizations.

"We work every day to serve the public and to do so in a fair and consistent basis," said David Hiller, executive director

of the Michigan Fraternal Order of Police. "On behalf of the 10,000 active and associate members of the Michigan Fraternal Order of Police, I am pleased to extend our endorsement for Justice Zahra to the Michigan Supreme Court."

Experience and knowledge

Zahra, who is married with two children, graduated with honors from the University of Detroit Law School, where he was a member of the Law Review. While in law school, he also served as the articles editor of the State Bar of Michigan's *Corporation and Finance Business Law Journal*.

His career really started when he served as law clerk to Judge Lawrence P. Zatkoff of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan for two years before joining the law firm of Dickinson, Wright, Moon, Van Dusen and Freeman in 1989.

In 1994, Gov. John Engler appointed him to the Wayne County Circuit Court. He was elected to a six-year term in 1996 and continued to serve on the circuit court until December 1998. From there he received another appointment, this time to the Michigan Court of Appeals, again by Engler.

Zahra went on to be elected to six-year terms in 2000 and 2006. From December 2005 to January 2007, he served as the Court of Appeals chief judge pro tem.

There are five total justice candidates on the ballot and three will earn a seat on the seven-member Supreme Court. Zahra hopes he is one of them and he wants voters to know what he can bring.

To learn more about Zahra, visit <http://zahraforjustice.com/about/>.

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Should Tax Cuts Determine Government Spending?

During the days of Michigan's Republican governors George Romney and Bill Milliken, the traditional view of taxes dominated. It was that taxes should be no more or no less than what was needed to pay for the services the people wanted and were willing to pay for.

For example, both governors supported road tax rates that provided for the quality roads their constituents wanted.

Today, with government run by Republican tax cutters, the dominant position in Michigan is that the level of government services should be determined by how much money is left after the latest tax cut.

For example, when Governor Snyder and the Republicans in the Legislature gave a big tax cut to business owners, they had to cut spending to make up for the income loss. They chose to cut educational spending by \$393 million even though they never warned voters before the election that this would happen. Had they been honest with the voters about the cuts in school spending, do you think they would have been able to get elected?

Governors Romney and Milliken represented the view of the Republican Party of their day. Governor Snyder takes the opposite position which represents the view of today's Republican Party. The Republican Party has sure changed over the years.

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CITY OF LIVONIA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 4 of Act 207 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1921, as amended, the City Zoning Act (MSA 5.2934; MCLA 125.584) as well as Article XXIII of Ordinance No. 543, as amended, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Livonia, the Council has determined that a Public Hearing will take place before the Council of the City of Livonia on **Monday, October 27, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.** in the auditorium at City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, with respect to the following item:

Petition 2014-08-01-06 submitted by Kucyk, Soave and Fernandes, P.L.L.C., pursuant to Section 23.01 of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, requesting to rezone properties located on the south side of Plymouth Road between Newburgh Road and Eckles Road (38801 and 38901 Plymouth Road), in the Southwest ¼ of Section 30 from R-U-F (Rural Urban Farm) to R-1 (One Family Residential).

TERRY A. MARECKI, CITY CLERK

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CITY OF LIVONIA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED REVISED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR LEVAN ROAD SANITARY SEWER PROJECT

TO ALL PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE PROPOSED REVISED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the proposed revised ASSESSMENT ROLL for the LEVAN ROAD SANITARY SEWER PROJECT for the installation of a new 10-inch sanitary sewer main located on the east side of Levan Road (15160, 15200 and 15230 Levan Road), in the Northeast ¼ of Section 20, has been duly filed in the Office of the City Clerk and is now open for public examination and inspection.

The City Council has adopted a resolution setting the evening of **MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2014, AT 7:00 P.M.** in the auditorium at Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan as the time and place for reviewing the said Roll and hearing all objections or suggestions relative thereto.

At this meeting any persons deeming themselves aggrieved by the Special Assessment Roll, may file their objections thereto in writing with the City Clerk prior to the close of such hearing, which written objections shall specify in what respect they deem themselves aggrieved.

The amount of the assessment of any individual property owner may be determined prior to the hearing by inquiry at the Office of the City Clerk, where such Roll may be personally examined.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that appearance and protest at this hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the State Tax Tribunal if an appeal should be desired. A property owner or party of interest, or his or her agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment or may file his or her appearance by letter delivered to the City Clerk by the time and date of the hearing and his or her personal appearance shall not be required. The property owner or any person having an interest in the property subject to the proposed special assessments may file written appeal of the special assessment with the State Tax Tribunal within thirty-five days after confirmation of the special assessment roll if that special assessment was protested at this hearing.

TERRY A. MARECKI, CITY CLERK

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3 plea deals wrap up police corruption case

Three former police officers have pleaded no contest to charges stemming from their alleged role in a corruption case involving members of the Romulus Police Department.

On Tuesday, former detective sergeant Richard Balzer pleaded no contest to one count of embezzlement by a public official and misconduct in office, while former detectives Richard Landry and Donald Hopkins plead no contest to one count of embezzlement by a public official.

Charges, including conducting criminal enterprise, criminal enterprise/conspiracy and uttering and publishing and neglect of duty, were dismissed in return for their pleas.

A no contest plea isn't an admission of guilt.

According to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, restitution will be determined and the three men will lose their certification to be employed as police officers. They will be sentenced by Judge Michael Hathaway on Oct. 29.

A fourth defendant, former police chief Michael St. Andre of Garden City, faces up to 20 years in prison after pleading guilty to one count each of embezzlement by a public official, misconduct in office and conducting a criminal enterprise. He will be in Judge Hathaway's courtroom on Friday, Oct. 17, for sentencing.

The Wayne County Prosecutor's Office dropped seven other felony charges in exchange for his plea. St. Andre had been a 28-year veteran of the police department.

In all, six police officers and St. Andre's wife, Sandra Vlaz-St. Andre, were charged in the case, which stemmed from an investigation by the Michigan State Police into allegations of misconduct, corruption and embezzlement of drug forfeiture funds by members of the Romulus Police Department's Special Investigation Unit.

According to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, Michael St. Andre directed a probe of liquor license violations, prostitution and narcotics trafficking at the Landing Strip Bar in Romulus and Subi's Place in Southgate, but during the investigation officers embezzled drug forfeiture money, solicited prostitutes and made false police reports.

The St. Andres also were accused of using police forfeiture funds to both purchase and operate Always Tan at 33712 Ford in Westland. In February, Vlaz-St. Andre was sentenced to 7-20 years in prison after being found guilty of acquiring and maintaining a criminal enterprise and criminal enterprise conspiracy, filing fraudulent tax returns and receiving and concealing stolen property.

In April, Droege was sentenced to 18 months probation after being found guilty of misconduct in office and neglect of duty. Channells also was found guilty of two counts of misconduct in office and neglect of duty and sentenced to three years probation.

By Sue Mason

Zeal Credit Union holds fundraiser for ill children

In celebration of International Credit Union Week Oct. 13-18, Livonia-based Zeal Credit Union is participating in a variety of activities and fundraisers.

During the official International Credit Union Day on Thursday, Oct. 16, Zeal Credit Union is inviting members to participate in "Shop for Miracles." This is a one-day Credit Unions for Kids campaign to raise funds for Beaumont Children's Hospital, the local Children's Miracle Network Hospital.

Each time members use their Zeal Credit Union-issued credit or debit card on Oct. 16, Zeal Credit Union will donate a quarter to Beaumont Children's Hospital. Funds raised stay in the community

to help support the hospital's greatest needs, including life-saving research, equipment and charitable care.

"Helping children receive much-needed medical care is one of the many ways that credit unions work together to demonstrate their cooperative spirit and the credit union philosophy of 'people helping people,'" said Lisa Fawcett, vice president of marketing for Zeal Credit Union. "It's our members who help us make the difference locally and worldwide."

Other activities sponsored by Zeal Credit Union include:

Monday, Oct. 13, 9 a.m. to noon, Friday, Oct. 17: An online silent auction to benefit the Children's Miracle Network and A Strong Fi-

nancial Michigan Defense Fund, available at ZealCreditUnion.org.

Wednesday, Oct. 15, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.: Zombi Mental Math Adventure for kids at the Westland Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland.

Thursday, Oct. 16: Visitors to all Zeal Credit Union branches during regular business hours will receive special giveaways.

Saturday, Oct. 18, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Free Shred Day at Zeal Credit Union's Southfield branch, located at 25123 Southfield Road. Non-perishable food donations for Gleaners Food Bank will be collected.

Formerly known as Co-op Services Credit Union, Zeal Credit Union maintains 11 full-service branch offices in metro Detroit.

Livonia YMCA offers free events to celebrate I-96 reopening

After five months of persevering through stop-and-go traffic, long commutes and detours, residents of Livonia and the surrounding communities are finally traveling along a newly constructed 7-mile stretch of I-96.

From Oct. 13-18, fall-themed family events are open to the public in honor of the reopening. Swim with pumpkins,

play a game of family tennis — racquets provided — or dance at a Zumbathon. Every event is free.

With the Livonia Y's close proximity to all of the construction, the reopening of I-96 is a welcome return to convenience, said Brian Wolverton, executive director of the Livonia Y.

"This celebration is a way to thank everyone

for remaining active at our Y while we were not so easy to get to," Wolverton said. "Now that the road has opened back up, we hope everyone will visit us and participate in some fun events."

The Livonia Y is at 14255 Stark Road. For more information, call 734-261-2161. For a full list of events, visit ymcadetroit.org/celebrate.

CITY OF LIVONIA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

WHEREAS, the City of Livonia has received an Application for Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate from NYX, Incorporated, received in the Office of the City Clerk on October 1, 2014, for building improvements, machinery and equipment, as well as furniture and fixtures at their facility located at 38900 Plymouth Road within City of Livonia Industrial Development Overlay District No. 112:

THE CITY COUNCIL OF LIVONIA has determined as follows:

1. The City Clerk shall provide copies of the said Application to the legislative bodies of the governmental units deriving property taxes from the property which will be affected, as required by Act 198, P.A. 1974, as amended.
2. The City Clerk shall contact each of the affected taxing units, and (i) indicate the Council's interest in this matter, and (ii) assist these taxing units in collecting such information as may be necessary to determine their respective opinions on this Application, and (iii) advise the said taxing units of the Council's desire to hold a hearing on this Application on **Wednesday, October 22, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.**, at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan.
3. The Council has set **Wednesday, October 22, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.** at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, as the date, time and place for conducting a hearing on said Application.

TERRY A. MARECKI, CITY CLERK

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INVITATION TO BID Entrance System Replacement Marshall School Livonia Public Schools

The Board of Education of Livonia Public Schools is accepting Prime Contractor firm bids for all labor, materials, equipment and all other services to complete the Entrance System replacement work at the above referenced schools located in the Livonia Public Schools.

Plans and specifications may be obtained electronically via Plan Well through George W. Auch and are available for review at the office of the George W. Auch Company, 735 S. Paddock Street, Pontiac, MI 48341 248.334.2000, on or after **October 10, 2014**. The bidding documents consist of plans and specifications as prepared by Mielock Associates, Inc. Complete sets of printed documents may be purchased from DunnBlue/ARC, 1009 W. Maple St., Clawson, Michigan 248-288-5600 email Jeff Perhogan at michigan.trov@e-arc.com.

Your bid marked "SEALED BID: LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS - Marshall Entrance Replacement" will be accepted no later than **12:00 noon, Tuesday October 28, 2014** to: **LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE, Attn: Lisa Abbey, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan 48154**. Oral, telephone, fax or electronic mail bids are invalid and will not receive consideration.

All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud beginning at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday October 28, 2014 at the Livonia Public Schools administrative office, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan 48154.

A pre-bid meeting and walk-through will start at 11:00AM Thursday October 16, 2014, beginning at Marshall School 33901 Curtis Road, Livonia, MI. 48152, meeting at the main front office entrance. This meeting is not mandatory, but highly recommended.

All contracts to be entered into by the Livonia Public Schools must and will comply with the equal opportunity laws and prevailing wage rates of the State of Michigan.

All bids must be submitted on the forms provided in the bid packet.

All bidders must provide familial disclosure in compliance with MCL § 380.1267 and attach this information to the bid proposal. The bid proposal will be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Livonia Public School Board or the Livonia Public Schools Superintendent. All bids must also be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement certifying that the Contractor is not an Iran Linked Business within the meaning of the Iran Economic Sanctions Act of 2012. The District will not accept a bid proposal that does not include these sworn and notarized disclosure statements.

Proposals must include a Treasury listed bid bond or certified check made payable to Livonia Public Schools for not less than five percent (5%) of the contract for each proposal over \$23,126 and must be submitted on the bid proposal form furnished with the specifications. All proposals shall remain firm for a period of sixty (60) days.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, either in whole or in part; to award contract to other than the low bidder; to waive any irregularities and/or informalities; and in general to make awards in any manner deemed to be in the best interests of the owner. Livonia Public Schools local preference resolution will be followed for all proposals.

Lisa Abbey
Director of Business Services
Livonia Public Schools

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Plawecki vs. Rhoades in 11th State Rep District

Residents in the State House's 11th District will elect a new representative in the November general election.

Incumbent David Knezek of Dearborn Heights has decided not to seek a second term and instead is campaigning for the State Senate's 5th District seat.

The 11th District includes Garden City, Inkster and portions of Livonia, Westland and Dearborn Heights.

Two newcomers — Julie Plawecki of Dearborn Heights and Jim Rhoades of Garden City — are facing off in the election. Plawecki is a Democrat; Rhoades is a Republican. The following are their responses to questions posed by the *Observer*.

1. What made you decide to seek election to the State Legislature?

Plawecki: Despite my pondering a run for state rep 10 years ago, I did not seriously consider it until I was approached by community leaders late last year. After talking to family, friends, and elected officials, and re-searching the position, I decided to pursue the possibility. As an educator for 13 years, I am disheartened by the poor quality of education that Michigan offers students in some districts. This issue as well as others helped to finalize my decision to run.

