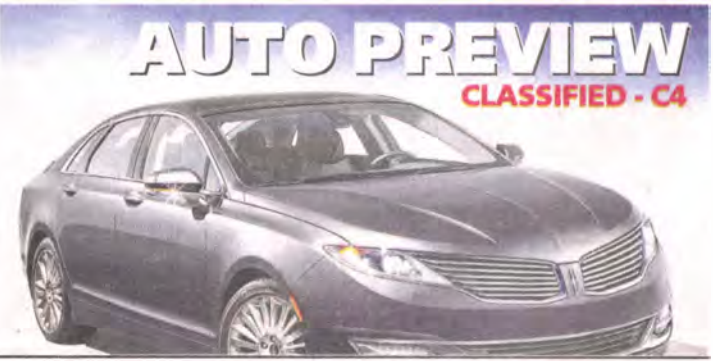




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More time may be needed for fire talks

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

The time line for forming a fire authority may be pushed back to allow potential members to study the concept further.

Council members in Westland and Inkster have reached an informal consensus to get more information about the fire authority. Wayne is taking a formal vote Tuesday.

"The vote Tuesday is to give approval to move forward. To get more information on cost, all the details and parameters for the authority board," said Wayne Councilman Skip Monit, a fire authority committee member.

Asking for the councils to approve the authority and articles of incorporation in time for a May millage election is too quick, he said.

"We've been looking into this all this time and they are asking for a decision in a month?" Monit said. "We need to investigate and see what our options are. The articles of incorporation are the final time we can say yes or no."

All on board

If a fire authority were to move forward, Westland Mayor William Wild said it's important that all elected officials are on board.

"When we merged the (Westland and Wayne) fire

departments, both mayors, the councils and the firefighters were on board," Wild said.

One question that arose was weighted voting on a fire authority board. Wild said that it's the same method used in the Central Wayne County Sanitation Authority.

"Their (Wayne's) leadership needs to explain that. We're in a different financial situation," Wild said.

Although an authority would be funded by the same amount of millage levied in each city, Monit said that as the larger partner, Westland would generate a great deal more revenue than the other two cities.

"It looks like we need some time. There is no May (2015)

election, so there would have to be a special election," Wild said. "We need to proceed cautiously and be able to demonstrate to each member community that it makes sense."

Beef up staffing

The authority is aimed at beefing up staffing and improving service through the combined efforts of the firefighters while reducing expenses. Voters would have to approve a millage to fund a fire authority, which is a separate entity from local government.

Westland has indicated that if voters approved funding for a fire authority, the current general fund levy would be reduced to offset the new mill-

age. That would mean no tax hike for residents.

"We can reduce our levy and fit the fire department levy into that gap," Monit said.

A fire authority is worth exploring, Inkster Mayor Hilliard Hampton said.

"We have to work out the logistical issues. That makes it more difficult to approve," he said. "Taxpayers are stressed. We have to be clear that there would be better service and value added to the community. More collaboration and cooperation makes sense when you have dwindling service."

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Racing in the Rouge



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Rubber ducks shared the Rouge River with canoes, kayaks and paper boats as the Wayne community celebrated its most prominent feature, the Rouge River, with the second installment of Rouge-A-Palooza. Volunteers kept the ducks moving in the rubber duck race and shepherded paper boats in the Wayne Rotary race. The largest of the events was the Logjam Canoe race along a 3-mile stretch of the Lower Branch of the Rouge through the city of Wayne. For more photos, see the Rouge-A-Palooza photo gallery on the Wayne-Westland Observer page at www.hometownlife.com.

W-W Fire Department adds animal control to duties

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Westland's animal control has been shifted to the Wayne-Westland Fire Department, which already handles ordinance enforcement.

Those duties were shifted from the police department effective Oct. 1.

"We've done this so we can enhance services. The police department just did dangerous dogs," Westland Mayor William Wild said. "With the fire department trained, they will be able to do full-fledged animal control. Once they are certified, we will relaunch animal control."

Currently, the ordinance enforcement staff is getting trained in animal control and isn't handling animal complaints. Once staff is trained, which is expected to be completed by Jan. 1, they will respond to calls until 4 p.m. weekdays. After-hours and weekend animal control complaints will be handled by a contractor, Varmint Police.

"We will respond to every call (or complaint). If it is beyond our scope,

we will call the contractor," Wayne-Westland Assistant Fire Chief/Fire Marshal Kelly Eggers said.

Animal control complaints can be filed through the fire department website, ww-fa.com, much like ordinance complaints. An animal control tab is being added to the website.

If the issue is a dog or other animal at risk, Eggers said residents can also call 734-467-3201. After hours, residents should call the police non-emergency number 734-722-9600.

"If the animal is not in immediate danger, they can use the website," Eggers said. "We will be cross-trained on ordinance and animal control."

Some animal complaints can be ordinance violations, such as a dog barking or running loose. Eggers said tickets have been issued for animal-related ordinance violations.

"We've been doing that the last couple of years. We can cite people," Eggers said.

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\$80,000 grant continues Westland's Sobriety Court

As Westland 18th District Court celebrates the one-year anniversary of its Sobriety Court, a grant has been awarded to continue the program.

The \$80,000 grant was awarded by Michigan Supreme Court, State Court Administrator's Office. The Sobriety Court is a voluntary program designed for defendants who are abusing alcohol, have been convicted of one or more alcohol-related offenses and have a desire to change.

Despite the program being in its infancy, there has already been great success, 18th District Court Judge Mark McConnell said.

One of the participants wrote: "I'm experiencing life in a way that I haven't for years, and thought that I may never again. I have genuine happiness and my life experience has become incredibly positive. These changes are affecting my personal and professional life to a great degree. I have meaningful relationships and a tremendous feeling of self-worth and accomplishment. I couldn't be more conscious and grateful of what this program is doing for

me and the level of support I'm receiving from the court."

Another participant wrote: "I would like to first say how glad I am that I joined this program. I've been in the court system for seven years and have never actually felt like anyone cared or wanted me to succeed. If I hadn't accepted Sobriety Court I would guarantee I would be in trouble again. But now I've been sober for over 10 months and I am finally living my life like an adult should."

The program began Oct. 1, 2013 and has grown to 44 active participants. Successful participants pass through four phases over 18 months before graduating from the program.

Each phase places different requirements on participants, including daily alcohol/drug testing, attendance at Alcoholic Anonymous meetings, outpatient treatment and random home visits.

After 60 days, an Ignition Interlock system is required for participants to

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Nicholson appointed to disabilities committee

Mayor William R. Wild has appointed Westland resident Don Nicholson to serve on the Disability Concerns Committee.

Nicholson will serve a three-year term that expires in October 2017.

An active member of the Westland community, Nicholson also serves as a board member of the Westland Chamber of Commerce and the Friends of Nankin Mills, and was a past Building board member for the Western Wayne Skill Center.

Nicholson was once

district manager for Hi-Tec One Hour Photo, the first one-hour photo lab at the Westland Shopping Center and only the second in the entire state. Nicholson has also helped organize such community events as the All-American Cruise, Cruisin' Hines Drive and Autos for Autism.

"I am excited to welcome Don Nicholson to the Disability Concerns Committee and I am confident he will excel in this role," Wild said. "His experience and track-record of community service will make him a

valuable asset to the group."

The Disability Concerns Committee aims to research, educate, encourage and promote community involvement in the acknowledgment of the needs and concerns of disabled citizens. To further these principles, they seek to promote community awareness and accessibility for everyone.

The committee meets at 5:30 p.m. the third Monday of every month at the Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh. Its next meeting will be Monday.

AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

Psychic fair

AMVETS Post 171 Auxiliary is holding a psychic fair and craft show from noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26, at 1217 Merriman, south of Cherry Hill, Westland.

Handbell concert

The First Congregational Church of Wayne will present a concert by The Detroit Handbell Ensemble at 4 p.m. Sunday.

The ensemble is comprised of musicians, educators, engineers and business professionals from across Michigan. Under the direction of Dr. Michael Burkhardt, the ensemble has become known for its creative and innovative programming.

The concert is free to the public. A free-will

offering will be taken and refreshments will be served.

For more information, call the church office at 734-729-7550.

Be a Star

The Stars Cheer and Dance team is starting up again for children interested in dance — jazz, pompon, lyrical/modern, hip-hop and prop/novelty. Cheer technique — cheers, chants, tumbling and stunting — is also taught.

Stars dance classes will start Monday, Nov. 3, in the gym of the Tinkham Center, 450 S. Venoy, Westland.

The cost for each four-week session is \$33 per member. Classes run from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays and are open to girls and boys in grades 5-8 from

Westland and surrounding communities.

For more information, call Tinkham Community Education at 734-419-2425.

Railroadiana

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

Admission is \$2 per person, \$4 per family. Food is available; parking is free.

There will be operating train layouts and more than 100 dealer tables with various gauges of trains.

Tables are available at \$10 per table. To reserve tables, call 734-595-8327. Dealer set-up is at 9 a.m. on the day of the show.

SOBRIETY

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operate a motor vehicle, along with regular meetings with the Sobriety Court probation officer and judicial review hearings with the presiding judge and sobriety court team. The team consist

of the court judges, probation officer, defense attorney, a member from the prosecutor office, Westland Police Department and a treatment provider from HEGIRA Inc.

The team works in unison to provide the participant an intensely supervised program that provides all necessary

components to assist them in achieving and maintaining sobriety. Participants are given incentives when certain goals and achievements are met, and sanctioned for violations, which can include incarceration.

Eighteenth District Court Judge Sandra Cici-relli is pleased with the success of Sobriety Court.

"Several participants have expressed to me that the frequent interaction with the judges has motivated them to stay on track, modify their behavior and to improve their lives, Cici-relli said. "This program also allows us, as judges, to more closely monitor each individual participant's compliance."

McConnell added that he has noticed that "those individuals who have been in the program since the beginning are already showing signs of recovering from their alcohol dependency. This recovery makes them better citizens, parents and employees, and significantly reduces the likelihood that they will re-offend in the future."

The support Westland Mayor William Wild and members of the city council have shown for the program is also appreciated, McConnell said.

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Senate candidates offer contrasting views

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Candidates in the Michigan Senate 7th District race offered contrasting views Monday on issues ranging from health care to job creation to improving the state's roads.

Incumbent Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton Township, faced challenger Dian Slavens, a Democratic House of Representatives member from Canton, during a League of Women Voters-sponsored forum Monday at the Livonia Civic Center Library. A crowd of about 75 people, many clearly supporting one candidate or the other, attended.

Slavens, who is term-limited in the state House, tried to paint Colbeck as an "obstructionist" with extreme views whose "partisan posturing" has hurt the state, citing his opposition in 2013 to giving an expansion of Medicaid, offered under the Affordable Care Act, immediate effect. The move cost the state millions in federal Medicaid money, she said.

"My opponent is out of touch," Slavens said. Colbeck defended his record, saying the ACA erodes local control and escalates health care costs, and made a case for fiscal conservatism and what he said should be a broad public discussion of Michigan's spending priorities.

He touted his alternative plan for Medicaid expansion in the state, which he calls patient-centered care, saying it could cut Michigan's \$12 billion annual Medicaid budget by 60 percent.

"I think that's a great place to start," Colbeck said.

Colbeck also blamed ACA Michigan's Medicaid expansion, called Healthy Michigan, for



State Sen. Patrick Colbeck and challenger Rep. Dian Slavens square off for the League of Women Voters forum, held at the Livonia Civic Center Library auditorium.

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siphoning money from the state's budget for mental health care, bringing boos from parts of the audience. Moderator Roberta Young asked the crowd to refrain from showing partisanship.

Slavens praised Healthy Michigan — which, generally speaking, allows uninsured people with incomes of up to 133 percent of the federal poverty level to enroll in Medicaid — saying it has provided health insurance for 400,000 people in the state.

More than 30 questions were asked during the forum, which lasted nearly 90 minutes. The event was recorded on video that will be available on the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County website, www.lwvwww.org.

Schools

Colbeck pushed back on the claim by many Democrats that Republican Gov. Rick Snyder and a Republican-controlled Legislature cut \$1 billion from K-12 education. He said the budget has actually gone up. The budget has gone from \$11.1 billion in 2012, Sny-

der's first budget, to a planned \$12.1 billion next year, according to the Senate Fiscal Agency.

"The numbers in the education budget don't lie," Colbeck said.

Slavens, while not endorsing the claim of a \$1 billion cut, questioned whether enough money was making it into public school classrooms.

She said she'd favor a cap on the number of charter schools and was critical of publicly funded online schools, called cyber schools, saying they take money from traditional public schools while having lower overhead costs. Charters, she said, need to be held more accountable to the public.

"We really need to make sure we're putting dollars back in public schools," Slavens said. Colbeck said he wouldn't support a cap on the number of charters.

"Since when do educators in Lansing know more about where to send your kids to school than you do?" he said.

Pension tax

Slavens criticized Colbeck over the controversial tax on pensions, which she opposed, not-

ing Colbeck had voted it out of committee in 2011, even though he later voted against it on the Senate floor.

Colbeck countered that he was "one of the more outspoken critics" of the tax, which was proposed by Snyder, and said his opposition resulted in it being cut from a \$900 million tax to a \$300 million tax.

"My committee vote had nothing consequential to do" with the pension tax, he said.

Road repair

Slavens said measures like increased penalties for overweight trucks, diverting part of the state's use tax to roads and the expansion of road construction warranties should be adopted to improve the condition of Michigan's roads.

She also criticized the Senate for failing to take action on a comprehensive plan to raise more roads revenue.

"We're being told we did nothing, but we actually did quite a bit in the Senate," Colbeck said, citing measures that were adopted.

Colbeck said he was against raising taxes to pay for road repairs,

saying money could be found by examining other appropriations, cutting expenses and looking at alternative revenue sources.

The candidates also:

» Differed on the so-called right to work law, passed during a lame-duck session of the Legislature in 2012, which prohibits unions from forcing workers to pay dues or fees as a condition of employment.

"We kept jobs here and restored a fundamental right to assemble," said Colbeck, who backed the change.

"There's no proof more jobs have come to Michigan because of the right to work law," said Slavens, who opposed it.

» Split on same-sex marriage, which was allowed earlier this year in the state by a federal judge but then put on hold, pending another court ruling, because of an appeal.

"I think people have a right to marry who they love," Slavens said.

