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Pair charged in Plymouth man's slaying

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Marathon detective work led to the arrests of two people who were charged Friday with the murder of longtime Plymouth Township resident Kenneth LaBita.

LaBita, 76, was found Monday evening shot to death in his house on Gilbert Avenue, just east of Haggerty. He had lived in the house for about 40 years and grew up in a house down the street, said his sister, Sally Lemus.

Andrew J. Nutt, 22, of Westland and Miriah Pisarski, 19, of the city of Wayne are each charged with first-degree premeditated murder, felony mur-



LaBita

der, using a gun during a felony and larceny.

Judge Michael Gerou entered not-guilty pleas for them Friday in 35th District Court and denied

bond. They are being held in the Wayne County Jail.

LaBita's body was found Monday evening by officers who had been dispatched to his house for a welfare check. He was on the floor, with a gunshot wound to the head.

"Our detectives began working this case around the clock," Plymouth Township Chief Tom Tiderington said after the sus-

pects were arraigned. "We began interviewing a number of people."

The chief said phone records and tips from other law enforcement agencies and the public led police to Nutt. He had been acquainted with LaBita, Tiderington said, though Pisarski had not.

Wednesday arrests

The shooting is believed to have taken place in the late afternoon of Oct. 24. Police say guns appear to have been stolen from LaBita's home and police are working to recover them.

Both Nutt and Pisarski were arrested Wednesday. Tiderington said the investigation is continuing, though it doesn't

appear anyone else was involved.

Lemus, LaBita's sister, cried softly during the arraignment. Later, she said she and her brother grew up nearby on the same street.

"It's horrible, horrible," said Lemus of Dearborn.

She said she was upset by the youth of defendants Nutt and Pisarski. "I look at them and they're, they're just kids," she said.

Lemus praised the police for the investigation and quick arrests and the community for its tips and support. "They've all been very, very kind," she said.

Her brother was well-known in the area, Lemus said. A

neighbor, Gordon Smith, said Wednesday LaBita had retired about 10 years ago from Dunn Steel.

LaBita lived alone. His wife Myrtle died in 2012 and their daughter, Sherry Ann LaBita, died in 2008.

Lemus said there will be no funeral services and that her brother's remains will be cremated. A private luncheon for friends and neighbors is planned.

Nutt and Pisarski are due back in district court for a preliminary hearing Friday, Nov. 14.

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Clerks expect large voter turnout in Wayne, Westland Tuesday

By Sue Mason
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An increased interest in the November election is showing up in requests for absentee ballots in Wayne and Westland.

Westland City Clerk Eileen DeHart Schoof and Wayne City Clerk Matthew Miller are reporting a higher than usual request for the ballots than normally scene in a gubernatorial election.

"We've issues 7,150 ballots (as of Thursday), that's 2,000 more than were issued for any gubernatorial election," said Schoof. "So far 2,600 have not been returned. We usually have about 95 percent returned. Hopefully all of them will be turned in."

"We have more than 1,350 and that's 10 percent of the registered voters in Wayne," said Miller. "That's a little higher than in the 2010 vote when we issued 1,250 ballots."

Both clerks are predicting a large turnout at the polls on Election Day, Nov. 4. In Westland, about 40 percent of the 63,000 registered voters turn out for the gubernatorial election. Schoof is predicting it will be more like 50 percent.

In 2010, 38.2 percent of Wayne's more than 13,200 registered voters went to the polls. Miller is pegging it at 45 percent this election.

"I believe we're going to be very busy at the polls," he said. "It could be that some proposals have spurred interest, but we continually try to reach residents to get out and vote. Maybe it's finally working."

Increased interest

Schoof believes that the increased interest is due in large part to the governor's race.

"People are more aware of the governor's race this year and a lot of the issues on the

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Bailey Fallows works on her project, a monster glyph, at the Halloween Math Glyphs station hosted by the Taft-Galloway Bright Futures program.

Wayne-Westland's Bright Futures turns 'Lights On' its after-school programs

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer



Zoe Johnson and friends play a game of circle volleyball under the watchful eye of Brett Tavana, Bright Futures coordinator at Hoover Elementary in Wayne.

The lights were on and everyone was home at Franklin Middle School in Wayne, where parents and students from four Wayne-Westland schools celebrated the work of the after-school Bright Futures program.

The celebration, held Thursday evening, was meant to send a message to Washington about the importance of after-school programs.

The Afterschool Alliance organized Lights On Afterschool to draw attention to the many ways after-school programs support students by offering them opportunities to learn new things.

"Lights On Afterschool helps raise awareness as to where the funding comes from and how important it is to keep the lights on," said Maria Mitter, director of Wayne-Westland's Bright

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ballot hit close to home for Westland residents," she said.

Miller thinks that the volume of political advertising has contributed to the spike in requests for ballots.

"I feel there so much advertising this year - it's more than ever - and

that's spurring people to vote," he said.

Voters will elect a new governor and lieutenant governor. Incumbent Rick Snyder and Brian Calley are in a tight race with Democratic challengers Mark Schauer and Lisa Brown for the state's top spots.

Voters also will elect a new attorney general, secretary of state, judges from the Supreme Court on down to district court, as well as the state Legislature, U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives.

With term-limited State Sen. Glenn Anderson's district reapportioned, Westland voters will select from current Sen. Hoon-Yung Hopgood, D-Taylor, and Republican Darrell McNeill. Wayne is in the Senate 8th District where incumbent Republican Sen. Patrick Colbeck is

being challenged by term-limited state Rep. Dian Slavens.

In the state House races, incumbent Democrat Robert Kosowski is seeking a second term in the 16th District, which includes Wayne and a portion of Westland. He's being challenged by Republican Steve Boron.

In the 11th District which includes precincts in the eastern end of Westland, Democratic Julie Plawecki of Dearborn Heights is squaring off against Republican Jim Rhoades of Garden City in hopes of replacing current state Rep. David Knezek, D-Dearborn Heights, who has decided to campaign for the Senate's 5th District seat

Other races

Neither Wayne or Westland will have county races, Wayne Mayor All Haidous was elected

to the Wayne County Commission's 11th District, which includes Wayne and a portion of Westland, and incumbent Democrat Richard LeBlanc is unopposed in his bid for a second term, representing the 12th District which includes the remainder of Westland.

Also running unopposed in the election are Westland District Judge Mark McConnell and Wayne County Community College District Trustee Sharon Scott.

Voters in the two communities also will elect four Wayne-Westland school board trustees. Appointed incumbent Charles "Trav" Griffin is being challenged by Adam Salam Adamski for a partial two-year-term, while incumbents Shawna Walker and Carol Middel and newcomers Melandie Hines and Tom

Froreich are campaigning for three four-year terms.

In addition to several state and county proposals on the ballot, Wayne voters are being asked to change the city charter to allow the election of City Council members by districts rather than at-large and to create term limits.

They also are being asked to approve the renewal of a 1-mill levy to support police and fire services for five years.

Voters can still request an absentee ballot until 4 p.m. Monday at the city clerk's offices; however, they need to come prepared to vote. They won't be able to take the ballot with them.

Polling places will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 4, in the two communities.

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Futures program.

The evening included a pizza dinner and a variety of activities, hosted by the Bright Future programs at Adams, Hoover, Franklin and Wayne Memorial High School. They were asked to color paper light bulbs and write a message about the importance of the after-school programs that will be mailed to state and national lawmakers.

In its eighth year in Wayne-Westland, the after-school program is available in 10 schools at the elementary, upper elementary, middle and secondary levels. Because the program is a licensed day care provider, it's limited to 50 students at the elementary and middle school levels, while the high school programs are drop-ins.

A part of Eastern Michigan University's Institute for the study of Children, Families and Communities, the programs are funded by

federal 21st Century Community Learning Center grants through the Michigan Department of Education. It was started by program director Lynn Malinoff in three Wayne-Westland and two Willow Run schools in 2007. It's now expanded to 20 sites in the Wayne-Westland, Ypsilanti and Romulus school districts.

In Wayne-Westland, Bright Futures reaches 600 students, with waiting lists for its elementary and middle school programs. It's offered for 32 weeks during the school year and six weeks during the summer and features a variety of clubs that delve into such things as healthy cooking, fashion design, leadership, poetry, sewing, photography, robotics and physical fitness. They also can take advantage of homework help.

Kathy Seaton of Wayne was concerned the combination of school and the after-school program at Taft-Galloway would be too long for her 8-year-old granddaughter, Hannah Thomason. Just the opposite is true.

"My granddaughter loves it, she loves the cooking," Seaton said. "She went to the summer program and was hooked. I thought she'd get halfway through it and get bored, but she wanted to be in it. I don't know if she likes the advisers or doing her homework there."

Nicole Martin's two daughters have similar opinions. Second-grader Jordyn loves all of the clubs; her older sister Maryssa favors Bricks for Kids, a club that turns Lego blocks in to electronic devices.

"My youngest is a firecracker and since she started going there, she has been behaving," Martin said. "She has a lot of energy and needs a lot of extra time. She was jealous of her sister because she got to be in it last year. This is really a good program."

Middle school Bright Futures alumni Sariah Bolden and Kennedy Merriman are continuing in the program as ninth-graders at Wayne Memorial. Bolden's mother suggested she go when she was in seventh grade.

"I didn't want to, but after I went, I liked it," Bolden said.

Merriman has been in the program since eighth grade and enjoys the cooking program and Real Talk in which students get together and talk about whatever they want.

Hoover Elementary is the newest addition to the Bright Futures family. Led by Brett Taviana, the program is starting small with 20-22 students and will build up to a full 50 students by the end of the school year.

A graduate of Wayne Memorial High School, Taviana is student teaching in Wayne-Westland and always wanted to come back.

"I see the potential, I know the families," he said. "For the first quarter, half of the clubs have an academic focus. The math club has the students working with board games and the science club is working on projects. The writing club emphasis is on facilitating youngsters who want to be writers, but don't know how to start."



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Military vets get helping hand at Schoolcraft

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Lawrence Smith of Canton served 22 years in the U.S. Army, from 1983 to 2005. His military service included time as a helicopter mechanic. He served in Egypt, Germany and all over the U.S.

Smith, now a Detroit Police Department officer of 16 years, returned to school at Schoolcraft College, graduating with honors in 2012 with an associate's degree in criminal justice. He tips his hat to Pam Paxton-Keehner, Veterans Services coordinator at Schoolcraft.

"She's the best I've ever run into," Smith said of Paxton-Keehner. "She's very good. She really was there to help you at all times. She's still my friend. We still talk."

Smith, 51, is now at Eastern Michigan University, and will graduate from EMU with honors with a bachelor's degree in public safety administration this December. His wife, Kawana, and Paxton-Keehner both encouraged his return to school.

Smith and his wife are parents of three sons. He recalled "being in school with a lot of teenagers" as an adult, but also helping those young people with life skills.

"My study habits were tested," he recalled. "It came out all right." He also praises EMU, noting, "EMU has been good to me," and has a similar staffer to help with veterans' benefits.

"Going back to school was a great experience," Smith said. "I wouldn't trade it for the world."

Other veterans, including those who served in Iraq and Afghanistan, also benefit from Paxton-Keehner's expertise. Schoolcraft recently expanded its Veterans



Pam Paxton-Keehner is Veteran Services coordinator at Schoolcraft.

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Services facility, to coincide with Veterans Day on Nov. 11. A ceremony, open to the public, will be held 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11, to celebrate the expanded Veterans Resource Center in Room 240, upstairs in the McDowell Center on the Livonia campus, on Haggerty north of Six Mile.

"It's really nice they have a place they can call their own," said Paxton-Keehner, who started as Veterans Services coordinator for Schoolcraft in the spring of 2009, right around the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

Paxton-Keehner and colleagues in Student Services work with many Iraq and Afghanistan veterans and others,



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John Glenn students participate in Michigan Remembers Project

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

John Glenn High School teacher Michele Anderson has received numerous awards for the oral history project she does with her students. But Tuesday she asked her students to join her as she accepted a plaque presented by Jon Block on behalf of the Stevensville Lakeshore High School Marching in recognition of their participation in the Michigan Remembers Project.

Schools from around the state were invited to collect Michigan sand that band members poured on the graves of 666 Michigan soldiers who died during the invasion and are buried in two cemeteries in Normandy, France. Seventeen schools responded. John Glenn was one of them.

"This helps history become more real for the students," said Anderson who two years ago started a veterans' oral history project. "This falls right in line with what they need to know about history. They get to feel, see and hear history."

Block, a member of the board of directors of the French-American Chamber of Commerce, and his wife Donna delivered the plaque, which contains a vial of sand from Omaha Beach collected by the band on June 6, 2014.

"It's a 26-mile stretch of beach," Block told the students. "It was 700 yards to get to cover while the Germans were shooting at them. One of the 400 plus veterans who were there told us that when the landing craft was coming in to shore, they could hear bam, bam, bam of bullets on the door. He was one of three from that landing craft who made it to the beach."

The 180-member Lakeshore band was one of three from the United States that were invited to perform in France at ceremonies commemorating the 70th anniversary of the D-Day invasion in June 1944.

The band performed in several ceremonies and parades in and near Normandy, including a performance on Omaha Beach on D-Day and a Victory Parade through Sainte Mere Eglise, the first town liberated by American paratroopers.

"They formed a circle on the beach



Jaron Flourrnory (from left), Austin Clenney, D'Asia Jackson, Gifty Tawiah, Alicia Wypycha, Jon Block, Michele Anderson Michael Daniels and Brian Winfey show off the plaque containing a vial of sand from Omaha Beach in Normandy, France.



The sand in the vial was collected by band members on June 6, 2014, the 70th anniversary of the D-Day invasion.

and two trumpeters stood in the middle and played Taps," said Block. "One said he didn't know how he did it. It had tears running down his face."

Anderson found Michigan sand at a local nursery. All of her 120 U.S. history students helped prepare it for shipment to Lakeshore where it was mixed

and placed in vials that were taken to France. Her students also wrote personal messages, Anderson said.

"To qualify, it had to be true sand, not organic matter," she said.

Block also told the students about his father-in-law, Army Sgt. Donald Krenke, a member of an anti-aircraft battery that landed on Utah Beach on D-Day. It was under the command of General George Patton and was the first anti-aircraft unit to enter Germany.

"He left high school so he could fight for a country he didn't know," Block said.

Anderson has been recognized by the VFW and the Michigan Historical Commission for her oral history project. It started in 2012-2013 with World War II veterans who were interviewed by students and ended with a USO style dance at the high school.

Last school year students interviewed Korean veterans and staged a second USO dance. This year's project focuses on Vietnam veterans.

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Wayne-Westlands receives 2 business awards

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

The business office for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools is continuing its streak of awards for financial reporting.

Deputy Superintendent Jim Larson-Shidler and his staff have earned a Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Association of School Board Officials International and Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for the district's 2013 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Wayne-Westland is one of only four school districts in the state that received the honors for its full financial reporting and full transparency.

"This is the 15th consecutive year that Wayne-Westland has meeting the high standards recognized for a government entity," said Larson-Shidler. "It's a sign that the district is reporting its financial statement properly and in accordance with reporting standards."

Larson-Shidler thanked the business office staff, including David Kaumeyer, senior executive director of business and operations, and executive secretary Sue Rawson, for "doing a good job, especially in the recent bond refinancing."

The ASBO award is the highest recognition given for school district financial operations offered by the organization and is only given to districts that have met or exceeded the standards of the program.

The GFOA certificate is the association's "highest recognition" given in governmental accounting and financial reporting and represents "a significant accomplishment by a government and its management." It also demonstrates "a constructive spirit of full disclosure" by the district "to clearly communicate its financial story."

"Participation in both ASBO and GFOA Certificate of Excellence programs is a rewarding experience," said Larson-Shidler.

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Nostalgia Project: 'Stellar years' with Stevenson volleyball

By Dan Dean

It was described as a Cinderella story from start to finish.

The Livonia Stevenson volleyball team entered the 1983-84 season unranked, but exceeded all expectations as the Spartans finished the season ranked No. 2, making it all the way to the state finals played March 17 at Howell High School.

In the Lower Peninsula Class A final, Stevenson won the first set against Flint Kearsley, 17-15, then lost the next two sets (15-5, 15-11) to take the runner-up trophy.

Responding by email after this photo was republished online Oct. 30, former Stevenson coach Lee Cagle corrected the caption, saying he was responding to one of his players, not a referee's call. "The pic actually shows me expressing to one of the players that her attack was tentative, not aggressive, thus not winning the play," Cagle wrote in an email. Cagle said he retired from Livonia Public Schools in 2003

and has not been involved in volleyball for quite some time. "The ladies were very competitive and five went on to play at the university level," he wrote in the email.

"Those were stellar years at SHS with so many super athletes. They were not only great in sports, but also were exceptional students as well. I think the team GPA was very high. Highly motivated and self-disciplined, I rarely had to tell them to get ready. Besides all that, they were great fun and wonderful young ladies. Great times," he wrote.

Look for more photos or galleries at hometownlife.com in coming weeks and months as I take a nostalgic look at images that appeared in the *Observer & Eccentric* over the years. If you find yourself pictured or a part of the events described, feel free to add comments of your memories.

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DAN DEAN

Livonia Stevenson coach Lee Cagle reacts to one his players who he thought was tentative during play in the 1983-84 state championship match.

Brush up on your creativity with Art with the Community

It's time to get creative! Livonia Public Schools and the National Art Honor Society will host the ever-popular Art with the Community events at the three LPS high schools in November.

This inexpensive program offers students in grades 5 and up, along with parents and adults from the community, the chance to take up to two art classes for \$10 per evening. Each event has Session 1 and Session 2.

This year's offerings include the following classes:

» Franklin High School, 31000 Joy Road, 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6. All classes offered during both sessions: Digital Photography, Painting, Drawing, Clay

» Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh Road, 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11. Photography (session 1), Painting (session 1), Clay (session 2), Jewelry (session 2)

» Stevenson High School, 33500 Six Mile Road, 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18. Photography (both sessions), Clay (both sessions), Jewelry (both sessions), Anime (session 2), Printmaking (session 1).

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Sen. Rand Paul speaks to local Republicans.

U.S. Sen. Rand Paul stops by GOP office for rally

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Farmington Hills resident Ed Rennell came Wednesday to the Republican field office in Livonia after hearing U.S. Sen. Rand Paul, R-Kentucky, would be there.

After his speech, he said he was pretty pleased with what he had to talk about, ranging from the Affordable Care Act approved several years ago to other issues facing the nation.

"He's right on target," Rennell said.

Several dozen people were at the field office off Seven Mile and Farmington for a rally held by the Republican Party for local candidates and to hear Paul speak. It was Paul's second stop of the day in Michigan, one of 32 states Paul said he has visited campaigning.

Those campaign stops, he said, have left him with the raspy voice he spoke with Wednesday afternoon to the crowd.

Paul stopped to campaign for several candidates running for office who attended the event, including Dave Trott,

who is running against Democrat Bobby McKenzie for the U.S. House 11th District seat.