Rhoades: I have been active in the political arena for my entire adult life. I have effectively worked in Lansing and D.C. as a citizen working on legislation that has helped people in their daily lives. I have testified before dozens of House and Senate Committees, fought "toe to toe" with lobbyists, and have been able to come to a consensus from BOTH parties to vote on bills. I have done this as a volunteer. This is how our government was supposed to be conducted. After these many years of being on the citizens' side of the table, it's time for me to step up and run for office to be on the political side and help improve the quality of life for the people in the district.

2. State and local roads and bridges are in deplorable shape. As a member of the legislature, how would you address the issue? Explain where you believe the money should come from.

Plawecki: Because the sales tax on gas has already been appropriated to other important issues such as education and local government, it would seem that the only solution would be to raise the gas tax, currently at 19 cents a gallon and one of the lowest in the Midwest. Closer monitoring of axle load limit violations on large trucks should occur with steep



JULIE PLAWECKI

Age: 52
Employment: Teacher for 10 years at St. Robert Bellarmine School, Redford
Family: Married to Mark Plawecki for 25 years; three daughters: Rachel, a graduate student in the Yale School of Forestry; Lauren, a junior in Art History at the University of Michigan Ann Arbor; Monica, a recent graduate and co-salutatorian from Divine Child High School, will attend the University of Michigan Ann Arbor in the fall.
Education: Bachelor of science in Medical Technology from Oakland University; Secondary teaching certificate with a major in Chemistry and General Science and a minor in Math from the University of Michigan-Dearborn
Community involvement: An active volunteer at Divine Child Schools and St. Robert Bellarmine School; Coach for Science Olympiad for six years

finances incurred, as well as charging higher permit fees for overweight trucks. Finally, fewer corporate tax breaks would mean increased revenue for the state which could be allocated for repair of roads and infrastructure.

Rhoades: From a statewide "Pure Michigan" perspective, we can't promote tourism and commerce without good roads and bridges. In order to solve or even help the financial problem I believe that we should re-examine the original 1950s-era highway funding legislation. Much of the money from this funding goes to programs that are not specific to road repair and maintenance, although many of these programs are viable, they must be re-examined. I would recommend re-allocating funding from other areas along with some small "user fee" increases to pay for these necessary costs. I don't believe that an overall tax increase on an already overtaxed system is the answer.

3. The 11th House District is a diverse district that includes a diverse population. What do you see as the issues in the district and how would you address them?

Plawecki: All communities worry about public safety. Reduced revenue sharing and elimination of the personal property tax have and will reduce the numbers of police officers and firefighters in many cities. The essential services assessment proposal passed on



JIM RHOADES

Age: 63.
City: Garden City.
Employment: Owner of a small construction and remodeling business for over 20 years.
Family: Married with two adult children.
Education: Attended Garden City schools and graduated of Garden City West High School, Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) certified motorcycle safety instructor/coach since 1979.
Community involvement: Lifelong resident and homeowner of Garden City, serves on Garden City Planning Commission; certified motorcycle instructor/coach, teaching at Schoolcraft College Radcliffe Center and other community colleges for more than 30 years; legislative director for a motorcycle advocacy group directing and coordinating legislative activity in Lansing and Washington, D.C., since 1976; presently serves on the Governor's Traffic Safety Advisory Board for motorcycle safety; founding member and past president of ABATE of Michigan (motorcyclist advocacy group); founding member and past board member of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation in Washington, D.C.

the August ballot claims to cover such services to offset the loss from the PPT more consistently. That remains to be seen. The decrease in statutory revenue sharing has greatly contributed to many municipalities' financial crises. Using funds intended for local governments to balance the state budget, even showing a surplus, is not a solution. It merely passes the buck to the little guys.

Rhoades: Roads and infrastructure are probably issue number 1 (refer to above). The second area of concern is education. Let's put increased emphasis not only on college prep education, but especially on vocational education there aren't many vocational programs in the area. It's important to play on every student's strength. Who is going to build your house or repair your plumbing if vocational training isn't available?

4. Does the redrawing of the district's boundaries change its needs, and how do you plan on addressing those needs?

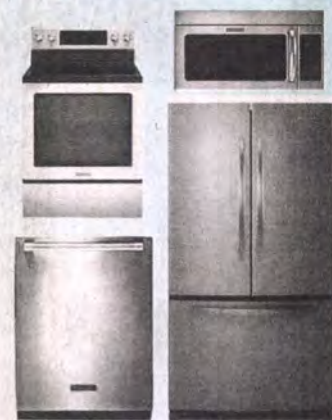
Plawecki: There has been a slight change in demographics but the needs are basically the same. In addition to pub-

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Senate hopefuls draw differences in campaigns

Two candidates — incumbent Sen. Patrick Colbeck and Democrat Dian Slavens — are seeking the state Senate 7th District seat, which includes the city of Wayne, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton Township, Northville, Northville Township and Livonia. The candidates offered their views on several issues.

For more responses, visit hometownlife.com. **State and local roads and bridges are in deplorable shape. As a member of the Legislature, how would you address the issue? Explain where you believe the money should come from.**

Colbeck: Michigan already spends 53 percent more per mile than the national average. Road funding solutions focused on raising taxes would only send good money after bad until we address the quality of our current road construction. I have developed a path to fix our roads that doesn't require tax increases. Readers can see it at MorninginMichigan.com. While I continue to pursue full implementation of this plan, please note that I have already been successful obtaining over \$5 million in state funding to address the Ford Road/I-275 traffic safety issue.

Slavens: I agree our roads are in need of serious and systemic repair. The solution should be balanced and come with equal contributions from individuals and businesses, as the House package I voted for did. But the Senate has tinkered with the bills and, as it stands now, want the package to hinge almost completely on individual tax hikes with no truck weight limit fines or fees or other earnest contributions from the business community. I supported a transportation plan that included some tax shifts and fee changes. The formula for properly funding our roads should include a balanced approach that isn't unfairly hurting one group.

Did the Senate do the right thing this summer by adjourning without really addressing the issue?

Colbeck: We did address the issue. We passed several bills promoted in my road funding plan. These bills focused on ensuring that all of the taxes gathered at the gas pump go towards our roads (SB 6, SB 149) and reducing the costs of maintaining our roads by requiring warranties and competitive bids on road projects (HB 4251, HB 5460, HB 5167). These reforms go along with funding increases of \$737 million in the FY14 and FY15 budgets. It is a disservice to our taxpayers to



PATRICK COLBECK

Residence: Canton
How long have you lived in the district? Over 18 years

Family: Married to my wife, Angie, for 19 years. Our parents and several family members live in Livonia.

Education: Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, 1987; Master of Science in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, 1988; graduate of the Life Sciences Department of the International Space University, Strasbourg, France, 1989

Current job/profession: Currently serving as the state senator for the 7th State Senate District. My management consulting business has been put on hold during my service as state senator.

Community involvement: Member of Northridge Church in Plymouth; co-founder and board member for the Michigan Freedom Center serving military personnel and their families at Detroit Metro Airport and the Troy Military Entrance Processing Station; member of the U.S. Navy League; honorary member and supporter of the Civil Air Patrol; member of the Northville, Canton, Plymouth and Livonia Chambers of Commerce; earned designation as a Microsoft Small Business Specialist; member of Good News! Via de Cristo lay Christian apostolic organization.

suggest that the only way to fix our roads is to raise taxes.

Slavens: I urged my colleagues in Lansing to get back to work all summer so we can find a solution to our road funding issues. It is clear the people of this state are fed up with their road conditions and want action to be taken. Unfortunately, the Republican-led House and Senate decided to place politics over the people in June. A comprehensive solution needs to be formed that ensures everyone is paying their fair share when it comes to the use of our roads.

Twenty years after the implementation of Proposal A, there remains a wide disparity in per-pupil funding for school districts throughout the state. How would you address this concern?

Colbeck: The push for "equity" in funding has hurt our school districts. Most recently, this push diverted over \$100 million from "donor" districts (i.e. most of the school districts in the 7th



DIAN SLAVENS

Residence: Canton
How long have you lived in the district? 26 years

Family: Husband, Mark Slavens. Three children and one grandson.

Education: Associates degree in applied science from Oakland Community College in June 1981. I became a certified respiratory therapist in August, 1981.

Current job/profession: State Representative

Community involvement: I am a long-time active community member, volunteering at Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, as a Sunday School teacher at Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton Township and as a Girl Scout leader for the Huron Valley Council.

state Senate district) to lower-funded school districts. The result was a \$60 per-pupil increase rather than a \$94 per-pupil increase.

We need to be pushing for "fair" funding that addresses cost of living differences throughout the state, not "equal" funding. I have fought successfully to do so in previous years. I will continue to push for fairness in funding as we go forward.

Slavens: One of the goals of Proposal A was to narrow the gap between the highest and lowest funded schools and progress has been made on that front. Narrowing the gap has been accomplished by school districts at the lower end getting a larger per-pupil increase. I support moving toward equity. The School Aid Fund has enough money to fund all our schools. Diversion of School Aid funds to other parts of the budget to make up for tax cuts is a disservice to our children. It also breaks the faith with voters who approved Proposal A with the intention that those tax dollars go to our local school districts.

The 7th Senate District is a diverse district that includes an ever-changing diverse population in Canton. What do you see as the issues in the district and how would you address them?

Colbeck: I prefer to focus on the principles that unite us rather than those that divide us. As Americans, we are all united by the common belief expressed in our Declaration of Independence that we are all created equal. One of the

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Brian Woehlke remembered at ceremony

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Fallen Wayne-Westland Firefighter Brian Woehlke of Westland will be honored today at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service.

The service begins at 10 a.m. at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Md. The event is open to the public. Live streaming information is available at media.firehero.org.

Woehlke, 29, died May 8, 2013, while fighting a fire that destroyed the Electric Stick/Marvaso's Italian Grille. The fire was ruled arson and Woehlke's death a homicide. The investigation remains open.

This annual tribute is sponsored by the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation and the Federal Emergency Management Agency's U.S. Fire Administration. More than 5,000 people are expected to attend, including members of Congress, senior-level federal officials and other dignitaries, members of the fire service, and families, friends and co-workers of the fallen firefighters.

In part, the memorial to Woehlke reads: "Brian worked hard to achieve his dream of

becoming a husband, father and a fireman. In 2012, he was hired with the Wayne-Westland Fire Department. Brian served as a firefighter and by being the positive catalyst that assisted in merging the two fire departments. It was apparent that Brian loved firefighting and always mentioned how he loved the 'human element' of being a paramedic. His personality was bigger than life and left a memorable impact on everyone he came in contact with. His last call was May 8, 2013, while courageously battling a strip mall fire.

"His pride and memory live on through his family and friends."

Woehlke is survived by his wife Jennifer and daughter Ava.

Woehlke also is remembered as part of the Heroes on Hines, the firefighter memorial in Roscommon and the national firefighter memorial in Colorado Springs, Col.

Locally, Wayne-Westland firefighters had a private ceremony dedicating a plaque in Woehlke's memory on the first anniversary of his death.

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lic safety, all communities are concerned about repair of roads and infrastructure, the right to an equal education, and unfair taxes on pensions and the working class. The Homestead Property Tax and the Earned Income Tax Credit need to be restored to previous levels and the pension tax repealed. A sustainable plan to repair and maintain roads and infrastructure must be established immediately. Funding for schools

needs to reach the classrooms, particularly those with students identified as at-risk.

Rhoades: Input from the various communities in the District will be the key in coming up with solutions for such issues as school and community funding. I do not believe that "redistribution" of monies from other areas has or will work. The solution will come from discussions with the District's constituency.

5. What makes you the best candidate for this position?

Plawewski: I have the experience and background in areas that are

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biggest issues we face today is that there are many among us who seek to divide us into subgroups for the purposes of political gamesmanship.

We need to rekindle an appreciation for the expression "e Pluribus unum," which translates to "from many into one." This signifies that the ideas that unite us are stronger than those which divide us.

Slavens: As an active resident of Canton for 26 years and its representative for the past six, I am certainly in touch with the township's diversity. In fact, Canton's diverse community is what makes it such a great place to live and raise a family.

What the people love more than anything are their outstanding public schools. Unfortunately, our public schools systems have faced multiple

hurdles over the past few years. A notable hindrance is that they are underfunded.

My colleagues have cut \$1.8 billion from K-12 education funding. I will make adequately funding our public schools and protecting School Aid Fund dollars a top priority in the Senate and will also fight against efforts to turn education into a for-profit enterprise in Michigan.

Does the redrawing of the district's boundaries change its needs and how do you plan on addressing those needs?

Colbeck: Most needs transcend any arbitrary political boundaries. We all need jobs. We now have over 19,000 jobs within a 25-mile radius of Canton.

We all need access to affordable health care. That is why I continue to oppose the Affordable Care Act (a.k.a. Obamacare) and have developed a better approach called the Patient-Cen-

tered Care Solution (See MorninginMichigan.com). We also need access to quality education.

That is why I oppose one-size-fits-all education models such as Common Core and promote policies that empower parents with education choices.

Slavens: While redrawing the 7th Senate District's boundaries changes its makeup slightly, it does not necessarily change the needs of the people that live in our communities. While every neighborhood has its own con-

cerns, most of the issues Wayne County voters care about are universal across city and township lines.

Our residents want a high-quality public education system that is adequately funded. They want tax relief for working families, a secure retirement for seniors and equal pay and equal rights for women.

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What takes a person with trigger finger to the doctor is pain; bringing the finger from the bent position to a straight one can be agonizing.

What causes a trigger finger is fibrosis. Tissues surrounding one of the finger tendons that runs through the palm of the hand, becomes thickened and binds down the tendon. That binding causes contraction of the tendon, resulting in a trigger finger.

A person experiencing trigger finger for the first time, often believes that the problem comes from "something" wrong with the finger joint on the back of the hand. That joint hurts because it is forced to remain in the flexed position for a prolonged time. The person is surprised when the doctor points out that the cause of the problem comes from a thickened area along the tendon in the palm.

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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 10 OF THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF LIVONIA AND AMENDING ARTICLE III OF ORDINANCE NO. 543, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AND CITED AS "THE CITY OF LIVONIA ZONING ORDINANCE" BY ADDING SECTION 3.3928 THERETO.