Colbeck said he said he considers marriage to be between a man and a woman and that that view is in line with the Michigan Constitution, which includes a voter-approved 2004 amendment prohibiting same-sex marriage.

» Said that campaign contributors don't have any special sway with them.

Colbeck said he made it clear to lobbyists when he started his term that he's going to vote his conscience and not be swayed by special interests.

"It's a different tone," he said.

"I don't owe anybody anything for giving me \$5 or \$100," Slavens said.

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As president of the Westland Rotary Club and founder of Toarmina's Pizza, Lou Toarmina is combining his positions for a week-long fundraiser.

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Many local Rotary Clubs are distributing cards to promote the fundraiser.

Since 1985, Rotary has led the battle against polio, and kept the pressure on as worldwide cases plummeted from 350,000 per year to several hundred. However, according to World Health Organization, Pakistan remains the greatest single risk to the achievement of global polio eradication. It accounts for nearly 80 percent of polio cases globally.

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Garden City Kiwanis Club gives third-graders gift of words



JULIE SLABAUGH

Garden City Kiwanis Club members annually distribute dictionaries to third-graders to promote literacy. They visited St. Raphael School last week.

Giving the gift of knowledge has become a tradition for Garden City Kiwanis Club members.

"Every year, the Garden City Kiwanis makes the rounds to all the third-grade classes in Garden City and distributes dictionaries to each student," President Julie Slabaugh said.

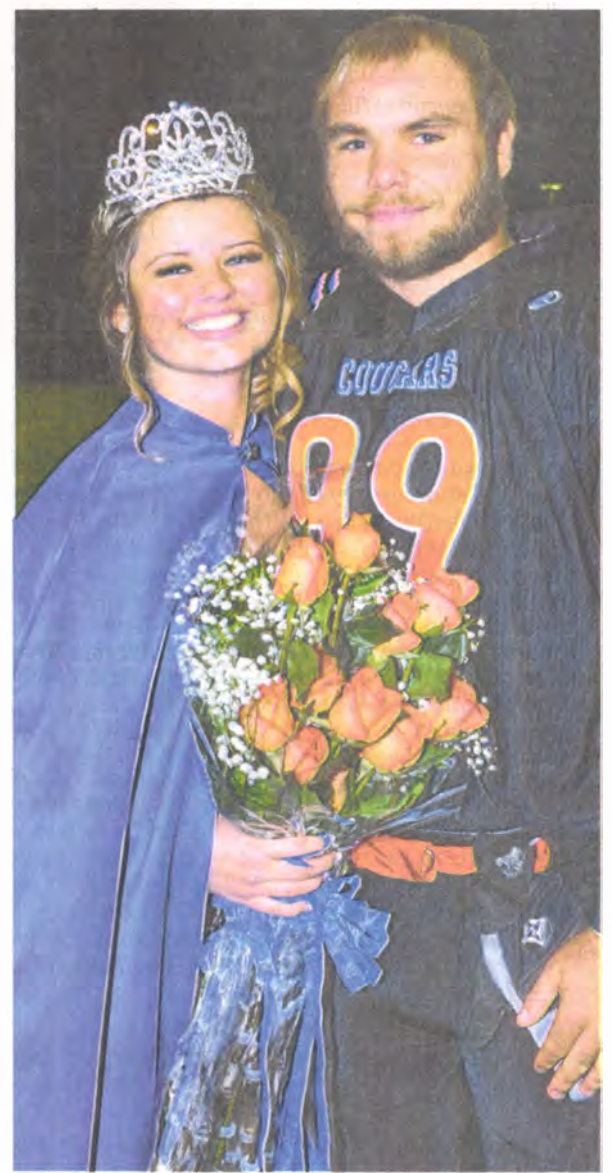
Recently, members Ken Hines, Pete Tavormina, Cheryl Rasmussen, Dave Sosnowski and Slabaugh visited St. Raphael School to give each child a dictionary.

The service opportunity is one of several performed by the club. The club also holds Kiwanis Kids Day in the Park every year.

It also helped with Kiwanis Town, a group of play houses set up outside of the Lathers Early Childhood and Kindergarten Center. They have also collected baby shower items for the Welcome Baby Baskets handed out at the Family Resource Center to expectant and new parents.

By Sue Buck

Abbie Briscoe crowned GC Homecoming queen



TOM BEAUDOIN

Garden City High School Homecoming queen for 2014, Abbie Briscoe, is joined by her escort, Cody Johnson.

It wasn't quite the Homecoming game finish that Garden City High School football fans were hoping for when the Romulus Eagles swooped in with a surprise pass instead of a punt, which led to a touchdown and victory last Friday evening.

But the loss didn't take away from the week-long fun and festivities. From painting the windows of O'Leary

Auditorium with Homecoming-themed scenes from Robin Williams films to the pep assembly, parade and Homecoming dance, it was a time to remember, especially for Abbie Briscoe who was crowned Homecoming queen at halftime.

Members of the Homecoming Court also included Kennedy Lang, Ally Slater, Abby Joseph and Emily Hoffman.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS

Culver-Stockton College senior defensive end **Michael Davis** has been named the Missouri National Guard Student Athlete of the Month for September.

Davis, a sport management major from Wayne, has played in 19 games for the Wildcats over the last three seasons. He has recorded 77 total tackles, including



Davis

four fumble recoveries, three quarterback hurries, three passes defensed and one blocked kick.

35 solo stops, eight sacks and 17.5 tackles for loss. In addition, Davis has

This season, Davis has appeared in all six games for the Wildcats, netting 23 total tackles, 5.5 tackles for loss and three sacks. He has two fumble recoveries, one forced fumble and one blocked kick.

In addition to his athletic prowess, Davis, who has met his requirements in sports management, has proposed an

individualized major and is working with the faculty to develop that major so he is more marketable upon graduation.

A Wayne Memorial High School graduate, Davis was named a NAIA Scholar-Athlete after the 2013 football season. To be named a NAIA Scholar-Athlete, a student must have a cumulative 3.50 grade-point average on a 4.0 scale.

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Salvation Army 25th anniversary reason to rejoice

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

It was old home week for Capt. Derek and Joanna Rose of the Salvation Army.

"It feels like home; Westland was so welcoming of us," Joanna Rose said of their six years as corps officers in Wayne-Westland. The Roses left in June for a Salvation Army post in greater Chicago.

"You really feel like you're part of the community," Joanna Rose said, also praising their successor, Envoy Jim Hulett. "We think Jim's doing a great job. Good things are happening over there."

"Jim's a great guy," her husband said. "We're really excited."

Thursday evening marked the 25th anniversary of the Wayne-Westland corps of the Salvation Army, based in the corps office on Venoy south of Palmer. A celebratory party under the sponsorship of the Westland Community Foundation included Envoy Jim Hulett and his wife, Jan, a Salvation Army volunteer.

"I think it's very important for a number of reasons," Jim Hulett said of the anniversary party at Joy Manor in Westland. "The primary reason is to let folks know what we do. It also keeps us fresh. It's also good to see your friends."



TOM BEAUDOIN
Amanda Apfelblat of Michigan Chiropractic Specialists in Garden City makes a bid on an item in the silent auction.

Volunteer of Year

Jim Baryo, who volunteers at the local Salvation Army food pantry Tuesdays and Fridays, was lauded as Volunteer of the Year.

"He does it in the spirit of God and the Salvation Army, and we're very grateful," Hulett said.

Hwa Stacy, a member of the Salvation Army's Advisory Council, chaired the committee for the anniversary party. She volunteers at the food pantry.

"I found at times our supplies were low," Stacy said. "We are hoping to make this an annual event, to help the pantry," as well as Army youth programs.

Stacy is grateful to Glenn Shaw Jr. of the Community Foundation and his wife, Patty.

"He was instrumental in making the Community Foundation the sponsor of this event," Stacy said. Shaw also gave a golf package and lined up sponsors for the event. He was lauded that evening with an award accepted by his daughter.

"We really appreciate that," Stacy said.

The silent auction included a Pavel Datsyuk-signed jersey from the Winter Classic, along with a Tigers Max Scherzer signed ball. There was also a Michigan State University Rose Bowl program collage, as well as a Miguel Cabrera signed jersey and many other items.

The silent auction included many other donations, such as a U.S. flag flown over the state Capitol on Oct. 8, given by state Sen. Glenn Anderson. Toarmina's Pizza provided one year of pizza, as well as a gift basket, while Westland Floor Covering gave an ornate rug.

Amanda Apfelblat of Michigan Chiropractic Specialists gave a year of massage therapy and a gift basket, while Vermeulen Funeral Homes gave two sets of four Pistons tickets. There were also golf and restaurant packages to bid on.

'Great team'

"It's been a pleasure as mayor to work with a great

team at the Salvation Army," said Westland Mayor William Wild at the dinner. He joked with the Roses about Chicago, "Hockeytown is Detroit, it's not Chicago."

On a serious note, Wild said, "We're here to work with you. Don't be afraid to ask us. We're hoping to continue that partnership."

Wild praised the assistance with rent, utilities, clothing and food, as well as toy and food distribution at Christmas. He also applauded the day camp and after-school programs.

"We're proud of this Wayne-Westland Salvation Army for the work they're doing," Wild said. "Keep up the good work."

"We are here tonight to celebrate this great community," said Maj. Mark Anderson, Metro Detroit area commander.

Anderson thanked the Roses, to "let them know how much we appreciate them," as well as Jim and Jan Hulett.

Anderson thanked attendees, noting, "Tonight, they're going to have a meal because you cared," in reference to hungry people. Anderson also touched on addictions and homelessness.

"I want you to be aware tonight there are still those in need," Anderson said. "This event is going to be the event that's going to make the difference for them. This night is a

night we are doing good. We expect you to empty your wallet tonight."

Red Kettles as centerpieces reminded revelers of the upcoming Red Kettle fundraising campaign during the Christmas season.

History of corps

Darlene Howard, the first secretary for the Wayne-Westland corps, gave a short history of the local Salvation Army. Bart Ventura had the crowd humming, and even singing, with his Frank Sinatra crooning.

Amanda Apfelblat of Michigan Chiropractic Specialists and WCA Assessing were diamond sponsors. Gold sponsors were Community Financial, Dearborn Real Estate, Fantastic Sam's Wayne/Cherry Hill, Fausone Bohn LLP, Midway Management, Midwestern Sanitation, OHM, Palace Foods, Plante Moran and the Lions Club of Wayne.

North Brothers Ford, C&M Printing, and Joy Manor Banquet Hall were bronze sponsors. Stan Shelton of J&S Portraits/American Photography was photo sponsor, with the Westland Rotary Club the raffle sponsor.

The corps serves Wayne, Westland, Inkster, Romulus and New Boston.

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Ghouls, ghosts return for Eerie O'Leary at Garden City High School

Those faint of heart may want to stay away, but the brave of heart are asked to come and visit Eerie O'Leary.

Garden City High School's Project Graduation 2015 will continue a tradition started by former drama teacher Denise Shimskey in 2009, converting the high school auditorium, the hallway, makeup room, drama room and theme shop into a haunted house Thursday through Saturday, Oct. 23-25.

"Little kids can come and enjoy the cider and

doughnuts while they wait for their siblings, but this isn't recommended for kids 7 years and younger," said Alan Bennett who with his wife Laura is heading up Project Graduation this year. "It's definitely for kids in the third grade up to adults."

The haunted theater has served as a fundraiser for the Angels of O'Leary, which raises money for sound and lighting upgrades in the auditorium. This year the proceeds will be divided between the

Angels, which the Bennetts have been a part of since the beginning, and Project Graduation.

Students in the theater program will provide the talent and serve as ushers to guide "souls" through the haunted auditorium. According to Bennett, there will be points where the usher will leave their sides to allow them to experience something on their own then rejoining them.

Parents will start building the "haunts" on Monday in advance of Eerie O'Leary's opening

to the public on Thursday, Oct. 23. Bennett isn't concerned about getting the work done. It's "all planned out," he said.

Eerie O'Leary will be open from 7-10 p.m. Thursday-Saturday. If there's a line at 10 p.m., the theater will stay open until everyone gets their chance to be frightened, Bennett said. Tickets are \$8 per "soul" available at the door.

The Bennetts have been active in the drama program and are using those experiences to

develop fundraisers for Project Graduation. The group will be in the annual Santaland Parade Thanksgiving weekend to raise awareness about the all-night party for graduates among the community. They also will be doing a theatrical production, *It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play*, Dec. 12-13 at O'Leary.

"We secured the rights to the play and are doing auditions," Bennett said. "It'll be very basic and done in a radio format of the 1940s. The

kids will be stationed by microphones on the stage."

The play will be presented at 8 p.m., and theater goers will be able to enjoy dinner prior to the show. Dinner will be served from 6-7:30 p.m. and cost \$10. Reservations will be needed. Tickets for the play also will be \$10.

There also will be a holiday-themed basket raffle, and Bennett is looking for donations. People interested in items can call him at 734-266-0232.

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4 charities benefit from Garden City Chili Cook-Off

By Sue Buck
Staff Writer

Four Garden City charities will receive about \$2,000 each from proceeds raised during the 7th annual Chili Cook-off organized by the Garden City Downtown Development Authority.

The Garden City Goodfellows, Mayor's Committee for Underprivileged Children, United Needy Family and the Straight Farmhouse/Garden City Historical Museum can expect the money to continue their work in the community.

Fifteen teams competed in the cook-off.

"The cook-off was another huge success for Garden City," said Kim Dold, interim DDA director and event organizer.

Tony Grabanica's secret chili recipe clinched a second consecutive first-place win. Just like last year, Grabanica won't reveal the recipe except to say that he uses sirloin.

"A lot goes in there," he said.

Proud of his chili, his business and Garden Cafe's tradition of serving families good food, Grabanica said that he wasn't surprised in getting the Golden Willy Award for first place, but was most appreciative.

"It was a great day and a good turnout," he said. "We couldn't have asked for better."

Grabanica added that he recently moved to Garden City from Farmington Hills.

"My life has been here for 60 years," Grabanica said. "I love Garden City."

Other awards

The Silver Willy Award for second place went to the Garden City Over 30 Hockey Association's Slapshot Chili. GCOHA also won second-place last year. The team burnt its first pot of chili and had to scramble to get a second one ready for the competition.

The Bronze Willy Award for third place was earned by Lucky Dog/C&B Chow Chili and Stacy Karafotis, owner of Luck Dog Luxury Daycare and Boarding.