Paul, a vocal opponent of the ACA, more commonly known as Obamacare, talked about the issues the changes have made, including many Americans who have lost their doctors as a part of the change. He said the decisions made during Tuesday's election will affect the country greatly, depending on who is elected.

"Apparently you can't keep your doctor," he said. "If you have cancer

and want to go to a major medical center to have your cancer treated, guess what? You don't get to choose it anymore.

"This whole debate is about who gets to make the choice."

Livonia: The political place to be?

Livonia has seen a wide array of national political activity this cycle. Republicans have brought in Paul and former presidential candidate Mitt Romney for rallies, while Democrats have brought several members of Congress to

campaign as well.

Bobby Schostak, chairman of the Michigan Republican Party, spoke before Paul, telling the crowd the previous election cycle's number of 3 million voters

reached had been broken by those GOP volunteers. "Michigan volunteers have made more than 3.5 million contacts to voters," he said. "We've done that in record time."

Paul said while it took the nation a while before people of all colors and sexes could be equal when it comes to oppor-

tunity, the country today is ripe for the opportunity for anyone to succeed with the current meritocracy system, something he said Democrats don't always believe in.

"Now, we have a country where everyone can succeed based on their merit, based on how hard they work," he said. "But you've got to understand what made America great to make America great again."

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Why Are Republicans So Adamantly Against Obamacare?

Democrats and Republicans have disagreed on a lot of subjects over the years. Yet nothing in the past has drawn the wrath of Republicans like the Affordable Care Act.

There does not seem to be anything specific in the act that they are against except maybe the requirement to have insurance which is very much like the requirement in Medicare to have insurance.

The whole concept started out as a Republican idea during the Clinton Administration as an alternative to the health care plan Clinton proposed. A Republican governor, Mitt Romney, signed into law in Massachusetts a health care plan based on this Republican concept. The Affordable Care Act was to a large extent based on Romney's health care plan.

When Obama was first elected, most Democrats favored "Medicare for all" which would have had one national plan that everyone belonged to. While the Democrats controlled the House and Senate at the time, some of the more conservative Democratic senators would not go along with it. A version of what later was called Romneycare was something these more conservative Democrats would accept. It was passed and Republicans named it Obamacare.

Had Republicans really opposed the concept of the Affordable Care Act, they never would have nominated Mitt Romney for President. His argument that it is acceptable for a state to pass a health care plan but it is unacceptable for the federal government to do so makes no sense.

So why are the Republicans so adamantly against Obamacare? It can't be because they are mad at the Democrats for stealing their program. If this were true, The Republicans would be taking credit for it. No, the reason is purely politics.

For the last few decades the Republicans have campaigned about what they are against more so than what they are for. They have had success doing this. They have campaigned against taxes, abortion, government regulations, same sex marriage, illegal immigration, affirmative action, unions, welfare and crime. Obamacare gave them something else to be against and it helped them politically. They recaptured the House of Representatives mainly on this issue.

The problem with this issue is that it is unlikely to continue to be available for them. The program has just recently begun to be implemented and it looks like it is working as planned. While there are some people who now have to buy health insurance they would rather not buy, many more people are getting health coverage now than they couldn't afford before.

We have already seen that Republicans have cut back in their political advertising against Obamacare. I expect by the next election, Republicans will drop this issue completely.

Getting Children out of Poverty

Education is our state's biggest Golden Rule program. (If you were a child, wouldn't you need a quality education?) Children learn at different rates. Some children need more individual help than other children do. For a number of reasons, poor children on average need more individual help than children from more affluent areas. This means that poor children need a higher teacher ratio in their schools than other children do.

A good education may be the most important tool for poor children to use to escape poverty. We used to do better for them. In 1990, 18% of children lived in poverty. In 2012, it was 25%. Other states do a lot better for these children than Michigan does.

In 1983 the Republican Party captured the state senate. They have held it ever since. Nothing gets through Lansing without their approval. When the Republican Party evolved into the party of never ending tax cuts, spending on education started to decline. The effect on poor children was the most pronounced.

The current breed of Republican elected officials isn't known for having Golden Rule values, but they sure claim to be fiscally wise. It seems to me though, that they were being penny wise but pound foolish. Not giving poor children the tools to move out of poverty and become productive taxpayers was a bad fiscal move. Instead of contributing to our tax base as adults, many of them are a drain on our tax dollars.

There is both a Golden Rule and fiscal policy reason for giving poor children a quality education. Will the Republicans accept either one?

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Competency hearing in carjacking case pushed back again

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

The competency hearing for the woman accused in a carjacking at knifepoint in Livonia's



Baker

Civic Center campus has been pushed back again. Tanaia Baker, 18, of Detroit was expected to return to Livonia's 16th District Court Thursday morning for a competency hearing, but that hearing date was changed Wednesday, court officials said. Baker is now expected to return to court Nov. 20 for the hearing.

The pushback is the second in the case for a competency hearing. Baker was ordered for an evaluation by district judge Kathleen McCann in September and was due back in court earlier this month. But the evaluation had not taken place

yet, and McCann pushed it back to this past Thursday.

Baker is charged with one count of armed robbery and one count of carjacking, which stemmed from an Aug. 14 incident in the parking lot near the Civic Center Library. Police say Baker approached a patron walking to her car and demanded the keys from the victim. The two struggled before Baker assaulted the victim, grabbed the keys and drove away in the Livonia woman's vehicle.

Detroit police located the vehicle several days later, and Livonia police continued investigating before locating and arresting Baker, who was 17 at the time of the incident. She remains locked up in the Wayne County Jail with a \$500,000 cash or surety bond awaiting trial.

There was no official word on the reasoning behind the delay. Lillian Diallo, Baker's attorney, is also representing

Grosse Pointe Park resident Bob Bashara in the high-profile murder trial involving the death of his wife, Jane Bashara. That trial is currently taking place in Detroit's Frank Murphy Hall of Justice.

If convicted, Baker faces a maximum of life in prison.

The incident has sparked the victim, Alexandra Yarnevich, to lobby the city to place cameras across the Civic Center campus to monitor for incidents such as hers. Mayor Jack Kirksey placed police chief Curtis Caid in charge of looking into the acquisition of cameras for the campus, and said earlier this fall that with costs and other issues, the purchase and installation would most likely need to be bid out and then approved by the city council.

Those additional steps could mean the cameras may not be installed until sometime next year.

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Redford man gets 75 years in carjacking/chop shop ring

A Redford Township man was sentenced to 75 years in federal prison this week for his part in a carjacking/chop shop ring.

Bernard Edmond, 46, was convicted last year in the case.

Two Detroit brothers were also sentenced by U.S. District Judge George Caram Steeh on Monday in Detroit. Frank Harper, 30, of Detroit, was sentenced to 63 years in federal prison and Phillip Harper, 25, of Detroit was sentenced to 92 years in federal prison.

"This case is an example of the kinds of cases we are bringing under our federal campaign to crack down on carjacking," U.S. Attorney Barbara McQuade said. "Armed carjacking poses an unacceptable danger to public safety and creates a climate of fear for residents in our community. Although these convictions bring with them severe sentences, we think they are appropriate for such serious and pervasive

crimes. We hope that these convictions will deter others from committing similar crimes that wreak havoc in our neighborhoods."

The three were convicted during a three-week long trial after evidence showed that the defendants conspired with several others to steal high-end vehicles, many by committing armed carjacking, and then to retag the vehicles for sale.

Edmond would purchase the stolen vehicles from the Harper brothers and others after the thefts.

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He would then alter the vehicle identification number of the stolen vehicles to conceal the fact that the vehicles had been stolen.

Edmond would also create false documents to file with the Secretary of State, then sell the vehicles to unwitting buyers in Michigan and other states.

Edmond created a market for the stolen

vehicles by informing the Harpers and others of his desire to buy these stolen vehicles.

Series of carjackings

» On Jan. 25, 2011, Frank Harper and others carjacked a Mercedes S550 from a person at the intersection of Atwater and Joseph Campau streets in Detroit.

» On Jan. 31, 2011, the Harper brothers and another used a firearm to carjack three vehicles from a person on Joseph Campau Street in Detroit.

» On Feb. 22, 2011, the Harper brothers and others carjacked three high-end vehicles from the valet at Opus One restaurant in Detroit.

» On March 20, 2011, Philip Harper and others carjacked a Lexus 460 near Club Vain in Detroit.

Co-defendants Justin Bowman was sentenced to 168 months, Stratford Newton received a sentence of 144 months and Darrell Young received a sentence of 60 months for their roles in the conspiracy.



Planning Commission NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Redford has scheduled a public hearing for Thursday, November 6, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Redford Township Hall Board Room, 15145 Beech Daly Road, to consider the following:

Amended Zoning Map No. 03-14. A request to amend the approved Planned Development Project 2-05, commonly known as Shamrock Village by replacing the 12 multiple-family buildings with 56 units in duplex or triplex configurations pursuant to Section 3.22, D.1.

The proposed development consists of 56 rental units in duplex or triplex buildings. The units will be ranch type (one story in height) with private entrances and with 1-2 attached car garages. The units will be approximately 1072 square feet in area and have similar appearance, in terms of design and materials to the existing single family homes. In effect, approximately 6 units in duplex or triplex buildings in the proposed development replace one 12-plex condominium building in the previous plan and at approximately the same location.

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It is further required that a copy of the Application may be examined at the Redford Twp. Public Services Building, 12200 Beech Daly Rd., from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday. Phone (313) 387-2641. Interested persons unable to attend the public hearing are invited to send their written comments to the attentions of the Planning Commission at 12200 Beech Daly Road, Redford, MI 48239. All written comments must be received by the close of business November 6, 2014 to be considered.

Erin Kreis, Chairman
Planning Commission
Charter Township of Redford

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No-surrender charge annuities available

Q: Dear Rick: An annuity I purchased 10 years ago is maturing. I don't need this money and I just want to keep it in an annuity. Currently, I have a fixed annuity and I plan to switch it into a variable annuity where I can invest it into some funds. My agent has shown me a couple of variable annuity programs, one with a seven-year penalty, the other with a 10-year penalty. Even though I plan to leave the money in the annuity for many years, I don't like the idea of paying penalties if something should happen. I told my annuity person that I have read in your column that there were variable annuities that had no surrender charges. He said, "That's not true." Could you confirm there are



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

variable annuities without surrender charges? If I'm going to leave the money in an annuity for long term, do surrender charges really make a difference?

A: Yes, there are variable annuities that you can use that will not have surrender charges. What that means is if six months or a year from now you decide that you want to do something different with your money, you could close out the annuity and receive in return the full market value of the annuity.

When you have a surrender charge, it reduces the money that you will receive. For example, if

you have an annuity that was worth \$100,000 and it had a 10-percent surrender charge, when you close out you would only receive \$90,000. On an annuity that had no surrender charge, you would receive the full \$100,000.

Another element that goes hand-in-hand with the no surrender charge annuity is lower internal fees.

Variable annuities are notorious for fees. Companies that have high surrender penalties also tend to have high fees. Companies that have no surrender charges have very low fees. Therefore, by using an annuity that has no surrender charges, you have greater flexibility, lower fees and, consequently, higher returns.

Contrary to what the annuity salesperson told you, there are variable

annuities that have no surrender charges and low costs. I recommend the variable annuity through Vanguard, Fidelity or Charles Schwab. Each of these has no surrender fees, low costs and a wide variety of investment alternatives.

It is easy to move money from one annuity to another. All you need to do to complete the transaction is have the new annuity company directly transfer the money. By directly transferring the money, there are no tax issues and it's relatively simple to accomplish.

Many people may be questioning why anyone would recommend using a variable annuity that has surrender charges when there are excellent options that have much lower costs and greater flexibility. The reason is simple – low-cost annu-

ities do not charge commissions.

Typically, when you see annuities with back end surrender charges, those are the annuities that charge commissions – the longer the surrender penalty, the greater the commissions. That is why you sometimes see salespeople push annuities with 10- and 15-year penalties because they charge higher commissions. If the annuities that charge higher commissions performed better, that would be one thing; the facts suggest otherwise.

Good luck.

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

Friends hold used book sale

Bibliophiles can find some bargains at the Friends of the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland's November used book sale.

The hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 14-15 and noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16. Sunday will be Bag Day. Bring a medium size bag or buy a cool burgundy reusable Friends bag at the sale for \$2.

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Gov. Snyder visits Fox Run for Q&A

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

During Gov. Rick Snyder's campaign stop Wednesday in Novi for a question-and-answer town hall with residents at Fox Run, he detailed where he believes the state has come from since he's been in office and how he wants to continue taking it in the right direction.

He also answered some tough questions.

Snyder, who was accompanied by Lt. Gov. Brian Calley, said Michigan under his administration's guidance has risen from the ashes of a difficult decade.

"Think back to 2009; we were a broken state," he said to a packed auditorium inside Fox Run's Belmont Clubhouse.

But through strategies like reforming the tax code to balancing four solid budgets in a row, he says Michigan is now on solid ground.

The theme for Snyder's talk was that Michigan is on the road to recovery and the general atmosphere his administration has helped cultivate has played a big part. He cited successes like adding nearly 300,000 new private-sector jobs and unemployment being at its lowest in six years.

"We need to keep going," said Snyder, who has a 10-point plan (www.rickformichigan.com) for his potential second term to do things like create more jobs, revitalize the education system and reinvent government.

Calley said getting the state on the right fiscal footing was the first priority undertaken to help set the table.

"I think we've helped create a solid foundation and now it's time to focus on the future and the initiatives that will create more positive outcomes,"



Gov. Rick Snyder and Lt. Gov. Brian Calley talk to and take questions from an audience at Novi's Fox Run.

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Calley said.

Tough questions

The Q&A session was a serious one, with Fox Run residents asking questions about a range of topics.

One pertained to gay and lesbian rights and was asked by a woman who said her daughter will not move to Michigan because "she has no rights here."

Snyder said this question has two areas: marriage law and employment rights under the Elliott-Larsen civil rights act. He said he's asked the state Legislature to

review Elliot-Larsen to see what should be done under this act to ensure a fair approach to employment. However, for marriage he said he follows the state constitution. Because of the vote of the people a decade ago banning same-sex marriage, he adheres to that law as it is currently written.

He added though that the people, if so desired, could vote on this issue again. But in the short term, he said this issue will play out in the U.S. 6th Circuit Court of Appeals. Once the judges make a decision, he will respect it.

"I will follow what the law is as it's defined in Michigan," he said and assured the mother he understands.

"And again, there's an issue and I appreciate your thoughts ... there's a lot of the business community speaking up in addition to parents that are concerned about their kids," he said.

Another question was about roads and what can be done to fix them.

Snyder said the state neglected the roads for far too long and is now paying for it with busted vehicles and a lot of frustration. He said it must be

a priority to implement a plan for reinvestment into the rehabilitation of the state's roads.

"If we don't start investing more, our roads are not going to get better," he said.

One resident asked about the environment and what will be his policies toward ensuring the health of the Great Lakes and on fracking, a method of extracting oil.

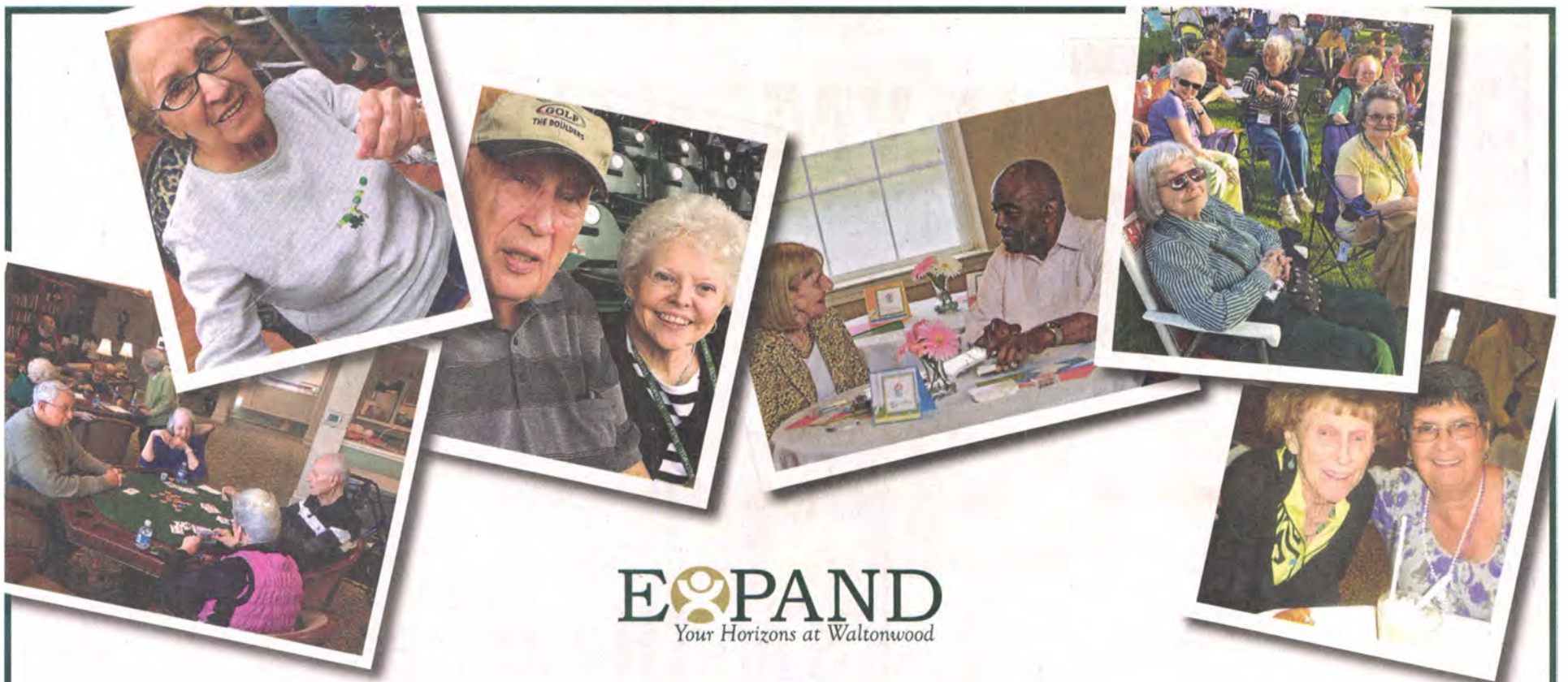
He said Michigan needs to be proactive in making sure the waters around the state are safe, while also pursuing initiatives like reducing coal consumption. He also

said Michigan is an example of the responsible use of fracking and has no big issues with it. One plan he hopes to start during a second term is a comprehensive energy policy.

Overall, those in attendance welcomed the visit and dialogue.

"I liked the upbeat and positive approach rather than attacking your opponent and cutting them down," Fox Run resident Irv Boynton said. "I was impressed."

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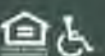
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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LADIES OF SACRED HEART TEA AND FASHION SHOW

Time/date: 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2

Location: Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church, 29125 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia

Details: The sixth annual ladies' tea, luncheon and fashion show offers food from Thomas' Catering, fall fashions from Christopher & Banks, door prizes and basket raffles. Tickets are \$30 each.