THE CITY OF LIVONIA ORDAINS:

Section 1. The report of the City Planning Commission, dated June 16, 2014, setting forth its resolution 06-33-2014 recommending approval of Petition 2014-02-01-01, having been considered by the Council, and the Council having conducted a public hearing on July 14, 2014, on said petition, and having concurred in the recommendation of the City Planning Commission, the Council hereby adopts said Petition 2014-02-01-01 to amend the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map of the City of Livonia and all proceedings heretofore conducted on said petition are hereby approved.

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

Section 3. Petition 2014-02-01-01 submitted by the City Planning Commission is hereby approved, and the zoning classification of the premises hereinafter described is hereby changed from C-2 to C-1:

10HH1B1 The North 135 ft. of the South 195 ft. of the East 135 ft. of the West 195 ft. of the SW ¼ of Sec 10 0.42 Acre (Tax ID No. 039-99-0011-000);

and the Southwest 1/4 of Section 10 of the Zoning Map is hereby amended to conform to the change made in this section.

Section 4. The attached map designated "Amendment No. 944 to the Zoning Map of the City of Livonia" showing all of the amendments and changes made in the foregoing Section 2 of this ordinance is hereby approved, established and made a part hereof.

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

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

The above ordinance was passed at the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Livonia held Monday, September 15, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.

Terry Marecki, City Clerk

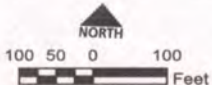
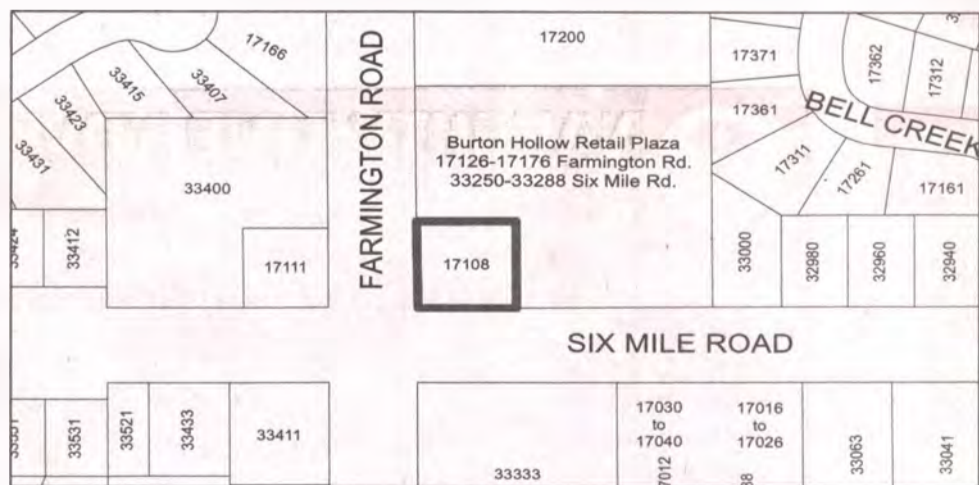
The foregoing ordinance was authenticated by me on this 16th day of September 2014.

Jack E. Kirksey, Mayor

Approved as to form:

Donald L. Knapp, Jr., City Attorney
Dated: September 16, 2014

BOUNDARY OF DISTRICT AS AMENDED FROM C-2, GENERAL BUSINESS TO C-1, LOCAL BUSINESS



PETITION NO. 2014-02-01-01
A PART OF THE S.W. 1/4 OF SECTION 10



AMENDMENT NO. 944 TO THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN
ORDINANCE NO. 2972
Adopted by the City Council on 9/15/14

MAYOR
CLERK



THOMAS BEAUDOIN

Former Detroit Red Wing Joe Kocur, Ron Mann and Chris Baker, the three co-founders of the Joe Kocur Foundation, pose with the award they received from the St. Nicholas Institute.



THOMAS BEAUDOIN

Redford residents Paul and Jill DiDonato receive their "Certificates of Achievement" during the St. Nicholas Institute Awards held in Livonia on Wednesday evening.

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than 40 years and is an inductee into the International Santa Claus Hall of Fame, said it's very important to understand the man who became the influence to the modern-day Santa Claus: St. Nicholas, a bishop born in the 3rd century who was known for his leaving of gifts and his love of children.

"He had a timeless personality and the gifts of peace, joy and love that we associate with Santa Claus," he said. "We want to be open to that same spirit that animated him 1,700 years ago. And the more authentic we are to that, the more authentic we'll be to our vocation to spread the joy, peace and love of Christmas."

Bonde said she's happy to continue her work with Braille books, something she's felt very connected to. She said she saw the opportunities her seeing children had with books and wanted to provide a similar opportunity for those children who couldn't see.

"When I found out that blind children didn't have that, that books were scarce and if you could find them, they were expensive — like \$100 for a Hardy Boys book — that just seemed wrong to me," she said. "If you give a child the gift of reading, you've given them the key to success."

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"If you give a child the gift of reading, you've given them the key to success."

DEBRA BONDE, award winner at St. Nicholas Institute banquet



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LPS

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State government must recognize the financial straits of public schools. We must increase enrollment and attract young families to the district. We should consider methods which have proven successful elsewhere, like block scheduling, so we don't have to cut programs. Our entire community should feel connected to our schools.

Mark Johnson: We must continue to impress upon our legislators that education is the cornerstone of our society. While the Classrooms and Kids proposal was rejected, we must continue to push for similar programs on the state level. On the local level, partnering with surrounding districts to consolidate services as well as partnering with local businesses to provide support while containing costs.

Steve Johnson: To increase revenue and build back up the fund balance, I would recommend a more aggressive bidding process. Also, reviewing every expenditure, from paper to administrative salaries, should be considered. After the large bond passage, I feel the taxpayers do not have an appetite for more taxes. Thus, LPS has to learn to live within their means.

Migrin: I would recommend working to increase revenue by the writing of grants, increased community partnerships with local universities and businesses, and by working to increase enrollment in our schools through the creation and maintenance of unique educational programs and high student achievement. Also, by creating and maintaining a balanced budget each year by using our district resources prudently.

Zotos: I feel one way is through vacant buildings. Sell them or lease them for revenue, a vacant school building site and empty school building are district liabilities. Money being spent on utilities for the vacant schools is money being taken away from education.

What do see as the role of a board member?

Burton: The board is legally responsible for setting district policy, hiring and evaluating the superintendent, and strategic planning, including allocation of district finances to meet those goals. An effective board member should also possess a thorough knowledge of the district, be an effective communicator with the community, administration, and staff, and participate in district activities on a regular basis.

Emerick: To hire and evaluate the superintendent, adopting and monitoring an annual budget.

Jacobs: Our school board members are the elected trustees of the institution. They contribute to, oversee and balance school operations, through the democratic process and essentially govern the district, allowing the superintendent to run it.

Jarvis: The role of a school board member is to design and implement policy for the school district. They do this while working with parents, unions, legislators, and other groups in the district. The board employs a superintendent to administer their policies.

Mark Johnson: We have three distinct required roles: hire and evaluate the superintendent, create and review policy and long-term strategic planning. However, a board member is much more. We are the face of the school district and must be its biggest cheerleaders while also being its biggest watchdog by finding better and more efficient ways to provide for our students.

Steve Johnson: The role of a board member is to be engaged in overseeing how the district is being run. To be sensitive to issues brought to the board by the residents who fund a good portion of the schools. To ensure that every dollar entrusted to

COLLEEN BURTON

Age: 50.

Occupation: Sales assistant.

Education: Bachelor of Science degree, Harding University; Bentley High School graduate; Michigan Association of School Boards certified board member.

Family info: Married to David; children Ben, college graduate; Conner, senior at Grand Valley State University; and Jenna, senior at Stevenson High School.

Community service (keep to past three years): Livonia Public Schools District School Improvement Team, Stevenson Booster Club chairperson, Stevenson PTSA, Stevenson Parent Advisory Council, March Reading Month volunteer reader, Church of Christ Sunday School teacher, Walk for Water participant.

Elective offices held and years held: Livonia Board of Education trustee, 2009 to present, three years as vice-president.

JAKE EMERICK

Age: 38.

Occupation: Police officer (City of Wayne).

Education: 1994 Romulus High School graduate, Associates degree Schoolcraft College, major in Criminal Justice.

Family info: Wife Jeneen; step-daughter Sierra, 18; son Tommy, 9 (Webster student); daughter Samantha, 6 (Buchanan student).

Community service (keep to past three years): I have been a volunteer head coach for my son's flag football team (over three years), I am a regular volunteer at both of my children's schools and volunteered with the Friends of the Rouge River.

Elective offices held and years held: None.

JEFFREY T. JACOBS

Age: 43.

Occupation: Senior facilities manager.

Education: Associate of Criminal Justice/Law enforcement.

Family info: Fiance Elone Letourneau; daughters Kayla and Alyssa; step-daughters Simone and Celina Letourneau.

Community service (keep to past three years):

Elective offices held and years held: None.

LIZ JARVIS

Age: 51.

Occupation: Stay-at-home-mom.

Education: BA Studio Art/Graphic Design, Honors College, Michigan State University, 1985.

Family info: Married for 22 years to Blake Jarvis. Three children: Katie (20), Maggie (18) and Christopher (14). All children are LPS students/alumni.

Community service (keep to past three years): Livonia PTSA Council; PTAs in several LPS schools; LPS District School Improvement Team; LPS Educational Foundation; Livonia Save Our Youth Coalition; Michigan PTA; Catholic Services appeal coordinator, St. Gerald; Family Choir, St. Gerald; Handbell Choir, St. Gerald; FIRST Robotics mentor, Livonia; MathCounts 5/6 Team coach, Webster Elementary School; MathCounts 7/8 Team coach and Math Olympiad coach, Frost Middle School; Boy Scout Troop 271 parent volunteer (website coordinator), Livonia.

Elective offices held and years held: Livonia PTSA Council: Secretary (2009-2010); 2nd VP (2010-2012); president (2012-2014).

MARK R. JOHNSON

Age: 61.

Occupation: Attorney.

Education: Bentley High School, University of Toledo, Detroit College of Law.

Family info: Married to Rose for 32 years; twins, daughter Melissa, a graduate of Stevenson High School and a senior at Hope College studying to be a music teacher; and son Eric, a special needs child, who is a student at Cooke School in Northville.

Community Service (keep to past three years): Member of District School Improvement Team, chairperson-Livonia Parks and Recreation Commission, LPS Education Foundation.

Elective offices held and years held: Trustee-Livonia Public Schools School District Board of Education, president last two years.

STEVE JOHNSON

Age: 59.

Occupation: Data retrieval specialist.

Education: Graduate of Stevenson High School.

Family Info: Married with a 5-year-old daughter.

Community Service: Provide warm gloves and hats to homeless people in the Cass Corridor.

Elective offices held and years held: None.

SUZANNE MIGRIN

Age: 39.

Occupation: Librarian.

Education: BS Psychology Eastern Michigan University 1998, MLIS Wayne State University 2000.

Family info: Married to Peter Migrin for 13 years. Two children: Katie 9, Andrew 7.

Community Service (keep to past three years): President of Webster Elementary PTA September 2013-present; Girl Scout Leader 2011-present.

Elective offices held and years held: None.

REV. DR. GREGORY E ZOTOS, DD PHD

Age: 51.

Occupation: College professor, professional tutor, published author.

Education: Three associate degrees, BA-Human Resources, MAED-Master's of Education, PhD, DD.

Family info: Single.

Community Service (keep to past three years): Livonia Human Relations Commission, Golfview Meadows-Burton Valley Civic Association's secretary to president and police liaison for 30 years, election inspector, community access volunteer, sponsored little league baseball team, Livonia Observer panel volunteer for city funding proposal, Livonia public schools all night party volunteer and Livonia Spree Family Day volunteer.

Elective offices held and years held: I served on many committees, including the Livonia Human Relations Commission, the Golfview Meadows-Burton Valley Civic Association's secretary to president and police liaison for 30 years, Taste of Home Magazine panel, and my church's executive board.

the district is used for providing the best educational environment. And, to set long-term goals that puts the district on a rising trajectory.

Migrin: A board member should ethically and efficiently serve the public by providing a framework for staff and administration to create positive learning conditions, promote academic achievement, cultivate efficient human resource management, and to manage district financial and physical resources wisely. A school

board member should be informed about the current educational research, inquisitive, open-minded and principled.

Zotos: I feel the school board is one of the most important responsibilities a resident undertakes. It would be rewarding as I observe students succeed as a result of an environment I help to provide. Working for the best interests of all pupils and citizens. What a wonderful experience it would be to be a part of educating our youth.

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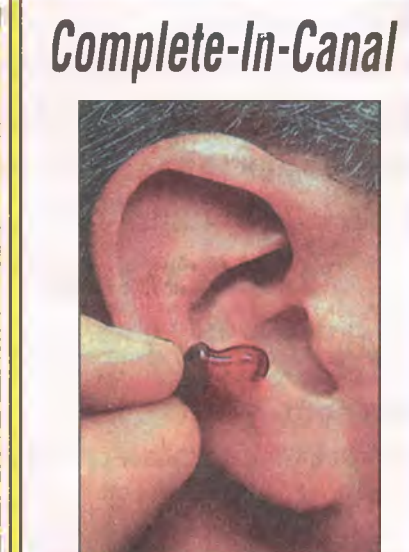
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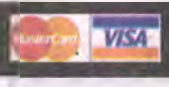
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By Ed Wright
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"I'm always watching different plays and defenses on YouTube, and I attend as many clinics as I can fit into my schedule," said Smartt. "There's always something new out there to learn. I'm never satisfied with knowing what I already know."

Earlier this week, the personable Livonia Stevenson junior varsity boys basketball coach's diligence was rewarded



Smartt

when he was promoted to take over the controls of the Spartans' varsity contingent.

Smartt succeeds Brandon Sinawi, who accepted the boys basketball coaching position at Novi High School last month.

Smartt is no stranger to the high school hoops sidelines. In addition to serving as the head coach of Stevenson's junior varsity squad for the past three winters, he also served as a

freshmen head coach at Farmington Hills Harrison, where he starred at football, basketball and track and field from 1995-98.