Karafotis was thrilled with the win for her first-time entry.

"Because we were new, everyone wanted to try our chili," she said. "We definitely will be back again next year."

Karafotis, too, won't reveal her secret recipe.

"We made 7 1/2 gallons of chili and it was gone in an hour," Karafotis said.

The Willy's Choice Award for Best Table Theme Choice went to Steve Valenti, owner of Albert's on the Alley.

Picking the winners

The judges were Mayor Randy Walker, Police Chief/City Manager Robert Muery, State Sen. Glenn Anderson, State Rep. David Knezek and Wayne County Commissioner Richard LeBlanc.

Dold sent an additional thank you to all of the sponsors, volunteers and everyone who lent support.

"I hope everyone had a wonderful time," she said. "The DDA would love to hear feedback from those that participated and attended the event."

"And, we know we need more chili and restrooms. We would love to have additional input on our event management."

The Promotions Committee is also seeking new members. Call the DDA office at 734-261-2830.

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KIM DOLD

The Grabanica family couldn't be prouder of their first-place win at the Garden City Chili Cook-Off for the second year in a row. Celebrating are Pat Grabanica, son Arbnor, Garden City Mayor Randy Walker, Tony Grabanica and daughter Rina.



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Sabrina Beccaccio did kitchen duty, cleaning the pans and utensils after all the chili was gone at her father Phil's table.



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Sherri Barber (left) and Chef Jim Nelson of the Gordon Chevrolet Pit Crew made 15 gallons of chili for the competition.

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Some residents in a home in the area of Blue Skies and Lyndon were most likely startled early Friday morning when a vehicle drove up on the back deck area, causing damage. Sgt. Joe Boitos of the Livonia Police Department said a vehicle being driven before 2 a.m. Friday was in the area and ran off the road, causing damage to the back part of the home. No one was injured in the event, Boitos said, and police were able to locate the driver after he left the scene. Alcohol is believed to be a factor, Boitos said.

LIVONIA POLICE BRIEFS

Baby formula, trash cans target of retail fraud

Livonia police went to Walmart, 29555 Plymouth, Thursday afternoon to report a local retail fraud when store employees informed them of one in progress.

A woman was seen going to an aisle with trash cans and selecting some. She then reportedly went to the baby formula aisle and placed several containers of formula into the trash cans. She reportedly approached the checkout area and paid for some items, but not the trash cans or formula. She reportedly tried to leave when she was stopped. She was arrested and taken to the police station for processing.

Theft of sheet metal

Police were called Thursday afternoon to Home Depot, 13500 Middlebelt, on the report of two retail fraud suspects who became combative with store employees.

Police were called on the retail fraud report. Store employees said two men were seen selecting a large amount of sheet metal and then concealing it with drywall in a flatbed cart. The men then reportedly approached the front of the store, with one man walking away

from the transaction and the other purchasing the drywall but not the sheet metal. A store employee approached the men after they tried to leave, and one reportedly fled the scene, unable to be located. The second suspect was seen outside the store by police and arrested. While in custody, the suspect complained of a possible rib injury, which prompted police to take him to the hospital.

Shoes taken from store

Police were called Wednesday afternoon to Kohl's, 29580 Seven Mile, on the report of a retail fraud that had just taken place.

When police arrived, they spoke with an employee, who told them the suspect was seen selecting a pair of shoes and placing them in his pants before leaving without paying. He reportedly walked out of the store without paying and headed to Walmart. Police arrived at Walmart with the store employee, who pointed the suspect out. The suspect was reportedly in the store with the shoes in a cart he was pushing. He was arrested and taken to the police station for processing.

- Compiled by David Veselenak from reports filed with the Livonia Police Department.

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MEDICARE ENROLLMENT NOW OPEN. ARE YOU READY?

That means consumers might have to pay for prescriptions drugs that have been covered in the past.

It could have easily happened to Alfred Dingle.

At 66, the Belleville man is on nearly a dozen medications for a heart condition and diabetes. He joined a popular prescription drug plan last year, but this year the premium jumped from \$16.10 to \$29.80. Plus it added a \$320 deductible when there was none before and its formulary — the list of drugs it covers — changed.

For someone whose prescription drug can run into thousands of dollars, that can wipe out a bank account quickly. Dingle will be changing his plan.

"Our expenses aren't that high, but they're getting higher," he said.

Consumers don't realize that insurers tweak their policies from year to year — from plan premiums and out-of-pocket costs to what they cover and don't, advocates said.

"Seniors hear 'drug coverage' and they think 'Great, my drugs are covered,'" said Kev Coleman, who heads research at HealthPocket, a California-based consumer watchdog group that offers a free online tool in which consumers can compare coverage options.

"What they don't understand is that all drugs aren't covered and, even if they're covered, there are drug restrictions," Coleman said. Some plans restrict the quantity of a drug or require prior authorization from the insurer, for example, he said.

Drug coverage isn't the only thing that may shift. Plans may tweak dental, hearing and vision benefits, for example.

And as insurers try to more tightly manage seniors' care and reign in costs, it might mean smaller provider networks. Some consumers might feel like that's limiting their choice of doctors.

But keeping a patient in a smaller group of providers provides better, tighter communication about care, which in turn, means seniors' medical needs don't slip by unnoticed, said Betsy Geis, director of Medicare government programs of Blue Care Network of Michigan.

To that end, some Blue Care and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan policies, for example, are adding more services for seniors to make sure they're keeping appointments — such as transportation to and from doctors' visits.

That's the kind of measure that fits into growing pressure from the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, which wants hospitals and other providers to improve patient care.

That pressure — and the money that

goes with it from baby boomers streaming into the Medicare age bracket — are forcing big changes in hospitals and other providers, said Dr. William Berk, chief of staff at Detroit Receiving Hospital.

In November, the hospital opens a new senior emergency department that will replace the chaos and bright lights of a traditional ER with more private, quieter rooms. Social workers and geriatricians will be on hand as well.

Many of those patients will have Medicare cards with them.

"Yeah, there is a marketing element to it, that's true on one hand," Berk said. "On the other hand, this is clearly needed. Having an older person in a disoriented emergency department is not a good thing for their health. Do I as an emergency physician feel this is addressing a real need? Absolutely."

Bottom line: It takes some effort, but digging deep into the policies you're considering — or even the one you already have — may pay off in the end. That means finding out which hospitals are in your network, what doctors you can see, and what drugs and tests will be covered.

There are some basics to keep in mind this year:

» Costs for Original Medicare — also known as Parts A and B — remain largely unchanged. Most Americans will get Part A for free. Part A covers most hospital care.

Also for most Americans, premiums for Part B, which covers doctor visits, remain unchanged this year — \$104.90 a month.

» Michigan residents this year can choose from 31 drug prescription plans — the so-called Part D. These plans offer the drug coverage that Parts A and B from Original Medicare do not.

» Medigap also remains a good option for many consumers, advocates say. These plans, offered by private insurers, often cost more than the Advantage managed care plans. But in return, consumers aren't confined to a network and there may be fewer out-of-pocket costs.

Eight insurers offer more than two dozen options this year.

Nearly 1.8 million Michiganders had a Medicare plan of some kind in 2012, according to the most recent data from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

But it's coverage that's a comfort to seniors such as Annie Robinson, 70, of Detroit, who has heart problems, arthritis and other health concerns.

"I'm in there (doctor's office) so much, I think they must think I work there," she said, chuckling.

The thought of not having Medicare is just scary, she said: "I don't even want to ... think about it."

Doing homework now could save you surprises in the long run

By Robin Erb
Gannett Michigan

Medicare can be an alphabet soup of confusion. Have you signed up for Parts A and B? Does your Part C coverage cover drugs, or should you look into a Part D plan, too?

If you're eyeballing a Medigap policy, which type — A through N — is best for you?

Medicare's open enrollment started Wednesday and runs through Dec. 7.

"I always say 'When they issue your Medicare card, they should issue you an advocate,'" said Jo Murphy, the long-time head of the Lansing-based Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program, a federally funded program that helps consumers sift through their options.

Even returning enrollees need to do some homework. Failing to do so could mean sticker shock in 2015.

The average number of covered drugs in standalone drug plans across the U.S. shrank slightly from an average of 1,456 drugs covered per plan to 1,418, according to an analysis by consumer watchdog HealthPocket.

Medigap versus Advantage? It depends on your priorities

By Robin Erb
Gannett Michigan

Choosing the Medicare coverage that's right for you means balancing cost against access and convenience.

And the first choice may be whether — and if so, *how* — to supplement Original Medicare, the tax-funded Part A Medicare program that covers hospitalizations and the Part B Medicare that is funded by individual premiums and generally covers outpatient services.

Beneficiaries can choose from Advantage plans and Medigap plans to help with out-of-pocket costs that aren't covered by A and B. And they might want to add a drug plan, too.

Medicare Advantage plans are provided by private insurers and they add to coverage by Original Medicare Plans A and B. Most in Michigan operate as managed care networks, such as a health maintenance organization. A limited network might bother some. Others — especially those with complex or chronic medical conditions — might find comfort knowing their care is, at least in theory, better communicated and coordinated among a smaller group of providers.

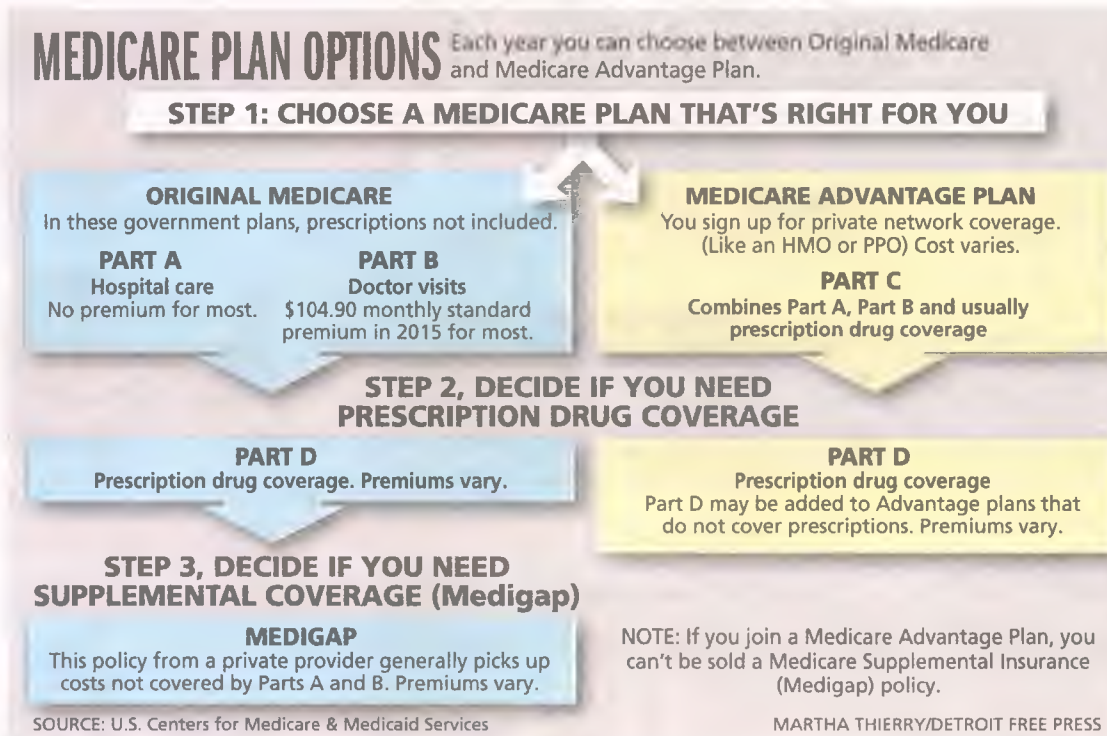
"Advantage is really designed to help coordinate the members' care," said Wayne Wilson, vice president of senior products for Grand Rapids-based Priority Health, which this year offers five Medicare Advantage plans and five Medigap plans.

Seeking care outside of your Advantage network, except in emergencies, can cost a whole lot more under an Advantage plan, however.

Medigap plans have benefits, too. Generally, there are no network limitations.

Also known as Supplemental Plans, Medigap plans, like Advantage plans, are offered by private insurers.

While premiums vary widely among both Medigap and Advantage plans, Medigap costs tend to be more expensive than Advantage plans. But Medigap helps cover co-pays



that can add up quickly, especially for consumers who frequently are in the hospital or doctor offices.

Medigap may work well for "the member who is willing to pay more (in premiums), but essentially has no out-of-pocket costs and no network limit," Wilson said.

Consumers have a one-time, six-month Medigap open enrollment period that starts the first month the consumer turns 65 and is enrolled in Part B. After that enrollment period, the cost can be much higher depending on health issues and age.

Again, plans vary significantly, so it's important to check out all the options, Wilson said.

When it comes to prescription drug coverage, it's usually included in Advantage plans, but make sure you check. And Medigap doesn't cover prescription drugs.

Consumers might consider purchasing Part D coverage, as well. More than two dozen plans are available in Michigan this year.

Consumers who buy an Advantage plan can't be sold a Medigap plan.

MEDIGAP POLICIES

Medigap policies supplement Original Medicare Parts A and B and can help cover deductibles, copays and coinsurance as do Advantage plans. But Medigap coverage doesn't limit consumers to provider networks — a certain list of doctors or hospitals, for example — like the managed care model of Advantage plans. You can purchase Medigap only if you have Parts A and B. You should also consider prescription drug coverage through Medicare Part D.

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New to Medicare? Your doc wants to talk

By Robin Erb
Gannett Michigan

Blow out the birthday candles and dial up your doctor.

New beneficiaries to Medicare — usually those around their 65th birthday — are offered a free Welcome visit in addition to their annual wellness visit.



Berry

The welcome visit can be key to your long-term health, said Dr. Neesha Berry, an internal medicine doctor at St. Mary Mercy Primary Care in Farmington Hills.

That's because it's not just a physical exam. It's also a lengthy conversation about your family health history, your lifestyle and anything else that might give your provider clues about your medical risks.

"The goal is to develop a conversation initially. A lot of times, this is the first time you have seen the patient," Berry said. "You're building a relationship and finding out what their needs are."

The welcome visit is available only within the first 12 months of Medicare's Part B coverage.