Contact: 734-261-8560.

THERAPY CHOIRS KICK-OFF CONCERT

Time/date: 1:30-3 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 4

Location: Sanctuary of Villa Marie, 15131 Newburgh Road, Livonia

Details: 2014 Holiday Kick-Off Concert program includes the original Therapy Choir, MORC Singers, harmony duet, solo, Finnish Chorus friends. Goodwill donations and volunteer voices always welcome.

Contact: Len McCulloch, 248-933-4112; www.therapychoirs.com

3D PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Time/date: 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5

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

Details: Learn how to make 3D pictures. The meetings are free to attend - visitors are always welcome. Meetings include a 3D program, refreshment break, and a competition among members. Stereo cameras, 3D movies and educational videos are available for members to rent. The meeting will also feature a presentation by special guest speaker Jay Horowitz on "Making 3D Videos."

Contact: www.Detroit3D.org, or call Dennis at 248-398-3591.

WIDOWED MEN

Time/date: 9 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 6

Location: Steve's Family Restaurant, 15800 Middlebelt Road, Livonia

Details: Widowed Friends, a peer group in the Archdiocese of Detroit, invites all widowed men to meet for breakfast and

friendship on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 9 a.m. at Steve's Family Restaurant for interesting conversations and to learn more about other social and spiritual activities.

Contact: Dick at 313-534-0399

TRIVIA NIGHT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8 - Doors open at 6 p.m.

Location: Sts. Simon and Jude Parish, 32500 Palmer, east of Venoy, Westland.

Details: Space is limited to 35 teams. The cost is \$20 per team (maximum four people) in advance and \$30 at the door. It includes 10 rounds of questions, popcorn and four hot dogs and four chips for each team. There will be mystery prizes, additional food items and beverages (beer/coolers, water, coffee) available for purchase, and a 50/50 raffle - one ticket for \$1, three for \$2, 5 for \$10 and \$10 for 25 for \$10. Register at stssimonandjude.com/new-sandactivities/trivianight.html.

Contact: For more information, call Kathy Hansen at 734-716-4436. All proceeds will go to the Sts. Simon and Jude Building Debt Reduction Program.

CRAFT/VENDOR SHOW

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8

Location: Hosanna Tabor Church, 9600 Laverne, Redford

Details: American Legion Auxiliary Unit 396 is having a Craft, Vendor and Bake Sale at Hosanna Tabor Church. Admission is \$1. Food will be available. Organizers are still looking for crafters. All proceeds go to help Veterans.

Contact: Call Kathy at 248-477-8594 or detnana@sbcglobal.net.

WOMEN AT RISK CHARITY FASHION SHOW & SALE

Time/date: 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8

Location: Vista Tech Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia

Details: Learn about domestic and global sex trafficking and the risks women face today. Shop jewelry and handmade gifts crafted by rescued and at-risk women. All clothing showcased by the Clothing Cove and Jockey will be available for purchase after the show. Participate in a purse raffle—each gently used purse contains an assortment of gifts certificates and specialty items from local merchants. Tickets are \$45 and include lunch and 10 purse raffle tickets. Every \$250 raised

supports a woman in a safe house for one month.

Contact: 734-738-6300

VETERANS MASS

Time/date: 9:45 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 9

Location: St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard Road, Livonia

Details: St. Michael invites all veterans, reservists and active military to participate in its Annual Veteran's Day Mass. There will be a color guard and flag raising ceremony at the flag pole in front of the church at 9:45 a.m. followed by the Mass at 10 a.m. An informal reception for all will follow, a highlight of which is always the letters of thanks and military tribute made by the St. Michael School children.

Contact: 734-261-1455, ext. 200; www.livoniastmichael.org.

PASTA POPS

Time/date: 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14

Location: Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia

Details: Pasta Pops is the Livonia Symphony's major fundraiser. The event begins with a silent auction of Italian-related items, pasta-type food baskets, tickets to musical events and unique wines. A family-style dinner of a variety of pastas and other foods will be served at 7 p.m. followed by a concert with many Italian favorites at 8 p.m. Tickets will not be available at the door. Reserved tickets are \$75.

Contact: 734-591-0266; www.livoniasymphony.org.

CAPTIVE FREE MEAL PACKING EVENT

Time/date: 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 16

Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile Road, Livonia

Details: All are invited to a worship service led by Captive Free, a relational music ministry team. In addition to leading worship, these dynamic youth will facilitate a Food Packaging Service Event. All are invited to help prepare 7,200 nutritious, life-saving meals for starving children around the world. Lunch will be served at 12:15 pm, followed by food packing. This is an ideal service activity for scout or other youth groups. Sponsored in part by Thrivent Financial.

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OUR VIEW

Walker, Middel, Griffin, Hines best for Wayne-Westland school board

On Tuesday, Nov. 4, voters will decide who will serve on the Wayne-Westland Board of Education.

Four seats are being filled in the election — three six-year terms and a two-year partial term — and six candidates have filed in the contest. Appointed incumbent Charles Trav Griffin is challenged by Adam Salam Adamski, formerly known as Mario Fundarski, for the partial term, while incumbents Carol Middel and Shawna Walker and newcomers Melandie Hines and Tom Frorreich are vying for the six-year terms.

Student achievement and fiscal responsibility are among the issues



Griffin



Hines



Middel



Walker

shared by a majority of the candidates. But each have other issues, such as board transparency, building relationships among board members, the administration, employees and the community and creation of internship and mentoring programs. In listening to what they say, we believe Charles Trav Griffin, Carol Middel, Shawna Walker and Melandie Hines are the best

choices.

In his two years on the board after being appointed to fill a vacancy, Griffin has shown he isn't afraid to speak up for what he believes is right and what he doesn't want to see happen to the school district. He has a strong knowledge of the school district, gleaned from his work on the 1998 school bond committee. He also has an understanding of employee

relations through his work with the MEA.

Walker is completing her sixth year on the board and currently is the board president. It was under her leadership that the board was able to work through the selection of a new superintendent. Now she wants to work on building relations within the board and in the school district.

Walker also brings diversity to the board, which is needed in a district that is changing culturally. She has had three children go through the district and wants to make sure today's students receive the "very best education."

Middel also has proven to be a capable

and committed trustee during her six years on the board. Currently the board secretary, she has made a strong commitment to be a well-educated board member and has committed her time and energy to being involved in the district, attending students programs and events at the different schools.

Hines was a K-12 student in Wayne-Westland and graduate of Wayne Memorial High School. She has served on the transitions team, providing information and planning transition activities for students, staff and parents during the downsizing of the district in 2010-11 and has been active in the PTO. She

also has an understanding of the political process through her involvement in the 13th Congressional District, Michigan Progressive Caucus and Justice Caucus.

Hines wants to build a bridge between the school board and the community and get parents more involved in the schools. She sees her connections with federal, state and county officials as a plus in helping the district meet the needs of all students.

Wayne-Westland needs to work as a team, and we believe that **Shawna Walker, Carol Middel, Charles Trav Griffin and Melandie Hines** have the ability to help make that happen.

Our stand on ballot proposals in Wayne, Garden City

No city officials will be elected in Wayne, Westland and Garden City in Tuesday's general; however, there will be 10 ballot issues before voters in Wayne and Garden City. Some are changes to the city charters, but two involve the renewal of tax millages.

Millage requests

Garden City - The Garden City Public Schools are asking voters to renew its 2-mill sinking fund levy.

The sinking fund is completely separate from the district's general fund and can't be used for such things as employee salaries. The district doesn't have the money in its general fund to repair a bad roof, upgrade heating and cooling systems or resurface parking lots. A sinking fund lets the district do that.

The sinking fund was approved by voters in 2010, and the money it has raised has been used to replace a boiler at Douglas Elementary 3-4 Campus and the entire roof, gym floor and windows at Garden City High. The district's wish list for the next five years includes resurfacing the Garden City High School and Garden City Middle School parking lots and the high school track and replacing boilers at the middle school, Cambridge High School and Farmington Elementary 5-6 Campus.

The sinking fund tax request is not a new tax, but an existing one. It would

be levied for five years, beginning in 2015. As in 2010, when the district first asked for tax levy, we believe voters should say **YES**. Students deserve safe and secure buildings and this tax will help the district provide that.

Wayne - voters are being asked to approve the continuation of a 1-mill tax levy for police and fire services. The renewal of the 1-mill levy to support police and fire services is for five years and generates about \$372,000 annually for their operations.

It is necessary to keep police officers and firefighters on the road, responding to calls for assistance. The millage is important to the city which is struggling to erase a budget deficit. If the millage, is turned down, it would make matters worse and force layoffs in the already understaffed departments.

The police and fire millage is needed, and Wayne residents need to step up and say **YES** once again. No one likes taxes, but then no one likes being a victim of crime or watching their home burn because of a lack of police and fire protection.

Charter Amendments

Garden City - Voters are being asked to approve six charter amendments. City Clerk Allyson Bettis characterizes them as house cleaning. The changes will bring the charter, written

in 1975 into the 21st century.

One amendment addresses when the mayor and council take office, formalizing the longstanding practice of swearing in new members at the first meeting after the election. Another addresses the filling of a council vacancy by stipulating that a person appointed or elected will hold office until the next regular general city election when the vacancy will be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term, if any.

Other amendments would approve the publishing of meeting minutes on the city's website in lieu of a newspaper; letting affected property owners know about a public hearing by first-class mail rather than registered mail; allow for the adoption of a proposed ordinance after holding a public hearing rather than waiting until the next regular meeting, and replacing the city attorney with the city manager as a member of the election commission.

More and more people are getting their news and information via the Internet, and these amendments will provide them with the information they seek. We urge Garden City residents to vote **YES** on the proposed City Charter amendment 1 through 6.

Wayne - Voters are being asked to approve two charter amendments that would dramatically change elections in the community. The first proposal, if

approved, would divide the city into six districts from which a council member would be elected. The second proposal would cap the number of years an elected official could serve as a council member and/or as mayor to 16 years.

In the case of creating districts, the three council members whose terms expire in 2015 would be elected to represent districts 1, 2 and 3 for four years. Council members with terms expiring in 2017 would represent districts 4, 5 and 6. The elections would be staggered with half elected every four years.

We don't believe creating districts is the best choice. With this proposal, only half of residents would vote in council elections. It also would be costly, with the city having four different ballots for a city election - three for the three council districts and a fourth for those who will vote only for mayor.

We also believe term limits also are unnecessary. Wayne already has term limits in the form of elections. Elected officials serve at the will of the people. If the majority of residents like them, they get re-elected. If the majority dislikes them, they're voted out of office. Term limits shouldn't be used as a babysitter for civic responsibilities.

We believe residents would be better served by voting **NO** on the creation of council districts and establishing term limits for council members and the mayor.

Plawecki, Kosowski best choices in House 11th, 16th districts

11th District

Voters will be selecting a new representative in the House 11th District with current Rep. David Knezek campaigning for the Senate 5th

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

In that race Democrat Julie Plawecki of Dearborn Heights is facing off against Republican Jim Rhoades of Garden City. Plawecki has the understanding of the issues facing the communities and residents of the district and state, and has ideas as to how to address them.

Her teaching background is reflected in her belief that educational reform is needed to provide quality schooling to all Michigan residents. She also wants school districts to receive adequate funding to provide the services needed by at-risk students.

Plawecki favors raising the minimum wage to \$10.10 an hour so working families can have a decent standard of living; the state to use more Michigan-based institutions to fund state and local projects, which would give Michigan businesses a competitive advantage.

We believe residents of the 11th District would be best

served by electing **Julie Plawecki** in the November general election.

16th District

In the House 16th District, which includes Wayne and a

portion of Westland, incumbent Robert Kosowski has proven he has the ability to work with all legislators. The first-term Democrat is being challenged by Republican Steve Boron in the Nov. 4 general election.

Kosowski served as parks and recreation director in Westland and his ability to work with people is evident in Lansing. He went there not to fight but to get things done. He has had the most bills come out of the House and has had three signed into law by Gov. Rick Snyder. That's quite a feat for a Lansing newcomer and member of the minority party.

He has a clear understanding of the effect the governor's decision had on Wayne-Westland when he cut out the \$6 million it received from the education budget and has championed the cause in Lansing. He also introduced two bills earlier this year that keep children safe on school buses with the addition of seatbelts and allowing sinking fund money to be used to purchase school buses.

Returning **Robert Kosowski** to the state House District 16 seat is the best choice.

Knezek, Hopgood, Slavens best choice for Senate seats

5th district

There definitely will be a fresh face representing the Senate 5th District. Current Sen. Tupac Hunter is term limited and the district has been redrawn to include Garden City, Redford, Inkster and portions of Detroit and Dearborn Heights.

David Knezek of Dearborn Heights is making a move to land a seat in the Senate after just two years as the representative for the House 11th

District. He is being challenged by Republican Jennifer Rynicki of Detroit.

In his two years in the house, Knezek has proven to be competent and capable, working with his fellow lawmakers to get things done. An Iraqi War veteran and former U.S. Marine, he is well aware of what needs to be done to help those who have served in defense of their country.

He also is a champion of K-12 education, holding a town hall meeting last fall to hear the concerns of local school officials and residents, and coming to the aid of Inkster residents in challenging the legality of the dissolution of their school district last year.

We believe **David Knezek** will continue to do a good job as a senator representing the 5th district.

6th district

In the Senate 6th District,

Hoon-Yung Hopgood of Taylor is facing off against Republican Darrell McNeill in the general election.

Hopgood, the first Korean American to serve in legislature, is no stranger to the State Capitol, having served six years in the House of Representatives before making a

bid for the Senate's 8th District seat in 2010. With redistricting, he is now hoping to land another four years representing his hometown of Taylor as well

as Westland and a variety of Downriver townships and cities.

As a representative, he established a solid record for providing constituent services and representing his district interests and that has continued in the Senate. He has continued to do that as a senator.

He sees education and good paying jobs as priorities and believes the state must provide for strong pre-k-12 educational opportunities to help prepare young people for their futures. Lansing must provide better funding for public schools and stop diverting K-12 funds to other purposes within the state budget.

We believe his ability to listen to his constituents and his commitment to represent communities in the 6th district make **Hoon-Yung Hopgood** the best choice in Tuesday's election.

7th District

Senate 7th District voters have rarely had a choice as clear as the one they face in the Nov. 4 general election. Incumbent Republican state Sen. Patrick Colbeck of Canton, conservative enough to

be a Tea Party darling, faces liberal Canton Democrat Dian Slavens. We believe voters in the district - which serves Plymouth, Township, Northville

Township, Canton, Wayne and Livonia - should choose Dian Slavens.

The term-limited Slavens has been an effective state representative. In her first term, she piloted legislation that provided incentives for battery-makers to make Michigan their business home. Republicans essentially co-opted her effort to end lifetime health benefits for legislators, but the measure passed nonetheless.

Slavens is a strong supporter of public education and would support changes to the formula for financing public schools. While charter schools and cyber schools currently get the same foundation allowance as public schools, Slavens believes that because they don't have costs such as transportation, they shouldn't get the same allowance.

We believe **Dian Slavens** comes closer to representing the district than does Colbeck.



Plawecki



Kosowski



Knezek



Hopgood



Slavens

OUR VIEW

Vote Johnson, Burton, Jarvis for Livonia school board

Livonia Public Schools voters will choose among eight candidates Tuesday to fill three seats on the board. The seats are for four years each.

We recommend they re-elect incumbent president **Mark Johnson**, incumbent vice president **Colleen Burton** and **Liz Jarvis**, who has volunteered in the district for 16 years, and is a member of the LPS District School Improvement Team and LPS Educational Foundation.

Recently appointed trustee Dan Centers is running unopposed for a two-year partial term. Trustee Randy Roulier is not seeking re-election.

Public school districts in Michigan face tremendous challenges to offer



Burton



Johnson

chase new buses and install the newest technology.

In preserving programming and services, the district spent down its fund balance and the board may face some tough choices in the near future unless the state overhauls the way it funds public schools. Going forward, the board also needs to oversee implementation of the bond as it just finished its first year of a five-year plan.

We believe the board needs experienced, knowledgeable members who are passionate about

public education in general and LPS in particular to make those tough decisions and continue the bond oversight.

Johnson and Burton have proven track records on the board, and Jarvis has the most experience as a district volunteer of all of the challengers. In particular, Johnson as president has helped the board work toward compromise on divisive issues like the ethics policy. Burton guided the board through bringing 600 pages of policy up to date — a thankless job. All three work as non-stop ambassadors for the district.

We believe Johnson, Burton and Jarvis deserve LPS voters' support on Nov. 4.

quality programming and improve test scores as enrollment and state funding steadily drop.

LPS is one of the districts that has kept budget cuts out of the classroom during the past few years and preserved its long-standing reputation as a lighthouse district in the state. LPS voters showed their confidence in the district's leadership by approving a \$195 million construction bond in August 2013 to renovate schools, pur-

OUR VIEW

Re-elect three Schoolcraft College incumbents

Three incumbents on Schoolcraft College's Board of Trustees are running as a slate for re-election Tuesday and for good reason.

Brian Broderick, Joan Gebhardt and Terry Gilligan are part of a team that works well together and can point to several key accomplishments during the past few years, including the school's new "Schoolcraft to U" partnership with the University of Toledo and Wayne State University. They want to continue providing educational excellence to those who live inside and outside the Schoolcraft district, which includes the public school districts of Clarenceville, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth-Canton and part of Novi.

We recommend voters re-elect them for another six years. We see no reason to fix what isn't broken by replacing any of them with one or both of the challengers.

The incumbents have diverse backgrounds — Broderick is an attorney who serves as executive director of the Michigan Association of Non-Public Schools, Gebhardt is a retired teacher and principal and Gilligan is a 26-year member of Pipefitters Local 636.

They don't always agree on the issues or with the administration's recommendations



Broderick



Gilligan

Gebhardt voted against the recent tuition increase and Gilligan ran to get on the board after questioning the board's selection of a contractor.

But together, with the other four members, they have consistently balanced the college's budget while also continually improving the campus and the curriculum.

Their most important task to date may lie ahead — finding a replacement for legendary President Conway Jeffress, the 1835 Livonia Hall of Fame inductee whom many expect will retire sometime during the next six years.

For that, the Schoolcraft board needs leaders who know about the college's past and who have a vision for the college's future, as well as an understanding of the characteristics needed in a president to help them get there.

Those leaders are **Brian Broderick, Joan Gebhardt and Terry Gilligan.**

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Vote experienced leaders for LPS

Livonia Public Schools board president Mark Johnson is a MASA-certified board member and has brought his legal experience to bring a common sense level of experience to our school board. Mark also serves on the School Improvement Team.

School Board Vice President Colleen Burton has brought her PTA experience to the table. She also is a MASA-certified board member. Colleen has worked tirelessly to review and update school board policies. Colleen also serves on the School Improvement Team.

I serve with Liz Jarvis on the PTSA Council. She serves on the LPS Foundation and School Improvement Team. She is creative and has the experience to serve on the school board.