"I was very excited when I found out I got the job," said the 34-year-old Smartt, who works full time for Comerica Bank. "It's something I've been working toward for the past nine years - longer, really, if you count the years I served as

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Clarenceville coaching vacancies

The Livonia Clarenceville athletic department is seeking a junior varsity boys basketball coach and a varsity boys and girls head bowling coach.

Interested candidates are encouraged to contact Clarenceville athletic director Kevin Murphy at kmurphy@clarenceville.k12.mi.us.

RTJAA hoops

The Redford Township Junior Athletic Association's final youth basketball registration sessions are scheduled for Oct. 14, 15 and 16 from 6-8 p.m. at the Redford Community Center, which is located at 12126 Hemingway in Redford.

For more information, contact Angie at 313-333-3337 or Jill at 313-204-0848.

RC football

The Redford Catholic freshmen football team lost to Allen Park Cabrini, 26-12, last weekend. Donovan Lemon scored both TDs for the Lancers. Anthony Blouin and Arnold Ebiware played stellar for the defense.

The junior varsity Lancers dropped a 29-6 decision to Cabrini. Daron Dunning scored the lone six-pointer after hauling in a nice spiral from quarterback Jerry Shananaquet.

The varsity Lancers nearly overcame a 19-6 halftime deficit, but ultimately lost, 25-20. The Lancers roared back to seize a short-lived 20-19 lead, but lost with 40 seconds left in the game.

Matthew McCarty scored two touchdowns for Redford.

Despite the loss, the Lancers will make their first Prep Bowl appearance in 30 years when they will play a 20-minute consolation game on Oct. 25 at Ford Field.

The game will be part of the annual Catholic League youth-football festivities.

Reporting results

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KLAA CENTRAL FOOTBALL

THE 'D'-FIANT ONES

Livonia Stevenson's defense puts clamps on Salem, 21-7

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

If Livonia Stevenson's football team had entered a float in Friday night's halftime homecoming parade, it probably would have featured a navy-blue-and-white brick wall — a symbol of the Spartans' stout defensive effort during their 21-7 victory over Salem.

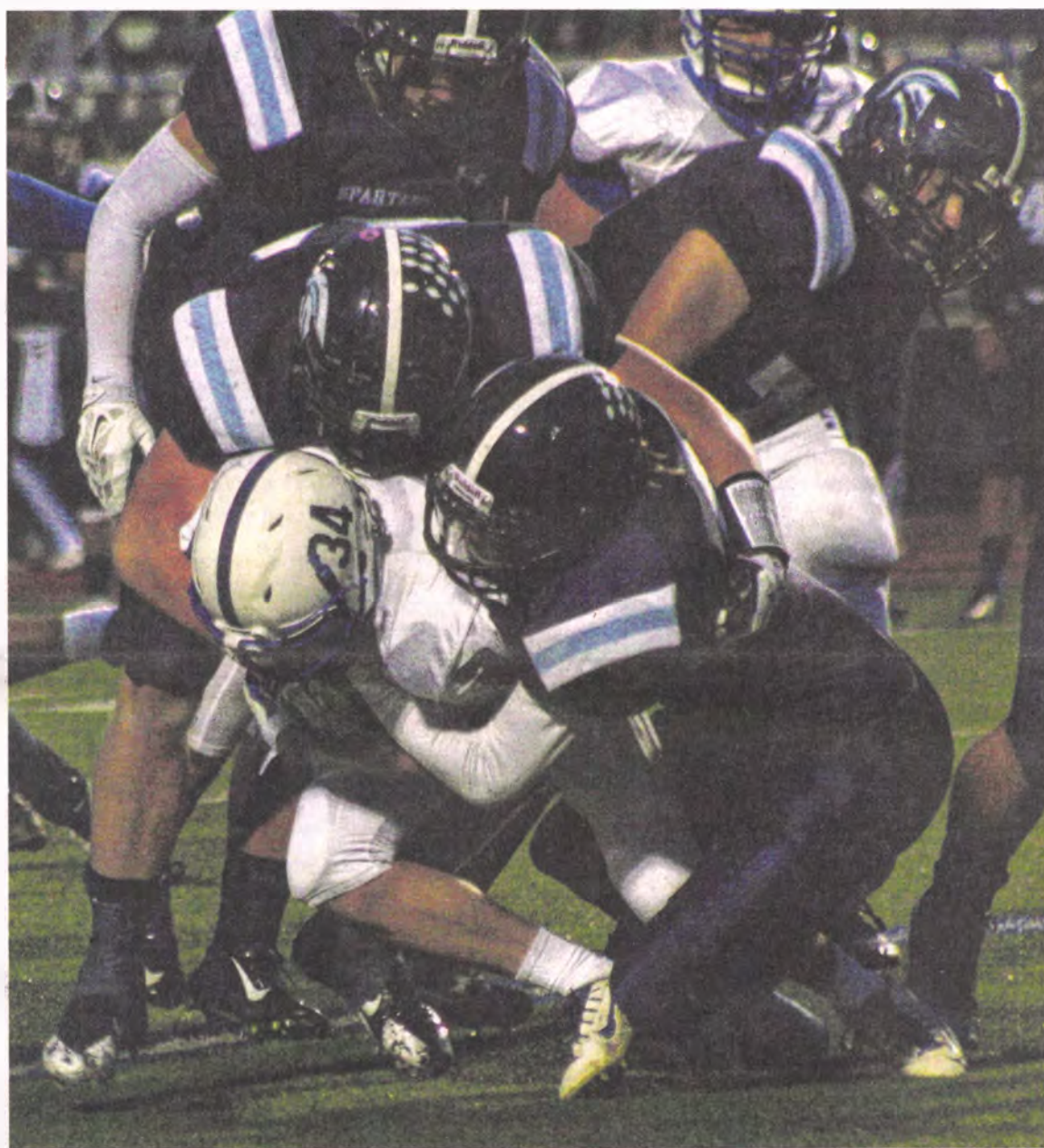
With a loud and proud homecoming crowd providing high-decibel background noise, the Spartans' defense silenced the Rocks for most of the game, losing a shutout only when Salem's Devin Cameron busted up the middle from his own 1 and tied a national record for the longest touchdown run ever when he sprinted 99 yards to pay dirt.

The triumphant hosts improved to 5-2 overall and 4-1 in the KLAA Central Division. Salem slipped to 1-6 and 1-4, respectively.

Whether or not the Spartans claim the division crown and the No. 1 seed in next week's cross-overs against the South Division came down to the result of other games Friday night.

Spearheading the winners' swarming defensive effort was senior linebacker Robert Schneider, who was in on a number of play-stuffing efforts.

"As a senior, this is my last homecoming game, so I had to



Livonia Stevenson's defense was swarming during Friday night's impressive 21-7 victory over Salem.

ED WRIGHT

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PREP PROFILES

PATRIOT PACE-SETTERS

Franklin's dynamic duo of Jones and Floyd are best in the long run

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Aerodynamic, lean and weighted down by close to zero body fat, Livonia Franklin cross country standouts Keenan Jones and Tony Floyd own the prototypical frames for their sport.

But it is not the frames that have carried Jones and Floyd into the elite level of long-distance running, it is their heart — the priceless intangible, not the blood-pumping organ.

Jones, a senior, and Floyd, a junior, hate to lose, which is the primary reason why they rarely do — when they do, it's usually to each other — and why they are both breathing down the back of the school's 17-year-old 5-kilometer record.

As the prep cross country schedule begins to heat up starting with Tuesday's KLAA Kensington Conference meet, followed closely by the Division 1 regional and the D1 state

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Keenan Jones (left) and Tony Floyd have provided Livonia Franklin's cross country team with a potent one-two punch this season.

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PREP SOCCER

Patriots finish regular season with slim victory

Stevenson rebounds from Monday's bummer to top Knights

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Livonia Franklin's boys soccer team earned a much-needed dose of momentum for next week's Division I district tournament when it held on to clip visiting Waterford Mott, 2-1, Wednesday night.

The result improved the Patriots' regular-season record to 5-10-1 as it prepares for Monday's 5 p.m. district opener against host Plymouth.

The Patriots secured a comfortable 2-0 halftime lead thanks to goals from Kyle Hayes and Jeremy Sheppard, but had to fight off a determined effort by Mott down the stretch.

"We got a little sloppy in the second half when we had the lead," said Franklin head coach Vic Rodopoulos. "It was almost like we were playing like we were behind instead of ahead. We needed to settle down a little bit and make the extra pass."

"All in all, though, it was a nice win and we're looking forward to next week's district tournament."

Ryan Prohaska played well

in goal for the Patriots, stopping five shots, Rodopoulos estimated.

Rodopoulos also praised the effort senior defender/mid-fielder Nolan Hannis.

The Patriots' first goal unfolded just like the team drew it up in the pre-season playbook. Sheppard pushed the ball up the sideline following a switch before sending a dead-on cross to Hayes, who finished the sequence with a no-doubt one-timer.

Sheppard's net-finder was assisted by now-healthy Zach Brokaw, who missed a couple weeks of action while recovering from an injury.

The Patriots honored eight seniors prior to Wednesday's game: Bobby Williams, Sheppard, Noah DeBeliso, Robert Jiga, Brokaw, Hayes, Nick Curtis and Hannis.

Spartans conquer Knights

The competition level remained elite Wednesday night for Livonia Stevenson, which rebounded from Monday's KLAA Kensington Conference shoot-out loss to Canton by upending No. 3-ranked Walled Lake Northern, 2-0.

The Spartans, who were ranked No. 5 in the most recent Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association poll, improved to 13-2-3. The Knights dropped to 15-3-0.

Stevenson lit up the scoreboard once in each half. Brandon Eklund got things going in the 28th minutes when he finished a first-rate feed from fellow sophomore Brady Brown to make it 1-0.

Thirty minutes later, Tyler Gregory ripped home a two-on-one break-away shot after accepting a slick pass from Hunter Mullett.

Austin Kaczmarek, Turner Miller and Adam Bixby combined to make three saves and registered the team's 10th shutout.

Andrew Martin turned away three shots for Northern.

"I was very pleased with the way we responded from the tough outcome on Monday," said Stevenson head coach Ken Shingledecker. "It was a quality win against a quality team to close the regular season out. Our sights are totally set on Novi on Tuesday in Districts."



Livonia Franklin senior Robert Jiga threads a pass to a teammate during a game earlier this season.

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COLLEGE SOCCER

Cisse's goal lifts Crusaders, 2-1 over Cornerstone

Madonna University rallied in the second half to earn a 2-1 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference men's soccer victory Wednesday at home over Cornerstone University.

Amadou Cisse, a native of Conarkry, Guinea, scored the game-winning goal in the 87th minute as the Crusaders improved to 8-3 overall and 3-1 in the WHAC.

After a scoreless first half, Cornerstone (3-7-1, 1-2-1) got on the board in the 52nd minute when Mario Williams found himself with the ball after Tristan Esprit's free kick skipped across the 18-yard box, allowing Williams to send his shot past MU goalkeeper Marcel Schmid (Stuttgart, Germany) for a 1-0



Cisse

lead. The match remained 1-0 until the Golden Eagles were whistled for a foul in the Madonna offensive end. Senior Ryan Williams (Auburn Hills Avondale) stepped up to take the free kick and delivered a hard shot that beat Cornerstone goalie Nick Hopkins to the right post for a 1-1 tie.

With time winding down, MU capitalized on one last opportunity when Williams one-timed a cross into the air, finding Cisse's head, who dove, while sending the ball past Hopkins with a bounce for the one-goal advantage.

Schmid made one final save with under a minute left to preserve the win. He had four saves on the day, while Hopkins

recorded two.

MADONNA (WOMEN) 1, CONCORDIA 0: Ashley Parent tallied her third goal on a shot from 35 yards out Wednesday to give Madonna University (6-5, 1-3) its first WHAC victory of the season at the expense of visiting Concordia University (7-3-3, 1-2-1). Parent's goal came in the 55th minute of an assist from Jennifer Jurcak. MU goalkeeper Blaire Schmalenberg, made one save, posted her third shutout of the season. Concordia goalkeeper Jade Antolec made three saves for the Cardinals. Madonna returns to WHAC play noon Saturday at Marygrove College.

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Livonia Churchill defensive players Steven Szymanski and Demarco McKinney bring down a Livonia Franklin ball-carrier Friday night.

GARY SHATTER

CROSS-TOWN GRIDIRON CLASH

Chargers' 'O' explodes, 49-27

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Livonia Churchill bolted to a 15-0 lead and never looked back during Friday night's 49-27 victory over visiting Livonia Franklin.

The win improved the Chargers' record to 6-1 overall and 4-1 in the KLAA South Division. Churchill finished second in the South behind 5-0 Canton.

Franklin slipped to 1-6 overall and 1-4 in the division.

Paul Romain powered the winners' offensive assault with 224 yards and two touchdowns on 14 carries. He also caught a 21-yard TD pass from Brian Alsobrooks, who completed 6 of 13 aeriels for 112 yards and two scores.

Franklin quarterback Denzel Adams played well in a losing cause, rushing for 121 yards on 14 carries in addition to completing 11 of 21 passes for 141 yards and two TDs.

Antonio Alexander was Alsobrooks' primary target, catching two balls for 55 yards and a TD.

Alsobrooks called his own

number seven times and picked up 51 yards.

Dan Huber had a productive game on the ground for Franklin as he amassed 73 yards on nine hauls.

Churchill struck first when Alsobrooks connected with Alexander on a 51-yard TD pass with 3:06 left in the first quarter. The play capped a seven-play, 90-yard possession.

Moments later the Chargers capitalized on an Armon Perham fumble recovery when they scored a 21-yard pass from Alsobrooks to Romain. Brock Diamond ran in for the two-point conversion to make it 15-0.

Franklin rallied briefly, cutting its deficit to 15-7 when Adams hit Nathan Rodgers on an 85-yard TD pass with 1:25 left in the first quarter.

Churchill then blitzed their visitors with 21 straight points, the result of a 1-yard keeper by Alsobrooks, a 94-yard run by Romain and a 50-yard run by Romain to make it 36-7 with 10:41 left in the third quarter.

The Patriots snapped the hosts' scoring run when Adams

hit Charles Keith with a 15-yard TD strike with 5:49 left in the third quarter.