A personalized written health care plan, including information about which screenings, shots, and other preventive services you should consider, will be given after the visit.

What else to expect:

» Height, weight and blood pressure measurements.

» A calculation of your body mass index.

» A simple vision test.

» A review of your potential risk for depression and your level of safety.

» An offer to talk with you about creating advance directives.

Online resources, Medicare counselors available

Medicare enrollment began Wednesday and runs through Dec. 7.

It's crucial to understand your plan — and to watch for any changes — to avoid sticker shock at the doctor's office or the pharmacy next year.

Coverage can shift from year to year. The AARP suggests considering the four C's:

Cost: What are the monthly premiums, annual deductibles, co-pays and co-insurance for each of the plans you're considering?

Coverage: Do each of the plans cover your doctors and pharmacies? What about prescription drugs and other services you need?

Convenience: How close are the doctors, pharmacies and services in the plans you're considering?

Customer Service: Check out the quality ratings. Those ratings offer insight to customers' past experience. You can also find them at www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan.

AARP, at www.aarp.org (search for "Medicare") can answer many other Medicare questions. It also provides consumer tips and discusses topics such as Medicare fraud.

For other help:
» The Michigan Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program is a federally funded network that helps beneficiaries size up



Mo Singapore, a volunteer Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP) counselor, right, advises Medicaid beneficiary Marianne Szalega, 60, of Redford Township at his Wayne office Monday.

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their options and enroll in their choice.

About 450 counselors throughout the state are trained to guide seniors through prescription drug plans, known as Medicare Part D, and can answer other Medicare questions, as well.

Under the federal law that establishes MMAP, counselors cannot pressure seniors to

choose certain plans and cannot be licensed to sell insurance.

To find a MMAP counselor, call 800-803-7174.

You also can go to www.mmmapinc.org.

» The site www.medicare.gov (go to "find health & drug plans") allows consumers to narrow their choices by using their ZIP code, medications and even preferred pharmacy. The

site also rates many of the Michigan Medicare plans.

Those who need individual help can call the 24-hour Medicare hot line at 800-633-4227. A counselor can help search for options over the phone and will mail you a summary of what was discussed. Many counselors are bilingual or multilingual.

Beneficiaries should have

received a 150-page booklet, Medicare and You, in the mail. It might seem thick and daunting, but it explains the different parts of Medicare and helps consumers understand their choices.

» The Eldercare Locator, a public service of the U.S. Administration on Aging, available at www.eldercare.gov or by calling 800-677-1116, helps consumers find nearby senior resources and caregiver support services.

» Throughout Michigan, Area Agencies on Aging and retiree groups for large workforces, insurers and others may hold informational and enrollment sessions for Medicare.

Always be aware that some seminars, especially those held by non-governmental agencies, may focus on big plans that agents sell for a few companies, or they may heavily pitch Medicare Advantage products rather than less-expensive Medigap policies with fewer benefits.

Advocates say the best policy for one consumer may not be the best for another; beneficiaries should explore all options.

» Many pharmacies such as Rite Aid, CVS or Walgreens offer in-person or online information about drug plans and other Medicare benefits.

Need help sorting out Medicare?

Medicare can be a barely palatable alphabet soup of confusion, but it's critical to understand your plan — and to watch for any changes — to avoid sticker shock at the doctor's office or the pharmacy next year.

The time to start shopping is now. Enrollment began Wednesday and runs through Dec. 7.

Below is a list of places where you can get help. Returning beneficiaries should make sure doctors, pharmacies and drugs are still covered at the same level if they plan on staying with the same plan. New Medi-

care enrollees need to make big decisions, such as Which one works better for me — Advantage, a Medigap plan, or something else altogether?

Where to get help

The Detroit Area Agency on Aging has scheduled the following meetings. Walk-ins are welcome, but calling first will help organizers make sure there are enough counselors on hand to serve everyone. Call 800-803-7174.

Western Wayne County
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 20
Westland Senior Cen-



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Bettie Hughes, an advocate for consumers navigating the complexities of Medicare, gives a presentation at Berwyn Senior Center in Dearborn.

ter
1119 N. Newburgh, Westland
9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 31
Our Lady of Victory
132 Orchard, Northville
9-11:30 a.m. **Wednesday, Nov. 5**
Redford Senior Center

12121 Hemingway, Redford
1-4 p.m., **Wednesday, Nov. 5**
Northville Senior Center
303 W. Main St., Northville
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 10
Canton Senior Center
46000 Summit Parkway, Canton
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 18
Maplewood Senior Center
31735 Maplewood, Garden City
10 a.m. to 5 p.m. **Friday, Nov. 21**
Livonia Senior Center
15218 Farmington Rd., Livonia
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 1
Plymouth Cultural Center
525 Farmer St., Ply-

mouth
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 4
Westland Senior Center
1119 N. Newburgh Rd., Westland
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Friday, Dec. 5**
St. Michael's Lutheran Church
7000 N. Sheldon, Canton
The Area Agency on Aging 1B Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program has scheduled the following information meetings. Appointments are required at 800-803-7174 unless otherwise noted.
Oakland County
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 28
Farmington Public Library
32737 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 4
Area Agency on Aging 1-B
29100 Northwestern Highway, Southfield
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 11
Jon Grant Community Center
29260 Grand River, Farmington Hills
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Friday, Nov. 14**
Birmingham Area Senior Citizens Center
2121 Midvale, Birmingham
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
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Medicare and more

Health on Wheels makes stop in GC

A free health screening is part of Health on Wheels, which is scheduled to stop in Garden City on Wednesday, Oct. 22.

From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. the Wayne County mobile health program will be in the parking lot of Garden City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt, north of Ford.

The event is open to Wayne County residents of all ages.

There will also be health and human services information, health insurance enrollment assistance and giveaways for the en-

tire family.

The event also will serve as a walk-in flu clinic. Adult flu shots will be available for \$20. Cash or Medicaid, Medicare Part B will be accepted. Children between 6 months and 15 years of age can also get a shot for \$10. The Vaccines for Children program will be accepted. Be sure to bring relevant health insurance information.

For more information, call 734-727-5872 or 313-224-0810 224-0810, or visit www.waynecounty.com.



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With good reason, patients consider experience a good attribute in choosing a physician.

In the medical field experience means the physician is likely to ask the right questions in seeking a diagnosis, listens better than an inexperienced physician to the patient's answers, performs an operation or a procedure in a more efficient manner than a doctor who has done fewer operations or procedures.

A doctor with years of seeing patients is more likely than a newly minted physician to make the patient comfortable, to fit into the manner that the patient speaks and acts, and to appreciate the patient's background. The older physician brings a wide variety of ways to provide an explanation of what needs to be done, has a better understanding of where the patient needs help and education than a doctor with lesser background in these matters.

The doctor with experience is likely to make a good judgment, based on his years of seeing similar patients, as to when more medicine or less therapy is appropriate for the elderly or impaired individual.

But there is a downside to experience. The older physician may be rigid in his outlook, he may not be aware of recent discoveries on old conditions or be up to date on new ways of diagnosis such as the role of "microarrays" or new concepts such as "bone marrow edema."

The medical community has not as yet developed a set of criteria that patients can use to find their physician. No one can say whether experience or freshness is preferable; the attributes of a physician that are best for the patient are still discovered by a patient seeing physicians and sensing the fit.

It's the great Pumpkinfest at Wilson Barn

Visitors will fall for some fun during Pumpkinfest at Livonia's Wilson Barn this month.

October means pumpkins, ponies and a lot more in celebration of the harvest season.

Pumpkins and cornstalks are for sale daily from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the barn, which is located at Middlebelt and West Chicago in Livonia.

Hayrides and pony rides are weather permitting.

On the weekends, enjoy crafts and food for sale inside and outside the barn, a haunted stroll on the lower level of the barn, music and cider and doughnuts for purchase.

The program is run by the volunteer group, Friends of the Wilson Barn.



Andrew Ziolkowski picks out a pumpkin at the Wilson Barn recently.

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Musicians host concert to help incarcerated, at-risk kids

Some of Michigan's top folk and blues musicians will come together Saturday, Oct. 25, to raise money to fund their life-changing work with incarcerated and at-risk kids.

Josh White Jr., Reverend Robert Jones, Kitty Donohoe, Annie and Rod Capps, Jen Cass, and Mike Ball will take to the stage in the Towsley Auditorium at Washtenaw Community College to perform in the Fall 2014 Concert for Lost Voices.

Lost Voices is a Michigan-based nonprofit founded in the summer of 2007 by Ball who teams up with other folk and blues musicians to conduct songwriting and performing workshops with incarcerated and at-risk boys and girls.

"Most of the kids we work with have been in trouble or are headed that way," Ball said. "Some of them have been involved in some awful things, both as perpetrators and as victims. But 'change' is pretty much the definition of being a child. With Lost Voices, we have an opportunity to guide those changes in a positive direction."

Lost Voices teams go into facilities ranging from alternative schools to maximum-security juvenile incarceration units. There they sit down with groups of 9-12 young men and women and



LOSTVOICES.ORG
Reverend Robert Jones, Mike Ball and Kitty Donohoe will perform at the Concert for Lost Voices on Oct. 25.

write songs.

"Some of the songs come from poems written by the individual kids. They write about their fears, their pain, their happy thoughts and their regrets," Ball said. "The process allows them to explore their souls in a totally non-judgmental atmosphere. Then we write other songs as a group. We will brainstorm until we find a theme we can all agree on, then work through it one line at a time. In the end, every one of us is totally invested in the song."

At the end of the workshops, the kids go on stage to perform their work for peers, teachers, therapists and parents in a professionally staged show, supported by the Lost Voices musicians.

"They step up to the microphone and expose their most intimate feelings to the world," Ball said. "Their reward for this incredible act of courage is applause, maybe the first really positive affirmation some of them have ever experienced. Staff and therapists at every juvenile facility where we've worked have told us about dramatic improvements in the kids who have gone through this experience, and even in the other youth in the facilities who witnessed it."

During the Oct. 25 Concert for Lost Voices benefit the audience will hear songs written by kids in the Lost Voices programs over the years. "We can't bring the kids out to perform their songs for you, but we can do the next best thing—we sing their songs for them, and bring their voices out into the world," Ball said.

The Fall Concert for Lost Voices starts at 7 p.m. with a pre-show featuring students from Washtenaw Community College performing arts programs. The main show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25 are available in advance at lostvoices.org. They are also available at the door for \$30 general admission. Student tickets are \$15 for students and Gold Circle Reserved Seating costs \$50.

Know risks of investing in small business

Q: Dear Rick: A few years ago, I was approached by a friend about investing in a new business he was starting. He described it as "can't miss" but, unfortunately, the business never took off. This year, he went out of business and my \$50,000 investment is now worthless. What I can do with the losses? I was thinking of a Roth conversion and using the losses to offset the taxes. I have about \$60,000 in my IRA, so I figure that I would only have to pay taxes on about \$10,000. My other option is to use the losses to offset my income. Which one would be more beneficial? I am in a 28-percent tax bracket.

A: I hate to be the bearer of bad news but, unfortunately, neither alternative will work. The loss you incurred by investing in your friend's business is known as a capital loss. Income from your wages, along with the money that you would convert from your Roth IRA, is ordinary income. Our tax laws do not allow you to offset capital losses with ordinary income.

When you have a capital loss, you can offset capital gains dollar for dollar. For example, if you had a \$50,000 capital gain, you can use all your \$50,000 of capital losses to offset that gain.

However, if you don't have capital gains or your capital gains do not offset the entire amount of the capital loss, the only thing you would be allowed to deduct would be \$3,000. For example, if you had no capital gains, the only amount you would be able to deduct from the \$50,000 is \$3,000 a year. You can carry over your unused losses into the future until the losses are totally used up.



Rick Bloom

MONEY MATTERS

Your friend's company is not a publicly listed company. It is important that you have some documentation that you retain in your tax files in case the IRS contacts you. Just your friend telling you the company is broke and out of business is not sufficient. Always remember, if you ever get contacted by the IRS, having the proper documentation will make life easier.

As we get closer to the end of the year and people start talking about year-end tax planning strategies, one of the strategies is to sell losses. The theory is that you can write off those losses. In some situations, that make sense; in others, it does not. However, even in the situation where it may make sense, it is important to recognize that unless you have gains, you may not be able to write off all your losses.

I don't subscribe to the theory that at the end of the year you should sell your losses. My philosophy is, never let the tax tail wag the dog. I don't like to do anything for tax reasons alone. I prefer to make decisions based upon economics. If I have an investment that no longer fits my portfolio because my goals and objectives have changed or the investment is under performing for a significant period of time, those are the investments I want to sell.

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

NCMA chapter, director visit Schoolcraft PTAC

The Procurement Technical Assistance Center of Schoolcraft College will host the National Contract Management Association (NCMA) Great Lakes State Chapter and Michael Fischetti on Tuesday, Oct. 21.

"This is an exciting opportunity for our Great Lakes State Chapter and the statewide contracting professionals in Southeast Michigan," said Donna Cappabianca, president of the NCMA chapter for Michigan. "Mr. Fischetti is a guiding leader in the professional development of contracting and

acquisition professionals in the commercial and government marketplaces."

Fischetti serves as the executive director of the NCMA organization, overseeing and managing a professional association of more than 20,000 contracting professionals and more than 100 worldwide chapters.

"Understanding the value of contracting education, certification programs and the numerous contributions of the NCMA organization to contract management governance is unparalleled," said Alexander

Masters, a procurement counselor with the PTAC of Schoolcraft College. "Government contractors and commercial contractors have an opportunity to network with Fischetti, while also hearing firsthand the value of the organization to industry."

Space is limited and professionals interested in attending the NCMA Great Lakes State Chapter's breakfast meeting, can register www.regionline.com/NCMAGLS1622504. The breakfast costs \$20 per person. Registration check-in and networking will begin at 7:30 a.m. in

the Jeffress Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia.

For more information, visit ncmagreatlakes.org/documents/oct212014brkfst.pdf.

The Procurement Technical Assistance Center of Schoolcraft College is funded through a cooperative agreement with the Department of Defense, State of Michigan and Schoolcraft College. PTACs provide free government contracting assistance to businesses in selling their products and services to federal, state and local government agencies.

Parties Splitting on Values

Before the civil rights movement the most conservative and the most liberal members of Congress were Democrats. These conservatives were the segregationists in the solid Democratic South. Segregationists were white people who were simply not going to apply the Golden Rule to Black Americans.

