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Land swap clears way for demolition of vacant school

By LeAnne Rogers
 Staff Writer

The long-awaited demolition of an abandoned school is expected to get underway in mid-to late-September.

Once part of the Inkster School District, the blighted former Thomas Gist Academy building is located in Annapolis Park, a historic district commemorating the subdivision plotted in 1953 specifically for

African Americans. The building has long been a source of complaints from neighbors. The Westland City Council has approved a land swap with a local church that will result in

the demolition of a long-abandoned school. Peoples Community Missionary Baptist Church of Westland currently owns the former Thomas Gist Academy on Dancy, part of a parcel lo-

cated immediately south and north of the city's Stottlemeyer Park. The agreement calls for the city to receive that 7-acre prop-

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'Most successful year ever'

Thousands attend fifth annual Blues, Brews and Barbecue

By Sue Mason
 Staff Writer

As emcee, Mike Londeau had a front-row seat for Westland's annual Blues, Brews and Barbecue. From what he saw, a good time was had by all.

"I had a great time working there," Londeau said. "I know a lot of detail goes into it. It was a class act."

Thousands of people showed up for the fifth annual event at the Westland Farmers and Artisans Marketplace at Central City Park.

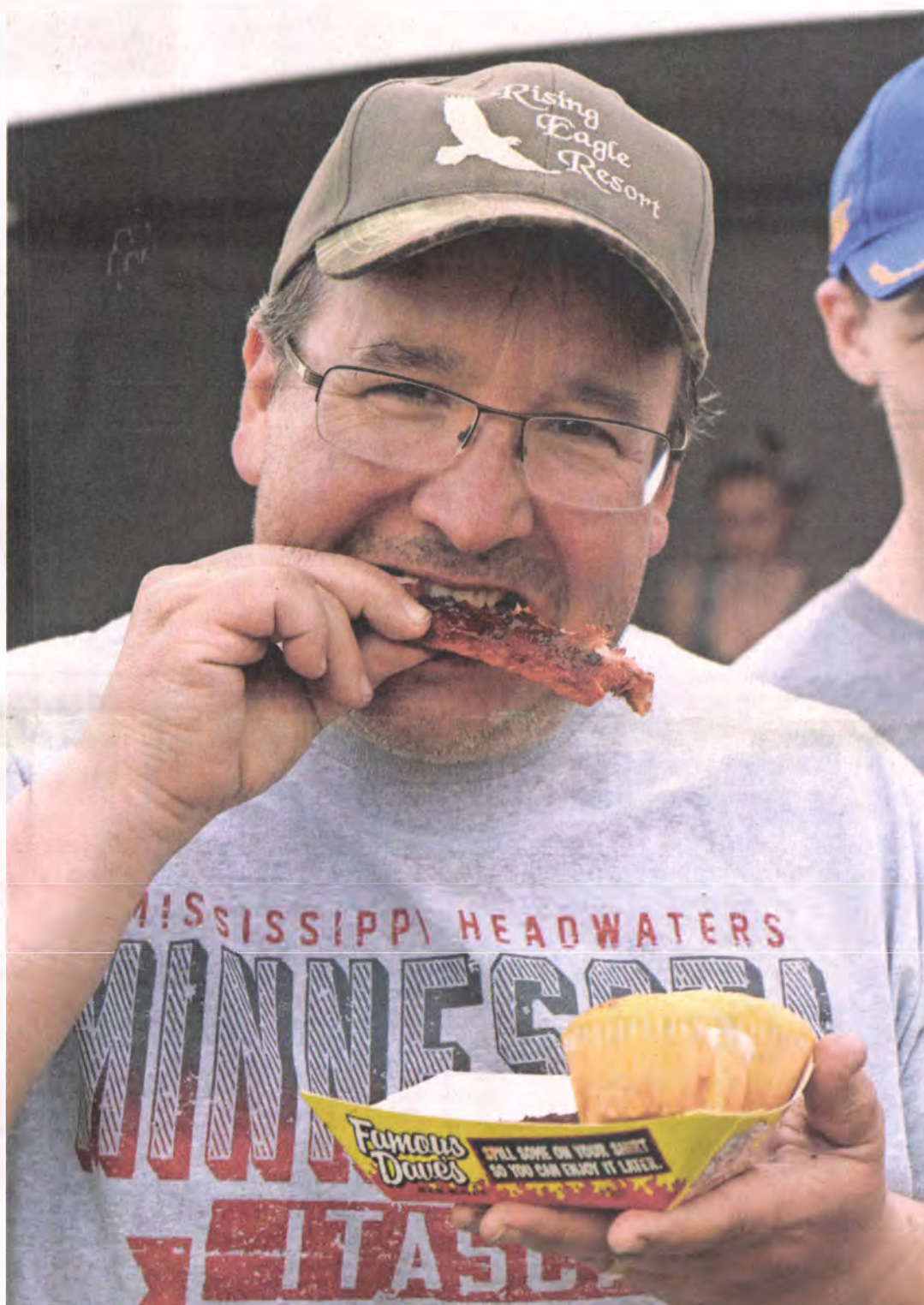
"We had the most successful year ever," Mayor William Wild said. "We're still crunching the numbers."

Some of the increased crowds might be due to Wild's appearance on TV with Chef Tony Paquette, culinary instructor at William D. Ford Career Technical Center in Westland.

The event opened Friday evening with the music of Dirt Basement Blues and closed with headliners The Soulmen, a Blues Brothers tribute band, on Saturday night. In between, there was plenty of liquid refreshments, barbecue by area restaurants and a barbecue throw-down to crown the best grill.

"Some of those people had exceptional skills," Councilman Dewey Reeves said. "Their knives were sharp and their food was good. Blues, Brews and Barbecue was exceptional; the entertainment was exceptional. The ambiance, the atmosphere and the camaraderie was wonderful."

Reeves was among the celebrity judges for the throw-down, and while he found several contestants did not meet



See EVENT, Page A2 Rob Lockhart of Westland tries the ribs from Famous Dave's.

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Main Street adds benches to downtown Wayne

By Sue Mason
 Staff Writer

Wayne Main Street is inviting visitors to sit a spell with the addition of park benches along westbound Michigan Avenue.

Eight benches have been installed along the north and south sides of the thoroughfare in the city's downtown area, increasing the community's walkability score by a few percentage points, according to Lindsey Wooten, Wayne Main Street director.

"When we did our visioning session, the number one thing on the wish list was benches," Wooten said. "Two years later, people can see a very visible thing Main Street was able to do."

The benches were installed over the past 1½ weeks. At 5:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, officials, Main Street volunteers and residents will gather at the southeast corner of West Michigan Avenue and Wayne Road — the site of bench number one — for a dedication ceremony.

Wayne Main Street had to get the approval of the City of Wayne and the Michigan Department of Transportation to install benches, which were purchased several years ago "for next to nothing" from the City of Belleville, which was replacing them.

They were in "pretty bad shape" and required a lot of work. The metal parts were sandblasted and repainted and the wood stripped and refinished with the help of Boy Scout Troop 1736 members from First Congregational Church and the Wayne Main Street Design Committee.

Main Street found sponsors who put up \$500 for each bench. The money was used to refurbish them, and any money left will be used to purchase more benches, Wooten said. The sponsors were a mix of families and businesses, plus the Wayne Rotary Foundation.

Each bench has a plaque with the sponsor's name or a message. The Wayne Department of Public Works installed the plaques and the benches.

"I have to give a shout out to the DPW; we couldn't have done it ourselves, for sure," Wooten said.

The benches are located between Newberry and Second streets and can be found near

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Woman charged with murder in fatal accident

A Detroit woman faces a preliminary examination Sept. 1 on charges relating to the death of a Romulus woman Aug. 12.

Onika Adrenelle-Cannon Fields plead not guilty to charges of second-degree murder and driving while license suspended causing death during her arraignment Friday in 29th District Court Friday.

The charges stem from a fatal accident last Wednesday afternoon at the intersection of Merriman and Van Born.

According to reports, a driver allegedly crashed into a vehicle after running a red light at Middlebelt and Van



Fields

Born in Westland and fled, causing a second accident after running another red light.

The vehicle was partially through the Merriman-Van Born intersection when it collided with a vehicle driven by a 67-year-old Romulus woman. She was airlifted to a hospital where she later died.

"The alleged defendant's

conduct in this case was dangerous to everyone who was on Wayne County roads on Aug. 12 at 2 p.m.," Wayne County Prosecutor Kym L. Worthy said. "Cars can be a murder weapon just like a gun or a knife."

Fields is being held in Wayne County Jail in lieu of \$10,000 cash bond. If convicted, she could face up to life in prison.



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Visitors to downtown Wayne can sit on benches that have been installed along West Michigan Avenue.

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such locations as Tried and True Thrift Store and Dorsey School of Business east of Wayne Road, and the PNC Bank, the Greater Dreams Church and State Wayne Theater west of Wayne Road.

Wooten is excited to put a check mark for "done" next to benches on the wish list as well

as for a coffee house with the opening of Biggy Coffee at 35545 W. Michigan Ave.

"Everyone wanted a coffee house, so I can really check that off," Wooten said. "The owners are already looking at other buildings and other things to do. A lot of great things are coming to downtown Wayne."

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The Friday night crowd listens to the blues.

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expectations, fellow judge Councilman Bill Johnson said, "I'd like to think they should go back to the kitchen and practice for next year."

The event was held on two of the hottest days of the summer and, according to Councilman Adam Hammons, people made sure they drank plenty of liquids.

"People stayed hy-

drated to the point that they ran out of beer Saturday night," he said. "The crowds were outstanding and that bodes well for the success of the event."

Local service and community organizations provided volunteer labor during the event while earning money. Wild said the groups will receive their "pay" at a future city council meeting.

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Frank Grimaldi is lead singer for the Dirty Basement Blues Band. Peter Zajicek plays keyboards and Bryan Miller is on bass guitar.

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erty, including the school building, in return for a 1.15-acre parcel from the north part of the park. The church is located on Annapolis immediately north of the park.

"The parcel will square up the church property," City Attorney James Fausone said. "The 7 acres will go to the city. The city has set aside funds to demolish the

school later this summer. We need to resolve the real-estate issues."

The city expects to use grant funding for the building demolition. However, the city can't spend money on the property without owning it, Fausone said.

All the funding is set, and the demolition contract has been awarded. The asbestos abatement contract has been awarded. The city also has allocated \$50,000 for neighborhood park improvements during the new

fiscal year that began July 1.

The council also approved an amendment to a 1994 land contract with a division of the Peoples Community Missionary Church, now called Christian Faith Ministries.

That division of the church purchased a parcel of land on Henry Ruff south of Annapolis from the city for \$93,000 at 9 percent interest. All but just over \$5,200 had been paid, but the city stopped receiving payments in 1999.

"There was quite a lapse in time when the payments weren't made, but a significant portion was paid," Fausone said.

The amendment to the land contract would give the church until October to pay the balance of principal and just over \$23,000 in accrued interest. If the full amount isn't paid, Fausone said, the property ownership would revert to the city.

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Home subdivision planned along Ann Arbor Trail

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

A local developer is planning a new housing development for Livonia's southwest corner. The 19-home development, which will be named Arbor Trail Estates, is slated to be built along Ann Arbor Trail west of Wayne Road. The city council voted Monday to approve the new development without additional comment. The lots vary in size, but most are about 5,000 square feet, said city planning director Mark Taormina at the previous study meeting. The smallest home will be about a 1,300-square-foot ranch, and the maximum will be more than 2,400 square feet. "We're looking forward to this development," said Leo Soave, the Livonia developer



The site of the proposed subdivision along Ann Arbor Trail.

DAVID VESELENAK | STAFF WRITER

who is working on the project. "We're currently running out of lots in Livonia, and we're looking forward, if this were to pass, to getting this in by year's end." The homes are expected to sell beginning in the

low-\$200,000 range, Soave said. The homes will have similar aesthetics to other houses his company has built in Livonia, Soave said. The council planned to work on resolving an

issue of size for some of the homes, too — part of the planning commission's recommendation called for ranch-style homes to be at least 1,500 square feet, several hundred more than what's currently planned.