A 17-yard scoring run by Rodgers four minutes into the fourth stanza brought the Patriots to within 36-20, but Churchill answered with a 50-yard kick-off return by Steven Szymanski on an inside kick and a 25-yard interception return by Szymanski.

Franklin's final points came on a 5-yard run by Chris Farnsworth.

Rockets blast Wayne

Westland John Glenn's offense was an equal-opportunity destroyer during Friday night's 52-12 victory over Wayne Memorial.

Eight different Rockets scored touchdowns en route to a final rushing total of 465 yards.

Wayne's highlights were courtesy of the strong right arm of quarterback Joe Bob Walker, who threw touchdown passes to Angelo Wiggins and Danny Delleh.

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DEFENSE

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put it all out there," Schneider said. "Our entire defense was pumped tonight. We were well-prepared by our coaching staff, too. Whenever Salem would audible, we knew what play was coming because of our preparation. We knew that 'Tennessee' meant they were going to run a sweep and we knew the audible for a belly play. It helps when you have a good idea of what is coming."

The Rocks followed their season-long method of operations against Stevenson: Play tight for a half (Stevenson led just 7-0 at the break) before coming unglued by an ill-timed snafu or two.

"Our defense played well tonight, like it's done all season, but our offense is not helping the defense," Salem head coach Kurt Britnell said. "We had a fourth-and-inches we couldn't convert."

"If you look at the scores of a lot of our games, they're not indicative of how well our defense has played. Our offense has sputtered for whatever reason."

The game was scoreless until the 40-second mark of the

second quarter, when Stevenson's Austin Petrie bulled into the end zone from the 1 to cap a seven-play, 71-yard drive that was kept alive three plays before the TD when quarterback Chris Tanderys hooked up with C.J. Weiss on a 32-yard pass play.

Weiss finished with seven receptions for 123 yards. He also ran for a first down on a fake punt and prevented a potential momentum-shifting safety when he managed to get off a punt from his end zone with Cameron draped all over his back.

"C.J. is just a football player; I don't know how else to put it," Stevenson head coach Randy Micallef said. "His football IQ is off the charts. He knows how to get open, he knows how to makes plays with the ball. I'm glad he's on our team."

Stevenson upped its lead to 14-0 on its first drive of the second half, when Tanderys hooked up with Frank Carlin on a 31-yard TD pass on a third-and-eight play with 8:38 left in the third quarter. Ian Henzi followed with his second of three extra-point kicks.

Still just a big play or two from getting back in the game, the Rocks pushed the ball to their 45 before quarterback Alex Nicholson was dragged

down by Connor Vaughn on a fourth-and-inches keeper.

Salem's defense stiffened and forced a Weiss punt, that was down inside the 1.

Two plays later, Cameron took it to the house from the furthest point possible to cut his team's deficit in half, 14-7, with 3:07 left in the third quarter. Before Cameron's long-distance scoring run, the Rocks had accumulated just 65 yards in total offense.

"We were definitely bummed when they got the long touchdown run, but we went back to the bench and regrouped," Schneider said.

The Spartans answered immediately when the Tanderys-to-Carlin connection struck again, this time from 23 yards out, to make it 21-7 with 10:27 left.

Salem wasn't able to pose a serious threat the remainder of the game.

Tanderys completed 14-of-22 passes for 206 yards and two touchdowns. Petrie, who rushed for 250 yards in last week's victory over Northville, was held in check for three quarters before exploding in the fourth to finish with 154 yards on 19 attempts.

Jacob Miller was the Rocks' workhorse, running 18 times for 55 yards.

in eight of the 12 races. First-place performers were Sarah Bishop, who won the 200-yard freestyle in 2 minutes, 35.55 seconds; Abby Bishop, who won the 200 individual medley in 2:51.75; and Mallory Chaffin, who beat all competitors in the 50 free with a time of 33.45.

RU's Kaylah Wiley regis-

tered her personal-best time of 1:10.55 in the 100 freestyle, while Fiona McClenaghan did likewise in the 500 freestyle (8:21.22).

Wiley also set a personal record of 1:37.1 in the 100 breaststroke.

The Panthers host their next meet on Oct. 14.

Smartt mentioned Mike Teachman, Tom Negoshian and his predecessor, Sinawi, as his coaching mentors.

"I also like what Tom Izzo does at Michigan State, and I like Shaka Smart (of Virginia Commonwealth)."

"Kareem is well-liked by the players and has been successful at all levels of coaching," said Stevenson athletic director Lori Hyman of Smartt's hiring.

With back-court dynamos

Jalen Weber and Noah Campbell returning for the Spartans, Smartt has a stellar nucleus to work with during his inaugural varsity head-coaching campaign.

"It's great having both of those guys back because they can help the younger guys learn the ropes," Smartt said. "I'm excited to get going."

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

Surging Cougars lock down Tigers, claim first place

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

With first place in the hotly contested WWAC Blue volleyball standings on the line, the atmosphere got a little "salty" in the Belleville High School gymnasium Thursday night.

But that's just how visiting Garden City likes it.

Fueled by a stellar performance in the serve-receive category, the Cougars swept the Tigers, 25-18, 25-19, 25-21, to improve to 6-0 in the Blue and 16-5 overall.

Belleville, which could have forged a first-place tie with a victory, slipped to 4-2.

Above all, Garden City head coach John Pace admired how his team stayed calm when the Tigers attempted to get in their heads at times during Thursday's match.

"Their bench was screaming every time (G.C. setter) Hannah (Vera-Burgos) touched the ball, saying she was carrying it," recounted Pace. "But she did an outstanding job of keeping her composure and playing through it."

"That's what I call playing 'salty' — when you play with tunnel vision and only focus on what's going on on the court. Playing 'salty' is when you get irritated when you lose a point, so you bear down even more. That's how we played tonight."

The Cougars were powered by a strong night from junior outside hitter Allie Lynn, who knocked down a team-high seven kills, successfully handled all the serves hit her way and turned in a lights-out serving performance of her own.

"Allie served a fantastic match," Pace said. "She has a brutally tough serve to return. Tonight, she took a little bit off it so that she could serve at a higher percentage, and it paid off. It's always good to see when your No. 1 outside hitter plays smart like that. When that happens, you know your team is ready to make the next step."

The Tigers threatened to extend the match beyond three games in the third stanza when they kept the scoreboard close. But the Cougars managed to eliminate the drama thanks to a pivotal double-block by Ashlynn Caviness and Heather Pennington, and some air-tight defensive work by senior libero Taylor Bejma.

"Ashlynn and Heather had a nice block in the third set that really turned the tide in our favor," Pace raved. "I thought Emily (Hoffman) and Taylor were extremely good tonight defensively."

Sophomore Marti Dzendzel also chipped in with a key third-game kill, Pace noted.

Holly Sayger was solid all night for the Cougars, registering six kills while posting a 100-percent serve-receive rating.

Chargers sweep Chiefs

Livonia Churchill authored a signature win Thursday night at Canton when it swept the KLAA South Division front-running Chiefs, 25-21, 25-21, 25-20, to improve to 6-3 in the division and 17-14-1 overall.

"The girls played awesome," Churchill head coach Anna Gatt said. "It was a great game to coach."

The Chargers' attack was spearheaded by Amanda Rybak and Natalie Panek, who each contributed eight kills.

Defensively, Lauren St. Pierre was a thorn in the Chiefs' side all night as she registered 20 digs. Panek was also huge on defense, picking up 12 digs.

Rayna Yetts was magnificent in a setting role for the winners as she distributed a team-high 17 assists.

Tractors top Trojans

Livonia Clarenceville made a valiant effort to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat Thursday, but it came up short in a Western Wayne Athletic Conference match with Dearborn Fordson.

After losing the first two sets, 25-18, 25-19, the Trojans rallied to even the competition with 25-19 and 25-20 victories. But the Tractors won the fifth



Garden City's Holly Sayger takes aim at a floating Hannah Vera-Burgos set during Thursday's three-game sweep at Belleville.

ED WRIGHT



Garden City senior setter Hannah Vera-Burgos has a stellar night assisting the Cougars' hitters Thursday night.

ED WRIGHT

set, 15-5.

"They were are hard-fought games between the two teams," Clarenceville coach Wendy Merschman said. "Our serve receive and other errors just added up. They were the better team tonight."

"We played catch up all night. We did have moments where we played well. We showed great determination to come back and win the third and fourth sets after dropping the first two, but we just couldn't get it done tonight."

Clarenceville's Emily Swartz was 35-for-35 with four aces from the service line, and she had 29 assist to kills as the setter.

Sarah Curvin sparked the attack with 14 kills. Brianna Brown added nine and Delanie McRae five. In the back row on defense, Mia Sampson had 10 digs and Brown nine.

Hawks play well in loss

Huron Valley Lutheran waged a high-intensity battle against Plymouth Christian Academy on Tuesday night before ultimately coming up a little short, 25-18, 16-25, 25-22, 26-24.

The hard-fought setback dropped the Hawks to 12-10-5 overall and 3-3 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

"It was a hard-fought match tonight," HVL head coach Mike Dest said. "It was one of those matches that we could have just as easily won in four, instead of losing in four. But we give credit to PCA; they are a well-coached team and have some good skilled players."

The Hawks went 2-2-2 in last Saturday's Whitmore Lake Tournament, playing against several solid Class B and C teams.

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a volunteer coach.

"I like an up-tempo style, maybe a little bit more than we've done the past couple of years. I like to pressure the ball on defense. My all-time favorite college coach is Bob Knight, so that explains how I like my teams to defend."

WWAC FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

Homecoming heartbreak for Cougars

Romulus rallies late to post 18-16 win

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

A fake punt Friday night turned out to be real deal for Romulus during its pivotal Western Wayne Athletic Conference Red Division showdown against host Garden City.

Trailing 16-12 with just over eight minutes to play and facing a fourth-and-eight near midfield, the Eagles struck for a surprise pass play out of punt formation. A few plays later, Romulus scored to seize the lead, 18-16, which turned out to be the final score.

"The kids played their hearts out; I couldn't be more proud of them," GC head coach Scott Murray said. "They fought hard all the way to the end."

The loss dropped the Cougars to 3-4 overall, while Romulus improved to 5-2.

Garden City, which was celebrating homecoming, scored first on a 15-yard pass from Kyler Hubbs to Denzel Tinsley. The Eagles jumped offside on the ensuing extra-point attempt, so the Cougars decided to go for two from the 1-yard line, but were stymied, leaving the score at 6-0.

Romulus knotted the game at 6-6 before the half.

The Eagles seized a 12-6 third quarter lead before GC kicker Nick Schroeder split the uprights with a 32-yard field goal to bring his team to within 12-9. The Cougars reclaimed the lead for the first time in the second half on a 40-yard TD run by Hubbs.

The Cougars' offense was slowed somewhat by the loss of sophomore running back John Giangrande, who was lost to injury following the first quarter.

Thurston keeps rolling

The Eagles steamrolled to their third consecutive triumph Friday night, 29-12, at the expense of Dearborn Heights Crestwood.

"Our defense played exceptionally well, especially in the first half," said Thurston head coach Bob Snell, whose team improved to 4-3 overall and 3-2 in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference's Blue Division. "We were a little sloppy offen-



Garden City's defense hems in a Romulus ball carrier Friday night.

TOM BEAUDOIN



Garden City linebacker Vince Murray (12) gets ready to wrap up a Romulus ball carrier during Friday night's homecoming game.

TOM BEAUDOIN

sively in the first half, but we picked it up."

Thurston led 7-0 at the half thanks to a 30-yard TD pass from Travis Wesenberg to Alonzo McCoy, which capped a statement-making 97-yard drive. Moments earlier, the

Chargers were stuffed on a stellar goal-line stand by the Eagles' defense, which was led all night by Aaron Griffin, Dionte Jones and McCoy.

Thurston upped its advantage to 15-0 in the third quarter, when Wesenberg hooked

up with Isiah Crofford on a 10-yard TD pass. A McCoy-to-Jones two-point conversion pass made it an eight-point lead.

The Chargers countered with a 10-yard TD pass to cut the gap to 15-6, but the Eagles responded quickly, regaining a 22-6 lead when Chris Johnson scored from 27 yards out after Laymon Giddings-Whatley ripped off a 44-yard run.

The Eagles closed the scoring on a 14-yard TD pass from Wesenberg to Kobe Williams.

Trojans triumph

Clarenceville earned its first victory Friday night with a 34-6, homecoming win over Redford Union.

Senior James Hill rushed for three touchdowns and more than 150 yards and senior Elijah Bean caught a 37-yard touchdown pass from senior Jake Kubiak. Hill's longest run was 45 yards for a touchdown.

"We still didn't play error-free," Clarenceville coach Ken Fry said. "We still made mistakes, but tonight we were able to play over them. (The

Panthers) never gave up; they played all the way through the end."

Senior Jonathan Harris tackled an RU ball carrier for a two-point safety and Bean also had an interception.

The Panthers scored on a 55-yard touchdown pass from Tyrone Robinson to Carlos Welch. The Trojans led 14-6 at halftime and scored again off the second-half kickoff.

"We had too many missed assignments and misalignments," RU head coach Miles Tomasaitis said. "Every time we'd get something going, we'd shoot ourselves in the foot."

A prime example of the Panthers' misfortune came on the opening kickoff of the second half, when they recovered an onside kick.

"But we threw an interception on the first play after that," Tomasaitis said.

Bryce Williams picked off a pass for RU, whose ground game was led by Aermoni Harrison's 39 yards on 19 runs.

Both teams are 1-6 overall. Clarenceville is 1-3 in the WWAC Red Division, RU 0-5.

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Eagles outlast Robichaud in five

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Redford Thurston's volleyball team survived a serious challenge from host Dearborn Heights Robichaud on Thursday night, winning 25-12, 15-25, 23-25, 25-17 and 15-9.

"It was a very sloppy night," Thurston head coach Scott Gray said. "We played very inconsistent most of the evening. I am glad that at least we gave ourselves a chance to win."

"We're still searching for some offense. Passing has definitely been our Achilles' heel. Hopefully, we will

improve enough to keep us in games."

Eagles setter Lauren Garchar played a key role in the victory as she distributed 15 assists to go along with four aces and two digs.