When the Democratic Party as a whole took a position in favor of civil rights, the Southern segregationists and like thinking people in other parts of the country left the Democratic Party. Richard Nixon and Ronald Reagan actively wooed them to join the Republican Party. This led to a number of Republicans who supported civil rights switching to the Democratic Party.

It is my belief that this schism determined the values of each party. The Golden Rule became a dominant value for the Democratic Party. And while there are many people with Golden Rule values who vote Republican, it is difficult for them to get nominated for elective office by their party because of their values.

It is my guess that if a poll among active Republicans and Democrats was taken on the following question the answers would split along party lines. That question is "Would you rather use government to help poor children get a good education so they would have better opportunities in life, or use government to take away rights that you do not approve of such as those relating to abortion, collective bargaining or same sex marriage?"

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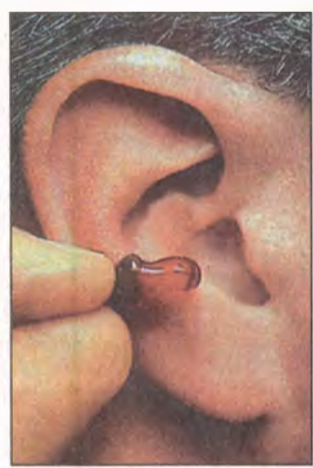
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RIVALRY FOOTBALL

Spartans survive Churchill, 30-27

Alsobrooks' potential game-tying 50-yard FG inches short

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

It's amazing how much drama, elation, dejection – and how many season-altering consequences – can be packed onto the back of one standard-sized, airborne high school football.

Case in point: The field-goal attempt that Livonia Churchill kicker Brian Alsobrooks launched with his right foot Friday night from the Livonia Stevenson 40-yard, into a forceful cross-wind, as the fourth-quarter clock hit 0:00 and the Spartans were clinging to a three-point lead, was overbooked with intangibles – and a Stevenson playoff ticket.

So it was no surprise that when the pin-wheeling ball struck the crossbar 50 yards from its take-off point and bounced back toward where it was struck, the Spartans celebrated like any team would that had just won 30-27 and punched a ticket into the 2014 MHSAA playoffs.

"I was the last guy back on our defense when he kicked it and it looked like it had a chance from where I was standing," Stevenson senior running back/defensive back Austin Petrie said. "When it hit the bar and came back, I was just so relieved, so happy, to know we're

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Livonia Stevenson running back Austin Petrie churns out a 6-yard gain one play before scoring from 2 yards out to give the Spartans the lead for good.

Marathon stories

If you participated in Sunday's Detroit Free Press Marathon and would like to share your experience with *Observer* readers, send an email (ewright@hometownlife.com) or call *Observer* sports editor Ed Wright (734-578-2767) to share your story for a feature he will be putting together for next week's sports section.

Participants' marathon photos can also be emailed to Wright.

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.

MU spikers win

The 16th-ranked Madonna University women's volleyball team went to Plan B to pull out its latest Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference victory.

The Crusaders had an off night of offensive hitting at only an .059 clip Wednesday night in Grand Rapids, but managed to come away with a 25-14, 14-25, 25-19, 27-25 win over host Cornerstone University at Mol Arena.

MU, which improved to 26-5 overall and 11-2 in the WHAC, had five players reach double figures in digs sparked by 5-foot-5 defensive specialist Amanda Obyrcki, who finished with a team-best 22 digs.

The senior from Allen Park Cabrini also got help from teammates Casey Gates and Payton Maxheimer with 17 digs apiece. Setter Spencer Stokes added 14 digs and 38 assist-to-kills, while Cassie Cassie chipped in with 11 digs.

Offensively, sophomore outside hitter Katie Breault (Amherstburg, Ontario) led the way for MU with 14 kills, while Emily Johnson and Gates added nine and eight, respectively.

Cornerstone (16-8, 7-6) got a match-high 15 kills from Chelsea Lake and 31 digs from Megan Newhouse. Setter Hope Leppink added 38 assists.

D1 SOCCER DISTRICT FINAL

CHIEFS OUST CHARGERS

With assist to wind, Canton dominates Churchill 4-0 for first district title in three years

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Entering Friday night's Division 1 boys district soccer final between Canton and Livonia Churchill, the visiting Chargers knew the odds were stacked against them.

And then there was the wind that swirled all over the varsity soccer stadium at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, wreaking havoc on Churchill senior goalkeeper Nathan Guzowski on one of the early turning points.

The No. 2 ranked Chiefs went up 1-0 just 13 minutes into the contest on a nifty header by junior forward Sam DeLoy. But midway through the opening half, Canton senior defender Andrew Murphy floated a shot from about 30 yards away that seemed to drift over the helpless, outstretched arms of Guzowski and find its way into the upper part of the goal.

With that 2-0 lead in the bank, the Chiefs just kept the pressure on and tacked on two more goals in the second half for good measure to earn a 4-0 victory — wrapping up the team's first district title since 2011.

Canton now moves on to the Westland John Glenn-hosted regional, playing at 7 p.m. Tuesday against an opponent to be determined.

"It was fluky, but the good



Churchill's Erlin Guri pushes the ball up the sideline past a Plymouth player during Wednesday Division 1 district semifinal victory.

thing is if we keep the pressure on and keep the ball down there sometimes things like that happen," Canton head coach Mark Zemanski said. "We did definitely talk about the wind, we knew the wind would be a factor.

"We knew it would be harder to control the ball, we actually talked about keeping the ball low, keeping it on the ground, passing it more. I think we did a pretty good job of that."

Sharing the shutout for the Chiefs (20-0-3) were senior goal-

keepers Dylon DaSilva and Jay Krebs, who each played a half and were barely tested.

Talk task

"You can't spot two early to one of the best teams around and that's what we did," Churchill head coach Matt Grodzicki said. "It was a tall task and we knew that going in. Canton deserves everything they get, they don't really have any weak spots.

"But I'm proud of my guys. This was our goal to get to the

district final, and I hope they learned a lot and had a great experience through this tournament run."

About Murphy's goal, Grodzicki acknowledged it was an unfortunate one to give up.

"As soon as he hit it I knew it would be trouble," said Grodzicki, whose team finished 11-8-1. "But you know what? That's one of a few, we had our opportunities and we could have made it a closer

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PREP SOCCER

Monarchs get right bounces

Goal-tending keeps Clarenceville in game until ball bounces Cabrini's way

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Sophomore goalie Jon Murphy kept Livonia Clarenceville in the game until the soccer ball started bouncing Allen Park Cabrini's way in a Division 3 district final Thursday afternoon.

The Monarchs turned a close, competitive game into a 5-2 victory with three second-half goals. The first two resulted from rebounds, and the last was a ricochet off the crossbar.

The score was stuck on 2-1 for a long time, but the Monarchs (13-1-1) netted three goals within a seven-minute span of the

second half.

Murphy made outstanding, diving saves on two hard shots by Cabrini's Nicolas Gonzalez, but Declan McAfee and later Ryan Perkins scored off the rebound each time at 23:20 and 17:36.


"We call them puppies; we call them gifts," Cabrini coach Frank Mlodzik said. "When you're a kid, you get a puppy for a Christmas gift. That's what we call those kind of goals the goalie gives up from rebounds. They all help.

"We did a few adjustments and it helped to get us a little more pressure on the ball,

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Clarenceville senior Cameron Fyffe (left) scored the last goal on a penalty kick.



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DISTRICT SOCCER SEMIS

SEMI-SWEET

Guri's overtime goal lifts Churchill into D1 district title game

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

His vision obscured by a Plymouth defender, Livonia Churchill's Erlin Guri didn't get to see the biggest goal of his young life roll into the net Wednesday night.

But good news travels fast, so the junior forward's joy was only briefly delayed.

"Honestly, I didn't see it go in, but when I saw my teammates' reaction, I realized what had happened," recounted Guri, whose low, bouncing, straight-on shot from just inside the 18-yard box snuck through the five-hole of Plymouth goal-keeper James Gibbs and into the goal in the opening minute of overtime to give the Chargers a 1-0 lead that they would never relinquish in a high-intensity Division 1 district semifinal contest played on the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's grass pitch.

"I didn't get all of it — maybe 70 percent — but I got enough," Guri said, smiling.

The victory propelled Churchill (11-7-1) into Friday's 5:30 p.m. district final against No. 2-ranked Canton, which motored past Wayne Memorial in Wednesday's semifinal nightcap. Plymouth's stellar season



Plymouth's Bennett Brooks (left) tries to maneuver around Livonia Churchill's Kyle Benedict during Wednesday's district semifinal match.

ED WRIGHT

ended at 13-4-4.

The Wildcats conquered the Chargers in the two teams' pair of regular-season encounters, but just barely, winning 2-0 on Sept. 2, and 1-0 two weeks later.

"Tonight proves that it's hard to beat a team three times in one season, especially as hard as we fought the entire 100 minutes," senior mid-fielder Tyler Guzowski said. "Once Erlin scored that goal, it changed the game completely. After that, it was all about getting the ball out of our zone."

"Everybody knew their role tonight and everybody knew

they had to work," added Churchill senior mid-fielder Daniel Jones. "The intensity level on the field in the overtimes — the whole game, really — was amazing."

Guri may have been the smallest player on the field stature-wise Wednesday night, but his supreme quickness and grittiness made him a towering presence.

"We got a fortunate bounce there at the end, but, hey, we'll take it," Churchill head coach Matt Grodzicki said. "Erlin was facing a lot of one-on-threes and one-on-fours most of the game,

so we talked about being aggressive and taking shots. That kid doesn't need much space to make things happen."

Guri's heroics were made possible by an air-tight defensive effort by the Chargers' back line, which was spearheaded by senior goal-keeper Nathan Guzowski and junior defender Kyle Benedict, who shadowed the most-dangerous Wildcat — Jayden Huxtable — despite a significant size differential.

Churchill defenders Krishna Midathada, Conner Rash and Andrew Moyer also made more than their share of momentum-shifting plays.

"Kyle did an outstanding job marking Jayden, who I bet outweighs Kyle by close to 100 pounds," marveled Grodzicki. "Kyle made him work for everything tonight."

Huxtable was turned away on numerous occasions by Nathan Guzowski, who snatched dangerous balls out of the air like a fearless tight end going across the middle.

A prime example of Guzowski's aggressiveness came in the second minute of the second half when he collided in mid-air with Plymouth's Mike Blake while securing a save. The head-to-head contact left Blake with a bloody nose.

"It was hectic back there all night," Guzowski said. "But our defense did a great job of pumping balls out and helping me out. We did what we had to do and what we've been working on all

year."

Benedict made perhaps the play of the game — at least during the 80-minute regulation session — with 20 minutes left when he cleared a high-bouncing ball off the goal line after it had eluded Guzowski.

Two minutes later, Huxtable roped a centering pass that Ryan Tasco one-timed low and hard, but right the grasp of the Chargers' on-the-spot keeper.

A threat all night, Huxtable banged a shot into the right post with just over two minutes left in the second stanza.

"It's disappointing because we had so many chances that we just couldn't quite convert," Plymouth head coach Jeff Neschich said. "I thought we played well enough to win, but we couldn't score."

Unlike Guri, Nathan Guzowski saw the eventual game-winning goal roll in like the play was on a giant high-definition TV — even though he was close to 100 yards away.

"It felt so good to see one of those finally go in for us," Guzowski said, echoing the relief the entire Churchill team felt. "We've been waiting for one of those all year and we finally got it when we really needed it."

Guzowski said he could empathize with Gibbs.

"I know how it feels; it's happened to me multiple times," he said. "My heart goes out to him."

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game. There was more to that game than that goal right there."

The Chiefs' first goal came off a free kick taken by junior defender Beaumont Hoffman from about 30 yards away. The ball was neatly poached into the middle of the 18-yard box where DeLoy got up against a Churchill player and managed to flick a header inside the left post.

"We got a free kick because I think part of their strategy might have been to slow us down a little," Zemanski said. "Beau

Hoffman made a real nice free kick in the box and Sam just had a great head ball and put it in the net."

Canton kept the pressure cranked up following Murphy's wind-aided goal, but Guzowski battled enough to hold the score at 2-0 for the rest of the half.

The keeper dove to get in front of a well-struck drive by junior midfielder Josh Posuniak and later stymied a corner kick by jumping up into a group of Chiefs and coming down with the ball.

In the second half, the Chiefs seemed to have possession of the ball even more than before the intermission.

"We tried to keep it on the ground a lot, and we play a lot of possession in practice so we were able to pass around them," DeLoy said. "Near the end of the game their midfield just slowed down so we could keep the ball a lot."

Tacking on

The Chiefs padded their lead to 3-0 with 25:26 to go, when junior midfielder Jason Ren cut in from the right corner and sent the ball in front to senior forward Carter Schenk for the tap-in.

Finishing the scoring was Canton senior midfielder Ammar Chishti, whose high shot

from about 30 yards eluded the Churchill goalie with 16:11 remaining.

Grodzicki credited his team for having an excellent season, with the highlight Wednesday's overtime victory over Plymouth in a district semifinal to make it to Friday's title tilt.

He said senior midfielder Dan Jones and junior defender Kyle Benedict were outstanding for the Chargers even in defeat.

"All my back line played well," Grodzicki said. "I'm sad to see the senior group go, but hopefully the juniors learned a lot."

Jones said the team knew going into the matchup that

beating Canton would be a tough task.

"They're just a great team," said team captain Jones, asked about the Chiefs. "They make such great decisions on the ball. They never make mistakes, really. I mean, they're just quality players, all of them."

Meanwhile, DeLoy was thrilled about being part of the district champions and going to regionals.

"It's great," DeLoy said. "We got knocked out pretty early last year so it's great to succeed this year, have a good season."

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I can see clearly now: Eye health vital

If you're like many Americans, when it comes to your regular health care regimen, your eyes get overlooked. In fact, you may only pay attention to your eye health when something goes wrong. Actually, preventative and routine eye care should be a top priority. "Too many people fail to grasp the value of routine vision care, only seeking treatment for eye-related problems after they occur," said Stephen Shawler, president of Essilor Vision Foundation. "Although 80 percent of vision problems are preventable, we still have significant work to do to prevent vision problems before they start."

Clear vision is a crucial tool in experiencing life to its fullest potential, but according to Essilor, an estimated 2.5 billion people worldwide see poorly and don't possess adequate access to vision correction.