Taormina said some sort of arrangement could be worked to allow for those 1,300-square-foot homes. "This is carryover language from previous developments where we've used that 1,500 as

the minimum standard," he said. "If there's no objection from council ... what I would recommend is the approving resolution be modified to lower that number." The homes will be on a dead-end street that will have a T-turnaround at the end for vehicles to turn around. Councilwoman Laura Toy originally asked for the approving resolution at an earlier study meeting, saying the development is a positive step for Livonia in building new homes. "I think it's a need that Livonia has, if you will, in regards to a cluster like this," Toy said. "I think it's a great improvement and I think it will be a great addition to Livonia."
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Honor loved ones at walk benefiting Angela Hospice

It may still be summer, but Angela Hospice is already preparing for its annual fall event — the eighth annual Walk of Remembrance, which is set for 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at Madonna University in Livonia. Walkers can celebrate the lives of loved ones they've lost while walking 2.3 miles through the picturesque grounds of the Felician Sisters. This year, Angela Hospice hopes to exceed past attendance and host more than 1,000 supporters.

While some walk alone, others form teams to honor their loved ones and raise funds for Angela Hospice programs. Sisters Christine DeVitis of Livonia and Karen Howard of Westland will be gathering their team for the seventh year in a row. The team walks in memory of their mom, Loretta Przybylski, who was in the Angela Hospice Care Center in 2008. Loretta was in the Care Center for 17 days before losing her battle to cancer. "It just makes us think that our mom is up there and she can see us," DeVitis said. "She'd be really proud that we're doing something like this." Their team has grown every year, and so has their "rock garden," which now has at least 30 rocks painted in memory of loved ones. Both sisters see themselves participating in the event for many years to come, especially because of the shared bond they have with other participants. "Knowing that somebody else went through the same thing as you makes it special," Howard said. "It might not have been the exact same thing but they lost somebody and Angela Hospice helped. That's a big thing." After the family-friendly walk, guests are invited to share refreshments and paint colorful rocks in memory of loved ones. They can place those rocks in the Angela Hospice memorial garden. "It is clearly a powerful expression of heart for those who attend," said Bob Alexander, director of Development for Angela Hospice. "Since it began eight years ago, the Walk of Remembrance has been a precious touch-point for families and friends who walk, remember and honor those they have lost over the years." Proceeds from the event will benefit Angela Hospice's grief support services, which are available free of charge to anyone in the area who has experienced a loss. Angela Hospice grief support services are funded through charitable donations and proceeds from annual fundraisers, and include general and special topic grief support groups; individual and family counseling; and holiday workshops for children, teens, and adults. Early registration for the walk is \$25 in advance for adults (increases to \$35 after Sept. 4), \$15 for children ages 6-12, and free for kids 5 and under. Day-of registration begins at 9 a.m. To register or get more information about the event, contact Events Coordinator Helen Balmforth at 734-953-6045 or hbalmforth@angela-hospice.us or visit AskForAngela.com.



SUBMITTED Loretta Przybylski's family members participate in Angela Hospice's Walk of Remembrance each year. They have painted many rocks in memory of Loretta and other family members. From left are sisters Christine DeVitis of Livonia and Karen Howard of Westland and their daughters Danielle and Sami Howard and Amanda DeVitis.

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Suspect sought for stealing TVs at senior complexes

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A suspect clad in a security jacket is being sought for allegedly stealing multiple televisions on multiple days at three different senior citizen housing complexes in Westland.

Westland Police reported that thefts occurred at Greenwood Villa Senior Apartments, 7600 Nankin Blvd.; Westgate Tower Senior Complex, 34567 Elmwood; and Village of Our Savior's Manor, 29495 Annapolis.

» The first reported theft was March 11 at approximately 1 a.m. at Greenwood Villa. In this incident, police said security video showed the subject inside of the building looking around. Eventually, he entered two separate common area rooms within the building and removed the televisions from the wall, police said. The suspect



Westland Police are seeking this suspect in the theft of multiple televisions from several local senior apartment

can be seen carrying both of these televisions out of the senior complex without incident, police said.

» On June 24 a suspect was seen on surveillance video at Westgate Tower again around 1 a.m. Similarly, the suspect again can be seen

entering a community room in the complex, then removing an 80-inch television from the wall, police said.

The suspect exited through a door with the television and disappears out of camera view, police said. A white vehicle



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is seen entering the complex shortly before the incident, and again leaving shortly after the theft occurs.

» A third theft occurred July 20 at approximately 3:30 a.m., again at the Greenwood Villa Apartment Complex. In

this incident, the subject again entered the building and went to the same areas where the televisions had been stolen in the previous incident, police said.

Police said the suspect inspects the televisions and discovers that there are now cables anchoring the televisions to the walls. He leaves the building and reappears with bolt cutters, cuts the cables securing the televisions to the walls, and carries both of the televisions out of the senior complex, police said.

» On July 30, a subject wearing the same security jacket entered Our Savior's Manor at 12:40 a.m. The suspect, again captured on security video, located two televisions inside the complex — one in the main entryway and another in the community room. Police said the suspect ripped these televisions off the wall, tearing drywall out

in the process. Again, in this incident a white vehicle is seen in the parking lot just prior to and after the theft occurred.

The Westland Police Detective Bureau made contact with the Harper Woods Police Department after learning that there had been a similar incident. Upon further investigation it was discovered that the subject in the Harper Woods incident appears to be the same subject from the Westland incidents, according to Westland Police.

Anyone with information regarding the identity of the suspect responsible for the theft please is asked to contact the Westland Police Department at 734-722-9600 or Sgt. Ron Buckley at 734-467-3194.

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GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

No driver's license

A 22-year-old Inkster man was ticketed Aug. 17 for having never acquired a driver's license.

The man was observed driving at a high rate of speed on Henry Ruff at Bock. The officer followed the car to the Citgo gas station where the driver left it running and went into the building, police said. The officer asked the man to step outside. When asked to produce identification, he told the officer he didn't have any. A check showed the man had never obtained a driver's license, police said.

He also was ticketed

for speeding and leaving an unattended car running. He was turned over to Westland police on a bench warrant for failure to appear in 18th District Court.

Vandalism

» A resident in the 6000 block of Helen told police that someone had thrown a small piece of concrete at the rear window of his Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck Aug. 15, causing several chips in the glass. The pickup had been parked in his driveway. The man said he heard a loud noise about 2:50 a.m. and when he investigated, he found the damage.

» The windshield of

2003 Saturn was cracked after being struck by a large piece of concrete. The owner said the car had been parked in the street in front of a home in the 6000 Lathers overnight Aug. 14.

Burglary

A Michael Kors designer purse, birth control prescription and 80 Zolofit pills were reportedly stolen during a break-in of a home in the 31000 block of Donnelly on Aug. 15.

The resident told police she remembered seeing her purse on the kitchen table before going to bed and couldn't find it when she got up in the morning. The

woman said her boyfriend was awakened at about 4 a.m. when the alarm system went off in the house. He turned it off and went outside to check, but found nothing.

He told police he thought it was odd that the pool skimmer that was normally by the pool in the backyard, was in the driveway and that he found the screen open on a kitchen window that is always left unlocked. The window is directly next to the window.

The woman didn't lose her credit cards, money and personal identification because she keeps her wallet separate.

Larceny

» A white yard lamp with a 12-volt bulb was reported stolen from a post in front of a home in the 1200 block of Helen sometime between 9 p.m. Aug. 13 and 9 p.m. Aug. 14.

The resident discovered the missing light when he went to investigate why it wasn't on. The wires had been snipped and the light and bulb carefully removed. The pole wasn't taken.

» Three manhole covers were reported taken from drains in the parking lot of the Dollar Castle, 29611 Ford, overnight Aug. 10. One cover

was removed from a parking area on the east side of the building and the other two from the rear.

Larceny from a vehicle

A neighbor gave police a description of a man he saw going through a car parked in the driveway of a home in the 31000 block of Cambridge. The incident happened overnight Aug. 13.

The owner told police someone entered the unlocked car and stole his wallet, containing his driver's license, credit card, bank card and medical card.

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Wayne County Health Department hosting free Family Fun Fest today

At its 10th annual Family Fun Fest, Wayne County Department of Health, Veterans and Community Wellness will make access to essential healthcare and information on living a healthy lifestyle more accessible.

The free event, set for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. today, offers Wayne County residents health screenings and games and activities for all ages. It will be held at the Wayne County Health Center at 33030 Van Born Road in Wayne.

"One of the major goals of the Department of Health, Veterans and Community Wellness is to improve the quality of life for our residents," Wayne County Executive Warren Evans said. "With more than 50 partners, the Family Fun

Fest is a valuable resource that provides important health services and awareness to Wayne County residents who need them the most. I'm encouraging anyone who can benefit from this great event to take advantage of this day of healthcare, information and fun."

The Fun Fest will provide services that promote improving the health and well-being for the community. Free health offerings will include:

- » childhood immunizations
- » oral dental consultations for children up to age 18
- » hearing and vision screenings for children up to age 18
- » lead testing for children up to age 18
- » blood pressure

screenings, provided by Garden City Hospital.

The Family Fun Fest will also offer information on:

- » learning and understanding your health profile through Body Mass Index screening
- » improving nutrition knowledge
- » WIC enrollment and services
- » the benefits of breastfeeding and free class registration
- » head-start enrollment.

The event also includes the Wayne Police and Fire departments, entertainment, refreshments, a bicycle safety helmet and child car seat giveaway, and free haircuts for kids.

"The goal of the Family Fun Fest is to provide a day of fun and recreation while inspiring indi-

viduals, families, organizations and communities to focus on the physical and mental health and wellness of themselves and others," said Dr. Mouhanad Hammami, director of the Department of Health, Veterans and Community Wellness.

Wayne County's new Department of Health, Veterans and Community Wellness was developed by the Evans administration to enhance the county's ability to deliver health and wellness services through a holistic application of services to seniors, veterans, youth and families throughout the county.

For more information on the Family Fun Fest, visit www.waynecounty.com or call 734-727-7000.

Ruffed Grouse Society to host fundraiser in Livonia

The Greater Southeast Michigan Chapter of the Ruffed Grouse Society will host its 38th annual Conservation and Sportsmen's Banquet on Wednesday, Sept. 16, at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia.

The event will begin with a social hour at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m.

Proceeds from the event will be used to enhance the habitat for ruffed grouse, American woodcock and other forest wildlife. The evening will feature a live and silent auction, games, drawings and door prizes, highlighted with a selection of quality firearms, artwork and collectibles.

Individual membership and dinner tickets are \$75. There is also a membership and spouse

package for \$100 (includes two dinners) and a junior membership and dinner ticket for \$40 (17 and under). Banquet, Conservation, Sustaining and Gold sponsorship packages are also available at \$275, \$500, \$1,000 and \$2,500 respectively.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Jim Gilsdorf at 734-662-7512.

Established in 1961, the Ruffed Grouse Society is dedicated to preserving sporting traditions by creating healthy forest habitat for ruffed grouse, American woodcock and other wildlife. RGS works with landowners and government agencies to develop critical habitat using scientific management practices. For more information on RGS, visit www.ruffedgrouse.org.

Zeal hosts Women's Makeover Workshop

Zeal Credit Union is hosting a Women's Makeover Workshop from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, at Westland Shopping Center, 35000 W. Warren Road.

The free event, which is open to the public, will be held in the Community Room on the center's lower level and include:

» 11-11:30 a.m. — Women and Money Seminar, presented by John Lybeck of Zeal Financial

Advisors.

» 11:30 a.m. to noon — beauty company representatives will provide makeup, hair and fashion tips.

» noon to 1 p.m. — complimentary lunch and opportunities for one-on-one consultation with the speakers.

All workshop attendees will be entered to win ULTA gift cards, mall gift cards and concert tickets.

To accommodate lunch guests at the Women's Makeover Workshop, registration is required and can be completed by calling Jennifer Shelton of Zeal Credit Union at 734-466-6108.

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Reading program has strong summer showing

July was a great month at the Garden City Public Library. The Summer Reading Club was going strong, with prizes flying out the doors not just on program days but throughout the week as well thanks to the weekly reading system that the library has implemented to keep up the momentum.

Hours upon hours of reading were logged by our Youth club members, who enjoyed presentations by local children's authors, puppeteers, a stunt show and zoo animals.

Midway through the month Library Director James B. Lenze, scholar Cynthia Furlong Reynolds and myself attended a training workshop in New Orleans, La., which helped prepare us for implementing Prime Time Family



By Lisa Kleinert
GUEST COLUMNIST

Reading Time, an established weekly series aimed at bringing literacy to families through meals and books handpicked to encourage discussion of the humanities at an approachable level. The series will not begin until October of this year, but in the meantime we are all very excited to be involved in planning to make it the best experience possible.

The month's excitement was topped off on July 27 with the highly anticipated arrival of our new Youth Services Librarian Erin Look.

Ms. Look moved to the metro Detroit area from Wisconsin, and we are very happy to have her on our staff.