Experience matters to the future of our school district. Please vote for Mark Johnson, Colleen Burton and Liz Jarvis on Tuesday, Nov. 4

John Grzebnik
Livonia

Give change a chance on LPS board

In every election the challenger is at a disadvantage. The power of incumbency is real and why I fully support term limits across the board for every public official including the Supreme

Court. There are some that believe we have term limits every election cycle when people have a chance to make a new choice. But the choice is limited by the primary that no one bothers to vote in and the gerrymandered district which today all but guarantees a particular party will prevail.

On the very rare occasion a new candidate may beat an incumbent. I know, I did it when I was elected to the school board unseating the vice president of the board at that time. But I was extremely fortunate that the electorate was very motivated and really looking for a change.

I was honored to have been given a chance to serve and made the most of it. As an eager newcomer I challenged the business-as-usual mindset and saved the district \$28,000 with just one question involving shipping charges for textbooks we had purchased. That exchange forever changed how the district dealt with shipping charges from that day forward, multiplying the small initial savings many times over.

That's what fresh eyes and new energy can do to help create a paradigm shift. When I step into the voting booth next week I will try to give others the chance to serve that I was given, especially on the school board where I view

group think as a negative. I will be supporting Jake Emerick and Steve Johnson knowing what a positive addition to the board they will be.

Steve King
Livonia

Massie equals leadership, character

Because children are our future and because school districts define a community, I take our leadership at that level very seriously. I have personally gotten to know Steve Massie over the past several years and for my part, I truly believe that he is a family man and a leader. His heart and passion to lead and improve the community is unquestionable. His motivation and desire to work with the people will make certain that everyone's voice is heard and reflected by the leadership. I will be voting for Steve Massie on November 4.

George Gostias
Livonia

Bobby McKenzie right guy for Congress

The communities of the 11th Congressional District deserve better representation in Washington, D. C. We've had a congressman who falsified his filing petitions and was forced to resign; we had a congressman who represented the Tea

Party to take us back to the 19th century; and now we are faced with a millionaire candidate trying to buy the office with the "millions" he made on the foreclosures of hundreds of middle-class home buyers. His name is David Trott and he is totally out of touch with our communities.

We definitely need a congress person who is a passionate moderate, one who will represent the length and breadth of the 11th District, one who is willing to reach across the aisle to get things done. I think that person is Bobby McKenzie.

Bobby is the right guy for us. I believe he will bring a breath of fresh air to our district and to our Congress. He wants to reach across party lines while protecting Social Security and Medicare. He supports the Affordable Care Act — "Let's fix it, not destroy it."

Bobby McKenzie is well qualified for the job. He has a degree in economics; worked for 15 years in the private sector and the government on national security and foreign policy; and has served as a Senior Adviser in the Bureau of Counter Terrorism in the U.S. State Department. He definitely knows his way around Washington.

Please join me in voting for Bobby McKenzie.
Robert (Bob) Bennett
Former Mayor,
City of Livonia

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In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 502 of Act 110 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 2006, as amended, and Articles XIX and XXIII of Ordinance #543, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Livonia, as amended, the City Planning Commission of the City of Livonia will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, November 18, 2014, in the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, beginning at 7:00 p.m. on the following items:

Petition 2014-10-02-12 submitted by Futuristic Design Consultant requesting waiver use approval pursuant to Sections 11.03(c) and 19.06 of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, to expand the existing carry-out service restaurant (Green Cedar) into a limited service restaurant at 19217 Newburgh Road within the Fountain Hill shopping center, located on the west side of Newburgh Road between Seven Mile Road and Pembroke Avenue in the Southeast 1/4 of Section 6.

Petition 2014-10-02-14 submitted by Elite Foot Spa, L.L.C. requesting waiver use approval pursuant to Section 11.03 (u) of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, to operate a massage establishment (Elite Foot Spa) at 34389 Plymouth Road within the Stark Plaza shopping center, located on the southeast corner of Plymouth and Stark Roads in the Northeast 1/4 of Section 33.

The above-mentioned petitions will be on file in the City Planning Commission office, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan during the period of five (5) days immediately preceding the said hearing and may be examined by any and all persons during the normal working hours Monday through Friday.

R. Lee Morrow, Chairman
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

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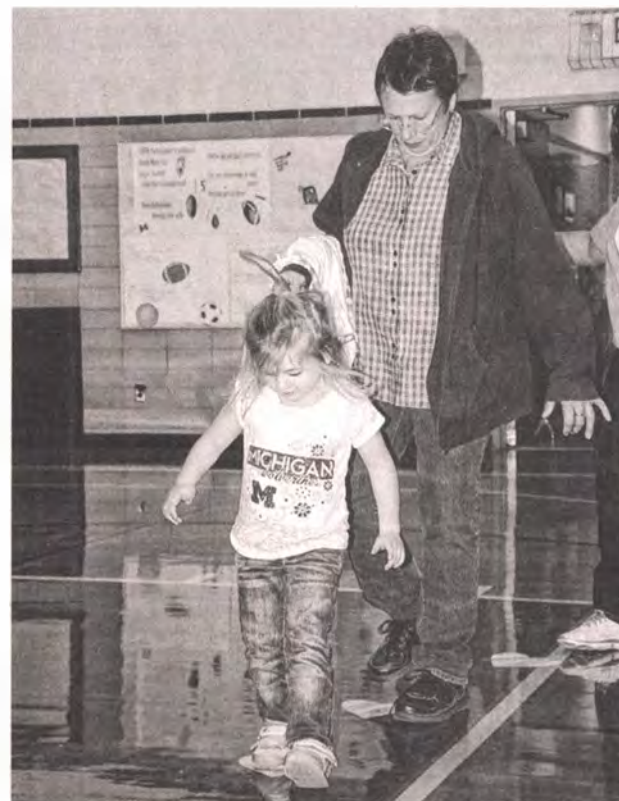
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Mike Adamson walking a lap of the Fisher Elementary School track with his daughter Kasha Taylor.



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Sydney Villareal, 4, and Kim Kondzer walk the hearts while the music plays at the cake walk.

Cake walk raises \$340 for Karmanos

By Beth Jachman
Staff Writer

It was fun with a purpose.

Fisher Elementary hosted a "Cake Walk for Cancer" Saturday to benefit the Karmanos Cancer Institute and ended up raising \$340.10, according to Shawntiki L. Polk, Fisher's Elementary's PTO president.

The event started with a group walk around the Fisher track that earned each participant a reward such as a bracelet or lip balm, Polk said.

After the lap, participants entered the building to begin a game of "cake walking."

The kids bought tickets, which awarded them a raffle ticket for a digital camera that was

also donated, for 25 cents each and then took their chance standing on a pink numbered heart on the floor, according to Polk.

Music began, and in a game like standing musical chairs, participants each chose their starting number and danced until the music stopped.

Piece of cake

Once the music stopped, the participants did as well and then numbers were called. If the number called matched the number you were standing on, you were declared the winner of your choice of homemade cakes, pies, chocolate suckers, biscotti, cookies, or brownies, Polk said.

Mostly done in pink and also baked at home,

the goodies were donated by the parents, families, and other members of Fisher, which is in the South Redford school community.

A local mom from the school, Kara Adamson, was presented with a breast cancer-themed charm bracelet donated by local entrepreneur Afrika Gibson, who was also in attendance with a table set up in case anyone wanted to purchase one of those bracelets themselves.

Christina Venditti, a representative from the Karmanos Cancer Institute, was in attendance for the event. She brought along a blank photo check to announce that Fisher Elementary School raised and donated \$340.10 to help in the Fight for a Cure.



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AL WEBER

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Art group has Canton artist as guest

The Garden City Fine Arts Association will have artist Al Weber as its guest at its monthly meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 5.

The group will meet at 7 p.m. at the Michigan Art Center, 31129 Block St., west of Merriman in Garden City.

Weber is an accomplished artist who works in watercolor, acrylic, mixed media, silver point and pen and ink. For more than 20 years he has concentrated on watercolor almost exclusively. His subjects include landscapes, portraits and figure studies,

animals and abstracts. "Something is always happening in watercolor that I didn't anticipate and I enjoy these surprises," the Canton resident said. "The interactions between the pigments, water and paper intrigue me."

Weber studied at the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, Calif., Purdue University, Indiana University and a number of workshops with internationally known watercolor artists. His work is in collections in many states, Brazil, Canada, England, Scotland and New Zealand,

and he has exhibits at the Livonia Civic Center Library Gallery, Coach Gallery House, Plymouth Community Arts Council and Canton Village Theater.

"I paint because I have a need to try to capture the emotions I feel for the subject and communicate some of that feeling to those who see my paintings," he said. "This emotion is necessary to supply the energy I need to carry out the painting."

The public is invited to attend the meeting. Refreshments will be provided.

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Dr. Raslan will be discussing signs, symptoms and management of chronic lung disease.

Sandy Wright, RRT is a graduate of Ferris State University with an Associate's Degree in Allied Health. She is a Registered Respiratory Therapist and started the Pulmonary Rehabilitation program here at Oakwood Wayne. She has been Manager of Respiratory Care at OH-Wayne for the past 16 years.

Sandy Wright will be discussing pulmonary rehabilitation.

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St. Mary Mercy, first responders train for shooter

St. Mary Mercy Livonia, Livonia Police Department, Livonia Fire and Rescue and the Wayne County Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team collaborated on a violent intruder/active shooter drill Monday at St. Mary Mercy. The drill was meant to test the preparedness of the local emergency service agencies and the readiness of the St. Mary Mercy staff.

"In today's society it is crucial for private and public entities to collaborate on projects like this," said Sgt. Brian Kahn, Livonia Police Department. "In a disaster, whether an active shooter or a natural event, it's not just one entity that handles it. We have to work in concert with each other for an outcome that is as safe and effective as possible."

Throughout the summer, more than 1,700 St. Mary Mercy employees and resident physicians were trained by the St. Mary Mercy Security Department in one-hour training sessions where they learned the ALICE method to protect themselves and patients in the event of a violent criminal coming on hospital grounds. ALICE stands for the five tactics to use in order to survive an active shooter incident: Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate. ALICE is the leading training solution that increases the odds of survival during a violent intruder event. The drill gave employees the opportunity to practice these tactics as another step in being prepared for the unlikely, yet far too common event of a violent intruder.

The drill started with

the announcement over the St. Mary Mercy public address system stating the ALICE drill is in effect and the location of the intruder. For the purpose of the drill, the words "active shooter" or "violent intruder" were not used in the announcement to not cause undue alarm to patients and visitors. However, in an actual event, the active shooter or violent intruder language would be used. Periodic announcements are also made giving a physical description and location of the shooter.

During the drill, the mock shooter made his way through the hospital leaving his victims, played by Madonna University nursing students, "dead" or "injured" along the way. Madonna students also evaluated hospital departments that were not in immedi-

ate danger and asked staff to demonstrate what they would do if a violent intruder were in their area. The end of the drill occurred when the police arrived and the mock shooter was "eliminated."

Once the mock shooter situation was complete, an all-clear message was called through the public address system. At this time Livonia Fire Rescue came in to


triage the "victims" and take those who survived to the St. Mary Mercy Emergency Department. This influx of trauma patients triggered the second part of the drill for the hospital. In this case, the Emergency Department and the operating room received the unusual patient volume of trauma victims, giving the Trauma Program, which includes both Emergency and

Surgical staff, an opportunity assess and treat life-threatening injuries.

"The ALICE training and the drill help us keep our employees, patients and visitors safe in the event an incident like this should occur," said David Spivey, president and CEO of St. Mary Mercy. "We practice these hopefully unlikely scenarios to keep our skills fresh and to learn from this experience."



St. Mary Mercy employees were taught how to barricade a door during the ALICE training as well as how to deter a violent intruder if he makes it through.



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Local woman looks to daughter in her fight against terminal cancer

Her struggle featured in PBS documentary

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

Juanita Gee has a lot of reasons to get up each day and fight her stage four, terminal breast cancer, which has caused her so much pain and difficulty over the past six years. Among those many reasons is one big one as to why she strives to stay positive: her daughter Alexis.

"She's a blessing for me and I probably wouldn't be here today if it wasn't for my daughter," said Gee, a Novi resident.

She was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2008, when her daughter Alexis was only 2. However, she was cleared in 2009, only to find out in 2010 that the cancer was back and had metastasized. She now undergoes a daily regimen of medicine and has begun radiation and surgeries.

"It's treatable, but not curable," is how she describes her situation.

Her story is one that isn't always talked about. Juanita's husband, overwhelmed by the diagnosis, left her soon after, unable to cope, leaving her without a crucial piece of support. In spite of this, she has found a way to live and thrive with her daughter at her

side each step.

It's this story she wanted to tell so people would understand and, in some cases, might even find their own inspiration.

Both mother and daughter agreed to share their journey with Novi director/producer Keith Famie for his television documentary series *The Embrace of Aging*, which airs on Detroit Public Television. She was in the show's third episode "Fighting Cancer," which aired Oct. 26.

In that episode, the producer stepped into the lives of three brave women who are all living with breast cancer. Between doctor's appointments, chemo and radiation treatments, medical professionals help the audience better understand what breast cancer is.

While planning the series, Famie found a lot of similar stories of support and survival about breast cancer, but he wanted to have another perspective to go along with those stories. He found that in Juanita.

She was hesitant at first to put their lives out there for viewers, but the deciding factor was about bringing understanding to some misconceptions about people



"She's a blessing for me and I probably wouldn't be here today if it wasn't for my daughter," said Juanita Gee, a Novi resident fighting her terminal breast cancer diagnosis, here with her daughter Alexis.

with terminal cancer, while also helping others relate who might be in a similar situation.

"Her story represents a different look into the fight against cancer, not one always told," Famie said. "It's insightful and emotional, yet very endearing to see the bond between mother and daughter."

He said there's a lot people can learn from the series. Juanita said she did. Even though she lives it daily, she said after watching their episode she came to a better realization how much she and her daughter have and are going through together.

It's made her even more appreciate each day she has with her daughter.

"I have a strong, brave little girl who has given me the inspiration to live as full of a life as I can," Juanita said.

There may be another opportunity to see the episode when Detroit Public Television repeats it. The next one, episode four, is 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2, and it's called

"Men and Women." In this episode, they hope to shed some light on how to

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VETERANS

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about 220 now. She noted servicemen and women get an outprocessing on discharge from the service, but the information can be a lot to process.

"A lot of them have not even applied for their benefits," she said. "We can take them through that process." She'd worked before in admissions, and can help with that.

Financial aid is through another Schoolcraft office, although Paxton-Keehner can answer questions and help resolve issues regarding paperwork and eligibility.

She shows with pride the large screen TV and



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comfy chairs for veterans to relax and socialize. Nearby is the study area with four computers, with fax and printer access.

She said her vision is to cover three areas with the center, construction

for which took place this summer and early fall: education, veterans, and community resources. She's glad to have the capable help of Reginald J. Rogers, a VetSuccess on Campus counselor who visits Schoolcraft

Tuesdays and also Friday mornings.

"He has extensive background," Paxton-Keehner said of Rogers, who also works at several other area colleges and universities. Rogers works heavily on vocational rehabilitation issues, the employment picture, and has a desk at the Veterans Resource Center of Schoolcraft.

Paxton-Keehner can be reached at 734-462-4351 or pkeehner@schoolcraft.edu. She serves as the veterans' academic adviser, and knows VA requirements they must meet for course planning.

"I hope they take advantage of it," she said of the veterans and dependents. "The ones that have been up here and seen it really like it."

She finds veterans often choose criminal justice, fire service, EMT careers, and some nursing. "They like the helping industries," Paxton-Keehner said.

The veterans under the newer legislation of 2009 get housing, books and supplies assistance, with Schoolcraft receiving tuition payments for the veterans directly from the VA. That's been helpful, she said. "The veterans can start classes with no out of pocket expenses," she added.

"All they have to do is walk through the door," said Paxton-Keehner, who works with her Student Services colleagues to "make it as smooth as possible."

Outside Room 208 in McDowell, you'll see the seals for the branches of

the U.S. military by the door. Schoolcraft officials are excited about the Nov. 11 ceremony, at which alumnus Lawrence Smith will speak, along with Conway Jeffress, college president, and Jim Fausone, a Schoolcraft board member whose legal practice is heavily with veterans.

"It was important to our president. Serving veterans is important for the college," said Schoolcraft spokesman Frank Ruggirello, adding there are many veterans now.

Paxton-Keehner held up a T-shirt with the Schoolcraft logo and the word "veteran" for the Nov. 11 ceremony. "I love working with the veterans," she said. "It is so personally rewarding."

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Women of Moose sell grave blankets, wreaths

The Garden City Women of the Moose are once again helping remember loved ones who have passed at the holidays.

The women are currently accepting orders for grave blankets and wreaths which they decorate. This is the sixth year the women have sold the grave blankets and wreaths as a fundraiser for Mooseheart, a residential facility for underprivileged children in Mooseheart, Ill. The ladies can decorate them any way people want and do follow cemetery rules.

"We get the plain blankets and wreaths and decorate them specifically for Christmas," said Shari Ebel. "We have done sports like the Tigers and Red Wings, Harley-Davidson, hunting and baby themes. We even have baby pillows available."

The grave blankets cost \$40, and volunteers are able to customize them. However, there's an additional charge. Wreaths are \$20 and can be decorated for use at a grave site or at home. The anchors for the blankets and stands for the wreaths are provided.

Orders for the wreaths and grave blankets can be placed at the Moose Lodge at 29137 Ford, east of Middlebelt, 3-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday or noon to 10 p.m. Friday-Sunday. They also can be ordered by calling Kim Dowidait at 734-564-5777 or by emailing her at kdow14@yahoo.com. Orders must be received by Friday, Nov. 14. Payment when ordering is appreciated.

More than 12 women are helping with the project and will gather at the Moose Lodge to decorate the wreaths and blankets. Customers can pick them up on Thanksgiving weekend, Nov. 29-30.