From an economic perspective, the Vision Impact Institute (VII) estimates as much as \$745 million in productivity is lost every single day as a result of uncorrected vision problems in 33 percent of the world's working population.

Children, elderly

Extensive social consequences are also a risk. According to the VII, some 30 percent of the world's children experience vision problems that have a significant impact on their long-term health, school performance and emotional/social development. Given that 80 percent of children's



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Preventative eye care should be a top health priority.

learning is through visual information processing, poor vision can hinder not only their academic performance, but also how they interact with peers and integrate into society.

Beyond the economic and social consequences, ignoring eye health can also have

disastrous outcomes in other areas. For example, elderly individuals with poor vision are seven times more at risk for falls and hip fractures, and poor sight is linked to 59 percent of road accidents.

From a medical standpoint, eye exams do more than correct

vision problems. They also can help detect conditions such as diabetic retinopathy, multiple sclerosis, strokes, hypertension and eye tumors.

To minimize the risks associated with poor eye sight and achieve better sight for better life, the experts at Essilor offer these tips:

» Adults should have a comprehensive eye exam every year. For kids, don't settle for the vision screenings at school; schedule a comprehensive annual eye exam with an eye doctor.

» If you wear contact

lenses, prevent the risk of bacteria and infection by replacing your lens storage case once every three months.

» Staring at a computer monitor for too long can fatigue the eyes, leading to painful side effects like dry eyes and even headaches. Every 20 minutes, look away for about 20 seconds at a space 20 feet away from you. This simple trick can reduce eye strain and help you safely refocus.

» Age-related macular degeneration is a serious eye condition that affects the elderly, causing visual impair-

ment, damage to the retina and even blindness. Taking high levels of zinc in addition to antioxidant vitamins can reduce your risk by up to 25 percent.

» When selecting sunglasses, find a pair that not only blocks out invisible ultraviolet light, but also blocks up to 90 percent of visible light, as well.

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RESOLUTION No. 14:115

A RESOLUTION TO ADD THE SYNTHETIC DRUG CLOUD 9 AND SIMILAR SYNTHETIC DRUGS TO APPENDIX A OF THE SYNTHETIC MARIJUANA AND DANGEROUS PRODUCTS ORDINANCE CONTAINED IN SEC. 58-226, ET. SEQ.

WHEREAS, the use of a new synthetic drug commonly called "Cloud 9" as well as similar synthetic drugs has caused several hospitalizations of young adults in Southeastern Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Wayne County officials have indicated that the ability of retailers and individuals to sell these drugs poses a health danger to the public; and

WHEREAS, Wayne County officials have issued emergency orders banning these drugs from sale to the public; and

WHEREAS, the Township's Synthetic Marijuana and Dangerous Products Ordinance, set forth in Sec. 58-226, et. seq., of the Township's Code of Ordinances, does not specifically list these drugs in the Appendix A which lists prohibited synthetic cannabinoids; and

WHEREAS, the Synthetic Marijuana and Dangerous Products Ordinance provides the Board of Trustees with the authority to amend Appendix A to add additional synthetic cannabinoid compounds from time-to-time by Resolution

14:115 MOTION BY JOHNSON, SUPPORTED BY SULLIVAN, THAT THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD BOARD OF TRUSTEES RESOLVES THAT:

Appendix A of the Synthetic Marijuana and Dangerous Products Ordinance, found at Sec. 58-226, et seq, of the Township's Code of Ordinances is amended to include "synthetic cannabinoids containing the chemical AB-PINACA, commonly referred to as Cloud 9 and substantially similar compounds."

AYES: Cavanagh, Christie, McRae, Sullivan, Johnson, Kennedy, Kobylarz
NAYS: None
Motion carried 7-0

Resolution adopted on October 14, 2014.
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CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING October 27, 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on **Monday, October 27, 2014 at 6:58 p.m.** regarding an ordinance to amend the official zoning map of the City of Garden City.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE # _____

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY. THE ORDINANCE INVOLVES A REZONING FROM C-2 COMMUNITY BUSINESS TO C-3 GENERAL BUSINESS FOR PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS PARCELS 35-016-01-0002-000 AND 35-016-01-0001-003 MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 30247 AND 30259 FORD ROAD.

WHEREAS, the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, P.A. 110 of 2006, as amended, authorizes a City Council to adopt and amend zoning ordinances that regulate the public health, safety and general welfare of persons and property; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of Garden City held a public hearing on September 25, 2014 to consider an amendment to the Zoning Map of Garden City.

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission transmitted a summary of the comments received at the public hearing and its recommendation of approval to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined at its meeting of _____ that enacting said Zoning Ordinance map amendment is in the best interests of the public health, safety and welfare of the City residents:

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:
THAT THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY, SPECIFICALLY THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY WITH RESPECT TO THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF THE PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS PARCELS 35-016-01-0002-000 AND 35-016-01-0001-003 MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 30247 AND 30259 FORD ROAD FROM C-2 COMMUNITY BUSINESS DISTRICT TO C-3 GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT

REPEAL:
All ordinances or parts of other ordinances in conflict herewith are and the same hereby are repealed.

SEVERABILITY:
This ordinance and the various parts, sentences, paragraphs, sections, and clauses it contains are hereby declared to be severable. Should any part, sentence, paragraph, section, or clause be adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by any court for any reason, such judgment shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

Furthermore, should the application of any provision of this Ordinance to a particular property, building, or structure be adjudged invalid by any court, such judgment shall not affect the application of said provision to any other property, building, or structure in the City, unless otherwise stated in the judgment.

EFFECTIVE DATE:
This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication according to law.
Publish: October 19, 2014

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RYAN GARZA | GANNETT MICHIGAN

Students strike a warrior pose during a Vinyasa yoga class at Be Nice Yoga in Detroit. Breathing and meditation help with joint stiffness, experts say.

YOGA'S MIND-BODY CONNECTION

Practice helps build muscle, shrink joint pain and may delay surgery

By Robin Erb
Gannett Michigan

The late-afternoon sun drapes the hardwood floor with subtle shadows and soft music with names like "liquid mind" and "deep peace" drifts in and out of the consciousness.

No one here at Karma Yoga in Bloomfield Township is uttering clinical phrases like "joint health" or "orthopedic replacement." Rather, from yoga instructor Lynn Medow, simply this: "Breathe."

And perhaps that's the magic of yoga.

It's the soothing, slow exhale of the day's stresses for a nearly imperceptible exchange of oxygen-rich blood that is now flowing to these dozen spinal columns stretched on mats. Also being nourished: The accompanying pairs of elbows, knees, hips, ankles and wrists that gently angle, stretch, bend and twist.

Yoga, Medow says later, "is a moving meditation."

"You're breathing and moving and you may hear a few words or directions to help prevent injury, but

you do it almost automatically. That's how the body, on a very deep level, begins to release stress and tension," she said.

Released, too? Joint pain.

Experts say yoga, the breathing and meditation practice that dates to ancient India, and similar low-impact activities are the best antidote for pain and stiffness that can be the result of a lifetime's worth of stress, grinding and gravity.

Estimates vary on how many Americans have joint pain, but it's clear that it's a growing problem as we live longer and, for many of us, live more actively both in work and play.

Last year, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that 22.7 percent of U.S. adults — 52.5 million people — have arthritis, a complex family of musculoskeletal disorders.

Among the most common is osteoarthritis, a painful degenerative disease caused by wear and tear on bones and joints.

About 22.7 million of Americans said arthritis

limits their daily activities.

"If we lived on the moon, we wouldn't have arthritis. But with weight, it's like a mortar and pestle on our joints," said David Gilboe, a long time physical therapist based in St. Clair Shores and a board member of the Arthritis Foundation.

Low-impact activities like yoga, tai chi, and pilates are especially helpful in fighting that aging process, according to a growing body of research.

That's because exercise doesn't just control weight, which, in turn lowers the pounds-per-square-inch pressure on joints.

The oxygen-rich blood throughout the body in exercise also helps slow loss in bone and muscle and cartilage. It strengthens muscles, tendons and ligaments, which, in turn, helps keep joints properly aligned and at less risk for injury.

It also promotes range of motion, a particular problem for those with arthritis.

And specifically with low-impact activities, all this happens "with less offense to damaged joints," Gilboe said.

Plus, deep, controlled

breathing lowers blood pressure and minimizes the production of cortisol, a stress hormone, and promotes the release of feel-good endorphins, he added.

Medow's class this day is nearly evenly split between men and women. There are thin and thick bodies, tall and short, old and young.

In bare feet, the 62-year-old Medow pads between them soundlessly, periodically tapping on a closed-eyes participant to ask permission to help, then gently nudging legs, arms, hips and ankles into proper position.

Unlike a lot of exercise, yoga is for any ability, any age, any size and it doesn't take much for the benefits to start kicking in, she said.

Trained in classical ballet, Medow was about 40 and also had added weight-lifting, aerobics and modern dance to her life. With two children and a job in social work, her life, like so many others, was clogged with meetings and deadlines and other responsibilities.

"I stepped on the yoga mat and felt I'd come home. It just felt right in my body. ... It was strengthening. It was

stretching. It was relaxing," she said.

Over the years, Medow has pulled from different traditions and styles, adapting those to clients who come to her for private sessions. Some are partially paralyzed. Others are wracked with pain.

In a small private room with a body-length mirrors, bottled water, foam balls and other props, Medow and her client begin with breathing.

She moves on to the feet, the "root" of the body, she said, and works her way up to assess skeletal alignment and the body's strengths and vulnerabilities.

"Yoga doesn't deny your pain, but it's about looking at what you can still do," Medow said.

Always, she said, clients leave feeling better. Years of research back her up.

In one study published earlier this year, researchers found that eight weeks of yoga at home "significantly" reduced pain in the 39 participants with osteoarthritis. It also helped participants sleep better.

There are dozens of styles and traditions in yoga.

The trick is knowing which fits you, your interests and your abilities, said Julie Levinson, an instructor at Vita Wellness Center at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital.

Like Medow, Levinson specializes in adaptive yoga, which uses chairs, blocks, bolsters, blankets, straps and towels to modify yoga poses.

"Some people who are hungry for that fast, competitive drill can find that in yoga," she said.

But she and experts say it's important to be cautious, too.

"Not every form of yoga is good" for someone with arthritis, said Eric Matteson, chair of rheumatology at the Minnesota-based Mayo Clinic, which has produced two books on arthritis.

It's crucial to pay attention to the practice's fundamentals, Levinson said: "Yoga encourages those mind-body connections to pay attention to the pain — the thing that got some of us in trouble in that it hurts-so-good, go-for-the-burn, Jane Fonda era."

It's always a good idea to speak with your health provider before any activity, including yoga, she added.



JESSICA J. TREVINO | GANNETT MICHIGAN

Dr. Rachel Rohde, assistant professor of orthopedic surgery at Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine, asks her patient Linda Kovan, 57, of Novi to open and close her hand. Kovan had surgery two days prior to this visit for an ulnar nerve decompression and trigger finger release.

Everyday joint damage different for men and women

By Robin Erb
Gannett Michigan

The differences between men and women, we have known for years, are bone-deep.

Dr. Rachel Rohde knows that firsthand. She's one of the few female orthopedic surgeons in the U.S. and a mom.

And when the Beaumont Healthcare doctor isn't reassembling fingers mangled by snow blowers or wrists gnawed

down by sports and jobs, she repairs the everyday wear and tear to joints.

For women, musculoskeletal engineering, hormones, gender differences on a molecular level, even life's activities may contribute to certain injuries that are more pronounced than in men, she said. It's the kind of pain that's ever-present, nagging you out of sleep.

"I slept through the night last night," said Linda Kovan, a 57-year-old Novi saleswoman, who recently came back

to Rohde.

Once a competitive tennis player and a dental hygienist, hygienist, Kovan has wrist and hand problems typical of many women, Rohde said.

It's why Rohde uses spring-loaded scissors, a one-touch automatic can opener and fat-handled pens: "The best thing we can do is treat our bodies kindly and use the right tools," she said. "It's about protection before it happens."

FIVE INJURIES COMMON IN WOMEN

HAND OSTEOARTHRITIS

Women are more susceptible to osteoarthritis, the results of daily wear and tear that grinds down the lubricated cartilage cushioning the ends of bones.

Best tip: In addition to gadgets that can take pressure off your joints when you're cutting something or opening a can, for example, give your hands a rest from repetitive, forceful actions and try hand exercises. For more information and to see illustrations, go to www.mayo.edu and search "hand exercises."

CARPAL TUNNEL SYNDROME

A common source of numbness and pain in the hand, carpal tunnel syndrome is more common in women than men.

Best tip: Resting your hands from repetitive motions. If you feel pain, try a wrist splint at night to ease symptoms.

DE QUERVAIN'S TENOSYNOVITIS

The tendons on the thumb side of the wrist are squeezed within a small sheath, causing pain at the base of the thumb when turning the wrist, grasping or pinching, or making a fist.

Best tip: A splint may keep the wrist and thumb from moving. It's sometimes called a "thumb spica splint."

PERONEAL TENDONOSIS

The peroneal tendons run on the outside of the ankle just behind the bone.

Best tip: Proper footwear is key. Give the 26 bones and 33 joints in your feet and ankles a rest from footwear such as high heels that subjects them to prolonged, unnatural forces.

BUNIONS AND HAMMER TOES

The bump on the inside of your foot near your big toe is particularly sensitive to pressure caused by pointed and narrow footwear. That force, made greater with heels, can push the big toe into the smaller toes. Likewise, bad shoes that cramp the toes can force joints upward, causing hammer toes.

Best tip: Generally sensible shoes. Reluctant? Consider: If you have surgery to correct either of these problems, your heel-wearing days will be over for good.

Painful joints don't mean giving up sports

By Robin Erb
Gannett Michigan

Nursing aging, achy joints doesn't mean it's time to stop moving.

It might just be time to change up your exercise routine and rethink what challenges you.

Early in his career, Dr. James Carpenter, who heads the new University of Michigan Musculoskeletal Center, advised one patient — a longtime, avid runner — that his knees were shot. No more running, the doctor said.

"He fainted right in the office," the doctor recalled.

The patient returned years later, handing the doctor a newspaper article about himself.