Among the winners' top front-row performers were Jordan Cook (six blocks, five kills), Maya McKinney (five blocks, six kills, three aces) and Gabrielle van Well (five kills, two aces, one block, three digs).

Additional standouts for Thurston were Megan Abela (three kills, four aces, five digs), Kris Hollis (nine assists, one kill, two aces, two digs) and Dasia Johnson.



Redford Thurston's Gabrielle van Well delivered two aces during Thursday's victory over Dearborn Heights Robichaud.

TOM BEAUDOIN

DYNAMIC

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meet, the pair of Patriot front-runners are hitting their strides — but that's no surprise to Franklin head coach Walt Reasor, who has witnessed Jones' stellar work habits for four years and Floyd's for the past three autumns.

"I am truly blessed to have these two kids on my team this year," said Reasor. "They both have phenomenal work ethics. I can count on both of them being out front early of every race they're in and staying there. They both put everything on the line every race they're in and it's been wonderful to have them on the team."

Jones' long-distance running career started in elementary school when he would tag along to races

with his dad, Tobin, who is the cross country coach at Emerson Middle School and the distance coach for the Franklin track and field team.

"I have a lot of ribbons from age-group races when I was younger," Jones said, smiling. "I liked other sports when I was younger, but I knew when the kids I was competing against got bigger and I was still small that cross country and track would probably be my best sports."

With less than a month remaining in his high school career, Jones — who posted a personal-best time of 16 minutes and 2 seconds at last year's KLAA meet — has his sights set on a spectacular closing run.

"I've done well toward the end of the season, so I like to think of myself as a prime-time performer," said Jones. "My goals are to get

into the 15's, break the school record [15:58 set by Josh Burt in 1997] and be all-state."

Jones has put up serious numbers this fall despite dealing with a case of tendonitis in his right ankle.

"It's irritating and nagging, but it's not something that's going to stop me from competing," said Jones. "I just ibuprofen up and go."

Jones admitted he's not a huge fan of casual running. But once the officials click their stop watches, it's game on.

"I really like racing and competing," he said.

Floyd's cross country career was ignited by a friendly recommendation from his running mate's dad.

"I ran only track in seventh grade at Emerson, but Mr. Jones came up to me and asked me to run cross country my eighth-grade year, so I did," he reflected. "I liked

it and I was one of the better runners on the team, so I stayed with it."

Floyd said he enjoys lacing up his running shoes and hitting the trails — at least during the season.

"I enjoy it, so I figure there's no reason not to be running," he said.

Floyd has a personal-best time of 16:05 (posted last year) and a best clocking of 16:14 this season.

"When I'm running, I try to focus on whoever is ahead of me and I do whatever I can to try and catch them," said Floyd. "Keenan and I usually run together. Toward the end of the race, whoever is having the better day usually pulls ahead."

"I haven't gotten my PR yet this year, but I'm ahead of where I was last year at this point, so I think I will eventually get it."

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COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

No. 2 ranked UT-Brownsville dispatches MU

The NAIA's No. 2-ranked women's volleyball team University of Texas-Brownsville suffered an upset on the opening day of the BLT Sportswear Crusader Classic held Friday at Madonna University.

But the upset came courtesy of No. 22 Grand View (Ia.), which pulled off a 22-25, 25-21, 25-15 victory.

Host MU, ranked No. 18 in the latest NAIA poll, won its opener against the University of Windsor, 25-18, 25-20, 25-22, but fell to 23-5 on the season as UT-Brownsville rolled in the featured match Friday night in three sets, 25-18, 25-17, 25-22.

Vanja Joksic and Bojana Mitrovic, both natives of Serbia, led UT-Brownsville (19-2) against the Crusaders with 13 kills apiece, while fellow Serbian setter Tina Sekulic had 38 assist-to-kills as the Ocelots hit at a .343 clip.

Defensively, Heather Meeuwse led the way for the Ocelots with 17 digs, while Annelies Dokter (The Netherlands) added 10.

Senior outside hitter Casey Gates paced MU with 16 kills, while Samantha Geile added 10.

Setter Spencer Stokes added 34 assists, while Amanda Obrycki had 12 digs.

Against Windsor, Payton Maxheimer had a game-best 22 digs, while Stokes dished out 37 assists. Gates added 12 kills, while freshman Amanda Hawkins (Livonia Stevenson) contributed 10.

Gates was far from rusty Wednesday night as she came back to haunt her old school Wednesday night as the No. 18-ranked Crusaders team pulled from an two-set deficit to rally out a 22-25, 25-25, 25-16, 25-21, 15-9 win over host University of Northwestern Ohio at Racers Gymnasium.

Both Madonna and UNO trail WHAC leader and No. 15-ranked Davenport (16-4, 11-1) by one match in the loss column.

DOCUMENTARY EXPLORES AGING FROM FEMALE VIEWPOINT

TV series looks at lifestyle, health, romance, sisterhood

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Documentary filmmaker Keith Famie aims to inspire and inform women through his new 13-part television series, *The Embrace of Aging*, the female perspective on growing old.

But he says men should watch the program, too.

"I think women will embrace it and love it. We filmed some very courageous women facing difficult situations in life," he said. "It's almost more important for men to see it. It's impossible not to walk away with a newfound sense of understanding of women. It only enhances a guy's relationship with females...whether that's his mother, his sister, his aunt or his wife."

The program, which includes a mix of interviews with medical professionals, gerontology experts and women from all walks of life in communities around the globe, might nudge a husband to talk with his wife about their romantic relationship. Or inspire a son to remind his mom about her annual wellness exam. Or compel a brother to help his sister in caring for their elderly aunt.

"I dare a guy to walk into a room while a lady is watching it and switch channels," Famie said. "If a guy wants to score big time, he says, 'Let's watch it together.'"

Toni and Michael Kovalcheck of Livonia are likely to do just that when the program airs at 2:30 p.m. starting Sunday, Oct. 12, on Detroit Public Television. Kovalcheck is one of three breast cancer patients profiled in the series. The couple tells how stage four breast cancer has affected their lives and explains how they've faced their challenges.

"I just turned 59. It has been a long journey," Kovalcheck recently told the *Observer*. "My daughter said to me one day, Mom, you've been dealing with cancer more than half of my life."



Livonia residents Michael and Toni Kovalcheck are featured in *The Embrace of Aging*, the female perspective of growing old.



Renee Horowitz, M.D., a Farmington Hills obstetrician and gynecologist, appears in episode 4.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

JoAnnee DeBruhl talks to the camera about the benefits of eating greens such as kale, which she is holding. In episode 10, the Brighton woman talks about following her passion — opening Stone Crop Farm — after she lost her job.

Aging with cancer

Kovalcheck was 41 when a 6-centimeter tumor was found in her left breast. She underwent chemotherapy and then a mastectomy and radiation. She had "a few good years" before experiencing symptoms nearly six years ago. The cancer cells had resurfaced in the omentum, a layer of fatty tissue that covers and supports the stomach and intestines. The stage-four cancer is inoperable because it's "almost like seeds spread out" through the omentum, Kovalcheck said. She's undergoing chemotherapy again as the cancer "ups the ante" and she has increasingly experienced more symptoms.

Her sunny attitude, strong faith and supportive friends and family —

especially her husband, Michael — have helped her face the challenges of growing older while also battling illness.

"Some people get to their 30th birthday and are already depressed about being old. Are you kidding me? As long as I can get up, put on my makeup, and feel happy, that is what matters in life," she said. "I'm so blessed. I've got an empty nest, which I love, and I've very lucky to have such a good, kind husband."

Kovalcheck met Famie through her doctor, Anne Schott, M.D., an oncologist from University of Michigan Health System, Ann Arbor, who also appears in *The Embrace of Aging*.

She agreed to be in the series because she thought it would be fun, something different to do.

"My attitude is try it.

Get out and try new things every day. Do what you can. If I were in a wheelchair, I would figure out a way to have a blast."

That's the attitude of many of the women

THE EMBRACE OF AGING

Tune in at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, beginning Oct. 12, on Detroit Public Television.

- » Oct. 12: Episode 1 sets the stage for the series, with women talking about what it means to age.
- » Oct. 19: Experts talk about how breast and ovarian cancer affect women as they age.
- » Oct. 26: The program tells stories of three women, including Toni Kovalcheck of Livonia, who are battling breast cancer.
- » Nov. 2: The episode sheds light on how couples grow old together and still maintain a loving relationship.
- » Nov. 9: Professions tell why having a close circle of friends can improve your health. Features a group of girlfriends who enjoy mountain climbing.
- » Nov. 16: Doctors and patents talk about diabetes and arthritis. The episode takes viewers into the OR as one woman undergoes a knee replacement.
- » Nov. 23: Experts talk about heart disease. The program also includes an interview with members of WomenHeart, a national organization.
- » Dec. 21: Eva Feldman, Ph.D., from the University of Michigan Health System, teaches about dementia & Alzheimer's.
- » Dec. 28: The episode looks at why staying active helps women stay strong as they age. The show goes behind the scenes with the chair of a gala fundraiser for the Detroit Institute of Arts and shows elderly athletes with a never-give-up attitude.
- » Jan. 4, 2015: Several women, including a farmer, researcher, wildlife rescuer and conservationist, show why it's important to have a purpose in life and be engaged in a project or daily activity.
- » Jan. 11, 2015: The show travels to Okinawa, Japan, where a combination of diet, exercise and community make a world of difference in the lives of elderly women.
- » Jan. 18, 2015: A look at holistic and alternative medicine and a visit with women, including a 95-year-old yoga instructor, who embrace aging without pharmaceuticals.
- » Jan. 25, 2015: Mireille Guiliano, author of *French Women Don't Get Fat*, and *French Women Don't Get Facelifts*, talks about aging from her home in Provence. The program also includes closing comments from others.

shown in the series, from a 95-year-old yoga instructor to a 70-something triathlon athlete.

Different perspectives

The Embrace of Aging, the female perspective on growing old, continues Famie's aging series that

started with the release of a seven-episode documentary on the male perspective earlier this year. Famie, a Novi resident whose Visionalist Entertainment Productions is located in Wixom, said the women's series

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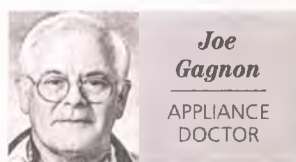
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Avoid appliance fires by taking a few precautions

It is a crying shame what appliance manufacturers get away with and there is no way to stop it.

No laws, no nothing that makes them responsible for their appliances coming on by themselves and causing a home to catch fire or killing someone. Look at our auto industry and see how quickly they react — and the reason is simple. There are laws to protect consumers and a car company is nailed pretty hard if it doesn't make a prompt response to a problem.

I recently received an email from Kathy who lives in Canton. She writes: "Our electricity went off for a split second this morning. When the control panel on our GE range came back on, it came on with the stove



Joe Gagnon
APPLIANCE DOCTOR

temperature on and was heated up to 133 degrees and going upward. I immediately turned the panel to clear/off and it did turn off. I am concerned that this will happen again when no one is home to turn the oven temperature off. The stove's oven and burners were not on when the electric power went out for a split second. Both my husband and I heard a somewhat loud buzz outside before the electrical power went off for the brief second. Some of our neighbors' power went off also at the same time. I notified DTE Energy and have a GE

repair technician coming to check the range out. Have you heard of this happening before? Now, I don't trust this range's electronic components. The range was installed in 2011. GE Profile."

I answered Kathy's email and basically told her to report this incidence to the Consumer Product Safety Commission and to request a new kitchen range.

Safety tips

While on this subject of fire, I have too many tips to fill this page and first of all let me ask all of you to get a smoke and fire detector and make sure you change the batteries yearly. Make sure you have one installed over the washer and dryer. Approximately 17,000 dryer fires each year is no laughing mat-

ter. Get a surge protector installed on the main circuit breaker box. We all have electronics in our home and they are awfully expensive to have repaired.

Don't leave the coffee maker plugged in to the wall outlet when not in use. That cheap \$2 start switch can blow and ignite the whole coffee maker in seconds.

Don't leave anything on the surface of the kitchen range. I mean anything that can catch fire or pots and pans with plastic handles. You just read Kathy's email and this is not something new to me. I have read many like it where the range, microwave, dishwasher have come on by themselves and these folks just simply are frightened to death of these appliances.

Pay attention to the use of extension cords as the holidays approach. Make sure they are the right size wire to accommodate the product attached.

Don't place things on the washer and dryer as they become fuel if a fire should occur. Anything that is flammable should not be near a gas hot water heater and you should ask an appliance repair technician if he or she runs into this condition during repairs.

Do not attempt repairs to a gas hot water heater unless you know what you are doing. A gas hot water heater explodes with the force of three sticks of dynamite. Strong enough to shoot up through your roof from the basement.

Make sure you are using the proper vent

line for the clothes dryer because 70 percent of American homes do not have the recommended vent line hooked up. Clean that vent line twice a year with a simple leaf blower. Pull out the dryer and stick the leaf blower in the vent line blowing all that lint outside.

Tell the guy in your life to check out the rubber hoses that hook up to the clothes washer. If they are rubber, the life span is something like five to seven years. There is nothing worse than a house fire except maybe a flood from washer hoses. Stay tuned.

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

Two art clubs exhibit works in annual festival

Artists from the Visual Arts Association of Livonia (VAAL) will join Three Cities Art Club for its fourth annual Festival of the Arts, Oct. 24-26, at Westland Shopping Center, 35000 Warren Road, Westland.

Festival hours are 10:30 a.m. Friday to 5 p.m. Sunday when the mall is open.

Free events include musical performances by Jay D. Kilgus of Piano Pleasures, Michigan Youth Philharmonic Orchestra, Harmony Towne Chorus, two bands from Ward Presbyterian Church, and Livonia Youth Symphony Orchestra. Dancers from the Dance Academy also will perform. Entertainment will run from noon to 7 p.m. Saturday and 1-6 p.m. Sunday.

Marilyn Meredith will lead a drawing class at 2 p.m. Friday and Sunday. Face painting will be available on Saturday.