But enough about the past, August has brought even more fun to Garden City residents. The Youth Summer Reading Club has continued with Summer Family Movie Nights on Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. and an appearance by Drummunity — a high-energy, hands-on percussion experience. An ice cream party followed to end Summer Reading Club on a sweet note.

Also, on Aug. 20, the library is hosting a free Family Game Night at 6 p.m. It features board games for a range of different age levels and you can also try your hand at Wii Sports. Our last game night was a smashing

success and we hope for the same this time around.

As part of the James C. Dance award granted to us by the Metro Detroit Book and Author Society, the library hosted a special performance by Dance Express, headed by instructor Lori Couture.

Those people inspired to put on your own dancing shoes, can pop in the library where we have added around 40 new dance themed titles. These range from young adult books on breaking in to the dance industry to instructional DVDs on Hip Hop and Ballroom styles. They were purchased with funds from this generous grant.

If you are a different type of creative, and enjoy crafting rather than dance the Library is still hosting reg-

ular Knit Nights every second and third Wednesday of the month starting at 5:30 p.m. Visitors are requested to bring their own supplies for a night of chat, gossip and the busy hum of knitting needles clack, clack, clacking.

The Garden City Public Library is available to answer questions or concerns during normal business hours in person or over the phone 734-793-1830. When visiting the library, enter the Balmoral side of the Maplewood Center located at 31735 Maplewood, Garden City. Library hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Thursday and noon-5 p.m. Friday-Saturday.

Lisa Kleinert is a library aide at the Garden City Public Library. She can be reached at kleinert@gardencitylib.org.

Youth Assistance gets grant to fund park ranger program

The City of Westland's Youth Assistance Program has received a \$40,946 grant from the Detroit Wayne County Mental Health Authority (DWCMA). The funding will be used by the Wild About Youth Works! Park Ranger Program to enhance youth employability with a focus on suicide prevention and anti-bullying programming.

Wild About Youth Works! is a summer program created by Mayor William R. Wild that aims to prepare Westland's young adults for the workforce by teaching the virtue of strong work ethic, good customer service skills and financial responsibility. Participants receive financial literacy training, learn about proper job interview tactics, how to dress for success as well as techniques to build and write a strong resume.

"Our goal is to equip Westland's youth with the skills and knowledge needed to be competitive candidates for employment. This program helps participants invest into their future by taking steps to learn what makes an individual employable," said Wild, adding that the goal each year is to provide students who take those steps with a list of 100 positions available with local businesses.

The program caught the attention of Tom Watkins, DWCMA's executive director, who visited the city to learn more about Wild About Youth Works! and other programs offered to Westland youth through the city's Youth



Serving as park rangers this year are Michael Ackron (back row, from left), Dylan Ackron, James Yuchuck, James McFadden (front row, from left), Lauryn Williams, Elizabeth Patton and Late' Hyter.

Assistance Program.

'Pleased to partner'

"We are pleased to partner with Mayor Wild and the City of Westland to provide meaningful summer experiences, a job and the dignity of a paycheck for our youth," Watkins said. "I am fortunate to have a

dedicated community focused Board of Directors committed to helping lift up our youth. Having exceptional community partners like Mayor Wild and his team is critical to building collaborative community partnerships."

"I am grateful to the DWCMA and Tom Watkins

for choosing Westland as a partner for this tremendous grant opportunity," Wild said. "Our goal with this program is to close the opportunity gaps still faced by too many of our young people. With this grant, we can continue to work to create a brighter future for our youth, build safer commu-

nities, and strengthen our community as a whole."

"We look forward to future opportunities to partner with the DWCMA on additional opportunities that will help to impact our youth and our community," he added.

The grant is being used to pay for wages, taxes, supplies/materials, meals, incentives and team-building activities. This year's program consists of 20 area youth, ages 15-20, who were hired in July to work for minimum wage for approximately 24 hours per week. The program will end in September.

Special presentation

Each participant is required to participate in a presentation that will include messages about bullying and suicide prevention and positive treatment of others.

On Wednesday, Aug. 12, the city conducted an anti-bullying and suicide-prevention workshop for the Park Ranger participants. Emma Socia, a 10-year-old Westland resident and founder and creator of the Empower Kindness Program, was in attendance to discuss her recent experiences with bullying and how she is organizing campaigns and large rallies to end bullying.

To learn more about Emma's Empower Kindness program, visit her Facebook page at www.facebook.com/empowerkindness. To learn more about the City of Westland's Park Ranger Program, visit www.cityofwestland.com.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Casino Trip

Wayne Rotary is hosting a Casino Fundraiser Trip to Greektown Casino in Detroit on Saturday, Sept. 12. The bus will pick up passengers at 29th District Court on Sims east of Wayne Road. It will leave promptly at 2 p.m. Return time is 9:30 p.m.

The cost is \$30 per person and includes \$25 in credits. Contact Trish Hampton at 734-890-6934 to reserve a seat.

Mom2Mom Sale

Garden City High School is having a Mom2Mom sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (with an early bird at 8:30 a.m.) on Saturday, Sept. 12.

There will be more 75 tables. The price is \$25 for an 8-foot table, including space for a standard-size clothes rack you provide or small shelf. The seller keeps all the profits from everything sold at their table. A large item area will also be available for items that do not fit on or under your table (high chairs, strollers, exercisers, swings, etc.). There will also be a pre-sale for those who reserve a table.

A concession stand will be open throughout the sale as well as a bake sale. Admission to the sale is \$1 (early bird \$2). All profits from this sale will go to Project Graduation Class of 2016 Senior All Night Party.

Garden City High School is at 6500 Middlebelt Road, between Ford and Warren Road. For more information or to reserve a table, visit www.facebook.com/gcmom2momsale for a table agreement, email GCmom2momsale@hotmail.com or call 734-277-0791. No vendors, please.

Book sale

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 396 is having a Used Book Sale in the Post parking lot, 6860 Middlebelt,



Wayne Rotary is hosting a fundraiser trip to the Greektown Casino in Detroit on Saturday, Sept. 12.

Garden City, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 28-29. All proceeds will go to help veterans.

Back-to-School Day

InsideOut Church will be hosting a "Back-To-School Day" from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, in Garden City Park at Cherry Hill and Merriam.

This free, fun-filled day will be held at the park's Red Pavilion next to the playground. The church will be offering free lunch, face-painting, haircuts, a 54-foot inflatable obstacle course and free backpacks full of school supplies. Space will be limited.

For more information, call 734-983-8376.

Beginner's Tai Chi Class

If you'd like to get back into exercising, but have limitations, consider Tai Chi. Tai Chi is a weight bearing and moderate intensity cardiovascular exercise composed of gentle, graceful movements that strengthen without over-stressing your cardiovascular system or joints.

Practiced on a regular basis, Tai Chi can help improve balance and reduce falls, increase strength and flexibility, reduce pain, improve cardiovascular function and produce a general feeling of well-being.

The Wayne Senior Services office is looking to start a beginner's class at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15. The session is 10 weeks and costs \$65 per session.

For more information, call Nancy at the Senior Services Office at 734-721-7460.

Yard Sale

Lighthouse Home Missions is looking for donations and volunteers to help for an hour or two with a yard sale planned for 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Aug. 28-Sept. 5. Volunteers also are needed to help with set-up on Aug. 25-27.

Donations of small appliances, housewares, furniture and clothing also are being accepted. Lighthouse Home Missions is located at the Full Gospel Temple, 34033 Palmer, east of Wayne Road, Westland. For more information, call 734-326-3885.

Casino Trip

St. Mel Women's Club is sponsoring a trip to Motor City Casino on Sunday, Sept. 20. The cost is \$30 and includes deluxe motor coach transportation and \$25 in Reward Play, plus beverages, snacks and Share the Wealth on the bus.

The bus will depart the parking lot of St. Mel Catholic Church, 7506 Inkster Road, Dearborn Heights, at 11:45 a.m. and depart from the casino at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are available in the Parish Office or by calling 313-274-0684. All proceeds to benefit St. Mel Parish.

Festival/craft show

Attention crafters and vendors: Applications are being

accepted for the St. John's Episcopal Festival and Craft Show that's set for Saturday, Sept. 12. There is a large indoor space, and electricity is available. The church is located on Wayne Road in Westland with great traffic flow.

The festival hours are 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.; the craft show runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (set-up is at 9 a.m.). For more information, call 734-721-5023 from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Chili Cook-Off

The Westland Democratic Club will host its annual Chili Cook-Off fundraiser from 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, at the Jefferson Barnes Community Vitality Center, located on Grand Traverse, east of Venoy.

The club is looking for chili cooks and volunteers. Call Debra Fowlkes, secretary of the Westland Democratic Club at 734-326-9242 for more information.

PATH Class

A free Diabetes PATH (Personal Action Toward Health) workshop will be offered beginning Aug. 25 at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe, at Annapolis in Wayne.

The fun, interactive, six-week workshop is designed to provide skills and tools to help people living with Type 2 diabetes and their support system live a healthier life. The workshop will be 6-8 p.m.

For more information, call 800-543-WELL or visit oakwood.org/classes.

Veterans' lunch

World War II and Korean War veterans are invited to a luncheon in their honor from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at the Bova VFW Post #9885, 6440 N. Hix, Westland. Veterans may bring a family member to the lunch. It is free, but reservations are required. Call Dorothy at 904-625-4689.

Golf outing

AMVETS Post 171 is holding a golf outing Saturday, Aug. 29, at the Warren Valley Golf Course, 26116 Warren Road, Dearborn Heights.

Registration is 7:30-8:30 a.m., with the full-course shotgun scramble starting at 9 a.m. The cost is \$80 per player and includes golf, cart and beverage cart. Lunch will be served at the turn, and dinner will be at 3 p.m. in the AMVETS Club Room. There also will be contests, including skins, closest to the pin and longest drive.

The golf outing is a fundraiser for Veterans Haven, and sponsorship opportunities are available. Registration can be complete by Aug. 15 at the AMVETS Post, 1217 S. Merriam, Westland. For more information, contact Michele Nail at amvetsauxpost171@gmail.com.

Farmers markets

» The Westland Farmers and Artisans Market is open from 3-7 p.m. each Thursday through Oct. 8 in Central City Park on Carlson, south of Ford.

There will be a variety of food and crafts, special events and music. EBT accepted. For more information, call 734-326-7222 or email westlandchamber@gmail.com. The market will not be held Aug. 13.

» The Wayne Farmers Market is open from 3-7 p.m. each Wednesday through Oct. 28 in Goudy Park behind Wayne City Hall. It features more than 25 vendors providing Michigan-made and Michigan-grown products, homemade soap, candles, garden art and more.

For more information on the farmers market, contact Olivia at 313-510-7061 or market@growinghope.net.

Tax-return fraud moves to states, officials say

A new wave of tax swindlers who've attempted to bilk the federal refunds of honest taxpayers have moved on to the states, an Internal Revenue Service official told the recent National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) legislative summit.

IRS official Paul Mamo characterized the latest form of tax fraud as a blend of identity theft with filing fraudulent tax returns.

Steve Ryan of McDermott Will & Emery, which staffs a national association of tax companies, said those perpetrating the tax fraud are not taking information out of the system. Rather they are putting false data into the system to secure the tax refunds due law-abiding taxpayers. While the fraud at first focused on federal returns because the refunds are greater, states are now the targets.

"We want this to end. It is bad for the industry and it is terrifying for the individual," Ryan said.

Losses are in the billions of dollars, with

Mamo noting the IRS stopped \$68 billion involving 19 million fraudulent returns from 2011 to 2014.

Ryan explained that his clients, while they are prohibited from reviewing returns done via popular tax-return programs, did first spot issues with lots of returns going to a single zip code or bank account.

David Sullivan, tax administrator for the state of Rhode Island, said states could combat fraudulent returns being submitted from dead individuals, but now people go into the system and assume the identity of the taxpayer. And when the refund is sent via a debit card, it becomes very difficult to track down and recover.

It is also a problem affecting refundable Earned Income Credit (EIC) state programs.

Corey Smith of the Tax Division of the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and part of the DOJ's Stolen Identity Refund Fraud Board, said many of the actors are overseas in Nigeria, Ghana, Eastern Bloc

countries, Russia, Romania and China. Characterizing it as a blend of white-collar and street crime, he said first the identities are stolen and then they are sold to those intending to file the fraudulent returns.

There are some steps states can take to counteract this fraud, Sullivan said. One step is to rely on "out-of-wallet" information to verify the identity of the taxpayer.