By Sue Mason

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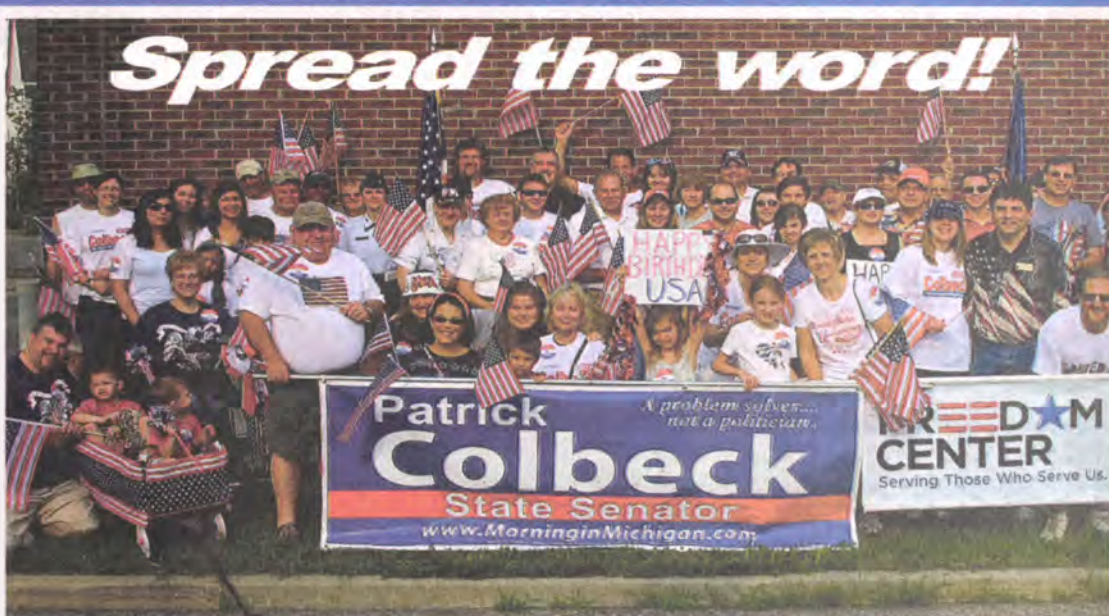
ABOUT PATRICK

Patrick Colbeck is currently serving his first term in elected office as the State Senator for MI's 7th District which will include Livonia starting in 2014 along with the communities of Northville, Plymouth, Canton and Wayne. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan with Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Aerospace Engineering as well as a graduate of the International Space University in Strasbourg, France. Included among his over 20 years of engineering and management work in a variety of industries, he has worked on systems for the International Space Station and instructed students at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center's Space Camp.

While currently residents of Canton, Patrick and his wife, Angie, have deep roots in Livonia. Patrick attended Hoover Elementary School and Holmes Junior High School before graduating from Catholic Central High School. His parents were founding members of St. Colette. His late mother, Barbara, was the organist at St. Colette and later the music minister at St. Edith. His dad, Bill, was an active member of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce of which Patrick is a member. Angie attended Dickinson Junior High School and graduated from Stevenson High School. Angie and Patrick's parents live in Livonia.



Patrick received the Good Citizenship Award from the Daughters of the American Revolution while in high school



“Like many of you, I dearly love our country but I am very disappointed by our current political environment. I am disheartened by attempts to transform our nation from one of a free and independent people to one of increasing government control and dependence. How do we change this course? Well, my wife Angie and I left the comfort of a relatively obscure private life and successful small business to change the direction of the state we love. With your support, we have made a significant difference by focusing on actual solutions to the problems that we face rather than politics as usual. I am working hard to faithfully represent your voice in Lansing. I will need your vote to continue to provide your voice of common sense.”

- Senator Patrick Colbeck



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MORE INFORMATION

Elect Patrick Colbeck to be your state senator and you will be among the best informed citizens in the state. His Senate website at MorninginMichigan.com contains links not only to his editorials, press releases, office hours, and floor speeches, it also provides links to what he calls the “Solution Center” and “Data Center”. His Senator Patrick Colbeck Facebook® page provides almost daily updates on events, issues, and votes happening in Lansing and throughout the district. LD-6060218855

Colbeck's views on the issues

JOBS “I started my public service in January 2011 at a time when Michigan was suffering from the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression. Our unemployment had skyrocketed and our auto industry was struggling. Many referred to this downturn as our “lost decade”. During that decade, Michigan was the only state in the nation to have lost population. Times are better now. *Michigan is coming back!* I am happy to report that Michigan has created over 275,000 private sector jobs. In fact, there are now **over 19,000 job openings** within a 30 mile commute of the 7th Senate District. Our population is growing again and our youth no longer have to seek employment in other states.”

HEALTHCARE “As one of a handful of legislators who have *actually read* the federal Affordable Care Act (aka Obamacare), it is obvious that this act is neither affordable nor caring. Putting 159 new organizations between a doctor and patient does not lower costs or improve care. This is why I strongly opposed Obamacare and applied my experience in the healthcare and IT industries to develop a free market alternative called “Patient-Centered Care”. This approach has been described by Forbes.com as “**Two parts Marcus Welby, M.D. and one part Steve Jobs**”. Not only would this solution lower costs, it would also improve care by providing patients of all income levels access to life-saving, preventive care. My solution keeps healthcare decisions between you and your doctor. See MorninginMichigan.com for more info.”



Sharing biography of Neil Armstrong with students

profession has been reduced to following a script rather than allowing teachers to tailor instruction to suit the individual student. Furthermore, we have no objective proof that these new standards will actually improve student performance. That is why I have been the most outspoken opponent of Common Core in the Senate and will continue to be if re-elected.”

SENIORS “As a kid I was blessed to grow up surrounded by both sets of grandparents. They helped teach me the value of hard work, integrity and responsibility. I have worked hard to repay their loving guidance with my public service. During the past four years, I have passed legislation to protect seniors in nursing homes and have been an outspoken advocate for retirees including my passionate **NO** vote on the Senior Pension Tax (Senate Journal #41, Roll Call Vote #170 on HB 4361, May 12, 2011). My **opposition to Obamacare** is driven in large part by the federal government’s push to cut Medicare services for the elderly by over \$700B in order to pay for other services such as the expansion of Medicaid. I am committed to caring for those who spent their entire lives working to leave this nation stronger than they found it and that is why I am honored to have received **The Senior Alliance Legislator of the Year** award for my work on behalf of all of the seniors right here in our community.”

VETERANS “Serving those who serve us is a passion of mine. Active duty, veterans and their families have sacrificed much to preserve our freedom. And it is our duty to honor those sacrifices. As the chairman of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs budget, we brought Michigan from one of the worst performing states for veteran benefit claims processing, to **3rd in the nation**. *Public service does not always require legislation*. In 2011, I teamed up with a group of service-minded veterans to co-found the MI Freedom Center at Detroit Metro Airport. To date, the MI Freedom Center has welcomed over 100,000 active service personnel, veterans and their families with open arms during their travels.”



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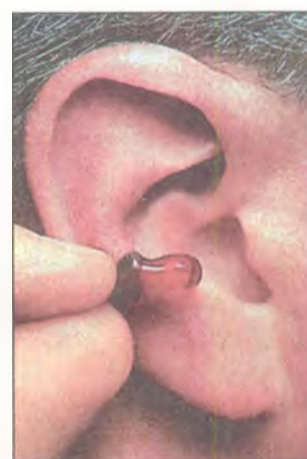
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PREP FOOTBALL PRE-DISTRICTS

Chargers take 'Cats for a ride

Plymouth falters in second half to lose 38-14

By **Tim Smith**
Staff Writer

Football on Halloween Night proved to be a winning treat for Livonia Churchill and a cruel trick for Plymouth.

On a night where sheets of snow blew diagonally across the Churchill gridiron, a 24-point third quarter propelled the Chargers to a 38-14 Division 1 pre-district victory over the Wildcats.

Churchill (8-2) will face host Canton (8-2) in Friday's district final, while the Wildcats (7-3) are one-and-done in the postsea-

son. "Getting the ball to start the third quarter, I was kind of surprised that they gave us the wind," Chargers head coach Bill DeFillippo said. "And so we knew we had a quarter to be aggressive, because going back into the wind it was tough to throw and kick."

"We came out aggressive on offense and we got the first touchdown to make it 21 and then we got a stop because it was hard for them to try to throw it, so we stopped the run game."

See **CHARGERS**, Page B4



Livonia Churchill receiver Tim Dulin drags a Plymouth defender for a few yards during Friday night's Division 1 district opener.

JOHN KEMSKI

Ladywood wins in field hockey

Ladywood opened its Michigan High School Field Hockey Varsity Division tournament run with a 1-0 victory Friday at home over Grosse Pointe South.

The sixth-seeded Blazers, who improved to 7-5-5 overall, controlled the first half by outshooting the Blue Devils 6-0 and outcornering them 9-0, but couldn't push a goal across.

In the second half, Ladywood finally broke through as senior Christina Meyer scored off an assist from Shannon Mulcahay to give the Blazers a one-goal cushion and eventually the victory.

Junior Maddie Haas made two saves in goal as the Blazers improved to 7-5-5 overall and advanced to face third-seeded Ann Arbor Skyline.

Softball clinic

Livonia Churchill will be hosting a series of softball clinics on Nov. 15 (noon to 2:30 p.m.), Nov. 21 (7-9:30 p.m.) and Dec. 6 (noon to 2:30 p.m.) and on four Saturdays in January and February.

The cost of the clinics is \$5 per day and pre-registration is required. For more information, send an email to chuchillsoftball@gmail.com or call 734-776-1716.

RU dodge ball

The Redford Union High School's Blue and Gold Club will be hosting its annual fundraising Dodge Ball Tournament on Friday, Nov. 7, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the school's gymnasium.

Admission for spectators is \$3. Teams will be made up of teachers, alumni and students.

Reporting results

Area high school athletic coaches are encouraged to report results of their matches to *Observer* sports editor Ed Wright at 734-578-2767 or ewright@hometownlife.com.

The deadline for Thursday editions is Tuesday at 10 p.m. The deadline for Sunday editions is Friday at 10 p.m.

PREP FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS



Livonia Stevenson junior Austin Petrie tries to get the edge against West Bloomfield's swarming defense Friday night.

ED WRIGHT

ROUGH SLEDDING

Lakers take it to Spartans in 2nd half, 34-6

By **Ed Wright**
Staff Writer

The calendar said Halloween, the weather said Christmas, but the second half of Friday night's Division 1 pre-district game featuring visiting Livonia Stevenson and West Bloomfield had the Fourth of July written all over it thanks to an offensive fireworks show orchestrated by the Lakers.

When it was all said and done, the contest was no holiday for the Spartans,

who suffered a 34-6 setback after putting forth an inspiring effort during the opening 24 minutes.

The victory propelled the Lakers into next week's D1 district final against Walled Lake Central. The Spartans' solid season ended at 6-4.

Playing in elements better suited for an Iditarod Sled Dog Race, Stevenson weathered some early storms - and a, gusting, bone-chilling wind that at times

See **STEVENSON**, Page B3



Stevenson's Ethan Bidoul (52) and Connor Vaughan celebrate Vaughan's fumble recovery.

ED WRIGHT

PREP FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

Hornets sting Westland John Glenn, 41-6

Saline's defense stymies Rockets in D1 playoffs



Westland John Glenn's Jaron Flournoy hauls down a Southfield-Lathrup running back during last week's season-ending victory.

ED WRIGHT

Windy, cold and snowy, Friday night's weather was not conducive for flying Rockets.

Westland John Glenn's football team was never able to get off the launching pad at Saline, which derailed the Rockets 41-6 in a Division 1 district playoff semifinal on the Hornets' home turf.

Saline improved to 9-1 while the Rockets' season ended at 6-4.

A telling statistic for John Glenn: Its tailbacks lost two fumbles on Friday after going through the entire season without coughing up the ball.

Additionally, all six Rocket punts (24-yard average) were into the wind, which was gusting most of the night in the 30-40-miles-per-hour range.

Saline's offense, which was fueled by strong running from senior Kevin Gross (16 carries for 114 yards), generated over twice as much yardage as John Glenn's, 372-179.

The Hornets scored the game's first 41 points before John Glenn avoided the shut-out when quarterback Brendan Wetmore hooked up with Jaron

See **JOHN GLENN**, Page B3



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COLLEGE SOCCER

Schmid NAIAs Defensive Player of Week

Madonna University sophomore goalkeeper Marcel Schmid was honored Tuesday as National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Men's Soccer National Defensive Player of the Week.

The national award is the first of Schmid's career and comes on the heels of his sixth career Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Confer-

ence Defensive Player of the Week that was announced on Monday.

The Stuttgart, Germany native is also the first Madonna player to earn the selection in over 10 years.

Schmid was part of a pair of MU shutouts last week as the Crusaders went a perfect 2-0 in WHAC matches to improve their season record to 12-4.

Schmid opened his week by having to make just one save in a 5-0 win over Michigan-Dearborn in his 45 minutes of work.

He stopped a season-best seven shots in a 1-0 upset of then No. 4-ranked Davenport. The shutouts were the ninth and 10th of the season for the Crusaders.

Madonna's 12 wins this

season are the most for the Crusaders since the 2008 season and the win over Davenport was MU's first over a top 25 team since the 2008 season as well.

Schmid and the Crusaders rank first in the nation with their 10 shutouts, while individually, Schmid's 0.80 goals against average is 17th in the country and tops in the WHAC.



KELLY CIESLAK | MADONNA ATHLETICS
Madonna University sophomore goalkeeper Marcel Schmid was named NAIA Defensive Player of the Week.

Spartan senior night



The Livonia Stevenson volleyball program recently honored their six talented seniors with a "Senior Night" ceremony. Pictured from left are Maura Wassermann, Laura Coleman, Haley Knoche, Anna Lectka, Arryn Dochenetz, and Allie Strautz. The Spartans will open Class A district play Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. at Garden City High School against Livonia Churchill. The winner will advance to the Friday, Nov. 7, final against either Garden City, Redford Thurston or Livonia Franklin.

COLLEGE SOCCER

Cisse gets game-winner for MU

Madonna University cemented a home berth for the upcoming Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference playoffs Wednesday with a 1-0 victory over host Marygrove College.

The second-place Crusaders, who improved to 13-4 overall and 8-2 in the WHAC, tallied the game-winning goal at 14:22 of the match, when soph-



Cisse

omore Amadou Cisse (Willow Run) notched his eighth of the season as-

sisted by sophomore Danny Swanson (Auburn Hills Avondale).

Cisse's goal stood up as MU sophomore goalkeeper Marcel

Schmid, recently named NAIA National Defensive Player of the Week, made six saves to post his 11th shutout of the season.

Third-place Marygrove (7-9-1, 6-2-1) outshot the Crusaders 13-3 as goalkeeper Ryan Plonka had to make just one save.

The WHAC playoffs are scheduled to start Saturday, Nov. 8.

Scary good fall ball team



The Livonia Patriots 15U baseball team recently completed a perfect fall season, which included capturing the 16U Halloween Bash Tournament at Founders Park in Farmington on Oct. 25-26. The Patriots yielded just six runs throughout the fall season. Pictured are (front row from left) Alex Livingston, Chris Berrellez, Alec Gorman, John DiPonio, Trey Gorman, (back row from left) Ben Raish, Ryan Celmer, Nick Hoyer, coach Eric Celmer, coach Matt Metzler, Kyle Wollam, Collin Metzler and Luke Jaroszewicz.

CITY OF WESTLAND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC NOTICE

The following appeal will be heard at a public hearing to be held in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, MI on Wednesday, November 19, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. at which time comments may be directed to the Board during audience participation. If you wish to reply by mail, send your comments to the above address. All property owners whose names appear in our tax rolls located within 300' of this property are being notified pursuant to this statute.

Petition #2820-J. Kottyan

Req. for a side yd. fence location variance from the Article X of the Westland City Code to install a 4' high vinyl fence in the west side yd. of the home; whereas Sec. 22-304(a) states that only rear yards may be enclosed with a fence.

Petition #2821-J. Sheridan-33418 Bentley

Req. for a non-conforming structure variance and a 23' front yd. setback variance from Ord. 248 as a result of the construction of a covered porch addition to the front of the existing non-conforming structure; whereas Sec. 5:2.3 states that a non-conforming structure cannot be structurally altered to increase the non-conformity and Sec. 7:4.2 requires a minimum 25' front yard setback.

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SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 2973

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 040, 120, 130, 180, 230, 261, 270, AND 280 OF TITLE 6, CHAPTER 04 (DOGS) OF THE CITY OF LIVONIA CODE OF ORDINANCE

This ordinance amends the Chapter in the Livonia Code of Ordinances pertaining to dogs. Among the changes, the new ordinance permits dog licenses to run for up to three years if the dog has a three year vaccination for rabies. It provides that any appeal of a denial or revocation of a dog license is heard by the Animal Review Board. It clarifies the duty of any kennel to have a person on site each period of the day when any dog is at the kennel.

A true copy of Ordinance No. 2973 may be inspected or obtained at the Office of the City Clerk, First Floor, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154.

Ordinance No. 2973 was passed at the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Livonia held Monday, October 6, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.

Terry A. Marecki, City Clerk

Ordinance No. 2973 was authenticated by me on the 7th day of June 2014.

Jack E. Kirksey, Mayor

Approved as to form:
Donald L. Knapp, Jr., City Attorney
Dated: October 24, 2014

Publish: 11/02/2014

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CITY OF LIVONIA PUBLIC NOTICE

AGENDA
Zoning Board of Appeals
November 18, 2014 - 7:00 p.m.
Livonia City Hall - Gallery (5th Floor)
33000 Civic Center Drive
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(734) 466-2259

APPEAL CASE 2014-10-56 (Rescheduled from meeting of October 21, 2014): Paul V. Dostal, east side of Edington (15430), between Five Mile and Roycroft, seeking to construct a covered front porch onto a nonconforming dwelling, resulting in deficient front yard setback and constructing an addition to a detached garage, resulting in excess garage area. Nonconformity is based on the existing front yard setback of 35 feet where 40 feet is required.

APPEAL CASE 2014-07-37 (Tabled on July 15, 2014): Kevin Raymond, east side of Deering (15962), between Five Mile and North End, seeking to remove an existing detached garage and construct a new detached garage, resulting in excess detached garage area.

APPEAL CASE 2014-10-53 (Rescheduled from meeting of October 7, 2014): Daniel P. Mooney, Edge Design Associates, Inc., 1973 High Hollow Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48103, on behalf of owner John Tenbusch, J. L. Tenbusch Holdings, LLC, east side of Stark (12926), between Schoolcraft and the C and O Railroad, seeking to construct an addition to the north and rear elevations of an industrial building, resulting in deficient north side yard setback.

APPEAL CASE 2014-10-59 (Rescheduled from meeting of October 21, 2014): John Morris, west side of Antago (20111), between Fargo and Norfolk, seeking to construct a covered front porch, resulting in deficient front yard setback.

APPEAL CASE 2014-11-60: 20595 Livonia, LLC, 40400 Garfield Road, Clinton Twp., MI 48038, on behalf of Lessee Michigan Schools and Government Credit Union, west side of Farmington (20595), between Eight Mile and Norfolk, seeking to erect a commercial building (credit union) on property, resulting in deficient setback from the north (Eight Mile) and east (Farmington Road) property lines. Note: All setbacks are measured to drive-thru canopy.

APPEAL CASE 2014-11-61: Jerry Cox, east side of Mayfield (18948), between Norfolk and Pembroke, seeking to erect a detached garage while maintaining an attached garage, resulting in excess number of garages and garage area.

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PREP FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

Wintry elements, Bobcats too much for LW

By Doug Donnelly
Correspondent

OTTAWA LAKE — Lutheran Westland couldn't catch a break Friday night. Already short-handed due to injuries, the Warriors had to face a driving rainstorm, strong winds and cold temperatures. The combination proved to be too much as Lutheran Westland fell 64-6 to Whiteford in the first round of the Division 8 playoffs.