Westland Mayor William Wild, Michigan Sen. Glenn Anderson, Rotary Club of Westland President Lou Toarmina, and Carol Rutz, the shopping center's general manager, each will select their favorite works from more than 140 pieces of fine art, photography and pottery created by local artists from both Three Cities Art Club and VAAL. Their selections will be announced at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25. Winning artists will receive a cash prize donated by Michigan Chiropractic Specialists, an award certificate and a ribbon.

Members of the public may vote for their favor-



Alhambra Garden is one of Livonia resident Dorothy Amberger's paintings. It will be on display in the Three Cities Festival of the Arts in Westland.

ites and be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a Gen Herkimer diamond ring set in sterling silver valued at \$375, donated by Showroom of Elegance of Canton.

In addition to original watercolors, acrylics, oils, pen & ink, pottery and photography, framed and matted prints, unique handmade wooden puzzles, note cards and refrigerator magnets also will be available for purchase.

VAAL members also are exhibiting this month at the Livonia Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard, in Livonia. The fall art exhibit, Artistic Expressions, runs 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily, through Oct. 31. The artwork is for sale.

For more about VAAL or the exhibit, call 734-838-1204 or visit vaalar-t.org. For more about Three Cities Art Club, visit threecitiesartclub.org or call Marilyn Meredith at 313-231-3939.



Four friends remain active and close. The "mountain women" of Jackson Hole, Wyo., appear in episode 5.

FEMALE

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offers more depth than its predecessor.

"The content is richer. Women are more open to discussion," he said.

Famie has won Emmy Awards for his documentaries on various ethnic groups in Detroit, World War II and Vietnam War veterans. He's currently working on a 13-part series called *The Embrace of Dying* that explores end-of-life issues and experiences.

His own personal curiosity inspired the aging series.

"Four years ago when I turned 50, I thought 'My

God, what is it like to get old?' Clearly there is more time behind me than in front of me. Clearly, more healthy time is behind me," he said. "I wanted to figure this out.

"Never before have this many people aged at one time," he said, referring to the baby boomer generation. "We're all on the same merry-go-round. We're all on the same issues. Why not talk about it? I thought it was important that individuals walk away from (the documentary) entertained, enlightened, inspired and educated."

For more information about Famie's works, visit V-Prod.com

Furry friends: Buy a calendar or bowl for animal welfare

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Calendar time

Guardian Angels Animal Rescue, a Livonia-based no-kill and nonprofit animal welfare organization, is



selling its 2015 calendar for \$10. Animals rescued by GAAR grace each page. To order, call Sandy Mezza, GAAR president, at 734-788-6857 and leave your name, address and number of calendars. Email orders to guardian_animal_rescue@hotmail.com. Or mail them to GAAR, P.O. Box 511309, Livonia, MI 48151.

GAAR also has two adoptable puppies that Mezza hopes will find permanent homes soon. Hannah is black and Savannah is brown. Both females are 11-week-old Lab mixes.

"They were owner give ups, along with mom, they have been fostered for four weeks old and they have been around other animals and kids," Mezza said. "Hannah is actually in the running for the *Puppy Bowl* in New York."

Hannah is one of many puppies across the country competing to appear on Animal Planet's annual television show, *Puppy Bowl*, an indoor football game where puppies chase and tackle a variety of balls, toys and each other. Mezza said the pup is a finalist for the show and that GAAR will find out Oct. 15 if she was picked.

"They are full of energy and very loving puppies." She said they will be fixed, up to date on all of their vaccines, and micro-chipped before going to their new homes. They can be adopted as a pair or separately.



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All Animals in this Calendar were rescued by a Guardian Angel Volunteer. These Animals are all miracles of life, they fought against all odds to survive the beatings and neglect of their abusers. They are living a happy and loved life because of our wonderful volunteers, adopters and the people who support us with their generous donations.

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Because of your support and donations these rescued babies are enjoying the life they deserve. Please continue to support G.A.A.R. so we can continue to save innocent lives.

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Guardian Angel Animal Rescue's 2015 calendar features rescued cats and dogs.



Hannah, an adoptable puppy fostered through Guardian Angel Animal Rescue, may get a chance to play "football" in next year's Animal Planet Puppy Bowl.



Savannah, a Lab mix puppy, needs a permanent home. She is being fostered through Guardian Angel Animal Rescue.

games of bowling, shoe rental, lunch or dinner and a gift. Grand prizes will be awarded for the highest donations collected per squad. Everyone will be included in a mystery game drawing.

Register at tailwaggers1990.org or call 734-855-4077.

Tail Waggers' 1990

runs a pet food assistance program, a spay/neuter clinic, offers low-cost vaccination clinics and wellness exams, advocates for pet owners in crisis and offers adoptable animals through Petco in Westland and Livonia. It's located at 28402 Five Mile, Livonia.

Art club plans talk on Michelangelo's work

The Visual Arts Association of Livonia (VAAL), with the support of the Livonia Arts Commission, presents an evening with James Nissen, 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16, in the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia.

Nissen will talk about Michelangelo and the Sistine Chapel.

Nissen earned bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Michigan and, after studying abroad, returned to the Univer-

sity of Michigan where he completed his doctorate in organ.

He conducts the Ann Arbor Concert Band, serves as music director/conductor for the Michigan Youth Band, and is involved in the U-M. Gilbert and Sullivan Society, the Ann Arbor Civic Theatre, the new American Music Theatre and the Michigan Choral Society. He is also on the humanities faculty at Schoolcraft College.

For more information, call 734-838-1204.



James Nissen, Ph.D., will talk about Michelangelo at a presentation for the Visual Arts Association of Livonia.

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GARDEN & NATURE CALENDAR



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Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association wraps up its year with a celebration Oct. 15 in Westland.

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

Butterflies

Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association (SEMBA) wraps up its year with a celebration, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15, at Nankin Mills Nature Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. The meeting will include a tea cup raffle, a meal and conversation. \$3 for non-members. Parking on Hines Drive or Ann Arbor Trail. 734-223-5510; sembutterfly.org

Miller Woods

The Friends of Miller Woods will lead tours 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19 and 26, through Miller Woods, located at Powell and Ridge Road in Plymouth Township. Guides will talk about the history of the Miller family and the ecosystem of Michigan forests. Tours start every half hour, last approximately one hour, and are free. No dogs or strollers are allowed in the woods. www.millerwoods.org; 734-459-7666.

Heritage Park

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

» A naturalist will lead a walk through the park 1-2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12. Participants will learn how and why leaves change color in the fall. They'll also search for animals preparing for winter. Cost is \$3 per person.

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

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

» Junior Naturalist

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

English Gardens

» Store experts explain how to put your garden to bed for winter, 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, in a free presentation.

» It's not too early to start planning a decorating theme for Christmas. Get tips at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 25. Free.

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

Classes and events are held at all English Gardens stores. Area stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, 734-332-7900; 22650 Ford Road in Dearborn Heights, 313-278-4433; 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, 248-280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield; 248-851-7506.

ANNIVERSARY



Janet and George Green of Garden City



Janet and George Green on their wedding day in 1954.

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS

George and Janet Green of Garden City celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Sept. 18. They were wed in 1954 in Wayne.

They have been together for 62 years.

Their children are Kirk (Michelle) Green, who lives in Canada, and Kimberly (Rick) Hudock of Garden City. Their grandchildren are Samantha

Gniewek, Dillon Green, Christopher Green and Bradley Green.

George has been retired from Ford Motor Co. for 14 years. He was a clay modeler. Janet was a stay-at-home mom.

Approximately 40 family members and friends came together for dinner and dancing at Angelo Brothers Restaurant in Garden City to celebrate with the couple.

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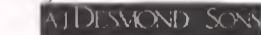
BEHRMAN, HOWARD H.

Age 98, of Plymouth formerly of Northville, passed away October 8, 2014. Please share online condolences at www.casterlinefuneralhome.com



DOLLIVER BARBARA JEAN GOODWIN

October 4, 2014. Barbara was a resident of Bloomfield Hills and a beloved wife and best friend of Elson Perry Dolliver Jr. for 57 years. She grew up in Youngstown, Ohio and graduated from Miami of Ohio in 1957 soon after moving to Bloomfield Hills, MI. Barbara was a loving wife, caring parent and an involved grandparent. With a beautiful smile and a zest for life, she lived everyday guided by common sense and grace - a real lady. Actively involved with the Bloomfield Hills School District for many years, Barbara served as the president of the Board of Education until her retirement in 1990. She was an avid golfer and was a member of Stonycroft Hills Golf Club. She also served for 40 years as active member of the Village Club of Bloomfield Hills, MI serving as the head of many different committees throughout that time. Her interests included travel, gardening, interior decorating, bridge and golf. She will be sorely and sadly missed by her extended family and many friends. She is survived by her three children, Amy and her husband, David Louwers of Birmingham, Elson "Chip" P. Dolliver III and his wife Karen of Perrysburg, OH and Thomas "TJ" J. Dolliver of Leesburg, VA.; five grandchildren, Davey, Lauren and Lindsay Louwers, and Elson IV and Charlotte Dolliver. Family will receive friends Wednesday, October 15th from 2-4p.m. and 6-8p.m. in the Fireside room at the Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI, 48302 where Barb was a member for over 40 years. In accordance with her expressed wishes, her life will be celebrated at a memorial service Thursday October 16th at 11 a.m. at the Kirk in the Hills. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to the Village Club Foundation, 190 E. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303, or the Bloomfield Schools Foundation, 7273 Wing Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301



KATTERSON, Gary A.

Born January 11, 1962 in Detroit, Michigan to his parents Edward F. and Beverly A. (Benning) Katterson. He passed away on October 8, 2014 in Cape Coral, Florida. Gary is survived by his wife of 21 years Rosemarie; daughters Teri and Allison; father Edward; brother Carl; seven nephews and nieces, and many other family and friends who will miss him dearly. A celebration of Gary's life will be scheduled at a later date in Michigan. Please visit www.fullermetz.com to leave the family a condolence and to view Gary's life tribute.



KLUCK, JOSEPH DONALD "DONN"

Age 89 of Redford died Tuesday October 7, 2014 at the home of his daughter, Suzanne. Born March 14, 1925 in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, he was the son of the late D. Edward and Mary nee Houff Kluck. He graduated from Chambersburg High School with the class of 1942. He worked for the Hotel Washington in his hometown until he was drafted into the Army Air Corps in WWII, where he held rank of Staff Sergeant. He served from June 1943 to February 1946 and left with an honorable discharge. Donn met his wife, Marjorie Nunn, at the Selfridge Air Force Base, where she was a USO Hostess. They corresponded while he was in the service and eventually married on June 7, 1947. They lived in Redford since July 1951.

Donn attended the University of Detroit Business School at night while holding down a job as a salesman for Service Office Supply Company. He graduated in January 1956 with a Bachelor of Business Administration.

Donn and his bride were one of the founding members of St. Hilary Catholic Church in Redford where their five children were educated, both spiritually and academically. Donn was a church usher, member of the Men's Club, heavily involved with his sons and the Boy Scouts having earned the St. George Award and the St. Crowe Award. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus Monaghan Chapter, the VFW Lyskawa Post 7546 and the American Legion Post 200 (Taylor) and the Burt J. Asper Post 46 in his hometown of Chambersburg, PA.

After 43 years in the office furniture business, Donn retired but was bored soon after. So, he returned to his first love-that of the hotel business. He worked as a concierge at the Hotel Baronette in Novi, for 15 years where he was awarded an Employee of the Month pin frequently. He was also awarded the Guest Relations Star of the Year Award in 2005 by the hotel, Motel & Resort Association of Michigan. He also volunteered at the Siena Literacy Center helping people learn English and reading. He enjoyed many Friday night movies with his family at the Historic Redford Theater as well as working crossword puzzles.

He is survived by his two sons: David (Tessie) of Whitmore Lake, Daniel (Vicky) of Portland, TN, and two daughters: Suzanne (George) Cromwell of Farmington Hills and Nancy (Joseph) DeMaria of Dearborn, 12 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren with one more on the way. Donn was predeceased by his wife Marjorie on January 11, 2010 and son Joseph on July 4, 2004.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m., with in state 9:30 a.m. on Monday October 13, 2014 in Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 8679 Riverview St. in Dearborn Heights. Burial at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly will take place at a later date. The family will receive friends from 1-9 p.m. with Rosary Service 7 p.m. on Sunday October 12, 2014 at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 25450 Plymouth Rd. in Redford. No flowers please. Donations to Angela Hospice or your favorite charity would be appreciated. "Here's to our Father-the richest man in town" (It's a Wonderful Life).

REUNIONS

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

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CLASSES OF 1965

50th reunion is set for Aug. 7, 2015, at the Italian American Banquet Center, 39200 Five Mile, east of Haggerty, Livonia. Tickets are \$60 each. Deadline is April 11, 2015. Contact Virginia (Mariani) Koch at 734-981-4763, ginny6491@att.net; Rochell May-Bridge at 734-675-2680, wildchild48138@aol.com.

LIVONIA STEVENSON CLASS OF 1974

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

OAK PARK HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1975

Save the date, Saturday, July 25, 2015, at Embassy Suites Livonia, 19525 Victor Parkway, Livonia. Classmates may send their contact information to oak-park1975reunion@gmail.com.

ST. MARY'S OF REDFORD CLASS OF 1969

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

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN CLASS OF 1979

35th reunion starts with an informal get-together, 7:30 p.m. to midnight Friday, Oct. 24, at Doc's Sports Retreat, 19265 Victor Parkway, Livonia. The reunion runs 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Oct. 25, at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy Road, Westland. Cost of \$65 per person includes



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It's time to reconnect with fellow graduates at a reunion party.

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Safe Kids encourages pedestrian safety during 'Walktober'

Safe Kids, an organization that works to prevent unintentional childhood injury, is celebrating "Walktober" this month by highlighting the importance of pedestrian safety with teens and young children.

Unintentional pedestrian injuries are the fifth leading cause of injury-related death in the U.S. for children ages 5-19. More than 22,000 U.S. children were injured and 285 teens died walking to school in 2012.

New research released recently by Safe Kids Worldwide shows that 40 percent of teens have been hit or nearly hit by a car, bike or motorcycle while walking.

The report, "Teens on the Move," explores walking behaviors of 1,040 teens ages 13-19.