Another step states can take is to slow down the issuance of refunds, allowing time for more thorough verification. This, however, can affect those awaiting EITC payments, he said. Likewise, the use of debit cards is intended to help taxpayers who are "unbankable," providing the "cheapest" way to get them their refunds, Sullivan said. He explained that if they are forced to use check-cashing businesses, there is often a steep fee.

States, however, can do very little about prosecuting the perpetrators because they are most often out-of-state, if not out of the country.

Westland bond rating improves

Standard and Poor's, the world's leading source of independent credit ratings has raised its rating on the City of Westland water and sewer system revenue bonds to an "A" stable rating from its previous "A-" rating. In their summary, Standard and Poor's cited the city's strong financial performance since 2012, annual adjustment of utility rates and the city's limited debt.

"Westland's S&P ratings upgrade is welcome

as better bond ratings will save the city money on financing water and sewer system improvements," Westland Mayor William R. Wild said. "Higher bond ratings enable the city to finance infrastructure improvements at a lower interest rate. This continues a trend of rising rates after we were downgraded by Moody's Investors Service in 2010 to a bond rating of Baa2."

S&P noted the city's debt service coverage that it expects to remain

strong, its ongoing commitment to increase its fund balance, funds that may be used during times of fiscal difficulty, and the ability to maintain good liquidity.

The S&P summary indicated the city's combined water and sewer rates for 8,000 gallons per month of usage at \$88.05 was "affordable given that the city's median household effective buying income is what we consider an adequate 80 percent of the national average."



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Livonia woman's going 'topless' for annual Hines Drive cruise

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Denise Sheldon is serious when she says she's been cruising "topless" on Hines Drive since 1978. In fact, her moniker is Hot Rod Lady Cruiser.

"My very first car I bought with my babysitting money — it was a 1968 Camaro convertible," the Livonia resident said. "From that point on, I've always had a convertible in my stable of cars."

Sheldon will be among the thousands of classic and hot rod enthusiasts who will converge along Hines Drive on Sunday, Aug. 23, for the fifth annual Cruisin' Hines.

Staged by Westland resident Don Nicholson, 7½ miles of Hines Drive from Ann Arbor Trail in Westland to Outer Drive in Dearborn will be closed to regular vehicular traffic.

Wayne County's answer to the Woodward Dream Cruise, the cruise will start at 9 a.m. although enthusiasts have been known to lineup as early as 5 a.m. Nicholson is using the long approach to Hines Drive off Ford Road in Dearborn as the staging area for cruisers. Spectators will still be able to access the park at Ann Arbor Trail, Merriman and the Warrendale entrance near Telegraph. They will not be permitted to drive on Hines.

There will be vendor areas along the route, and the cruise program and collectibles will be available for free at the T-shirt stands at the Nankin Mills pavilion area, Nankin Mills parking lot, Merriman Road vendor area and Telegraph ven-



Denise Sheldon of Livonia will go topless with her 1947 Olds convertible for Sunday's Cruisin' Hines. Her everyday car is a 1960 Pontiac Catalina station wagon.

dor area.

The cruise is supported by local business sponsors. In addition to Wayne County Parks and Gateway Classics, the list includes WOMC, My Mechanix Place, Scrap Busters, Parts Galore, MotorCities National Heritage Area and UAW Region 1A.

Cruising as a child

Cruising has been in Sheldon's blood since she was 12 years old. She grew up in El Cajon, Calif., and when her father was away at sea, she would beg her mother to take her cruising on Second Avenue to see the hot rods.

Her family moved to



Denise Sheldon has put more than 100,000 miles on her 1947 Olds convertible.

Livonia in 1977, the same year she got her driver's license. Her first car was the 1968 Camaro. Now she owns a 1947 Oldsmo-

bile convertible with a big block 455 engine and a nine-passenger Pontiac Catalina station wagon, which she drives on a daily basis.

Single, she describes her cars as "my kids." "My cars aren't trailer queens or garage queens," she said. "I get in my cars and drive

them religiously. I've put 126,000 miles on my Olds. I've driven to every continental state except Georgia, Maine and Florida."

Sheldon has been Cruisin' Hines since its inaugural year. When she heard about it, her first thought was "why did it take someone so long to do that?" Hines Drive was a cruiser's paradise in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

"I was one of those kids who cruised and hung out on Hines," she said. "It would be bumper to bumper for miles on weekends. Everyone would park on the shoulder of the road and sit on their cars so they could talk to the people as they went by."

"It went on for years until the police cracked down and they put up no parking signs and turn-arounds. I guess that's where they wanted us to park," she added.

On any given weekend, Sheldon can be found cruising. She has been to "too many cruises to count." She does cruise nights during the week and then heads out for cruises on the weekend, going to places like Indianapolis or Pennsylvania.

She did last weekend's Woodward Dream Cruise. In fact, she did it the weekend before, during the week and on the official day, but she likes Cruisin' Hines "a whole lot better."

"It's only classic cars, no daily drivers," Sheldon said. "It makes it pure for the classics."

For more information about Cruisin' Hines, contact Nicholson at Don@DonNicholson.net or 734-658-5296.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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GLUTEN-FREE PICNIC

Time/date: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22.
Location: Heritage Park, 24915 Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile.

Details: The Tri-County Celiac Support Group is hosting a Gluten Free Picnic at the pavilion in Heritage Park. Gluten free hot dogs, buns and condiments will be provided. Bring your own paper products, drinks, eating utensils and any side dish you wish to eat. Bring bathing suits. There is a children's playground also. There is a \$5 fee per family at the door.
Contact: RSVP to Ellen Hechler at ellenhec@hotmail.com.

GREENMEAD SUNDAY TOURS

Time/date: 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23, 30.
Location: Greenmead Historical Park, NeAuwburgh and Eight Mile roads, Livonia.

Details: All tours start at the Gift Shop, the building closest to the stop sign, about in the middle of the park. "Ice Cream" Sundays will be held Aug. 30 and Sept. 27. The Livonia Historical Commission will be treating guests to an ice-cream novelty at the AJ Geer Store; just show your paid admission pass. Cost is \$3 for adults, \$2 for students. Tours will also be held in the fall on Sept. 27, Oct. 4, Dec. 6 and 13.
Contact: 248-477-7375.

NEW HOPE FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL

Time/date: 4-8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30.
Location: Mill Race Village, 215 Griswold, Northville

Details: This festival is a fundraiser and outreach event for New Hope Center for Grief Support with activities for adults and children including: live music from the Shawn Riley Band, a Planet Fitness activity zone, science activities from the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum, interactive games, raffle prizes, barbecued food and a candlelit memorial tribute that evening. An additional portion will include a dunk tank in which attendees will have the option to raise money to get themselves dunked or donate to have a specific individual dunked. There will also be a station available for individuals to decorate luminary bags in memory of a loved one they have lost and participate in a lighting ceremony that evening. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$10 for teens and free for kids under 12. To purchase tickets, visit www.newhopecenter.net/rsvp or call 248-348-0115. Tickets will also be available at the door.
Contact: www.newhopecenter.net.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Time/date: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8.
Location: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile Road, Livonia.

Details: Livonia Neighbors and Friends, a women's club in Livonia, will kick off the fall season with an ice cream social. Attend a fun evening and find out what is planned for the upcoming year. Livonia Neighbors and Friends is open to women who live/work in Livonia and its surrounding communities. New members are always welcome. General meetings are held at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month, September through May. Special activity groups continue to meet year-round.
Contact: <http://livonia.neighborsandfriends.tripod.com>

CULINARY EXTRAVAGANZA 2015

Time/date: 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20.
Location: Schoolcraft College's VisTaTech Center, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia.

Details: The Schoolcraft College Foundation presents Culinary Extravaganza 2015 — a celebration of food and wine that benefits students by providing scholarship support. Tickets are \$60 per person. The event features some of Metro Detroit's best restaurants, pastry shops and beverage vendors. A silent auction with sports tickets, sport memorabilia, travel and theater and food packages is also planned. Raffle tickets, featuring cash prizes and dinners at the American Harvest Restaurant, are available for \$5 each or three for \$10. The drawing is held between 4-5 p.m. the day of event. The raffle grand prize is \$1,500, second prize is \$750 and third prize is \$500. Three prizes of dinner for two at American Harvest are also available. For ticket information, contact Mary Holaly at 734-462-4518.

CRAFT SHOW

Time/date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10.
Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

Details: Tables available for \$25

each. Sponsored by St. Theodore Confraternity of Christian Women.
Contact: Mary Allsteadt at 425 4421 (vm#10).

FARMERS MARKET

Time/date: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday through Oct. 10.
Location: Wilson Barn, 29350 W. Chicago, Livonia.

Details: Locally grown produce, honey, home-baked items and American-made crafts. Free activities this year include a Kids' Corner with special craft projects from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 29. The market will be closed for the holiday Sept. 5.
Contact: www.wilsonbarn.com.

FARMERS MARKET

Time/date: 3-7 p.m. each Thursday, through Oct. 8.
Location: 1901 N. Carlson, south of Ford in Central City Park, Westland.

Details: A variety of food, craft vendors, special events and music is featured at the Westland Farmers and Artisans Market. EBT accepted.
Contact: 734-326-7222; westlandchamber@gmail.com.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Time/date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17.
Location: St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

Details: Hosted by the Women's Guild, this Holiday Bazaar will feature crafters' tables with new handmade craft items. Homemade baked goods, raffles and lunch during the day. Some tables available for rental.
Contact: 734-464-0476.

LIVE AUCTION

Time/date: 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 17.
Location: Greenmead Historical Park, 20501 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

Details: The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County is having a live auction as a fund-raiser. Preview of items begins at 11 a.m.; the auction starts at 11:30 a.m. Items include holiday gifts items, event tickets, guided tours, homemade goods, and much more. Light refreshments will be served.
Contact: Lena Packer, LWV fundraising chairperson, 248-536-2583.

ONGOING LIVONIA GOODFELLOWS

Details: Help the Livonia Goodfellows assist families in need and assure "No Child Without a Christmas." Consider sending donations to P.O. Box 51982, Livonia 48151, or volunteering

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Chuck and Carrie Calomeni of Livonia and Carol and Bill Ripper of Livonia in Como, Italy, with the Livonia Observer.

this holiday season by calling 313-438-0862.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS' SUPPORT GROUP

Time/date: noon to 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.
Location: The Angel House, 28441 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

Details: Free domestic violence/sexual assault group meetings.
Contact: 734-524-0380.

SENIOR CITIZEN BOARD GAMES

Time/date: 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.
Location: The Angel House, 28441 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

Details: Cost is \$5 per person. Angel House uses the money to give \$50 gift cards to a family in need weekly. Donations are also accepted via www.theangelhouse.org.
Contact: 734-524-0380.

FRIENDS OF ELOISE

Time/date: 7 p.m. third Tuesday of the months of February, April, June, September and November.
Location: Collins House in the Westland Historic Village Park, 857 N. Wayne Road, between Marquette and Cherry Hill.

Contact: Pat Ibbotson at 734-331-9291 or pibbotso@aol.com.

LIVING ON GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Time/date: 2-3:30 p.m. second Tuesday of the month.
Location: Oakwood Hospital-Wayne, 33155 Annapolis, Wayne.

Details: Hospice of Michigan grief groups provide a safe and supportive environment for participants to express their feelings and better understand the grief process. These services are offered at no charge to any member of the community mourning the loss of a loved

one. The group meets in Conference Room 2 on second level. Park at west entrance.
Contact: To register, call Margie Martin, Grief Support Services manager, at 734-769-5821.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

Time/date: 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesdays.
Location: Newburgh United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia

Details: T.O.P.S. is a nonprofit weight loss support group. Everyone is welcome.
Contact: Peggy Frankie at 734-730-1325 or frankiepeggy055@gmail.com.

LIVONIA CAMERA CLUB

Time/date: 8-9:30 p.m. the first two Thursdays September through May.
Location: McKinley School, 9100 Hillcrest, Livonia.

Details: A group of photographic enthusiasts dedicated to promotion of photography through displays, competitions, critiques and education.
Contact: Dennis Gelerand, president, at 734-591-2589; livoniacameraclub.com.

MICHIGAN TREASURE HUNTERS CLUB

Time/date: 7:30-10 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month except December.
Location: Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile Road, Livonia.

Details: Visit the largest metal detecting club in Michigan. See displays, finds of the month, hear guest speakers and more.
Contact: Tom Klisz, 734-422-6345 or michigantreasurehunters.com.