"It's an honor to make the playoffs, but we knew com-

ing in we had five or six starters that were out," Warrior coach Paul Gusé said. Lutheran Westland (5-5) mishandled the opening kickoff, but pounced on the ball at its own 10-yard line. Two plays later, however, the Warriors had their first of four turnovers, leading to an early Bobcat touchdown. After a three-and-out on the next possession, the Bobcats scored from 47 yards out and the route was on.

Talented Whiteford sophomore back Jesse Kiefer scored four touchdowns and

ran for more than 100 yards to lead the home team offense. The Bobcats gained 361 total yards, 356 on the ground.

"They are a power-running football team," Gusé said. "This is great conditions for them. They were kind to us."

The Bobcats built a 38-0 lead by the end of the first quarter and 50-0 before halftime, starting a running clock. The entire second half was played under a running clock, but did feature the Warriors putting together

a scoring drive. Travis Fry scored on a three-yard run for the Warriors highlight. Lineman Thomas Krueger drew applause for his 18 yards rushing and Christian Zimmerman led the Warriors in tackles.

Whiteford improved to 7-3.

"We talked about in a sloppy field game you never know what is going to happen," Whiteford coach Jason Mensing said. "You want to get out and score early while the field is still in de-

cent shape. It tends to get worse as the game goes on. It was critical for us to score in those early possessions. We had a sense of urgency."

Gusé said his Warriors will shake off the loss and move on to next year.

"We knew we were in trouble right from the start," he said. "We had two guys who were 1,000 rushers who didn't really play. They are a great football team that deserved to win tonight. We have a lot of work to do for next year."

PREP PROFILES

WHERE IT ALL STARTS

Livonia Stevenson's big-play offense sparked by stellar play in the trenches

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The five members of Livonia Stevenson's ultra-effective offensive line concede there is only one drawback to playing their under-the-radar position — and it has nothing to do with not being able to score touchdowns and not getting their names in the newspaper (until now, at least).

"When we make a good block and one of our running backs scores or gets a long run, we generally have a D-lineman in our face, so we usually don't get to see it," said senior left tackle Brad Scott, drawing approving nods from his four colleagues. "Other than that, I can't think of anything I don't like about playing offensive line."

"It's pretty rewarding, though, when we're blocking downfield and the running back runs off your block and he scores and we do see it happen," added senior left guard Connor McQueen. "That definitely feels good."

Just once, wouldn't the big fellas like to hear their name called over the stadium's loudspeaker after they spring a back with a pancake block?

"Honestly, no, not at all," said senior right guard Joe



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Pictured (from left) are Livonia Stevenson's big but mobile offensive linemen Kyle Foster, Joe Newman, Tyler Denski, Connor McQueen and Brad Scott.

Newman. "We get all the recognition we want from our coaches and teammates. They know when we make a good block and they let us know about it."

"Sometimes, the running backs will buy us food to thank us," junior center Tyler Demski said.

"All of us probably wanted to score touchdowns when we first started playing football when we were younger — I know I did," McQueen said. "But we all found a new passion — blocking — and it's something we get a lot of satisfaction out of. For me, it seems more fun to be able to hit somebody every play instead of having to dance around people and try to score."

The Spartans' blocking contingent's impact has been huge in the team's 6-3 season heading into Friday night's Division 1 playoff game at West Bloom-

field — figuratively and literally. At 6-foot-1 and 190 pounds, McQueen is by far the smallest of the group, which includes the 6-foot, 279-pound Denski, 6-3, 223-pound right tackle Kyle Foster, the 6-3, 222-pound Newman and Scott, who measures in at 6-3, 220.

Thanks in large part to their linemen's out-of-the-spotlight efforts, Stevenson sophomore quarterback Chris Tanderys has stayed upright, for the most part, and thrown for over 1,600 yards and 16 touchdowns, while junior running back Austin Petrie has piled up more than 1,000 yards rushing while averaging 7.3 yards per carry.

The Spartans' quick-strike scheme requires power blocking on some plays and downfield quickness on others.

"We probably work on our speed and quickness more than most offensive lines just be-

cause we do have to block downfield a lot because of our offense," said Foster. "We incorporate a lot of speed in our training, but we do a lot of power and strength stuff, too."

Both Demski and Scott compete in the winter for the Stevenson wrestling team, which helps sharpen their opponent-moving skills once football season rolls around.

"Wrestling has helped me a lot because I've learned how to get leverage on defensive linemen," said Demski. "It's taught me to stay low. A lot of high school linemen are too high when they block."

"Wrestling has helped me improve my hand work and it's made me tougher," added Scott, who is the lone Stevenson lineman who also plays defense.

Another almost-daily occurrence that has helped the interior Spartans shore up their

technique is facing off in practice against 6-7, 395-pound teammate Abdullah Afify, who is a key component for the team's short-yardage defense.

"When you go up against him every day like I do," said Newman, "it makes blocking a 250-pound guy seem like nothing."

Not surprisingly, life in the trenches can get a little feisty at times, which is when the Spartans' high-character dispositions kick in.

"Some of the teams we play against do a little trash talking," said McQueen. "But we do a pretty good job of keeping our composure and keeping our mouths shut. We play clean right to the whistle then head back to the huddle. Our coaches tell us to let our ability do the talking."

Although the Spartans' offense appears multi-faceted and sophisticated, it's pretty simplistic for the guys up front, Demski noted.

"The coaches keep it pretty easy for us," the junior center said. "Basically, we're blocking a path, we're not necessarily in charge of blocking one guy every play. If somebody gets in our path, we get him."

Demski said it doesn't take long to figure out what kind of night you're going to have on the O-line.

"You pretty much know on the first play," he said. "Our coaches have us so prepared and so confident that we know the Monday before each game that we're going to do our jobs."

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RUNNING

Churchill Fun Run set for Nov. 8

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

For the third consecutive autumn, supporters of the Livonia Churchill athletics programs will be able to burn (calories) and earn (money for the Chargers) in one fabulous, fitness-enhancing fundraiser.

On Saturday, Nov. 8, beginning at 9:30 a.m. on the Churchill High School campus, the Churchill Athletics Patrons' Fun Run will be held to help generate money for scholarships that are rewarded to Charger senior athletes each spring.

"We are really excited

about this year's race," said Angela Schultheis, one of the event's organizers. "There are some new sponsors who have donated some great prizes for us. And not only do we have awards for the top three runners in each age group [in five-year increments], we also have gift certificates to Joey's Comedy Club and for free massages from Applied Modern Health in Livonia."

Reliv will return to distribute its products at the finish line, and the Livonia Moose is back to help out as a sponsor, Schultheis added.

This year's event will feature a 5K run and walk as well as a one-mile run for children under the age of 10. The pre-registration cost for a family of four is \$40. Students between the ages of 13-18 will be charged a pre-register rate of \$12 and \$15 the day of the race.

The cost for adults is \$15 if pre-registered and \$20 the day of the run.

Participants can visit <http://chs-cap.com/fun-run.htm> to pre-register. Race-day registration starts at 8:30 a.m. at Churchill.

Professional timing will be offered again this year, Schultheis added.

RU volleyball team celebrates big night



TOM BEAUDOIN

Redford Union's volleyball team recognized its seniors during a pre-match ceremony Tuesday night. The Panthers also orchestrated a "Pink Out" fundraiser to help raise awareness for the fight against breast cancer. Pictured with their parents are (from left) Renee Reed, Lisa Harris, Sacha Sartin, Arielle Gaines-Rozier and Logyn Kraft.



TOM BEAUDOIN

Redford Union's Kira Sharps delivers a serve during Tuesday's match.

STEVENSON

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pushed around air-borne footballs like they were snow flakes — to own a 6-0 score until the final 85 seconds of the first half.

With 2:47 left in the first quarter, Stevenson's Andrew Cyburt pounced on the ball at the West Bloomfield 10-yard line after Lakers punter Theo Majette barely made contact on a fourth-down kick.

One play later, Stevenson's Austin Petrie motored around the left end and into the end zone to give the Spartans an early 6-0 advantage (Ian Henzi's extra-point attempt into the stiff breeze hit the right upright).

Following a Connor Vaughan fumble recovery deep in Stevenson territory, the Spartans threatened to pad their lead when Petrie broke free up the left sideline

for a 67-yard run that put the ball on the Lakers 34 with 10:37 remaining in the first half.

However, the drive quickly stalled, forcing Henzi to attempt a 50-yard field goal attempt with the wind at his back. The try looked good at the outset, but fell just a few yards short, allowing the Lakers to dodge a huge bullet.

Led by Vaughan and Tyler Hudson, Stevenson's defense held the Lakers' high-powered offense in check until the 1:25 mark of the second quarter when West Bloomfield quarterback Trishton Jackson connected with Navon Mosley on a crossing pattern that evolved into a 50-yard scoring strike to put the hosts ahead for good, 7-6.

Not including the botched punt, the Spartans forced three Lakers turnovers in the first half — Sam Davidek picked off a Jackson pass and Rob-

ert Schneider recovered a fumble along with Vaughan's fumble recovery — but Stevenson was unable to make West Bloomfield pay for its lack of ball security.

West Bloomfield took charge quickly in the third quarter, upping its lead to 13-6 on a 65-yard TD pass from Jackson to Obbie Jackson.

Eight minutes later, the Lakers pushed their lead to 20-6 on a 6-yard run by Michael King.

Trishton Jackson threw two more second-half scoring aerials — another to Obbie Jackson and one to King — to cap the scoring.

The Lakers outgained the Spartans, 346-171 in total yards. Petrie was the lone offensive bright spot for the Spartans as he gained 116 yards rushing on 18 carries. Vaughan sparkled for the Spartans' defense, recording six tackles and two sacks.

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JOHN GLENN

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Flournoy on a 12-yard TD pass with 6:52 left.

Of Saline's two rotating quarterbacks, 6-foot-2, 200-pound junior Joshua Jackson was by far the most successful, completing 7 of 13 passes for 139 and two scores.

Battling elements straight out of a quarterback's worst nightmare, Wetmore completed just 3 of 7 passes for 31 yards.

Leon Crawford paced the Rockets' ground game with 91 yards on 17 carries.

Jamie Melchor, who was nearly unstoppable in John Glenn's season-ending victory over Southfield Lathrup last week, was limited to 58 yards on 13 hauls.

The Hornets wasted no time seizing the momentum as they scored on their opening possession, which was capped by Jackson's 9-yard TD pass to Jeb Palka with 8:12 left in the opening stanza.

Saline upped its advantage to 14-0 mid-way through the second quarter when Gross bulldozed into the end zone from four yards out.

After the Rockets fumbled on their

next drive, Gross made the pay with a 5-yard scoring run to stake his team to a 21-0 bulge. Ben Stan-kovic drilled all three of his first-half extra-point attempts.

Following another John Glenn giveaway, Saline tacked on a 33-yard field goal by Will Breen just over a minute before the intermission to give the hosts a 24-0 cushion.

Saline's second-half scoring came on a 20-yard field goal by Stonkovic, a 27-yard pass from Jackson to Palka, and an 8-yard scoring run.

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PREP GIRLS SWIMMING

Redford Union crushes Crestwood; now 5-4

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Redford Union girls swimming and diving team completed a tremendous regular season on Tuesday by outdueling Western Wayne Athletic Conference foe Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 106-57.

"The girls all swam great and they should all be complimented on their overall performance this season," said RU head coach Michele Morse-Helwig.

First-place finishers for the Panthers included freshman Abby Bishop, who won the 100-yard freestyle in 1 minute, 9.1 seconds and the 100 breaststroke in 1:31.81; freshman Sarah Bishop, who touched first in the 100 backstroke (1:16.91); sophomore Fiona McClenaghan, who earned first-place points in the 200 individual medley in 3:26.87; junior Abby Walters, who won the 100 butterfly in 1:34.71; and sophomore Kaylah Wiley, who was the victor in the 50 freestyle in 30.65

seconds.

GC edged

Garden City turned in a stellar effort Oct. 23 against WWAC rival Belleville, but ultimately dropped an 89-78 decision.

"My girls surprised me on their performances," said GC head coach Julie Johnston. "A lot of them had their personal-best times in our slow pool, which made us all quite happy. They did an outstanding job against Belleville."

The Cougars, who led 54-53 after the 500-yard freestyle race, were led by two first-place finishers: Alyssa Sowders, who won the 200 backstroke in 1 minute, 16.54 seconds, and Amy McNally, who touched first in the 200 breaststroke with a clocking of 1:31.25.

GC thrived with an abundance of second-place showings. Picking up crucial runner-up points were: the 200 medley relay team of Sowders, McNally, Mackenzie Warwick and Angie Kosi-

kowski (2:27.94), Amber Sparks in the 200 freestyle (2:36.94), Kosikowski in the 50 free (31.40 seconds), Warwick in the 100 butterfly (1:33.19), Taylor Padget in the 100 freestyle (1:10.56), Sparks in the 500 free (7:19.89), the 200 freestyle relay team of McNally, Lindsay Yankasky, Padget and Kosikowski (2:14.19); and the 400 freestyle relay foursome of Sparks, Padget, Kosikowski and Sowders.

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PREP VOLLEYBALL ROUNDUP

Churchill spikers go 2-2-1 in KLAAs tourney

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The Livonia Churchill volleyball team experienced an up-and-down day Oct. 25 at the KLAAs Conference Tournament hosted by Lakeland High School.

The Chargers went 2-2-1 in the gold bracket, which left them with a 25-16-4 overall record.

Churchill started quickly as it spiked Grand Blanc, 25-15, 25-23, in its opening match. However, the Chargers couldn't keep the momentum going as they dropped a two-set nail-biter to host Lakeland, 25-22, 25-21, in the ensuing encounter.

The Chargers then split with Salem, winning the first set 27-25 before falling 25-14.

Following a victory over Walled Lake Northern in the quarterfinal elimination round, the Chargers suffered a 25-18, 25-22 to Novi.

Warriors triumph

Lutheran Westland closed out its Michigan Independent Athletic Conference slate earlier this week with a 3-1 victory over Ann Arbor Greenhills to up its overall record to 17-19-2.

"Greenhills was fired up tonight and we had a very competitive match," Warriors head coach Tom Lange said. "Our team looks very good going into next week's district playoffs."

Senior Allie Lange powered the Warriors with 19 kills and 16 digs. Bethany Hoehne also played exceptionally well, picking up 31 assists, seven digs and four aces.

Also shining for the winners were Caylin Hindle (11 digs), Emily Fairbairn (nine kills, four digs), Eleanor Storck (2.5 blocks), Emily Hahn (12 digs), Mackenzie York (four kills) and Sabrina Morrison, who registered 44 digs, three aces and three assists.

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Lightning strikes gold



The YMCA GU14 Livonia Lightning select soccer team went 6-1-1 to capture first place in its division after allowing just one goal the entire season. Pictured (back to front) are Hannah Davis, Marissa McCracken, Addison Mussen, Emily Halkey, Abby Daoust, Miranda McIntosh, Sabrina Kliza, Sydney Millis, Nivene Rizkallah, Rachel Glovatsky, Erin Sanchez, Sydney Boyce, Niki Berridge, Angela Gioia, Lauren Wilson, Caroline Bimberg, Goalie Alex Thomas and Rachael Morgan. The team is coached by Sarah Daoust, Dana Mills and Gene Boyce.

PREP CROSS COUNTRY



Pictured are members of the Redford Union boys and girls cross country teams along with head coach Roger Weekes (far left).

ED WRIGHT

Panthers finish season with strong effort

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Redford Union's boys and girls cross country teams didn't manage to advance anyone to Saturday's Division 2 state meet at Michigan International Speedway, however, the Panthers closed their 2014 season with a series of gutsy efforts.

Competing at the D2 region

17 meet hosted by Grosse Pointe South, RU's boys team placed sixth overall with 196 points. Orchard Lake St. Mary's won the meet with 24 points followed by additional state-qualifiers Ferndale (62 points) and Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook (75).

Orchard Lake St. Mary's runner Colin Herrmann earned medalist honors by covering the 5,000-meter

course in 16 minutes and 18 seconds.

RU was paced by senior Anise Grady-Shelton, who placed 23rd with a time of 18:37. Also scoring for the Panthers were Nyric Rogers (34th in 19:30), Jack Shroat (47th in 21:08), Clifford Stafford (51st in 21:49) and Mark Eccles, who placed 62nd with a time of 24:37.

Junior Cliffangela Stafford,

the Panthers' lone competitor in the girls' race, placed 25th with a time of 21:49. Detroit Country Day's Jackie Bredenberg was the medalist with a time of 18:39. The three teams qualifying for the D2 state meet were Warren Regina (39 points), Cranbrook (42 points) and Country Day, which finished with 49 points.

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CHARGERS

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Costly miscues

Plymouth head coach Mike Sawchuk said it came down to making too many mistakes against a quality opponent.

"We can't mistakes against a good team like that," Sawchuk said. "The way we looked at it, if we don't turn the ball over up here (a crucial fumble in the second quarter) and blow some coverages, it should have been 14-7 us at the half (instead of vice-versa)."

"And then we just imploded in the third quarter and made way too many mental errors. We couldn't move the football."

It was deja vu for the Wildcats, who lost 42-0 to the Chargers in September.

As was the case that night, Plymouth had no answer to the power running of senior tailback Paul Romain (24 carries, 135 yards, three TDs) and a balanced offense led by senior quarterback Brian Alsbrooks, who threw for one touchdown and ran for two others.

"We knew we had to come out focused," Romain said. "We knew they were game planning mostly on our running game and so we had to step up."

"We went in at halftime and we drew some things up, because we weren't doing that good passing or running-wise."

Breaking through

Churchill got on the board with 7:36 to go in the first on Romain's 1-yard plunge.

But Plymouth responded with scoring march of 80 yards in 14 plays, sparked by the running of junior tailback Cameron Stella (12 carries, 71 yards), who ripped through the line for a 28-yard carry to move the chains near midfield.

Another key play in the drive was senior quarterback Deji Adebisi's 38-yard pass to senior wide receiver Christian Walls, who made a tumbling grab near the Churchill end zone.

On the next play, senior fullback Anthony Kenney scored to make it 7-7.

The Wildcats cost themselves points a couple of times in the second quarter.

Early in the second, Stella intercepted an Alsbrooks pass and was off to the races for a touchdown return. But a



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO
Livonia Churchill power back Paul Romain (No. 4) pushes forward for yardage against Plymouth.

personal foul against the Wildcats wiped out that TD.

Plymouth got the ball back on offense and looked to be on the move again. Adebisi (4-of-12 passing, 59 yards) connected on an over-the-middle pass to senior tight end Kevin Justice in Churchill territory.

But after Justice ran a few yards, he was hit hard by Chargers senior Shakur Lockett and coughed up the football to the 5-9 defender.

The Chargers capitalized with 1:08 to play in the half, when Romain scored on fourth down from the 4-yard line.

Churchill set the tone for what would happen the rest of the way with a quick scoring drive to open the third.

Alsbrooks threaded passes of 14 and 44 yards to senior receivers Brock Diamond and Tim Dulin, respectively. That set up a 4-yard quarterback keeper for the score.