As it turns out, the patient took the doctor's advice, eventually turn-

ing in running shoes for hiking boots, and he challenged himself to climb to the top of the highest point in every state. A newspaper wrote about his efforts.

Carpenter said he no longer tells patients to stop running. The better advice for someone who loves their sport, he and others said, is to mix up those routines so that you're working different parts of your body and reducing overexertion of troubled parts.

"It's about modifying what you do," Dr. Michael Drelles, a pain management specialist with the Wayne State University Physician Group said.

So if you like a gym treadmill, try an elliptical instead, for example.

If you've always been a fan of aerobics, move to

low-impact aerobics, he advises. And if you like to run seven days a week, consider exchanging two or three of those days for a similarly high-aerobic activity, such as swimming.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control & Prevention recommends the following for those with arthritis:

» 2 hours and 30 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic activity per week or

» 1 hour 15 minutes of vigorous-intensity aerobic activity per week or

» An equivalent combination of moderate and vigorous activity. As a general rule, one minute of vigorous activity is the same as two minutes of moderate activity.

Additionally, muscle strengthening exercises should be done two or

more days per week, along with balance exercises three times a week if you're at risk of falling.

Very often, those exercises may help you delay — even avoid — surgery, Drelles said.

"Always realize that just because you're going to see a doctor ... you're not destined for surgery," said Drelles.

Rather, it's about talking about your options. That goes for activity, too. Ask your doctor about what sport or recreation might help — and what might aggravate — your pain.

Other ideas from metro Detroit and national doctors and experts

Walking: It not only helps you maintain a healthy weight and

strengthen your bones, it can boost your mood and improve your balance and coordination.

Aquaxercise: The buoyancy of the water takes the weight off the joints, making it a top recommendation for patients with joint pain but who still seek a highly aerobic exercise.

Biking: Pedaling continues to burn plenty of calories and the scenery flies by — but without the constant pounding of running.

Pickle ball: A racquet sport, it uses a lightweight, perforated ball and can be a bit more gentle on the knees and ankles than tennis.

Tai chi, yoga, pilates: These slow-mov-

ing, muscle-building activities stress relaxation and stress relief even as they burn calories, promote flexibility and strengthen muscle and other soft tissue.

Bowling: Those with back or shoulder problems must approach with caution. For others, bowling offers social interaction as well as relatively low-impact, calorie-burning movement.

Golfing: Like bowling, golf must be approached carefully with certain joint problems, like back or shoulder pain. Still, it also can help build muscles that ultimately can alleviate that pain. If you have joint pain, it's important to talk to a health provider before taking it up for the first time.



Trenton Mayor Kyle Stack, 57, right, is a longtime athlete who works out regularly. She has had her hips replaced and hopes to delay or avoid knee surgery. Stack and Roy Vreeland, her personal trainer at Trenton Athletic Club, review the progress she has made.

Joint reasons to lose the pounds: hip and knee pain

It always surprises me that my clients don't associate complaints of bad knees, hip pain and swollen ankles at night with weight gain or obesity.

When I suggest that weight loss may help to alleviate some, if not all of those symptoms — if no permanent damage is present — they're in shock or denial.

Osteoarthritis is the most common joint disorder. It's due to aging and wear and tear on a joint. While obesity does not directly cause osteoarthritis, it increases the amount of stress on joints and contributes to wear and tear.

For every 10 pounds of excess weight gained, you increase your chances of joint pain and or osteoarthritis by approximately 40% according to the HealthCentral.com, an online site of health info.

Take a seat, relax those joints and take notes. No Mess!

The load-bearing joints, such as the knees and hips, are typically the most affected, said internist Dr.

Kimberly Manning, associate professor of medicine and program director at the Emory University School of Medicine.

Diet is crucial to any sustained weight loss program, she said. But exercise, including resistance training, is essential to help people improve the functioning of their joints while losing weight.

Ah, you say, "But I can't stand up," or "It hurts to even walk into my house." All is not lost. Water aerobics offers a joint-gentle route to both cardiovascular fitness and strength training.

The buoyancy of the body in water takes the pressure off the hips and knees while the water provides challenging resistance.

The best advice? Keep moving. I discourage motorized chairs or any items that encourage patients not to walk — especially when they can walk.

No question, arthritis hurts but improving joints starts with working through some rehabilitation and strengthening.



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Dr. Kimberly Manning

Knee, hip replacements are signs of baby boomers' active lifestyles

By Robin Erb
Gannett Michigan

Orthopedic implants — once the dreaded inevitability of our final, fragile years — are now part of the lives of the nation's active baby boomers and their adult children.

Sure, we're living longer and parts wear out. And collectively, we're carrying around more pounds these days — an increased pounds-per-square-inch grinding down on knees and hips.

But then there's this, too: Few of us — to borrow from poet Dylan Thomas — will go gently into retirement.

Instead, we're zig-zagging across tennis courts and knocking out laps at the local pool.

Twisting and wrenching on hockey rinks and chasing glory on the softball diamond.

Pounding out 5Ks and marathons trying to squeeze extra mileage out of joints pounded during the era of high impact, no-pain no-gain racquetball and home video aerobics.

All of this means millions of Americans are in line for replacement parts in the coming few years. In the meantime, they turn to everything from physical therapy to pain pills to chicken shots made from the combs of roosters.

An estimated 45 million have some level of joint pain, according to the Minnesota-based Mayo Clinic, which has published two consumer-oriented books on managing arthritis pain.

Less than a decade ago, 792,449 new hips and knees were put into Americans; by the year 2020, that number is expected to jump to nearly 2.1 million, according to a study published this year in the *Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery*.

Even in the depth of the bum economy between 2009 and 2010, business in the orthopedic operating room was booming, with some major joint replacements showing double-digit

growth.

"People anticipate being active in retirement," said Dr. James Carpenter, who heads the University of Michigan's new Comprehensive Musculoskeletal Center, where 250 doctors from nearly a dozen specialties are focused on the complex interplay of muscle and tendon and cartilage.

Among baby boomers, he said, "there's an expectation and a demand that they function longer and function without pain."

Finally, today's technology, including fine-detail imaging equipment and robotic arms, have made orthopedic surgery almost routine in recent years. There's less scarring and quicker recovery time.

At the Detroit Medical Center, Dr. Roland Brandt uses MAKOpasty, a robotic arm that helps doctors resurface only the parts of the knee damaged by osteoarthritis. In December, DMC doctors used the machine for the first time in hip surgery, said the longtime orthopedic surgeon.

"The kind of procedure that used to keep someone in the hospital for two or three days with swelling and discomfort is now an outpatient procedure with an hour and a half of recovery time and you go home," Brandt said.

Patients worry about months of painful recovery, but he said: "I can tell them they'll be back on the golf course in two weeks if things go well."

Bone on bone

Joint pain is often the result of a lifetime of wear-and-tear of cartilage, the tissue that allows for frictionless, painless motion.

Orthopedic surgeon Dr. James Eberhard sees it when he pulls out an arthritic hip — the loss of cartilage, the inflammation and then bony spurs that build up painfully as bone grinds bone.

Imagine a chicken bone with

that white, shiny stuff at the end, he tells patients.

If you scrape that white stuff off with a knife, the Oakwood Healthcare doctor said, "you've given it arthritis."

Such wear-and-tear can be made worse by decades-old, minor damage — the kind of thing that Rebecca Bartek imagines she sees, as if in slow motion, each time a girl's elbow slams onto the floor of a volleyball court or a knee twists out of whack on a lacrosse field.

For half of her work week, Bartek is an athletic trainer at Academy of the Sacred Heart in Bloomfield Hills. The other half, she's at Henry Ford Health System's Detroit campus teaching "joint preservation" classes to those in their 30s, 40s and 50s seeking relief from joint pain that has grown intolerable.

"I tell the girls: 'I know you want to get back as soon as you can to playing. But you have to take the time, re-educate the muscles, or I'm going to see you when you're 35,'" she said.

Athletes of any age — both competitive and casual — worry about the right foods to eat before the big game and the best workouts for the gym.

They ignore those nagging little pains, often the body's message that worse is to come.

The key is listening to your body's pain now — not tomorrow or next week, she and others said.

"Bigger, faster, stronger — everyone wants that. But you have to protect those joints, too."

Kyle Stack, mayor of Trenton, knows.

"I was really involved in sports all my life and I think it's come to bite me in the butt," she said, chuckling.

Tough to exercise

After a lifetime of tennis and ice skating and dancing and softball (a catcher), she has had both hips replaced and her knee is giving her trouble these days.

Pain — occasional at first

and then ever-present — made it tougher to exercise. She gained weight, putting more pressure on the joints, a vicious cycle.

In fact, a single pound is equivalent to four pounds on your knee, according to a 2005 study published by the journal *Arthritis & Rheumatism*. Controlling factors like footwear and gait, researchers concluded that shedding just 10 pounds reduces the "compressive load" on the knees by 48,000 pounds each mile.

"I was getting kind of depressed — 'God, am I ever going to get better?'" she said.

That's when officials from Oakwood Healthcare approached her. Oakwood doctors wanted to partner with the city to step up health screenings and health programming — an effort unveiled last month to shrink the city's collective waistline, address chronic health problems and focus residents on healthy living.

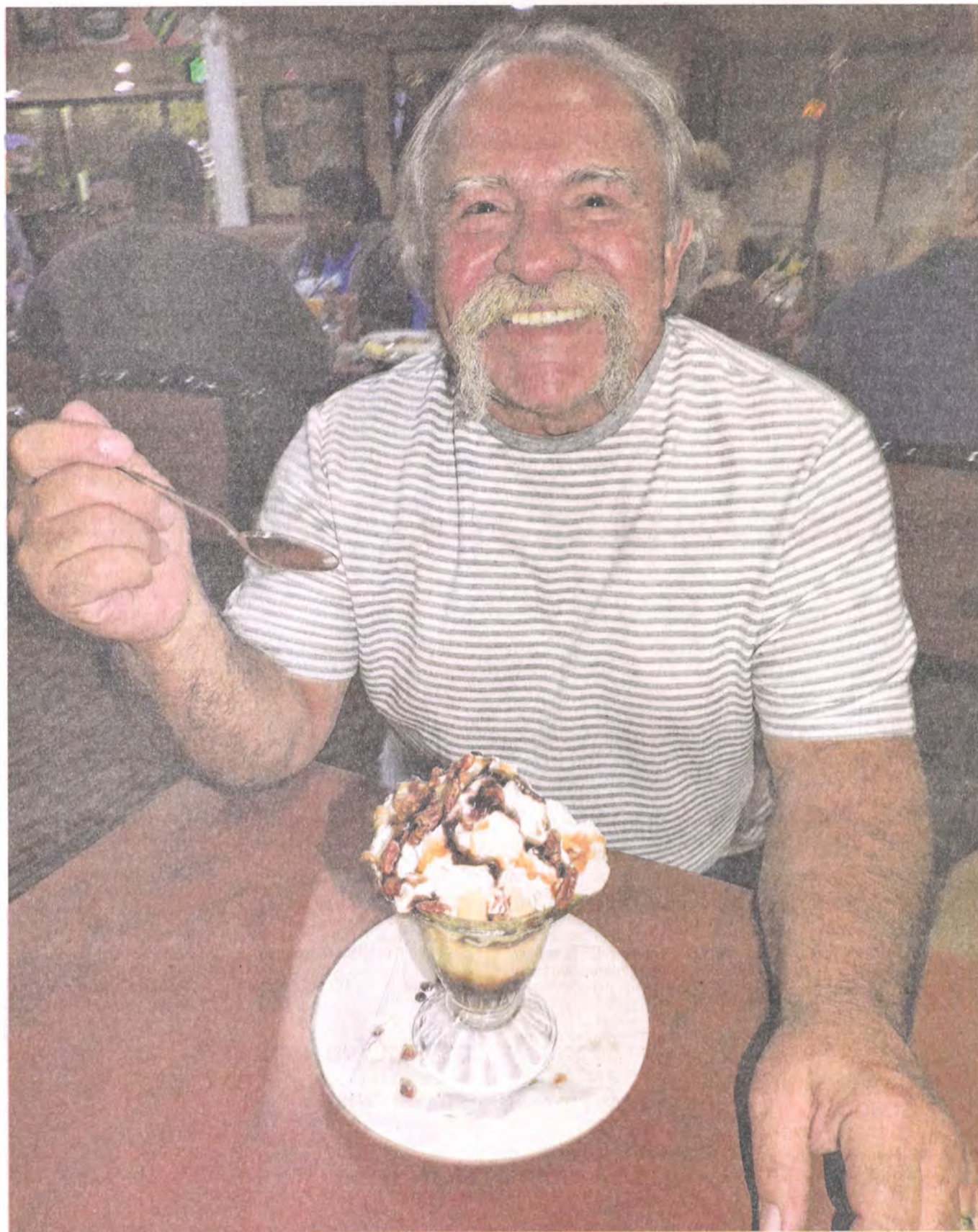
Stack was daunted. But, typical of an athlete perhaps, she also was all in.

Amid the clink of weight machines, Stack and Roy Vreeland, her personal trainer at the Trenton Athletic Club, reviewed the progress she has made: lifting more weight, more reps, fewer inches and, most important, a general return of her energy and confidence.

Vreeland, counting Stack's reps and with a post-workout tuna fish sandwich and a health drink awaiting, says tracking your progress is as simple or as complicated as you want to make it. Done correctly, though, the results are the same.

"It's the muscular system that supports and stabilizes the skeletal system, including the joints," he said. "When you lose the muscle, you lose the structural support around hips, around the knees, around the back, around the neck, around the shoulders.

"It only gets worse as you continue to lose muscle tissue."



MARY QUINLEY

Gary Brockway of Livonia celebrates his birthday at Tony's Bar & Grill. The Livonia-based eatery offers a complimentary ice cream sundae to customers who are celebrating a birthday.

Eateries say 'Happy Birthday' with free dinners, treats galore

By Mary Quinley
Correspondent

On a recent Monday evening, after playing a spirited game of trivia at Tony's Bar & Grill in Livonia, Gary Brockway hung around to celebrate his birthday with his wife, Ellen, and a couple of friends.

"Tony's is a very pleasant place to have a little birthday party," said Brockway of Livonia, as he shared spoonfuls of his complimentary sundae. Glazed-in-house roasted pecans and drizzles of Dutch chocolate and caramel topped the vanilla ice cream treat.