Wish you were here



The Kinney family of Livonia — Madalynn, Gwen, Michael and Mary with friend Jordan Venegoni — spent summer vacation at Sunset Bay Campground and Resort on Michigan's Keweenaw Island with their Livonia Observer.

LIVONIA SAVE OUR YOUTH

Time/date: First Wednesday of each month; time rotates monthly between morning (9-11 a.m.) and evening (6-8 p.m.).
Location: Livonia City Hall Annex Conference Room, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia.

Details: The Livonia Save Our Youth Coalition exists to educate and empower the community regarding the health and safety of our young people, with a focus on the prevention of alcohol and drug abuse. The

public is welcome to attend monthly meetings — a light meal is served.
Contact: kbonanno@livoniasaveouryouth.org; 734-338-9580.

WIDOWED MEN

Time/date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday of each month.
Location: Steve's Family Restaurant, 15800 Middlebelt, Livonia.

Details: Widowed men are invited to attend men's breakfast and learn about other co-ed activities.
Contact: Dick at 313-534-0399.

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Pam and Dan Persha of Livonia with the Livonia Observer on June 30 at Clingmans Dome, the highest point (6,643 feet) in Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

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Bed, Bath & Beyond relocates to new Westland storefront on Warren Road

Westland's Bed, Bath & Beyond store as a new home following its move to its new location on Warren Road on Thursday.

The retailer opened the doors of its new location at 35615 Warren Road on Thursday. The 25,000-square-foot store features quality domestic merchandise and home furnishings. The store is open from 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday to Saturday and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday.

"At Bed Bath & Beyond, we are committed to providing exceptional customer service, a broad and deep assortment and great value to our customers. We look forward to continuing these traditions in our new Westland location," said Steven Temares, chief executive officer of Bed Bath & Beyond.

Bed Bath & Beyond's extensive line of merchandise includes bed linens, bath accessories, window treatments,

framed art, kitchen linens, as well as cookware, dinnerware, glassware, lifestyle accessories, closet and storage items, juvenile and baby items. The depth and breadth of merchandise generally exceeds what is available in department stores or other specialty retail stores.

The company places great emphasis on customer service and satisfaction, with special attention to making the shopping experience as pleasant and convenient as possible. Each department is like a store within a store and is staffed with knowledgeable sales associates.

The Bed Bath & Beyond website—which can be found at bedbathandbeyond.com—carries an expansive assortment of merchandise, including furniture, fine linens, fine jewelry, custom blinds and shades and features 24-hour customer service. Customers can also shop



The welcome mat is out at Bed, Bath & Beyond, which relocated from Cowan Road to a 25,000-square-foot building in the West Ridge Shopping Center on Warren Road.

using the Bed Bath & Beyond mobile app.

Bed Bath & Beyond offers a nationwide Wedding & Gift Registry available in all stores and online at www.bedbathandbeyond.com. Couples can easily create and

manage their registry online or on the mobile app, plan their wedding with the Wedding Toolkit, and their guests can purchase gifts.

Bed Bath & Beyond was founded in 1971 by Leonard Feinstein and

Warren Eisenberg. The early stores sold primarily bed linens and bath accessories. In 1985, Bed Bath & Beyond introduced its superstore format with the opening of its first store carrying a full line of domestic

and home furnishing merchandise.

As of May 30, 2015, the company had a total of 1,514 stores, including 1,021 Bed Bath & Beyond stores in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and Canada.

SUE MASON

Have strategies to perform well when pressure hits

Hopefully you get to enjoy a relaxing day! But if it's not one of those days, this Sunny Note is all about staying cool under pressure.

From lost keys to business deals—hopefully we all have strategies to help ourselves perform well when the pressure hits. One of my favorites that I find indispensable in almost every situation is this: Think first.

It doesn't always have to be a big think. In a pressure cooker, often just a few seconds of thought can completely change our response from total panic to top performance.

Sometimes it can be as simple as telling oneself, "I can handle it," before diving into the situation. Other times, substantial thought must



Clarity Patton Newhouse
A SUNNY NOTE

be invested in identifying the solution. Either way, the key is to make sure that thinking comes first.

A basic technique I was taught years ago for handling media interviews is to repeat the question before answering it. Why? Simply to gain a few seconds to think, because once it's out, you can't take it back. The same applies in the presence of our family members, colleagues and customers, because although we can apologize, we can't undo what we've said or done.

Happy thinking—and have a sunny day!

Clarity

P.S. "Let our advance worrying become advance thinking and planning." Winston Churchill

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Do Not Call List is easy and mostly effective

I recently met a couple who had just moved to Michigan. They were telling me some of the issues they had in relocating, such as health care and insurance—both health and property.

During our conversation, we somehow began discussing phones and phone services. They mentioned that they had a new phone number with a 248 area code but their cellphone numbers stayed the same. When they mentioned their new phone number, I then asked them if they had registered their new phone number on the government's Do Not Call List. They basically said that with all the other issues they've been dealing with, they never even thought about it. That is understandable; many people forget about the Do Not Call List. However, it is important and something that we should consider.

The Do Not Call List was established by the Federal Trade Commission as a way to reduce or eliminate the number of telemarketing calls that we all receive. The list does not prevent all unwanted calls; like every government rule, there are exceptions. They include charitable organizations, debt col-



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

lectors, informational calls, telephone surveys and something that should not surprise any of us—political solicitations. The Do Not Call List may not be perfect, but it does a good job of reducing unwanted telephone solicitations. I recommend that the great majority of people register.

There seems to be some misunderstanding when it comes to the Do Not Call List with regard to cellphones. Even though the laws are different regarding the rules for telephone solicitations, you can register your cellphone number. There is not a separate Do Not Call List for cellphones. Like for land line phones, there is requirement that you re-register every few years. You remain on the list until you remove your number.

Unlike some government websites, which can be complex and frustrating to deal with, the Do Not Call List is the exact opposite. It is easy, it is simple and anyone can do

it. All you need to do is go to www.donotcall.gov. Don't get confused by other websites; this is the one and only website that is sanctioned by the government.

Despite being on the Do Not Call List, you can receive unsolicited telemarketing calls. Let's face facts, many of these telemarketers are operating outside the boundaries of our country and, thus, are not subject to our laws. My best advice is that if you see a call on your caller ID that you do not recognize, do not take the call. If it is legitimate, they'll leave a message that you can always call back. But all too often it's going to be a scam artist and there's no reason to even open the door. If you unknowingly take the call, as soon as you hear that it's a telemarketer, hang up. I know this may sound rude, but who cares? The bottom line is to protect yourself; sometimes you have to be a little forceful.

Good luck!

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Vacant building sold

Friedman Integrated Real Estate Solutions, one of the nation's leading providers of commercial real estate services, recently sold a 30,000-square-foot retail building located at the former Danny's Market, 31313/31295 Ann Arbor Trail, in Westland.

The seller, Merriman-Ann Arbor Associates LLC, sold the building to Thrifty LTD II, which plans on opening a tile and granite showroom in September.

Paul Feldman, vice president of brokerage services at Friedman, represented both the seller and the purchaser in this transaction.

New position

John Fox, president and CEO of Beaumont Health, has announced the appointment of Mary Zatina as senior vice president, Government Relations and Community Affairs for Beaumont Health.

Zatina was formerly senior vice president of government relations and corporate communications for Oakwood Healthcare, part of Beaumont Health.

In this new role, she will be responsible for building relationships with local, state and federal government officials and stakeholders while also strengthening connections with communities and community partners across the Beaumont Health service area. This includes participation and sponsorship of events, health screenings and health education throughout southeast Michigan.

Prior to Oakwood, her career included working in the governor's office, and 10 years with Mich-Con/DTE Energy in public affairs, marketing and corporate communications. She has also served on various boards and committees throughout her career.

Outstanding performance

SERVPRO, an industry leader in disaster cleanup, restoration and remediation services, recognized the several area entrepreneurs for outstanding revenue performance. The awards event took place at the company's 46th annual convention, held in July in Chicago.

Receiving awards were:

» Jeffrey and Lynn Whitmarsh, owners of SERVPRO of Dearborn Heights North/East Garden City, who received the President's Gold award. They can be reached at 313-228-5134 or servpro9764@aol.com.

» William and Nanette McClellan, owners of SERVPRO of Westland, who received the President's Silver award. They can be reached at 734-721-5699 or servprowestland@gmail.com.

OUR VIEWS

Forfeiture laws need reforming

When law enforcement agencies raid a suspected drug dealer's home and confiscate property such as cars, money or other items, we understand this.

Police don't want criminals to benefit from their illegal activity.

However, what happens if there is no conviction?

That property should and would be returned, one would think.

However, that's not the case in Michigan, and we're glad our state Legislature is working to reform civil asset forfeiture. The current forfeiture rules must be fixed because they allow police to confiscate items even if it's determined there was no crime committed.

Michigan's Civil Asset Forfeiture laws allow police to take property from citizens if they suspect a crime was committed, even when there is not enough evidence to charge them. Homeowners must then prove they did not purchase

their property with proceeds from criminal activity and sue to get the property back.

In many cases, police raid a home where there clearly is no drug dealing happening; instead, residents are involved with medical marijuana, which voters stated is a legal use here in Michigan.

The following are a couple examples of how regular citizens were caught in the unjust web of forfeiture laws.

Gin Hency and Annette Shattuck describe themselves as soccer moms, active in their communities and in their children's lives. Since July 2014, the St. Clair County women have shared another similarity: Both of their homes were raided by the St. Clair County Drug Task Force.

Hency and Shattuck are registered medical marijuana caregivers. Among the things reportedly taken in the raid were their medical marijuana cards issued by the state, televisions, a bicycle and documents including driver's li-

censes and insurance cards.

"It was devastating," Shattuck said.

Hency and Shattuck were charged with marijuana-related counts several months after the raids. Three of the six charges against Shattuck were dismissed. Both charges against Hency were dismissed this month, but she has still been unable to reclaim her property.

Another example occurred with Thomas Williams, who was alone in November 2013 when police reportedly raided his rural St. Joseph County home wearing black masks, camouflage and holding guns at their sides. They reportedly broke down his front door with a battering ram.

"We think you're dealing marijuana," they told Williams, a 72-year-old, retired carpenter and cancer patient who is disabled and carries a medical marijuana card.

When he protested, they allegedly handcuffed him and left him on the living room

floor as they ransacked his home, emptying drawers, rummaging through closets and surveying his grow room, where he was nourishing his 12 personal marijuana plants as allowed by law. Some had recently begun to die, so he had cloned them and had new seedlings, although they were not yet planted. That, police insisted, put him over the limit.

They did not charge Williams with a crime, though.

Instead, they reportedly took his Dodge Journey, \$11,000 in cash from his home, his television, his cellphone and his shotgun — and are attempting to take his Colon Township home.

More than a year later, he is still fighting to get his belongings back and to hang on to his house.

"I want to ask them, 'Why? Why me?' I gave them no reason to do this to me," said Williams, who says he also suffers from glaucoma, a damaged disc in his back and COPD, a

lung disorder. "I'm out here minding my own business, and just wanted to be left alone."

We ask the same question: Why?

There's no reason except that police have certain laws that allow for this type of forfeiture.

A bipartisan package of bills, approved by a House committee, would make changes including raising the standard for forfeiture to the highest in civil court, one of clear and convincing evidence rather than a preponderance of the evidence. The bills would also require detailed reports from local police to the state police on property forfeited.

It's a good first step, and we hope to see it approved so residents don't have to worry about property getting taken when they're broken no crimes.

— Livingston Daily Editorial Board

GUEST COLUMN

Resolve the dispute over meat labeling with Canada and Mexico

Congress in 2002 passed a requirement that meat sold in the U.S. carry a simple label stating where the product was born, raised and slaughtered. While that label has been valuable to consumers, the World Trade Organization recently found it to be in violation of our trade obligations with Canada and Mexico.

I disagree with this ruling. But, if we do not change the way we label meat, we face the threat of retaliatory tariffs by two of our closest trading partners. That retaliation would harm American businesses and consumers. So we must change our law.

That's why I joined Sen. John Hoeven, R-N.D., and several of our Republican and Democratic colleagues to introduce a commonsense bill to



Sen. Debbie Stabenow
GUEST COLUMNIST

do just that, while also retaining the right for American consumers to ask for information about where their food comes from.

The Voluntary Country of Origin Labeling and Trade Enhancement Act of 2015 would fully repeal mandatory country-of-origin labeling to satisfy the WTO decision. We then create a voluntary option for our farmers: a voluntary label, similar to what Canada uses to label its meat.