A 41-yard gainer by Romain kept Churchill's offense in gear and he followed up two plays later with an 8-yard touchdown with 8:06 remaining in the quarter to make it 28-7.

Big catches

The Chargers busted the game open just over two minutes later. Alsbrooks fired a 56-yard TD strike to Diamond (three catches, 93 yards).

"I think it being wet and being windy, it was tough to catch tonight," DeFillippo said. "But our kids came out (after halftime) with the wind and made some great catches down there."

"We had that long ball to Brock Diamond for a touchdown and that was good."

Churchill tacked on a 38-yard field goal by Alsbrooks before the end of the quarter.

Heard a good story lately? Check out Tellabration!

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Chrissy Begle of Livonia gets the same kind of excitement from telling stories as a daredevil might get from sky diving.

"I compare it to extreme sports," she said, with a laugh. "I get terrible stage fright, so I do karaoke. It's the same kind of thing. You get that thrill. Telling in front of people can be terrifying, but it's like going on a roller coaster. The more I do it, the better I get."

Begle's nerves will be put to the test when she tells a Brothers Grimm fairy tale at her first major public storytelling concert, Nov. 21 at the Livonia Civic Center Library. She'll be one of three featured storytellers at the Detroit Story League's annual Tellabration! a Night of Storytelling for Adults.

Begle, who joined the League four years ago, has been telling stories primarily to her preschool students at Tutor Time in Canton and at Detroit Story League meetings. She also has performed at a story slam, a competitive storytelling event that challenges participants to relate a true, personal experience based on a theme.

"I didn't win, but it was my first time and it was a lot of fun," she said. "It's really neat because you don't know what people are going to end up saying and it has to be a personal story. It has to have happened to you."

Begle sometimes jots down ideas and bits of conversation for her storytelling tool box, occasionally making note of voice inflection and physical movements.

"Sometimes I pick up on the way it's said rather than what is said."

When she tells to children, she generally sits on the floor, almost at eye level, and encourages interaction from her young listeners. Adult audiences can be a challenge because they tend to be more reserved.

"You don't get as much feedback," Begle said. "My mentor and I went to Madonna (University) to talk to teacher clubs. They had blank expressions. We wondered, are they liking this? We found out later they loved it."



Chrissy Begle of Livonia will tell a folktale at her first Tellabration, Nov. 21.

SUBMITTED PHOTOS



Carolyn Graves is a featured storyteller at Tellabration! in Livonia.



Yvonne Healy tells Irish tales.



Tone Ross will serve as "maestro" at the Livonia storytelling concert.

Foundation in books

Begle has always had a passion for reading. She got her first taste of storytelling while enrolled in a preschool lab class at Stevenson High School. A classmate's mother visited the lab one day and Begle, who graduated in 1997, remembered the story she told.

"A few years later, I was working in day care and I

started telling her story," Begle said, adding that students "loved it."

When she joined the Detroit Story League she told the piece again. Linda Day, a League member and longtime storyteller, recognized it as her own.

"She was the storyteller who came to my class," Begle said. "She has helped me out like a mentor."

In addition to Begle, storytellers Yvonne Healy of Howell and Carolyn Graves of Commerce Township will perform

at Tellabration! Tone Ross, serving as "maestro," will introduce them.

Judy Sima, League president, said Tellabration! events originated in 1988 with the National Storytelling Network.

"In the beginning, you had storytelling evenings and the profits would be sent to the organization," Sima said. "Now they are a way of letting people around the world know that there is storytelling for adults and a night to enjoy it."

Sima said Graves will tell a folktale about a dragon and a boy who befriends it. Healy will either tell a personal story or an Irish tale.

"You have to follow your voice and do what works for you."

TELLING TALES

Join the Detroit Story League at its monthly meeting or try a story slam. Here's a list of upcoming events:

» Moth Story Slam, 7 p.m. Nov. 6, Cliff Bell's 2030 Park Ave., Detroit, and 7:30 p.m. Nov. 18 at Circus Bar, 210 S. First Ave., Ann Arbor. Prepare a five-minute story on the theme — this month it's "last minute" for Detroit and "accidents" for Ann Arbor — toss your name in the hat, and if your name is pulled, tell your true, personal story live without notes. Volunteers from the audience judge the stories. Adults only. Admission \$5 in Detroit, \$6 in Ann Arbor. Visit theMoth.org for more information.

» Detroit Story League meets noon to 3 p.m. the third Saturday of the month, except July. Coffee and dessert (bring your own lunch) is at noon, stories and workshops at 1 p.m. and business meeting at 2:30 p.m. Upcoming sessions are Nov. 15 at the Berkley Public Library, 3155 Coolidge, south of 12 Mile, Berkley; and Dec. 20 at the Redford Township Library, 25320 W. Six Mile, Redford Township. detroitstorytelling.org

» Free Family Tellabration! with Ann Arbor Storytellers' Guild, 2 p.m. Nov. 16 at the Pittsfield Branch of the Ann Arbor District Library, 2359 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor. The Tellabration! for adults is 7:30 p.m. Nov. 14 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1400 W. Stadium Blvd. \$15 at the door. alaurastory@gmail.com

» Detroit Story League presents Tellabration! a Night of Storytelling for Adults, 6 p.m. silent auction, 7 p.m. storytelling, followed by refreshments, Nov. 21 at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia. Features Yvonne Healy, Carolyn Graves, Chrissy Begle and Tone Ross as maestro. \$5 at the door; 248-476-8515, detroitstorytelling.org.

» Detroit Association of Black Storytellers meets 10 a.m. to noon Nov. 22 at the Charles Wright Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren Ave., Detroit. Includes story, workshop, refreshments and business meeting. Call Pam Williams at 248-836-7499 or visit detroitassociationof-blackstorytellers.com.

Garden City dog day care collecting pet, people food

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Stacy Karafotis hopes two of the kennels at her dog day care business in Garden City will be packed — not with furry friends, but groceries — by Dec. 20.

Karafotis, who co-owns Lucky Dog Luxury Daycare and Boarding, is asking the community to donate pet and people food to help fill empty tummies this holiday season. She's collecting the contributions in two kennel spaces usually used for boarding dogs and hopes each will be filled to capacity when the food drive ends.

"I've listed (online) what things are recommended for the food pantry," Karafotis said. "Most people think of canned food, but they don't think of things like peanut butter and jelly. They don't think of condiments or coffee. Someone who can't afford food is not getting coffee."

"People can bring in canned fruits, vegetables, noodles, sauce, crackers, snacks, cereal, toothbrushes, toothpaste," she said. Pet foods can be dry or canned and treats also will be accepted.

Karafotis and business partner Craig Poisson plan to distribute the pet food to three



Stacy Karafotis of Lucky Dog Luxury Daycare and Boarding hopes to fill these kennels with people and pet foods.



A team from Lucky Dog Luxury Daycare and Boarding walks with the annual Mega March for Animals. The group raised \$650 for the Michigan Humane Society.

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Portsmouth's left eye was removed. Guardian Angel Animal Rescue is asking for donations to help with medical costs.

local rescues and will give the groceries to the food pantry at the Maplewood Community Center and First United Methodist Church of Garden City.

Lucky Dog has been involved in several community and outreach projects since it opened Nov. 1, 2013. Karafotis regularly gives local rescues discounts on boarding and grooming and she recently rounded up a team of walkers for the Michigan Humane Society's annual Mega March for Animals. The group raised \$650.

"We've been open a year and we've placed six dogs in homes," Karafotis said. "We had a couple of owners who died and we took the dogs. We had some cats from Garden

City Fire Department. We have a lot of people who lose their dogs and we put it on Facebook and find them, sometimes within 24 hours. We have a (microchip) scanner here."

Lucky Dog's entry took third place in the annual Garden City chili cook-off and it sponsored a "Blessing of the Animals" in early October.

"We're trying to do a community event every month," Karafotis said.

Lucky Dog is open 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Friday and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, at 5921 Middlebelt. For more information about the food drive, call 734-261-PETS or visit luckydoggardencity.com.

Injured cat

Guardian Angel Animal Rescue in Livonia is asking for

donations to help pay medical costs for a cat named Portsmouth who was found injured at a local apartment complex.

Sandy Mezza, president, said residents discovered the cat because they could hear his "constant calls of distress." She said they took Portsmouth to a shelter that offered to euthanize him because of the extent of his injuries.

"The residents then called us," Mezza said. "We rushed him to the vet where we learned that the inside of his mouth had been burned, his lower jaw was cracked in half" and he sustained extensive eye damage.

His jaw was wired and the damaged eye was removed. A feeding tube was inserted into his neck for feeding while his jaw healed.

"After a week stay at the vet, he came to his foster home where his Guardian Angel foster mom and volunteer fed him through his feeding tube every four hours. Despite everything he endured he always remained in good spirits and would express his thanks to us with gentle pats of his paw and near-constant purring."

Portsmouth now eats on his own but won't be ready for adoption until he is completely healed. Mezza hopes to have him placed in a home by Christmas.

Send donations to Guardian Angel Animal Rescue, P.O. Box 511309 Livonia, MI 48151. Visit gaarmichigan.org or call Mezza at 734-788-6857



PET PROJECTS

WEDDING

FLORKOWSKI-CROOK

Katherine Jane Florkowski and Joshua Brent Crook were married Oct. 25, 2014, in a private ceremony under the gazebo in Ashpoint Park, Columbus, Ohio. Tim Crook, brother of the groom, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Ron and Dawn Florkowski of Livonia. The groom is the son of Joel and Sarah Crook of Jacksonville, Ala. In addition to the couple's parents, attendants included the bride's sister, Elizabeth Florkowski, Lyndsay Pepple, and Stephanie and Mike Grieshop.

The newlyweds will make their home in Miami, Fla.



Katherine Jane Florkowski and Joshua Brent Crook

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ALLISON, ERNEST JAMES

Age 68. Born October 2, 1945 in Plymouth, Michigan. Died September 21, 2014 in Demorest, Georgia. Son of the late Frank and Jeanet Allison. Grew up in Plymouth, MI. Veteran of U.S. Air Force. Survived by brother John R. (Sue) Allison and sister Jill Allison (David H.) Miller. Nephew Geoffrey J. Miller and Allison Miller Kaulfuss also survive.



MOLONEY-PELTO, BRIDGET ANNE

skipped cheerfully through the gates of Heaven this week while singing robustly. She passed on Tuesday, October 28, 2014. She was at home, surrounded by family, as we prayed her home. It was a supernatural spiritual event! Sad, but joyful, as we know she will spend eternity with her savior, Jesus Christ. She was born in Detroit on September 8, 1959, to Perry and Dolores (Thurner) Moloney. Sadly, she was preceded in death by her mother in 2008. In addition to her father, Perry, she is survived by siblings, Dianne and Ralph Chamberlain, Colleen and John Schneider, and James and Kelley Moloney; six nieces and nephews; one great-nephew; her husband, Kevin Peltó; and sons, Justin and Julie Peltó, with twin daughters Riley and Reese, Ross Peltó, with children Mallory Lil Ross, and Luke Peltó, a single man. Bridget was in the restaurant business her whole working life and had a presence that would command any dining room or bar. She had a huge, loyal clientele and considered it a party she attended every day and still got paid handsomely for it! Bridget was simply a joy to be around. She would be the happiest person in the room, and always the most fun to be with. She loved nature, starting as a little girl with camping trips to state parks around Michigan. Dolores and Gerry Bourke would have their broods up all summer, with the dads coming up on weekends. In later years she loved "Up North" at the family cottages in Harrisville, Lewiston, Frederick, and Mackinaw City, enjoying crowds of nephews, nieces, parents, kids, friends, in-laws, and the outlaws. Bridget and Kevin explored caves, waterfalls, lighthouses, glaciers, mountains, seashores, mosses, woods, deserts, and prairies all over Michigan's peninsulas, and from Southern Mexico, to Canada, and Northern Alaska, East, West, South and North. Bridget was triumphant for the last 3 years in her battle with her rare cancer sino-mucosal melanoma cancer, outliving her life-expectancy by a long shot. She had endured 12 surgeries, mostly to her head, countless radiations, and months of chemo. During good days, she and Kevin would jump in the car, or hop on a plane, and go live life to the fullest! Many world cruises with Perry, Dianne, Colleen, and others, were part of the healing process as well. Bridget was the toughest person one could know. She has almost 700 friends on the Facebook page, "Prayers and Positive Thoughts for Bridget Moloney" (thanks to longtime friend, Krissy Jacobs, for managing this). She has inspired people around the globe by her tenacity, joy, spirit, never give up attitude, and her love for others. Faith, family, and friends are what sustained her and our family throughout these years. She will be missed by all, and it is the end of the "Kev and Bridge Show" as we know it. In closing, Bridget would like you to remember her life, and to honor her by doing the following: love your spouse, visit your parents, nurture your children, have meals with your siblings and extended family, call your friends, notice nature, have a personal relationship with Jesus, and always love and pet your skunks, or your other pets. Amen. Visitation at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (between 9-10 Mile Rds., just N. of Grand River), downtown Farmington, on Monday, November 3, noon-9 p.m., with a 7 p.m. Celebration of Life Ceremony. Memorial Mass Tuesday, November 4, 11 a.m. at St. Gerald Catholic Church, 21300 Farmington Rd., Farmington. Memorial gifts suggested to either the U of M Comprehensive Cancer Center's Melanoma Clinic or an 11 year old girl named "Pri" that Bridget sponsored through World Vision. Please make all checks payable to "Kevin Peltó" for appropriate distribution.

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WELLS, SR. REPRESENTATIVE PETER FLETCHER

Of Commerce, MI, died unexpectedly on Sunday, September 21, 2014 at the age of 71. Pete was the caring husband of Sally for nearly fifty years; warm and affectionate father to Peter Jr. and Stacy; and proud grandfather to Peter III, Nicholas, Nick, Chloe, and Elijah. Pete has a twin sister Sil and older brother Doug. He was much loved by his friends all around the country. Pete was born in Providence, Rhode Island to Dorothy and Douglas Wells, and spent his early years in Barrington. After leaving the service in the Air Force, Pete moved to Maine and attended college for several years. Pete raised their family in Amherst, New Hampshire in a loving household filled with laughter. Pete's work life included the Gulf Oil Company, Valicenti Realty, Tinkham Realty, but his best achievements were real estate ventures with Sally and their companies, S.A. Wells & Co. (salon) and Treasures Antiques and Collectibles. During his time in Amherst, Pete was an active and positive contributor to the community. He enjoyed local and state politics serving as a Town Selectman, School and Town Board Moderator, and three terms as a New Hampshire State Legislator representing Amherst and Bedford. Pete volunteered on the Rescue Squad, was a member of the Rotary Club and known for always helping others. In 2001 Pete and Sally moved to Michigan to launch businesses with their daughter. As an Executive Director and owner of L'esprit Salon & Spa and L'esprit Academy School for Hair, Skin and Nails (of Livonia and Royal Oak, MI), Pete lent his knowledge and experience to students and staff ensuring the companies' spot as a leader in the beauty industry. Pete loved anything with a motor, wheels or smelling of gasoline. His humor, smile, and ability to make anyone feel important were second to none. He loved his country and family was his greatest pride. A life celebration "For Pete's Sake" was held at his lakeside home in Michigan to commemorate his achievements and impact on those who knew him. A memorial fund in his honor has been established and contributions can be made to "The Peter F. Wells, Sr. Memorial Fund" at Fifth Third Bank (Michigan) or donations in his honor to The Wounded Warrior Project.



SCHULTZ, WILLIAM A.

October 30, 2014 Age 68. Beloved husband of Stephanie Strauss for 37 years. Father of Christine Shoef. Grandfather of Emma. Dear brother of Kathleen Wolstone. Loving brother-in-law of Allyson Henstock (Charles) and Eric Strauss (Lori). Devoted son-in-law of Gertrude Strauss. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and close friends. Bill was a proud graduate of Michigan State University. He was an auto enthusiast who enjoyed hunting, fishing and golf. Family will receive friends Monday 2-6p.m. at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile), 248-549-0500. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to the Michigan Humane Society. Sign guestbook and share memories at DesmondFuneralHome.com

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Ted and Jane Potok of Livonia

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Jane and Ted Potok on their wedding day in 1954

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS

A simple question of "Would you like to dance?" spoken in 1953 at a Polish dance hall called "Dom Polski," led to 60 years of wedded bliss for Ted and Jane Potok (Przekota) of Livonia.

They were married Oct 16, 1954, at Transfiguration Church in Detroit.

Ted served in the U. S. Army during World War II in the 126 Ordnance (Medium Maintenance) Company. His unit provided mechanical vehicle support to various Army infantry divisions in England, France, Belgium and Germany from 1943-45. After the war ended, Ted enrolled at the University of Detroit, where he earned a degree in accounting. He worked as an auditor in the Department of Treasury for the State of Michigan for 39 years, retiring in 1986.

Jane worked as a secretarial stenographer, and her last salaried job was with the Wayne County Board of Supervisors, which she left in 1963 to raise and nurture her growing family.

The Potoks have four children: Felicia Potok (Patrick Fillingim) of Dayton, Ohio; Michelle Stablow (Eric) of Aliso Viejo, Calif.; Tim Potok (Andrea) of Rochester Hills; and Steve Potok of

Rochester Hills. "Busia" and "Dziadzia" have nine grandchildren, ranging from 13-20 years old.

The Potoks are charter members of St. Aidan's Catholic Church in Livonia. Ted served as a Eucharistic minister, sang in the choir and participated in many fundraising drives, Men's Club activities and harvest festivals. Jane assisted with the children's religious education program and supported bake sales, Christmas bazaars, cookbook creations and Agape luncheons through the Ladies' Guild.

The anniversary couple spent the majority of their retirement years traveling. They visited Hawaii, Alaska, Europe, Great Britain, China and Israel, as well as many cities within the continental United States. Their favorite trips, however, have always been the trips to see their grandchildren. In addition to traveling, Jane and Ted have kept busy with gardening, small engine repair, crossword puzzles, watching *Dancing with the Stars* on television and cheering on the Detroit Tigers and Detroit Lions.

A small family celebration is planned for later this year.

ENGAGEMENT

BAUGHMAN-CHRISTENSON

David and Barbara Baughman of Farmington Hills are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly, to Jacob Christenson, son of Candise Christenson of Northville and the late Thomas Christenson.

The bride-to-be, a 2007 graduate of Farmington High School, earned a bachelor of science degree in advertising and public relations from Grand Valley State University. She is employed at Plastomer Corporation in Livonia.

The groom-to-be, a 2008 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School, earned a bachelor of arts degree in international relations from Grand Valley State University. He is employed at US Farathane in Auburn Hills.

The couple plans a wedding in October 2015 in Bloomfield Hills.



Jake Christenson and Kim Baughman

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ENGAGEMENT

O'FLYNN-KAY

Dennis and Loretta O'Flynn of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Samantha, to Trevor Kay, son of Tom and Carol Kay of Oswego, Ill.

Samantha graduated in 2013 from Michigan State University with a B.S. degree in dietetics. She is a registered dietitian at Wayne Health and Rehab Center.