"Birthdays mean a lot to people. I think it's special when customers are willing to share an intimate part of their life with us," said Tony Isa, who co-owns the restaurant with his wife, Desiree.

Many local eateries, like Tony's, offer free or discounted edibles to customers who are celebrating a birthday. Some establishments also

offer anniversary discounts.

At the Canton-based 4 Friends Bar & Grill, birthday celebrants with a photo ID can order almost anything on the menu. Exceptions include the all-you-can-eat-items, filet and full rack of ribs.

"I had steak on my birthday. It was delicious!" said Terry Goehmann of Canton, who celebrated at 4 Friends with her husband, Glenn. Soup and salad were included with the entrée.

Sweet treats

Chef Phil Harrison, from Albert's on the Alley in Garden City, explained the restaurant's birthday promotion.

"We just started our birthday program. We're offering a free dessert." Celebrants may choose a Sanders cream puff, carrot cake or a Toll House sundae cookie. Valid identification is required.

Birthday patrons, who are OK with the wait staff singing a chorus of *Happy Birthday* might consider

Frank's Diner in Redford.

"Your meal is free on your birthday if you show your ID," said owner Pashk Koci. On Sundays, he said, the after-church-crowd frequently shows up with someone in the party who is celebrating a birthday.

One of the best ways to qualify for a freebie or discount is to register for the promotion on an establishment's website.

Some restaurants, like Station 885 in Plymouth, offer birthday and anniversary discounts. "Customers can sign up on our website or in person," said Nora Besk, a manager for the train-themed eatery.

Other dining spots that offer both birthday and anniversary promotions are Papa Vinos in Northville; Hungry Howie's Pizza (all locations); Sweet Lorraine's and Buca di Beppo in Livonia; and, Alexander the Great in Westland. Westborn Market in Livonia also participates in birthday and anniversary promotions.

Give yourself a tasty birthday gift this year

Check out this sampling of eateries — and a market — that offer birthday discounts. Unless otherwise noted, coupons from the establishment's website are mandatory to obtain the promotion. Most businesses require the participant to sign up online at least several weeks before their birthday. Be sure to read the fine print on the website.

» Albert's on the Alley: Garden City; free dessert and non-alcoholic beverage; www.albertsonthealley.com

» Alexander the Great: Westland; BOGO for email club members; free dessert for non-club customers; www.alexanderthegreatbbq.com

» Applebee's: Canton, Northville and Westland; free dessert with purchase of entrée; www.applebees.com

» Arby's: Canton, Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth, Redford, Wayne and Westland; free 12-ounce shake with any purchase; www.arbys.com

» Baskin Robbins: Redford and Westland; one free scoop (2.5-ounce) of ice cream; www.baskinrobbins.com

» Buca di Beppo: Livonia; free brownie sundae or dessert of choice; www.bucadibeppo.com

» Buddy's: Livonia; free four-slice cheese pizza; www.buddyspizza.com

» Denny's: Plymouth; free Build Your Own Grand Slam Breakfast; ID required for promotion; www.dennys.com

» Dunkin' Donuts: Westland, Plymouth, Livonia, Redford, Canton and Farmington; free medium drink; www.dunkindonuts.com

» Einstein Bros.: Northville and Plymouth; free bagel or breakfast sandwich with purchase of any drink; www.einsteinbros.com

» Famous Dave's: Westland; free ice cream sundae; www.famousdaves.com

» Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar: Livonia; box of truffles; www.flemingssteakhouse.com

» 4 Friends Bar & Grill: Canton; complimentary entree with photo ID; 734-416-0880

» Frank's Diner: Redford; free meal with valid ID; 313-937-0700

» Garden City Cafe: Garden City; free dessert; 734-338-6160

» Hungry Howie's Pizza: Canton, Livonia, Farmington, Garden City, Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Wayne and Westland; free medium one-topping pizza with \$5 minimum purchase; www.hungryhowies.com

» Max & Erma's: Livonia and Westland; free cookies for Good Neighbor Rewards' customers; www.maxandermas.com

» Panera Bread: Canton, Farmington, Livonia, Plymouth and Westland; free bakery item; www.panerabread.com

» Papa Vinos: Northville; free dessert with purchase of entrée; www.PapaVinosItalianKitchen.com

» Ruby Tuesday: Canton, Plymouth and Westland; free Birthday Burger with online coupon or complimentary cupcake for patrons without coupon; www.rubytuesday.com

» Starbucks: Redford, Livonia, Westland, Canton, Farmington and Plymouth; purchase a gift card at any Starbucks location and then register online for free menu item; www.starbucks.com

» Station 885: Plymouth; free entree; www.station885.com

» Steak 'n Shake: Livonia; free Double Cheeseburger with Cheese 'n Fries; www.steaknshake.com

» Sweet Lorraine's: Livonia; free dessert with entree purchase; www.sweetlorraines.com

» Thomas's: Livonia; complimentary entree and gourmet cupcake; www.tho-massdining.com

» Tony's Bar & Grill: Livonia; free sundae; www.tonyskitchen.net

» Westborn Market: Livonia; free brownie; www.westbornmarket.com

Knights of Columbus Council in Livonia celebrates 50 years



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Thomas A. Dooley, Thomas A. Dooley V, and Katie Dooley enjoy the Dr. Thomas A. Dooley Knights of Columbus 50th anniversary celebration in Livonia.



Charter member Walter Jablonski (left) receives a plaque from Grand Knight Jerry Sulak.



Steve Jacek (left), Ed Strach, Jerry Sulak and Mike Malinowski show the 50th anniversary plaque honoring the Dr. Thomas A. Dooley Knights of Columbus.

Dr. Thomas A. Dooley Knights of Columbus Council's yearlong 50th Anniversary Jubilee Celebration wrapped up recently with Mass at Madonna University and a dinner/dance at St. Aidan Church Hall.

One hundred thirty-

six Knights, their families and friends attended the event.

Following the invocation by the Rev. Gary Michalik, Grand Knight Jerry Sulak, welcomed attendees. Other speakers included master of ceremonies Norb Gic-

zewski, Michael J. Malinowski, state K of C Immediate past state deputy, and Steve Jacek, state K of C director of membership retention.

Malinowski presented Sulak with a plaque honoring the Council for 50 years of service.

In addition to Malinowski and his wife, Maureen, and Jacek and his wife, Terry, special guests included district deputy Ed Strach and his wife, Lynn, past chaplain the Rev. Henry Roodbeen and the Rev. Mike Loyson. Charter member,

Walter J. Jablonski, past Grand Knights and widows of deceased Council members also were recognized.

Dr. Thomas A. Dooley's nephew, Thomas A. Dooley, his wife, Katie, and his son, Thomas A. Dooley V, also attended

the event.

The evening was capped off with dancing to the music of The Variations.

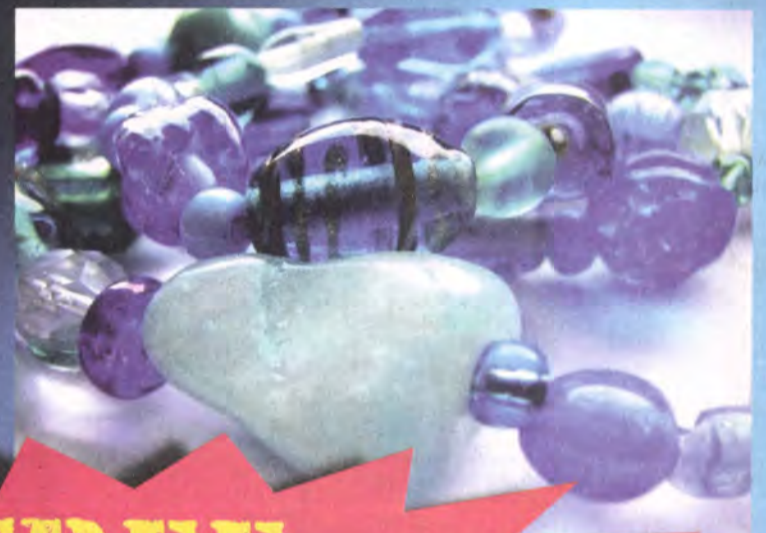
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By Robert Half

Attending a job fair can seem a little like speed dating. You're one of many in a line of candidates who meet with participating employers so quickly there is barely time to shake hands and say hello before being rushed along.

With a little effort, however, you can use this brief time to your advantage. Here's how to stand out at job fairs:

BE CHOOSY

If you treat a job fair as a simple matter of presenting yourself for selection, you're cheating yourself. You should be the one doing the selecting. That begins with being choosy about the events you attend. A job fair that neither fits your specialty nor offers jobs in cities you would consider working in probably won't be worth your time.

Once you've found a suitable

event, don't worry about making an impression on every employer there. Instead, create a list of the three or four that are a great match for your professional goals and interests. Don't overlook less familiar firms, which may have excellent career opportunities while attracting less competition. After you've made contact with each of your top targets, investigate additional companies as time permits.

PREPARE TO STAND OUT

While your time with an employer during the fair may be brief, approach the event as though you were preparing for several conventional job interviews that just happen to be scheduled on the same day. Ask members of your network what they know about the employers you're targeting and research those firms' current priorities. Come up with a few questions

that demonstrate your familiarity with each company.

Dress as you normally would for an interview and prepare a resume that's customized for each of your top choices. Bring hard copies with you to the fair, even if you submitted your resume online when you registered.

Don't count on your resume to buy you extended attention from an employer. Every minute of a company's time at a job fair is precious. Well before the event, practice a pitch that's about the length of a TV commercial. Write it out, memorize it and rehearse it in front of a friend willing to provide a critique. The pitch should establish who you are, what your specialties are and how you can benefit the business.

FOCUS ON LITTLE THINGS

The finer points of job-fair behavior can make the difference between a successful event and a

waste of time. Here are some tips that can lead to better results.

Lose the posse. It can be comforting to attend a big event with a friend or two, but would you bring them along to a conventional job interview? Remember that the idea is to stand out and make new connections.

Use the whole event. When you're standing in line to meet an employer or get lunch, introduce yourself to people around you. Take an interest in them, whether they're on the hiring or job-seek-

ing side, and let them know your own story. It's a low-stakes way to practice your pitch, as well as a chance to build your network.

Swag isn't free. You're here to find work, not to accumulate stuff you'll discover buried deep in a desk drawer the next time you move. Loading up on freebies looks unprofessional.

FOLLOW UP FOR MAXIMUM EFFECT

Keep in mind the job fair isn't over once you head back home. After the event, send your new contacts a brief thank-you email that reiterates what you can offer their companies. Remind them of any distinguishing points you discussed.

It's true that most aspects of a job fair are out of your control. But that doesn't mean it's an entirely random affair. If you approach it as enduring a day of drudgery in exchange for a long-shot chance at a job offer, it's unlikely to do you any good. But if you're selective and assertive about the parts of the process you can control, you'll have good reason to feel optimistic about your chances.

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2015 Lincoln MKZ is 'attracting next generation of luxury car buyers'

By Greg Mullin
Staff Writer

The 2015 Lincoln MKZ continues to represent the road ahead for the Ford Motor Co., said Steve Hunsinger, sales manager at Jack Demmer Lincoln in Dearborn.

"With its design, performance and technology, the MKZ is attracting the next generation of luxury car buyers," he said.

Those customers enjoy a wide range of standard features, plus three power train options:

» The standard 2.0L EcoBoost I-4.

» The available 3.7L Ti-VCT V6 engine.

» The Lincoln MKZ Hybrid, which offers the third-generation 2.0L Atkinson-cycle I-4 gas engine.

The 2015 Lincoln MKZ competes head-to-head in the luxury mid-size sedan market with brands like the Acura TL, Cadillac CTS, Infiniti Q50 and Lexus ES 350, while the Lincoln MKZ Hybrid contends with vehicles like the Infiniti Q50 Hybrid and Lexus ES 300h.

"There are many standard features on the MKZ that aren't offered on many of the competitive models," Hunsinger said.

"One of the most intriguing features of the MKZ is the push-button transmission, which is on the dashboard, alleviating the center console shift and offering a more open feel to the cabin of the vehicle," Hunsinger said.

The 2015 MKZ incorporates the new Lincoln design language of "elegant simplicity."

Exterior design features include:

» Adaptive LED auto headlamps.

SAFETY FEATURES

Safety and security features abound in the MKZ. Among them are:

» AdvanceTrac electronic stability control.

» Driver and front-passenger knee airbags.

» Dual-stage driver and front-passenger airbags.

» Front-seat side airbags.

» Side-curtain airbags with roll-fold technology.

» Emergency trunk release.

» Inflatable rear safety belts (available as a free-standing option with select or reserve equipment groups).

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» Tire pressure monitoring system.

» Traction control.

» Auto high beams.

» Body-color exterior door handles with chrome insert.

» Configurable daytime running lamps (available with select and reserve equipment groups).

» LED tail lamps and light-pipe driving lamps.

» Split-wing grille with chrome surround.

» Pedestal-mounted heated side-view mirrors



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The 2015 MKZ incorporates the new Lincoln design language of "elegant simplicity."

with integrated turn signals, blind spot mirrors and security approach lamps.

» Power up/down deck lid (available).

» Rectangular dual exhaust with bright tips.

» Retractable panoramic roof.

Interior design features include:

» 10.1-inch LCD instrument cluster.

» Ambient lighting — customers can choose from seven different colors (select equipment group).

» Flow-through front console with storage bin, trinket tray and two cup holders.

» Genuine wood appliques.

» Illuminated scuff plates.

» Premium leather seating surfaces (select

and reserve equipment groups).

"The luxury and elegant attributes of the MKZ have not gone unnoticed by today's luxury car buyers," Hunsinger said.

"The MKZ has done very well with current Lincoln owners, but Lincoln is looking at the big picture of attracting the competitive buyers and converting them to Lincoln owners."

In fact, Lincoln predicts that 45 percent of sales will be to past or current Lincoln owners, while 55 percent of sales will come from "conquest" customers, Hunsinger said.

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The 2015 Lincoln MKZ features a flow-through front console with storage bin, trinket tray and two cup holders and a 10.1-inch LCD instrument cluster.

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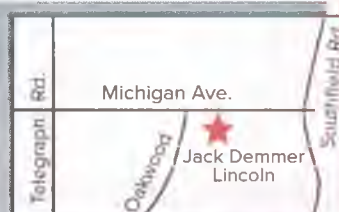
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