The U.S. Trade Representative, the government agency

responsible for overseeing our trade relationships, believes our proposal would comply with the WTO decision. It's also noteworthy that Canada and Mexico have themselves said that a voluntary label is a reasonable approach in testimony before the WTO in 2012.

Sadly, even before our bill was introduced, Canada joined with the big multinational meat packers to wage a campaign to stop Congress from pursuing this voluntary label. They insist that the U.S. must not only repeal mandatory labeling but that the U.S. has no right to establish a voluntary program (even if Canada has one) or they will retaliate against us.

Let's be clear — since our bill repeals mandatory country of origin labeling, Canada has no veto or legal standing to

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stop the U.S. from deciding to pursue voluntary policies in our own country. It's easy to understand why Canada and Mexico don't want us to pursue a voluntary label: They want to absolutely make sure they never have to compete head-to-head with American products.

This debate boils down to

two simple questions: Do American consumers have a right to know where their food comes from? And, should American farmers and companies have the same right to accurately label a Product of the U.S.A. when our friends in Canada are already doing the same through their own label? The answer of course is yes!

I'm confident the majority of the U.S. Senate supports this commonsense approach. That's why the Senate must pass our bill as soon as possible so we can stop any retaliation. Then we need to refocus on all of the wonderful and important partnerships Michigan has with our Canadian neighbors.

Debbie Stabenow, a Democrat from Lansing, represents Michigan in the U.S. Senate.

LETTERS

What I'll miss about Garden City

I'm sure this will make many people very happy, but this is my last letter to the editor of the *Garden City Observer*. It is bittersweet. Bitter, in that I will miss many things about this great area; sweet, in that I will get away from the region's shortcomings.

I will miss Plato's Coney Island, Rogala's city chicken and great burgers at Jon's Good Time. I will also miss the many great friends in The End Zone at Jon's. I will not miss that unfair water ready to serve rate Garden City imposed on snow birds, the millage we pay in Wayne County to support a jail that will never house a prisoner or the gas taxes we pay in this state that doesn't fix roads.

I will miss St. Raphael's fish fries (it will always be St. Raphael's) and the great festival they put on in the fall. I will not miss the do-nothing Wayne County Commission, the Garden City council's petty bickering or the ineptitude of the State Legislature.

I will miss the great work done by the Garden City Police Department, the Garden City Fire Department and GCYAA. I will not miss the neighbors who let their barking dog out every morning at 5 a.m., the people who let their bushes overgrow blocking the sidewalk on Venoy or the garbage pickup at 6 a.m. at Farmington School. Speaking of Farmington school, I will miss the Christmas Carols those kids sing walking down Sheridan Street every Christmas and the playful voices coming from the playground.

SEND US YOUR VIEWS

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I will also miss Sue Mason who saw fit to publish my letters, letting me voice my frustrations and praise the many good things and people who come along.

I've lived in this area for 68 years and could not have picked a better area to grow up, get married and raise a family. Thank you to all the great neighbors who made this a very special place.

Skip Wehrle
Rotonda West, Fla.

Resigning position

Due to the elimination of my position as the high school library media specialist with Garden City Public Schools, I am relocating to Houghton, Michigan, to take on a similar role with their schools.

As I will no longer be a Garden City resident, I, therefore, resign from my position as Library Board member after the conclusion of the regularly scheduled Board meeting on Aug. 11, 2015.

I would like to thank the citizens of Garden City who voted for me and I apologize

that I will be unable to fulfill my commitment to serve the entirety of my term. I believe, however, I leave the board while it is in a strong place with strong leaders on the precipice of starting a new building.

We have truly made strides in the past few years to improve programing, and strengthen the community's awareness of the importance of a vital public library program. Unfortunately, I have not made such headway with the school board, administrators or the GCEA as they feel the elimination of my position will somehow alleviate the school district's financial difficulties.

While I can see the loss for my students and staff, I do not believe the school does. This loss is surely greater than one teacher's salary and benefits that the school will gain.

To my students, I can only say thank you. Thank you for allowing me to teach and guide you for the past nine years, I wish it could have been more. I hope the public library's new Youth Librarian will be able to serve you while I can't.

Thank you for your support. "So long and thanks for all the fish."

Nancy A. Schultz-Speck
Media Specialist
Garden City

Concerned about report

After reading the FEMA/Homeland Security After Action Report/Improvement Plan documenting a Dec. 16, 2014, drill to evacuate the school children living within a 10-mile radius of the Fermi 2 nuclear reactor, I am more concerned than ever about the unnecessary danger that Fermi presents.

The reports states, "evacuation of all three Tiers of risk schools requires between five hours (best case) and seven hours (worst case)." I spoke with the federal FEMA representative about the report, and was told the children are to be evacuated with high school first, followed by elementary

and primary last.

The children would be bused to Monroe Community College and held for parental pickup. If the time frame for that is five to seven hours without the chaos of a full-blown emergency, I can only imagine how long school evacuation would take with the whole area in panic.

I'm glad FEMA had this drill so they could find the deficiencies, such as "the Oakwood Southshore Medical Center Emergency Department Staff did not know how to zero their dosimeters, did not recognize their dosimeter charger, and were generally unfamiliar with dosimetry and its use. The hospital's entire supply of dosimeters was stored in two Ziploc sandwich bags on the top shelf of the shelf of the equipment closet."

Another correction recommended, "Monroe County Ambulance staff was not issued potassium iodide (KI) as Monroe County Emergency Workers." The report also states that no KI tablets were observed at Oakwood, nor did any hospital staff mention them.

It seems so simple, that if DTE would switch to sustainable methods of producing our electricity, none of this drill would be necessary. A solar spill is just called a nice day.

Jessie Pauline Collins
Redford

Can't resist comment

I had no intention of commenting on the Sex, Text and Lies scandal playing out in Lansing, especially since it was well spelled out by Gerald Maxey in last week's opinion page (Aug. 13, 2015). However, after reading, hearing and seeing the BS alibis and excuses these two are putting forth, I couldn't resist.

These Bible-spouting, gay-bashing, Ten Commandment-breaking, marriage-vow ignoring, lying fools are unbelievable. The female denies the cover-up. The male sinner says the cover-up was a ruse to smoke out the "mafia" blackmailing him and her. This sce-

nario makes the Watergate scandal look like a well thought-out plan. At least with that one, Nixon had the sense to resign before being thrown out of office.

When someone is elected to office solely on the art of demeaning and debasing others, these are the type of phonies who get elected. Look no further than the roster of Republican presidential hopefuls to prove my point.

On a side note, I find it strange that our own Tea Party favorite, Patrick Colbeck, has remained silent during this whole tawdry affair. Must be a case of "don't speak ill of your fellow Baggers."

James Huddleston
Canton

Water bills too high?

If you live in western Wayne County or Oakland County, you have probably noticed that your water bills are higher than they used to be.

The primary reason is that the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department has been targeting you. You are, in fact, paying more than your fair share. The newly formed Great Lakes Water Authority will be unable to fully address, if at all, this rate disparity.

You can view a video presentation on this subject including "How you can help fix this problem" at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=caLFp9HH2i0>. You can also find two presentations on this subject by searching Youtube for "water rate fairness." (Version "808" is the "cliff notes" version and version "802" will provide more background information.)

State Rep. Kurt Heise and state Sen. Pat Colbeck have begun to address this subject, but it will be controversial and will need your support. Take a few minutes to educate yourself on this important subject.

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PREP SOCCER PREVIEW

Seniors to fuel Chargers' attack

Upperclassmen ready to take reins for Churchill

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The 11 seniors who make up the bulk of Livonia Churchill's boys soccer roster have more in common with head coach Matt Grodzicki than a strong passion for the sport.

"This is my fourth year as the varsity coach, so all 11 guys have been through the program with me," Grodzicki said. "There are no excuses because they know about the work ethic that is expected from them, they know to come into the first

day of practice prepared, they know about game prep and things like that.

"This should be a senior-led group and I expect a lot from them."

Following a third-place finish in the brutally-tough KLAA South Division, the Chargers met one of their pre-season goals by advancing to a Division 1 district championship game, which they lost to eventual state champion Canton, 4-0.

Two of the players who were instrumental in the Chargers' 2014 success – senior Riles Dobar and junior Devin McCulley – have earned the roles of

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Churchill senior forward Erlin Guri (foreground) will help spark the Chargers' offense this fall.

Holes-in-one

» Livonia resident **John Newman** aced the 173-yard sixth hole at Willow Metropark Golf Course on Aug. 13 using a Taylor Made club. It was the first career ace for Newman, who has been playing golf for 15 years.

The shot was witnessed by Andrew Newman and Justin Chantres.

» **Josh Proben** registered a hole-in-one Aug. 12 on the 159-yard 12th hole at Western Golf and Country Club in Redford Township.

It was Proben's second career ace.

Proben is a 2014 graduate of Ferris State University's professional golf management program and is currently an assistant pro at Western.

PREP FOOTBALL PREVIEW



Livonia Franklin's Robert Erwin churns out yardage during Monday afternoon's practice session.

PATS AIM FOR RESURGENCE

Diligent off-season workout regimen creates optimism for Franklin

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Livonia Franklin's football team is doing everything it can diligence-wise to put last season's 2-7 record in the rear-view mirror.

That is the assessment of head coach Chris Kelbert, who has been pleased with the progress the Patriots have made over the past 12 months. "This has been a hard-

working group," said Kelbert, moments after the Patriots concluded a five-hour practice Monday afternoon. "We had a good summer, we've had a good first week, they're working hard in the weight room and on the practice field.

"We're way ahead of where we were at this time last year, just based on the work ethic

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PREP FOOTBALL PREVIEW

Churchill reloads in bid to match '14 success

Minus several college-bound stars, Chargers still dangerous

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The late-summer air was thick with humidity Monday afternoon, but it stood no chance of slowing down the tightly-spun spirals delivered by Livonia Churchill junior quarterback Evan Cummins.

Now that three-year starting signal-caller Brian Alsobrooks is throwing and kicking for Eastern Michigan University, Cummins appears poised to keep the Chargers' QB pipeline

flowing with top-notch talent.

Tall and armed with smooth throwing mechanics, Cummins tossed dart after dart while completing roll-out drills with junior No. 3 quarterback Jake Osen.

"Evan is a very talented athlete, and at 6-3 and 185 pounds, he's a little taller than Brian," said Churchill head coach Bill DeFillipo. "He's a good runner and he has a good arm.

"We brought him up to the varsity for the final three games last season and he started at free safety and backed up Brian. I think getting that varsity experience – even though it wasn't as a quarterback – will really help him going into this

season. He got used to the tempo and speed up here, and I thought he did a really nice job."

Powered in part by a strong group of seniors – eight of whom are now playing at the college level – the Chargers posted an impressive 8-3 record in 2014. Two of the three setbacks came by a total of eight points.

"The biggest question mark for us is how to we replace the talented group of seniors we lost," said DeFillipo. "We only have three starters back on offense and three or four on defense, but the nice thing for us is that a lot of the non-start-

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Livonia Churchill receiver Andrew Ward looks in a pass during a drill Monday afternoon.

GCHA free learn-to-play program

The Garden City Hockey Association is offering a no-cost program that will teach young kids to play hockey.

The Learn to Play Timbit program is for kids 4 to 8 years old (although older children will be accepted). Players do not need to know how to skate to participate.

The classes begin Sept. 12 and will run on Saturdays from 10-10:50 a.m. or Mondays 6-6:50 p.m. and will be held at the Garden City Ice Arena, which is located at 200 Long Cabin Rd. (near the intersection of Cherry Hill and Merriman roads).

The GCHA has a limited amount of hockey equipment that will be loaned out to participants for a \$50 deposit, which will be returned when the equipment is turned in without damage. Equipment will be fitted on Sept. 9 from 6-8 p.m. at the rink.

There will be a \$45 registration requirement with USA Hockey for kids 7 and older. This is for insurance purposes for the GCHA.

To register for the insurance, visit usa-hockey.com. To register for the program, visit gcyouthhockey.com.

For more information, call or text Darlene at 313-917-4173.

Reporting results

Local high school athletic coaches are encouraged to report the results of their team's contests to Observer sports editor Ed Wright, who can be reached at 734-578-2767 or ewright@hometownlife.com.

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

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Livonia Franklin senior quarterback Denzel Adams extends a play with his elusiveness Monday afternoon.

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PREP PROFILE

Franklin quarterback proves to be a very quick learner

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The heat was on Livonia Franklin senior quarterback Denzel Adams during a play that unfolded late in Monday afternoon's practice – and we're not talking about the 85-degree reading on the thermometer.