Trevor graduated in 2014 from Michigan State University with a B.A. degree in criminal justice. He is a second lieutenant in the Michigan Army National Guard.

The wedding is set for September 2015 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth Township.



Samantha O'Flynn and Trevor Kay

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Sound of music: Singers entertain, inspire through Therapy Choirs

Get into the holiday spirit with Therapy Choirs of Michigan 1:30-3 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 4, at Sanctuary of Villa Marie, 15131 Newburgh, Livonia.

Therapy Choirs of Michigan is a nonprofit organization that offers group singing as a therapeutic experience to individuals recovering from stroke, head injury and those with developmental disabilities. Its choirs are based in a Farmington Hills rehabilitation center and the Macomb Oakland Regional Center (M.O.R.C.). Adjunct Voices, an volunteer to the choirs, is made up of "friends" of the group. It also runs a youth choir in Livingston County.

Len McCulloch, direc-



Len McCulloch and Therapy Choirs of Michigan will perform Nov. 4 in Livonia.

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tor, says the choir is about "more than just singing." He says the choirs enhance self-esteem, alleviate depression, increase socialization and help memory. No singing skills are necessary.

The upcoming program will include singers from both the Farming-

ton and M.O.R.C. choirs, a harmony duet with volunteer accompaniment, Volunteer Voices with students from St. Edith School, a soloist from the Livingston County Youth Choir and friends from the Finnish Chorus.

For more information, call McCulloch at 248-933-4112.

In Loving Memory Of



ROBERT F. WESLIN

September 24, 1941 - November 4, 2004. Loved and missed by his family and friends. God has you in his keeping. We have you in our hearts, Janice, Jeff and Anne



MORRISON, LYNNE D

Age 53, of Sanford, Michigan died Wednesday, October 29, 2014 at home. She was born September 22, 1961 in Midland, daughter of James and Jean (Franklin) Dion. Lynne graduated from Midland High School in 1980 and received a Bachelor's Degree from Northwood University. She married Larry Wayne Morrison at Poseyville United Methodist Church on May 18, 1984 and was employed by Dow Corning Corporation for 35 years. Lynne is survived by her husband Wayne, of Sanford, parents, James and Jean Dion of Midland and sister and brother-in-law, Lisa (James) Schmidt of Nokomis, Florida. She is also survived by her in-laws, Larry and Sharron Morrison, brother-in-law, Michael (Michele) Morrison, nephews Aaron and Tyler Morrison all of Livonia and her sister-in-law, Jana (Char) Morrison of Kenosha, Wisconsin. The family wants to express their appreciation for the loving and skillful care received by The University of Michigan Departments of Radiation Oncology and Neuro-oncology. In keeping with Lynne's wishes cremation has been arranged through the Wilson MILLER Funeral Home. A private memorial service for immediate family will be held at a later date. Those planning an expression of sympathy may consider the Humane Society of Midland County, P.O.B. 1034, Midland, MI 48641-1034. Personal messages of condolence may be left with www.wilson-miller.com



Take the Better U challenge to improve heart health

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

The American Heart Association and St. John Providence Health System are ready to help you survive the upcoming holiday season of too many sweets, overly-fatty foods, and sedentary celebrating.

Better U, a 12-week campaign to motivate women to improve their heart health, runs from November through Jan. 24, 2015. The program challenges women to assess their health and get a "heart score" at www.mylifecheck.org. Then, to improve their health and increase their score, they can participate in a variety of workshops and classes locally. The challenge ends just in time for AHA's annual Go Red For Women campaign in February 2015.

"Go Red is a little different," said Melissa Thrasher, communications director for the American Heart Association, Midwest Affiliate. "Go



Chef Nezaa Bandele will demonstrate healthy holiday cooking as a part of the American Heart Association's Better U challenge.

Red is more of an educational campaign with resources online. I would say Better U is rolled into Go Red. There are a lot of fun elements with this."

Free cooking demonstrations, mall walking, exercise boot camps, Zumba lessons

and more will be offered during the challenge throughout Metro Detroit to help participants meet their heart health goals.

"It's based on the My Life Check tool, the seven simple ways to improve your life,"

Thrasher noted. The "simple seven" are controlling cholesterol, eating better, getting active, managing blood pressure, losing weight, reducing blood sugar and stopping smoking.

Participants can register for activities at stjohnprovidence.org/ClassEnrollment and select Go Red on the drop-down menu.

Share the journey

They can listen to podcasts that feature health experts at stjohnprovidence.org/gored/ and they can post photos of themselves participating in the 12-week challenge by using the hashtag #MIBetterU on Twitter @AHA_SEMI or on Facebook at facebook.com/AHASEMI.

A select group of women who want to share their stories will participate in the Spotlight on U segment of the challenge. They'll debut at the Go Red Premiere Party and their 12-week journey will be highlighted at the Go Red For Women

Luncheon Feb. 6, 2015.

The Go Red Premiere Party, 7-10 p.m. Nov. 14, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, will include healthy hors d'oeuvres, dancing, health information and stories from women who improved their heart health. Cocktail attire and red shoes are requested. Admission is \$5. Roop Raj of Fox 2 News will serve as master of ceremonies.

Joan Crawford, D.O., a cardiologist at St. John Macomb-Oakland Hospitals, also will talk about women and heart disease, "the No. 1 killer of women."

"We hope to offer attendees a wake-up call while warning women of their risk factors," Crawford said.

To RSVP, visit <http://GoRed-PremiereParty2014.Eventbrite.com> by Nov. 7 or call Laura Elsenety at 248-936-5828 or email laura.elsenety.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Upcoming

Brain injury conference

The Brain Injury Association of Michigan presents a "Quality of Life" conference for survivors of brain injuries, their families and caregivers, 8:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, at the Holiday Inn Conference Center, 17123 N. Laurel Park Drive, Livonia. Doors will open at 8 a.m. Cost for survivors and families is \$20 per person. Cost for staff or aides, \$10 per person. Pre-register by calling 810-229-5880 or visit biami.org/novembere-conference.

Cancer center benefit

Fall Into Fashion, a fashion show with a raffle, light dinner fare, dessert and live music, 6-8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9 at the Masonic Temple, 2375 Farmington Road, Farmington,

benefits the Botsford Cancer Center. Tickets \$25 per person. Call Merle Norman at 248-477-3033

Celiac support

Lauren Madigan, M.D., a dermatologist affiliated with the Henry Ford Health System, will talk about dermatitis herpetiformis and its relationship to celiac disease, at the next meeting of the Tri County Celiac Support Group, 7 p.m. Nov. 10 at the First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington. tccsg.net

Diabetes fair

Eighth annual U-M Diabetes Health Fair, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, at the Sheraton Ann Arbor, 3200 Boardwalk, Ann Arbor, is free and will include health screenings, exhibits, vendors, giveaways, crafts corner for kids and a

food cooking demo at noon with chef Curtis Aikens. Brandon Roux, WDIV-TV meteorologist, will be master of ceremonies. diabetes@umich.edu or 734-763-0177.

Healthy eating

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

» Chef Rebecca Wauldron and Botsford dietician Denise Cykiert will give tips on keeping recipes nutritious, 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, at Busch's Fresh Food Market, 24445 Drake, Farmington Hills. Cost is \$15; 248-427-7400.

» Dietitian Denise Cykiert will offer quick, easy recipes for crock pot cookery, 6-7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13, at Busch's, 37083 Six Mile, Livonia. Cost is \$5; 734-779-6100.

St. John Providence Community Health also offers a free presentation on healthy holiday eating, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 17, in Fisher Auditorium at Providence Hospital, 16001 W. Nine Mile, Southfield. Register at 888-751-5465.

Hearing loss support

Robert Hong, M.D., Ph.D., will present "Beyond Conventional Hearing Aids," at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12, at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster, Garden City. For more information, call Tony at 734-664-3297 or email aferrack@comcast.net.

Kidney Smart classes

Participants will learn about how kidneys function, the causes of chronic kidney disease, how to manage related health conditions such as dia-

betes and hypertension, treatment choices and more. The 90-minute sessions are free.

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

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

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

Pelvic floor disorders

Salil Khandwala, M.D. will talk about symptoms and treatment options for pelvic floor disorders, 5:30-7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 10, at the Oakwood Physical Therapy & Wellness Center, 17101 Rotunda Drive, Dearborn. For more information, call 800-543-WELL or register online at oakwood.org/classes.

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How to prove it's an asset

By Justin Thompson
CareerBuilder Writer

Many people were exposed to a foreign language in high school or college. However, a year of conjugating verbs or learning conversational phrases such as, "Excuse me, where is the post office?" doesn't qualify someone as bilingual. Yet some job seekers exaggerate their linguistic skills on their resumes.

Multilingualism is becoming more common in the workplace. According to a 2011 CareerBuilder survey, 29 percent of companies said that if they had to decide between two equally qualified candidates, they would choose the candidate who is bilingual. According to Bloomberg Rankings, Mandarin Chinese is considered the most useful language to know for business, followed by French and Arabic. Sign language is also prevalent in the workplace. As businesses expand globally, having multilingual workers on staff is becoming more important.

Here are some tips for proving your multilingual prowess during the job search:

Don't put your language skills under "other"

As you would with any other skill on your resume, you should quantify your ability to speak fluently. Don't treat it like a hobby and bury it at the bottom of your resume. "I would treat it like any other skill by listing it on your resume and including examples of how it was used to your advantage," says John Millikin, clinical professor of management at Arizona State University's W.P. Carey School of Business. Quantify how your language skills helped business, whether it was by growing sales or reaching new audiences.

Understand what they need and what you can do

When researching the position,

find out why the company might need a bilingual employee. Is the company expanding into a new region or diverse markets? Is it looking to better support an existing market?

Some positions will require someone who is a native speaker due to the level of written and oral interaction. Other positions may just require someone with

the ability to correspond with internal teams from the around the world. By understanding how your language skills will be used, you'll be better able to fine tune your resume and cover letter.

Don't oversell abilities

"Do not exaggerate your skills," says Jonathan Riedel,

CEO of Forword Translations. "If your conversational skills are intermediate and you claim they are advanced, you will embarrass yourself and your company when they ask you to interpret for a conference or to call a potential client on the phone. There is no need to cram for an interview if the job requires knowledge of Spanish and you feel unprepared.

Only say you can do what you can do."

Riedel adds that even if a candidate lists himself as a "beginner" in several languages on his resume, it shows an employer that he's open-minded, eager to learn and try new things, culturally sensitive and well-rounded.

How to quantify your bilingualism

If you were proving your sales skills on your resume, you would include revenue earned, market share or client needs that were met. Treat bilingualism the same way. Provide evidence of your abilities and potential, either during the interview, on the resume or in the cover letter. Here are some ways to do so:

Show translated documents or content written in another language: Examples could include marketing materials, press releases, emails or social media interactions.

Identify specific scenarios: Be ready to share a scenario that best represents how your understanding of a second language helped you in your career or improved a process or experience for your previous employer.

Attach a dollar amount: Money talks. Any quantitative figures you can use to back your multilingualism will help you get ahead of other candidates.

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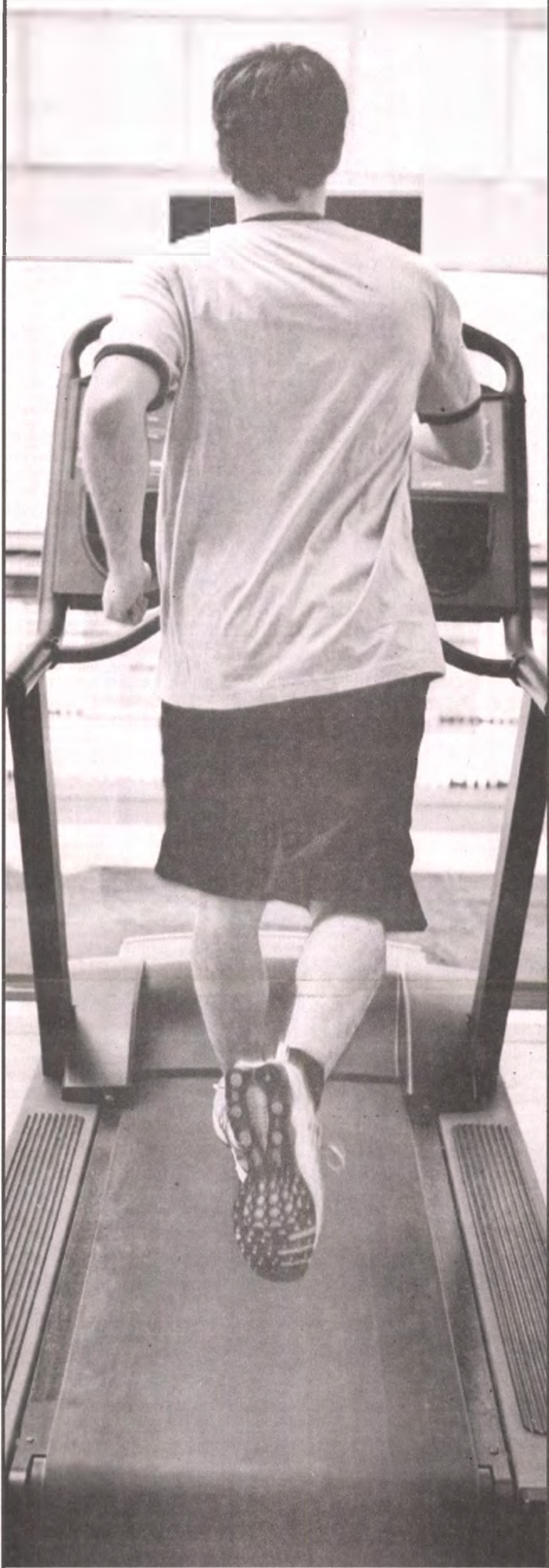
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 - 19 Bird that soars
 - 20 Umbrage
 - 21 Like a piper of folklore
 - 23 "The Bells" poet
 - 24 Machu Picchu founder
 - 25 — Minor
 - 27 Curly or Moe
 - 29 PSAT takers
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 - 32 — it (walked)
 - 35 Hurricane track
 - 38 Navy or vanilla
 - 39 Comic-strip prince
 - 41 Patricia — of "Cookie's Fortune"
 - 43 Elev.
 - 44 "— Green Tomatoes"
 - 46 Time to celebrate
 - 47 Rumor, perhaps
 - 48 Copy
 - 49 Light brown
 - 50 Placed in order
 - 52 Insult
 - 54 Money in the bank
 - 55 Not domesticated
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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

DIGESTIVE WORD SEARCH

WORDS

P U Z N P E R I M U N U J E J I T E A R
V P E B M E O S A O D R Z J M P A N G W
H G U A F R B W S I E E W P B I O N W
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- ABDOMEN
- ABSORPTION
- ALIMENTARY
- AMYLASE
- BACTERIA
- BILE
- BLOATING
- CECIUM
- CELIAC
- CHYME
- COLON
- DIGESTION
- DUODENUM
- ENDOSCOPY
- ENZYME
- EPIGLOTTIS
- ESOPHAGUS
- GALLBLADDER
- GAS
- GASTRIC
- HEARTBURN
- ILEUM
- INTESTINE
- JAW
- JEJUNUM
- LIVER
- NUTRIENTS
- PANCREAS
- PERISTALSIS
- RECTUM
- REFLUX
- STOMACH
- THROAT
- VILLI
- WASTE

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

Sudoku

1	7	8	5	4	9	2	6	3
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8	3	7	1	5	4	6	2	9

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Car Report

Lexus IS Line Shows Brand Stepping Up Game To Regain Spot in U.S. Market



By Dale Buss

Lexus reigned as the U.S. automotive luxury-market champion for many years before it was dethroned by a number of factors three years ago. There was the earthquake and tsunami in Japan in March 2011 which devastated the Lexus supply chain for several months. At the same time, BMW and Mercedes-Benz were rising fast in the American market and challenging Lexus's supremacy anyway. And in 2011, BMW finally ousted the Toyota-owned premium marque.

But lately Lexus has been coming back in a big way. And fortunately,

over the last several weeks I've been able to drive and enjoy the three sedans that are the staples in the brand's return to the front pack in the U.S. luxury segment: the GS 350, ES 350 and IS 250 C.

Americans' enthusiasm for the latest versions of those vehicles, and renewed regard for the venerable Lexus brand, has become obvious in how Lexus is setting a vigorous sales pace in the U.S. this year. Through September, Lexus sales were up by 16 percent compared with a year earlier. And September constituted the brand's twelfth straight month of year-to-year percentage gains and its seventh consecutive month of double-digit such increases.

And that's even before Lexus launches the RC and RC F sports coupes, two new models to the lineup, in late November. "These

coupes will build on the success the IS and GS have generated this past year and should provide a more emotional connection with our customers," Steve Hearne, Lexus vice president of sales and dealer development, said in the wake of the September sales report.

Indeed, Lexus sedans have been generating all sorts of excitement. For one thing, in September, sedan sales were up by 16 percent compared with 12 percent for the brand overall, and they're up by 17 percent for the year. Specifically, IS 250 was the hottest nameplate, with sales up nearly 70 percent so far this year as it continues to bring younger and new buyers into the brand, according to Hearne. It's been more than a year since the vastly improved new IS went on the market.

You'd certainly know something is new with IS if you watched one recent TV commercial for the car, which was most decidedly a departure from the traditionally rather staid Lexus personality. In the spot, a young woman springs a plumbing leak in her apartment kitchen and yells down the hall for help. A strapping Millennial hunk happens to be in the area, hears her cry of distress, takes off his shirt and stops the leak - just at the moment when her significant other male comes home.

"It's not what you think," she says. But before her guy can catch up to the misunderstood and half-naked good Samaritan, the man not only is already out of the building - but hopping into his getaway car, a new



Upscale interiors are a Lexus trademark.

2015 Lexus IS.

Nothing quite like that happened to me when I was driving IS, but it was a thrilling experience nonetheless.

The thing I've always most enjoyed about Lexus vehicles is the effortlessness required to drive them and the seamlessness with which they accomplish their mission. Everything is smooth: acceleration, ride, handling, ingress and egress, ranging of the seats, opening and closing of the doors. And that certainly is still the case with the new IS.

But in the 2015 version of the IS, which is largely unchanged from the significantly enhanced 2014 IS, there's the additional factor of sporty performance and the nameplate's best styling yet. Plus, the version I drove was the IS 250 C - for "convertible."

The bona fides of the new IS line

reflect the long Lexus tradition of providing an impeccable interior design rendered from premium materials, silky-smooth ride and excellent steering. In fact, as Edmunds.com puts it, "the best thing about driving the Lexus IS 250 is its precise and communicative steering, which arguably sets the standard for the entry-luxury class."

In this third generation of IS that began with the last model year, the sedan also has gotten more rear-seat room and trunk space (although the C version understandably has minimal trunk space because the hard roof resides there when the top is down) as well as revised suspension and steering tuning.

And while some competitors have more "vroom," I found the 250 C provided plenty of power when that was the point. When that wasn't the point, I was just enjoying the ride.



The "C" for "convertible" adds even more styling flair to IS.

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