According to the research, distraction plays a role; half of teens surveyed say they cross the street while distracted by a mobile device. The research includes an examination of fatality data that shows 75 percent of teen pedestrian deaths occur from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m., when it's dark out.

The study was developed to better understand why teens



Safe Kids encourages pedestrians to put down phones, take off headsets — and to look both ways — before crossing the street.

have the highest pedestrian death rates among children 19 and under. In fact, the death rate for teens ages 13-19 is nearly three times that of 5- to

12-year olds. In 2012, 488 children ages 19 and under died after being hit by a car while walking. Of those, 284 were teens.

The new report expands on findings from a 2013 Safe Kids report that observed middle school and high school students crossing the street. That

study revealed one in five high school students and one in eight middle school students cross while distracted by technology.

"We all know that it's dangerous to text and walk or drive," said Amber Kroeker, a Safe Kids coordinator and injury prevention health educator for Mott Children's Hospital. "But it's still a common practice. We need to talk to our teens about the dangers of crossing the street while distracted."

Safe Kids offers these tips to keep pedestrians safe while walking:

» Before crossing the street, put down phones and headphones, and then look left, right, and left again before crossing the street.

» Children under 10 should cross the street with an adult. Every child is different, but developmentally, it can be hard for kids to judge speed and distance of cars until age 10.

» Make eye contact with drivers before crossing.

» Be especially alert when it's dark out, and make sure you're visible to drivers.

» Cross at a traffic signal or crosswalk when possible.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Upcoming

ACA learning session

Botsford Hospital presents a series of monthly learning sessions on the Affordable Care Act, 5-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 22, Nov. 19, Dec. 10 and Jan. 7, 2015, at the hospital, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. The ACA marketplace open enrollment period is Nov. 15-Feb. 15, 2015. The sessions, which are free, will help people learn about their options under the ACA; 248-442-1633

Blood donation

» Canton: 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Oct. 28, Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Drive

» Farmington Hills: 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Oct. 16, Oakland County College H Building, 27055 Orchard Lake Road; 1-6:45 p.m. Oct. 16, 20 and 23 and 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Oct. 18, Farmington Hills Blood Donation Center, 31150 Haggerty; 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Oct. 22, Suburban Honda, 25100 Haggerty; 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Oct. 23, North Farmington High School, 32900 W. 13 Mile

» Garden City: 7 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Oct. 16, Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road; 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Oct. 16, Schoolcraft College Radcliff Campus, 1751 Radcliff

» Livonia: 1-6:45 p.m. Oct. 16, 20-23 and 27-30, 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Oct. 17, 24 and 31, and 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Oct. 18-19 and 25, Livonia Blood Donation Center, 36650 Five Mile; 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Oct. 18, St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh

» Plymouth: 1-6:45 p.m. Oct. 21, St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 South Sheldon; 1:30-7:15 p.m. Oct. 27, VFW Post

6695, 1426 S. Mill St.

» Wayne: 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Oct. 31, Oakwood Hospital - Annapolis Center, 33155 Annapolis

» Westland: 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Oct. 30, Wayne-Westland Federal Credit Union, 500 S. Wayne Road

Call 800-REDCROSS or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment.

Breast cancer support

Oakwood Healthcare's Breast Cancer Support Group will meet from 9-11 a.m. Oct. 18 at the Oakwood Breast Care Center - Dearborn, 18100 Oakwood Blvd., Suite 200. Free. Visit oakwood.org for more information.

Diabetes support

A Garden City Hospital certified athletic trainer will present "Get Moving: Plan Your Physical Activity During Winter," 2 p.m. Nov. 5 at Westland Shopping Center, 35000 W. Warren Road, Westland and 6 p.m. Nov. 5, at Garden City Hospital's Medical Office Building, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. The presentation is part of the monthly Link UP with Diabetes support group meeting. For more information or to RSVP, call 734-458-4330.

Essential oils

Harvard scientist, Joshua Plant, Ph.D., will talk about his research in essential oils and the future of aromatherapy in integrative medicine, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 14, in the Towsley Auditorium in the Morris Lawrence Building at Washtenaw Community

College, 4800 E. Huron River Drive, Ann Arbor. Free. For more information, contact Cindy Klement at 734-975-2444; cindyklement@gmail.com.

Gala fundraiser

The annual St. Jude Detroit Gala is at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17, at the MGM Grand Detroit, 1777 Third, Detroit. Includes cocktail hour before dinner and live and silent auctions. Tickets \$200. Proceeds benefit St. Jude Research Hospital. stjude.org/detroitgala.

Healthy eating

Upcoming nutrition workshops and cooking demonstrations from Botsford Hospital and Busch's Fresh Foods Market:

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

Kidney Smart classes

Participants will learn about how kidneys function, the causes of chronic kidney disease, how to manage related health conditions such as diabetes and hypertension, treatment choices and more. The 90-minute sessions are free.

» 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 27, and Wednesday, Nov. 19, and 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, at Westland Dialysis, 36533 Ford Road, Westland

» 3 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18 and Dec. 16, New Hope Church, 44815 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

To register and find more locations, visit www.kidneysmart.org or call Angela Humble, R.D., at 864-525-9599

Ladies Night Out

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

Sleep seminar

Punitha Vijayakumar, M.D., will discuss how a woman's sleep is unique and will talk about its effect on quality of life, 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16, in the North Auditorium at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, located at Five Mile and Levan in Livonia. Free. Register at 734-655-4640.

Ongoing

Anorexics and Bulimics Anonymous

Twelve-step program and weekly group to help those suffering with eating disorders such as anorexia, bulimia, binge-eating and purging, and exercise compulsion is held 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, at the Friendship Circle, 6892 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. An AB-ANON meeting group is available for loved ones, 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, also at the Friendship Circle. For more information, contact Mindy at 248-672-9776.

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Job search errors you're probably making

By Rachel Farrell
Special to CareerBuilder

Over the years, hiring managers have born witness to every hiring, interviewing, resume, cover letter and negotiation mistake there is. You know what these blunders are. We've told you several times. Yet you (and hundreds of other job seekers) continue to make common job search mistakes.

From those who see your mistakes over and over, here are 11 common job search mistakes to avoid and some of them may surprise you.

1. You don't keep your options open

"Candidates tend to think that if they interview for a job they will get an offer, so they do not apply and interview for multiple positions," says Joanie Spain, director of public relations and career services, School of Advertising Art, a graphic design college. "They wait until one plays out completely, putting their job search on hold until knowing for sure they didn't get the offer."

"By having many more irons in the fire, you diversify the risk and disappointment that is inevitable when any single opportunity dis-

appears," adds Roy Cohen, author of "The Wall Street Professional's Survival Guide: Success Secrets of a Career Coach."

"You also present yourself as a more passionate and energetic candidate. You're in the 'zone' — a point where you're in the flow of information and ideas and that makes you more valuable."

2. You turn up your nose at job descriptions

"Entry-level candidates are reluctant to apply for a position unless the job sounds like their 'dream job' or they have all qualifications listed," Spain says. "Rather than going on an interview to get more information, they base decisions about applying on the job description alone. They fail to see that all interview experience is good experience, or that, until there is an offer on the table, there is no decision to make."

3. You haven't perfected the thank-you note

"Don't be too verbose with a thank-you note after an interview. Sending out a version of "War and Peace" can come across as desperate and needy for a job. However,

sending a one or two sentence thank-you note comes across as flippant, not well thought-out and potentially shows indifference regarding the job to the employer," says Mike Barefoot, senior account manager at Red Zone Resources, a recruitment firm. "We encourage candidates to keep them to four to eight sentences."

4. You don't check your references

"Always give out references that you've pre-screened. We sometimes see candidates give out references that were never checked with and the references feedback isn't always kind," Barefoot says. "Also, make sure they're predominantly managers. An occasional colleague is okay, but contemporaries and friends really don't carry that much weight in helping you land a position."

5. You have a messy briefcase

"A messy briefcase can imply the person is unorganized, messy and unprepared, and that their work will be less than optimal," says Ronald Kaufman, author of "Anatomy of Success." "Someone who is neat, clean, organized and prepared in all areas conveys they're serious about getting a job and working."

6. You have a bad attitude

"Poor attitudes come through in telephone calls and in interviews. If you are not positive, why would a potential employer want to hire you?" asks Weinstock. "It may take some time, but by being positive, by doing all the right things, by seeing each position as an opportunity, it will happen."



7. You include too much work history

"Many job seekers over 40 think that they have to take their work history back to their first job out of college," says Cheryl E. Palmer, career coach and resume writer. "All that is needed is the last 10-15 years of your work history."

8. You take "no" as a final answer

"No" usually only means "no" for that position, says Bruce Hurwitz, president and CEO, Hurwitz Strategic Staffing, LTD.

"If you are rejected for a job you should send a thank-you note, thank the employer for the opportunity, and wish them well. No one does that. When the next opening comes around, he'll remember you," says Hurwitz.

9. You lack tact

"Be determined without being pushy. Calling or emailing to ask about the status of your resume or interview can be a double-edged sword," says Rod Hughes, director of communications, Oxford Communications. "A tactful follow up can place you top of mind with the hiring manager, while incessant calling or emailing can push your resume right off the table."

10. You don't search for yourself on the Internet

"Your would-be employer is probably going to look you

up online, so you should know what is out there," says Amanda O'Brien, vice president of marketing, Hall Web Services. "Clean up what you can, check your privacy settings on social networks and if it is something you can't get down off the internet, you may want to consider talking to the company about it."

11. You have a 'death by bullets' resume'

"Bullets are great but they need context. Keep them to one line, focused on a result and include a figure like a fact, percentage or number," says Adriana Llamas, author of "Career Sudoku: 9 Ways to Win the Job Search Game." "Or, put the information in a short summary of the position."

"Many applicants mistakenly believe they will be an appealing candidate if they explain they will accept any type of job offer at any because they have been laid off, unemployed for an extended period of time, have children in college, or are having difficulty making the mortgage payments," she says. "Even if all of those circumstances are true, candidates need to craft a different message, focusing on how they can benefit the employer by saving them money, streamlining processes, creating additional sources of revenue and bringing overall value to the company."

Rachel Farrell researches and writes about job search strategy, career management, hiring trends and workplace issues for CareerBuilder.

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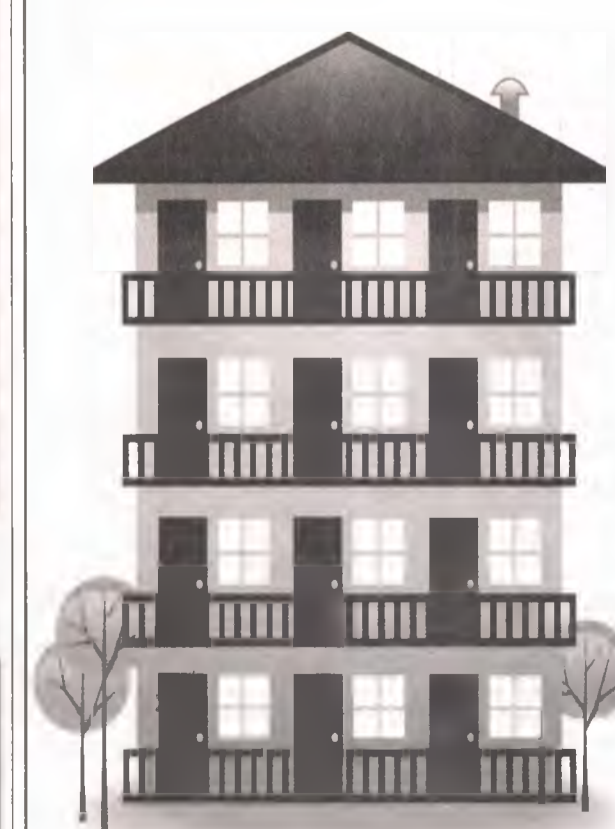
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OPEN 1-4 | 7753 Tumiliun Ln., Waterford | Stately 4 bedroom colonial w/open plan. Scenic back yard view bordered by Hess Hathaway Park. \$204,500 Janet Burger (248) 218-1187



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OPEN 1-4 | 1425 Bielby St., Waterford | Move-in condition. Great locale. 2-car garage, fireplace in living room. Fenced rear yard. \$100,000 Hosted by: Andy Lewis (248) 602-2643



OPEN 1-4 | 2977 Onagon Trl., Waterford | Sprawling ranch. New kitchen, 4 bedrooms 1.5 baths, hardwood floors under carpet. New roof \$145,000 Hosted by David Smyth (248) 365-7960



OPEN 1-3 | 8040 Apple Creek, Webster | Seven plus acres! Two-story pole barn! finished walkout basement. Gorgeous house. \$495,000 Jan Carey (734) 436-2205



OPEN 2-4 | 6719 Steamboat Springs Dr., White Lake | Over 1/2 acre on cul-de-sac, built '01, 4 bedroom, 2.5 BA, luxury mstr, 3-car garage \$285,000 Karen Thomas (248) 365-7891



OPEN 2-4 | 9533 Steephollow Dr., White Lake | Stunning Custom Contemporary Ranch-Style home w/80 ft of sandy lake frontage. \$424,900 Kori Adams (248) 365-7917



OPEN 12-2 | 2657 Havenwood Dr., White Lake | Fab 4 Bedroom w/1st floor master in gated Golf Community of Brentwood CC. \$279,000 Susan Wojtaszek (810) 735-3430



OPEN 1-4 | 622 Chesterfield Ave., Birmingham | Quanton Lake Estates renovated Cape Cod. 4 bed, 3.5 bath. Beautifully landscaped \$740,000 Dan Teahan (248) 440-7865



OPEN 1-4 | 1192 Edmundton, Grosse Pte. Woods | Spectacular Dutch colonial on 1/3 acre cul-de-sac. 3,296 sq ft w/ grand foyer. \$439,000 Dori Daskas (313) 924-1501



Bloomfield Twp. | Fabulous masterpiece. 7,000+ sq ft of pure elegance. Hand chipped fond du lac stone, 5 bedrooms, 5.5 baths w/imported marble \$2,500,000 248-644-6300



Femdale | Amazing restored colonial on the PRIME block of W. Oakridge! Let the gleaming wood floors flow you through the LR, DR, and breakfast nook. \$292,000 248-644-6300