With a pair of Patriot defensive ends bearing down on the guy wearing the white No. 3 jersey, Adams took a couple quick steps forward, eluding the rising pressure while keeping his eyes locked downfield.

Adams then rifled a tight 15-yard spiral to a wide receiver as he strode toward the right sideline, generating a wave of smiles and compliments from his teammates and coaches.

What a difference a year has made for the Patriots' field general, who has played football since he was 6 years old – but never quarterback

until he was asked to give it a try last summer.

"When coach first asked me if I wanted to play quarterback, I was thinking no way because I'd didn't think I'd be very good at it," Adams admitted following Monday's practice. "And I was awful at first, especially throwing the ball. But after a while, I got more comfortable with it and now I really like it."

Adams' emergence at the most complex position on the field culminated with a late-season stretch during which he looked like anything but a first-year QB.

In the Patriots' season-finales victory over Garden City, he threw for over 150 yards and ran for 123 more.

"What makes Denzel so good are his instincts as a runner," said Franklin head coach Chris Kelbert. "Now that he knows what he's doing back there, he can just go out there and play."

Adams' improved throwing mechanics can be traced back to summer sessions working with former Livonia Churchill standout quarterback Seth Suida, who currently plays for Concordia University in Ann Arbor.

"The most important thing he helped me with was keeping my elbow up when I throw," Adams said. "I still have to work on my accuracy, but I have power. I can throw it about 55 yards."

Adams said he has drawn some interest from some Division 2 college football programs, but not exclusively as a quarterback.

The senior, who also excels as a safety for Franklin's defense, said he's flexible as far as where he lines up at the next level.

"If I had my choice, I'd probably pick receiver, but I'll play anywhere they want me to play," he said, smiling.

PREP PROFILE

Dobar primed to be Chargers' middle man

Senior embraces shift from forward to mid-field

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

When asked to name the part of his soccer skills set that he's improved at the most during his excellent career playing for Livonia Churchill, senior Riles Dobar thought for a few seconds before mentioning an invaluable intangible.

"I'd have to say it's my unselfishness," he said. "I was a forward my first three years here, and I've always liked attacking and scoring goals. But as I've grown and gained experience, I've learned to receive the ball and look up to see who I can pass to. I really enjoy dishing it off to my teammates."

Dobar ripped 15 shots into the back of nets during his junior season. That number is probably going to go down at least slightly this fall due to his move to center-mid. But he's cool with it.

"I won't be making the far runs as much any more, so any goals I do score will probably be from the top of the box," he said.

Compared to most of his higher-level high school soccer peers, Dobar started in the sport rather late.

"When I was 12, a few of my friends played on higher-up teams, so I



Riles Dobar will serve as a co-captain this fall for the Churchill soccer team.

ED WRIGHT

started playing with them," he remembered. "I kind of got thrown into situations and I learned as I went along. If I didn't perform well, I would have fallen further behind, so I worked hard to stay up with everyone."

A member of the Livonia-based AC Milan club team, Dobar said the non-high school season is interesting because it gives him a chance to meet and play with kids from other schools and communities.

"My club team now has three players from Churchill, a couple from Stevenson and others from Novi and Northville," he said. "I like that because you can connect with kids from other areas."

Even though he plays soccer pretty much year-round, Dobar said he doesn't get burned out on the sport.

"We get a about a week between the time

high school ends and club begins, so I use that time to regain my focus and chill out a little bit," he said. "Over the summer, it's more conditioning – running and stuff like that – than actually playing, so that gives me a break."

"And even during the season, it's not like we're here all day long. I work (at Jimmy John's), come here and practice for a couple hours, then hang out with my friends, so there's a lot of time to do other things."

An exemplary student, Dobar owns a 3.6 grade-point average heading into his final couple of semesters.

He said he'd love to play soccer in college, but that won't be the determining factor as far as which university he ultimately attends.

"The biggest factor in picking a college will be where I can get the best education," he said. "If I'm able to play soccer, too, that would be great."

Dobar said he is excited about the upcoming season, which kicks off Friday at Stevenson.

"We have a lot of seniors who have been playing together for a long time, so we know how each other plays," he said.

Dobar's younger brothers are also athletes. Dash, who is an incoming junior at Churchill, runs cross country, swims and runs track, while Kip is a promising young soccer player like his oldest brother.

Perfect season



The 16U Livonia Falcons travel baseball team, which is made up of players from all three Livonia public high schools, recently completed a perfect 17-0 season in the Lakes Athletic Association. The Falcons went 15-0 during the regular season before sweeping both of their playoff games. Pictured are (top row from left) coach Way, Jacob Anderson, Josh Marquardt, Mike Howell, coach Howell, Graham Schuerman, coach Yardley, (bottom row from left) Tyler Makowski, Jacob Way, Nick Dlugos, Jack Yardley and Josh Page. Not pictured are Nick Saylor, Jeff Dellamora, Alex Grzanowski and coach Saylor.

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I've seen."

Given Franklin's merciless schedule – which kicks off next week against longtime rival Livonia Stevenson – the Patriots need to build up a mountain of sweat equity in order to compete.

Following non-divisional games against the Spartans and at Milford, the Patriots face a three-week stretch that includes KLAAS South Division heavyweights Canton, Westland John Glenn and Plymouth.

"Our first five games will be tough, but our schedule is never easy," Kelbert said. "How we play early will obviously determine the outcome of our season."

Franklin will be energized by the immeasurable qualities provided by captains Rob Erwin, Chris Nehasil, Ryan Tracy and Josh Retting. All four are seniors except Nehasil, who is a junior.

"As a group, the captains were picked by their teammates for their

leadership ability," said Kelbert. "All four of these guys lead by example, not just with their presence. They're always the first ones in the drills and the first ones in conditioning. And all four lead exactly the same way."

The Patriots' offense will be engineered by multi-talented senior Denzel Adams, who has made serious strides since trying the position for the first time last summer.

"Denzel is a very good athlete and he's put a lot of time in to improve the things he struggled at early on last year," said Kelbert. "We asked him to do a lot last year, and as a first-year quarterback, he struggled early before finishing strong."

"Last year, he was a good athlete playing quarterback. This year he's an athletic quarterback. Things are coming to him faster with a year of experience under his belt."

A stable of five running backs – leading returning rusher Nate Binkiewicz, Nehasil, Jared Bowers, Jacob Clark and Joe Kenney – will give Adams a boost

in the backfield. "I expect all five of them will be key contributors to our running game," Kelbert noted.

Adams' primary perimeter receiving threat will be junior Jake Giacobbi. Nehasil will be a top target in the slot while junior Kemauri Heard can make things happen at tight end and while split out wide.

Powering the offensive line will be Retting, Bobby Madley, Joe Fortin and Daniel Domzalski. Devon Visnaw and Jax Gasaway are battling for the final starting spot.

Tracy will anchor the defensive line in front of hard-hitting linebackers Fortin and Heard. Robert Comini and Giacobbi provide lock-down cover skills at the cornerback position.

"One of the things we need to do is find a way not to have so many guys going both ways," emphasized Kelbert, who said the Patriots currently have six two-way players. "If we can get that down to three or four, our team will be better for it."

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CITY OF WESTLAND INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, MI 48185, on **September 8th, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.** (no exceptions will be made for late filings) for the following:

Library Storage Building Addition

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office or at www.CityofWestland.com. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Devin J. Adams
City Controller

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Carol M White Physical Education Program (PEP) Grant Services Request for Proposal

Livonia Public Schools has been awarded the Carol M. White Physical Education Program (PEP) grant from the US Department of Education. Funding is currently approved through September 30, 2015 with additional funding anticipated through September 30, 2016.

Livonia Public Schools is seeking proposals from qualified applicants with federal grant experience to assist the district in the following areas during the third and final year of the PEP grant beginning from October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016:

1. Evaluation services of the already existing programs put in place, and
2. Expertise in compiling the final grant performance report for Department of Education.

Request for Proposal (RFP) bid documents can be obtained at the Livonia Public School Website, www.livoniapublicschools.org under the section titled *District, Purchasing Bids* OR Buy4Michigan Website, www.buy4michigan.com. All qualified applicants will review and complete the Grant Requirements Bid Proposals forms.

Sealed bids marked Carol M. White Physical Education Program (PEP) Grant Services will be received until **3:00 p.m. August 27, 2015** at the Board of Education complex; 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan, at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read. Mailed bids should be sent to the attention of Nick Armelagos, Administrator of Finance, Livonia Public Schools, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan, 48154. No bids will be accepted after the date and time specified. Oral, telephone, fax, or electronic mail bids are invalid and will not receive consideration. Livonia Public Schools is not liable for any delivery or postal delays. All vendors are invited to attend opening.

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All bids must be accompanied by the Equal Opportunity Statement. This form is included in the bid proposal forms. No bid shall be accepted that does not include this statement.

Any bid submitted will be binding for sixty (60) days subsequent to the date of the bid submission. All bids must be submitted on the bid proposal forms and signed by the bidder. Two (2) signed copies of the bid form are to be addressed to the attention of:

Nick Armelagos
Administrator of Finance
Livonia Public Schools
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Livonia, MI 48154-5474

"Carol M White Physical Education Program (PEP) Grant Services"

One (1) copy of the bid form should be retained for your files.

Any questions regarding bid specifications should be referred to the Livonia Public Schools: Sheryl Archibald, Project Director, sarchibald@livoniapublicschools.org

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PREP PROFILE

Gregory provides versatility, veteran leadership

Senior is key component in Stevenson boys soccer team's fortunes

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Tyler Gregory's expectations were modest the first time he stepped onto Livonia Stevenson's soccer pitch four years ago as a freshman trying out for his first high school team.

"I had heard it was a really tough task for a freshman to make the JV team, so I was just looking to play for the freshmen team then work my way up," he remembered.

Much to Gregory's surprise, he didn't make the freshmen

team.

"The first day of tryouts, the coaches called me over and told me I'd be playing with the varsity," he said. "My entire freshman season was filled with great memories. The older players treated me really well and I learned how to play at a faster pace and with more physicality."

On Monday afternoon, Gregory was in the midst of training for his final year of high school soccer – and what a journey it's been for the personable Spartan tri-captain. Among his freshman-year



Gregory

season, but he bounced back impressively last year by netting several crucial goals, including a pair against the Chargers.

"The past four years have gone by very fast, that's for sure," he said. "Each year I've played, things have changed a little bit with the team. I've become more vocal and I'm a smarter player than I was when I was younger. I think

more for the team and I'm not as selfish.

"I love the sport of soccer. I've never had a passion for any other sport. I've met so many good friends playing this sport. I'm going to enjoy this, focus on helping the team win and then I'll hopefully I'll be able to play somewhere in college."

Gregory said he learned a lot about overcoming adversity – and the true meaning of hard work – during the time he was rehabbing his injured knee.

"It took three months and three weeks of really, really hard work," he reflected. "It was excruciating most of the time; very, very tough. I'd usually go to rehab four times

a week for three hours a day. It was a big commitment, but now my knee is stronger than it was before the injury."

Gregory took to soccer almost instantly when he played for his first youth team at the age of 7. He credits his mom, Melanie Stephens, with much of his success.

"She was actually one of my first coaches when I was young," Gregory said of his mom. "She's always done whatever she can for me."

Gregory is an outstanding student and enters his final year at Stevenson with a 3.55 grade-point average and four advanced-placement classes on his agenda.

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Livonia Stevenson's roster is stocked with 15 seniors. Pictured are (back row from left) Max Hoover, Dylan Zepko, Alex Sergison, Ian Henzi, Ryan Theisen, Val Qejvani, (middle row from left) Robert Maisonville, Trevor Furkas, Tyler Gregory, Brandon Navarro, Josh Karowski, Sandro Lytwyn, (front row from left) Turner Miller, Austin Kaczmarek and Adam Bixby.

PREP SOCCER PREVIEW

Spartans' roster loaded with experience, talent

Stevenson ready for Friday opener against Churchill

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The Livonia Stevenson boys soccer team's "Senior Night" ceremony will be longer than usual this fall.

That's because the Spartans' roster is stockpiled with 15 final-year players – a scenario that has fueled a positive vibe throughout the team's pre-season workouts.

"With 15 seniors, we have a very mature team with a lot of experience," said head coach Ken Shingledecker, whose squad earned a No. 3 state ranking and 13-2-4 record last fall. "It's like I'm working with grown men. It's a good group and they've created a fantastic environment."

Stevenson will kick off its 2015 slate Friday at 7 p.m. when it hosts Livonia Churchill.

Shingledecker said he liked most of what he saw from the Spartans during last week-

end's four-team scrimmage, but there is room for improvement in at least one department.

"The team was more technical than I thought we'd be," Shingledecker noted. "But we have to score more goals. You can have a great goal-keeper and a solid back line, but you have to score goals. That will be the biggest test for us this season."

The Spartans' off-the-charts maturity level is reflected in their trio of senior captains: four-year varsity standout Tyler Gregory, returning starting goal-keeper Austin Kaczmarek and midfielder/forward Ian Henzi, who also kicks for the Stevenson football team.

"Tyler's biggest assets are his talent and his versatility," said Shingledecker. "He can play a lot of spots and we know he'll play well wherever we put him."

"Austin had a great season last year. He was critical in helping us achieve the quality season that we did. And Ian is a tremendous leader. His presence in the locker-room is outstanding. He gives us everything he can to help us win

games."

Among the team's top scoring threats are forwards Valjon Qejvani, Ryan Theisen and Trevor Furkas. Qejvani will play against Churchill before missing a stretch of games while traveling to Albania.

Three-year starter Brandon Navarro will help anchor the mid-field along with Gregory and Henzi.

The defense lost four players to the Michigan Wolves Academy, however, it will be bolstered by the return of returning starter Max Hoover.

"We have a mix of four or five other players who I expect will do a solid job back there," Shingledecker said, listing Conrad Kean, Joe Nicolas, Rob Maisonville, Erli Metko and Justing Schultz, who is the team's lone sophomore.

The Spartans are incredibly deep at the goal-keeping position with Turner Miller, Drew Padgen and Adam Bixby waiting in the wings to back up Kaczmarek.

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Logan Evanoff helps open a gaping hole for a running back during Churchill's Monday afternoon practice.

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ers last year saw a lot of game-time action.

"Our junior-varsity team had a really good season last year, so we have a strong group of juniors coming in, which will help. It's just a matter of how fast the new guys mature and get used to this level."

There is no shortage of talent when it comes to the running back position at Churchill. In fact, there was a surplus, which forced DeFillipo to shuffle his deck.

"We had nine or 10 running backs, so we had to move three or four to defense or to other offensive positions," he said.

Leading the ball-carrying contingent will be seniors Sean Stenzel, a bruising, between-the-tackles talent, Tre Price, who served as a back-up to Paul Romain last season, and juniors Rocco Parelly (a speed-burner) and Omar Morris.

Jamal Allen, the fastest player on the Chargers' roster with a 40-yard-dash time of 4.46 seconds, and Jacob Chantres are also in the hunt for carries.

Among the primary receivers for Cummins this season is senior Matt Pachota, whose 6-4, 210-pound frame and above-average speed will make him an enticing target.

"Matt is like a hybrid receiver in that he can play tight end and split out wide," said DeFillipo.

The Chargers' deep corps of receivers will also be headlined by Antonio Alexander, a starter throughout 2014 who will also serve as the team's back-up quarterback. Mike Hill and Jake Mushinski are also sure-handed go-to guys for Cummins.

Churchill's offensive line

will be replenished by the return of senior Roger Moore, who was the starting center last year before suffering a season-ending knee injury in Week 2. Moore is slotted to play guard and center along with senior Zach Reschke, who did a solid job of filling in for his injured teammate.

Dylan Clark has earned the vital starting left tackle spot after backing up Division 1 talent Matt Skibinski last season. Jim Gregory, Logan Evanoff and Chris Sessamen will fill out the offensive line.

The Chargers' defensive line will be big and fast thanks to the presence of ends Robert Barnes and Clark, and tackles Austin Simpson and Chris Falutes.

"We're expecting a really big year out of Austin," DeFillipo said. "He's 6-2, 295, he runs a 4.9 40 and he's broken every weight-room record at Churchill. He has Division 1 colleges looking at him."

Vionte Springfield will also see time at defensive end.

Senior DeMarco McKinney will spearhead the Chargers' linebacking unit. Described as a "playmaker" by DeFillipo, McKinney ran one interception back for a touchdown last season and ran another back to the opponents' 1.

He'll be joined in the second tier of first-string defenders by Price, Michael Grabda, Stenzel and Jordan Barr, among others.

Allen and Hill give the Chargers a set of speedy corners, while the three safety positions will be handled by a combination of Joe Hatley, Javontae Van Buren, Mushinski, Osen, Ward and Cummins.

Pachota has been tabbed to succeed Alsobrooks as the Chargers' place-kicker.

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ED WRIGHT
Pictured (from left) are Livonia Stevenson soccer players Justin Schultz, Andrew Vrзовski and Sandro Lytwyn.



ED WRIGHT
Junior quarterback Evan Cummins will fill the big shoes vacated by three-year starter Brian Alsobrooks.

LIVE LIKE MAX

5K race honors Max

Event at Pardington's alma mater raises money, awareness

By **Tim Smith**
Staff Writer

Max Pardington must be smiling somewhere.

In late January, more than 450 free heart screenings were handled by volunteers and Beaumont Health System cardiologists at an event held at Plymouth High School.

The memory of the late Pardington, who died at age 20 in June 2014 from an enlarged heart that went undetected, continues to generate goodwill and dollars for the Live Like Max Foundation and its ongoing cause of promoting healthy hearts.

Saturday on the campus of Orchard Lake St. Mary's in West Bloomfield, where Pardington attended school, a 5K run/walk drew about 200 participants and raised approximately \$16,000, according to Max's mom, Lisa Pardington of Canton.

St. Mary's also dedicated a plaque in Max's memory, which his mom called an "overwhelming" gesture.

"For our family, it was coming full-circle," Lisa said. "Max loved OLSM, where he played basketball. ... The support of the OLSM family and faculty has been awesome."

"The fear of every parent who loses a child is that they will be forgotten. With the plaque in a very prominent area of the (St. Mary's) Grotto, we now know Max will never be forgotten by his classmates, faculty and the entire OLSM family."

All proceeds will be funneled right into Beaumont's student heart check program. Dollars will help fund ongoing heart exams, with the mission of detecting signs of hypertrophic cardiomyopathy in young athletes so that they and

their families are spared the tragedy that struck the Pardingtons.

Max Pardington was by all accounts a strong, healthy athlete who at the time of his death was training for an Ironman competition. A routine heart check might have spared his life.

Spearheading the event was St. Mary's assistant track and field coach Beth Sinclair, who reached out to Lisa Pardington after hearing Max's story.

"Knowing he was an OLSM graduate, she knew it was the perfect event to have at his alma mater," Lisa said. "Everyone was super supportive."

The entire event took place at St. Mary's, with participants running and walking a certified course.

Interest continued building right up to the event, with 70 runners showing up on race day to bump overall numbers over the 200 mark.

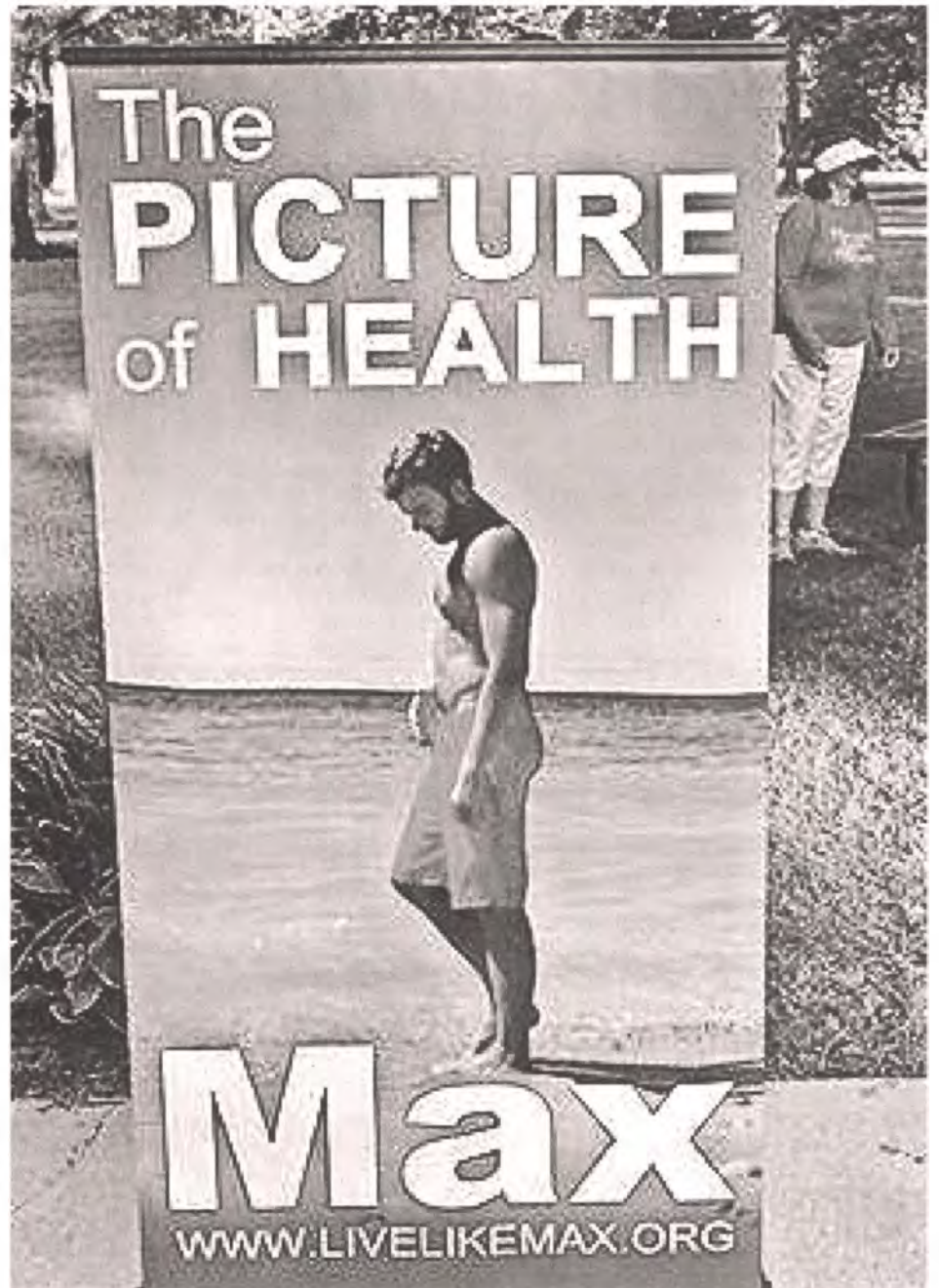
A silent auction also helped raise even more money for the worthy cause.

Due to the success of the event, Lisa said St. Mary's headmaster Cormac Lynn has offered it be held on an annual basis.

The Pardingtons continue to do whatever they can to raise money for Live Like Max and Beaumont Hospital, she noted.

There will be another free heart screening taking place Saturday, Sept. 26, at East Middle School in Farmington Hills. Anyone interested in attending (participants must be in high school) can go to www.livelikemax.org or Beaumont's Student Heart Check website for more information. Registration will be open soon.

Also in the works is a dinner at the Belle Isle Casino slated for March 18, 2016. For more on this or any other event, go to the foundation's website.



MARY KOSKI

This 2014 photo of Max Pardington, displayed at Saturday's 5K, epitomizes why healthy heart checks are needed. He died suddenly from an enlarged heart that was undetected.

SENIORS

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co-captains this fall.

A 15-goal scorer his junior campaign, Dobar will shift to the mid-field where he will join McCulley to make up a dynamic duo.

"Riles brings an explosive kind of goal-scoring edge," said Grodzicki. "With his height, he'll take a lot of our

re-starts.

"Devin is more of a silent, technical, quarterback in the middle; he's more defensive-minded, so those two will work together very well."

Senior forward Erlin Guri returns as one of the division's most dangerous net-fillers. Grodzicki said he is also looking for big things from Uthman Babatunda and Cam Kozan.

"Erlin is going to be a real threat to score this year," said Grodzicki. "He's gotten stronger since last year and he's

healthy now, so we're hoping he puts up some big numbers. With our personnel this year, we can play a lot of different formations, so I think he'll benefit from that."

The Chargers' back-line is in good hands with senior defenders Conner Rash, Conner McCarthy, Kyle Benedict and Chase Calvin.

They'll be looking to make life easier for senior goal-keeper Brandon Dix, who split time in goal last season with graduated-senior Nathan Gutowski.

"The division will be competitive again, as always," Grodzicki predicted. "Canton hasn't lost a division match in four years, so they'll be tough again. We have a developing rivalry going with Plymouth, and Franklin will be better this year, so the division has actually improved from top to bottom."

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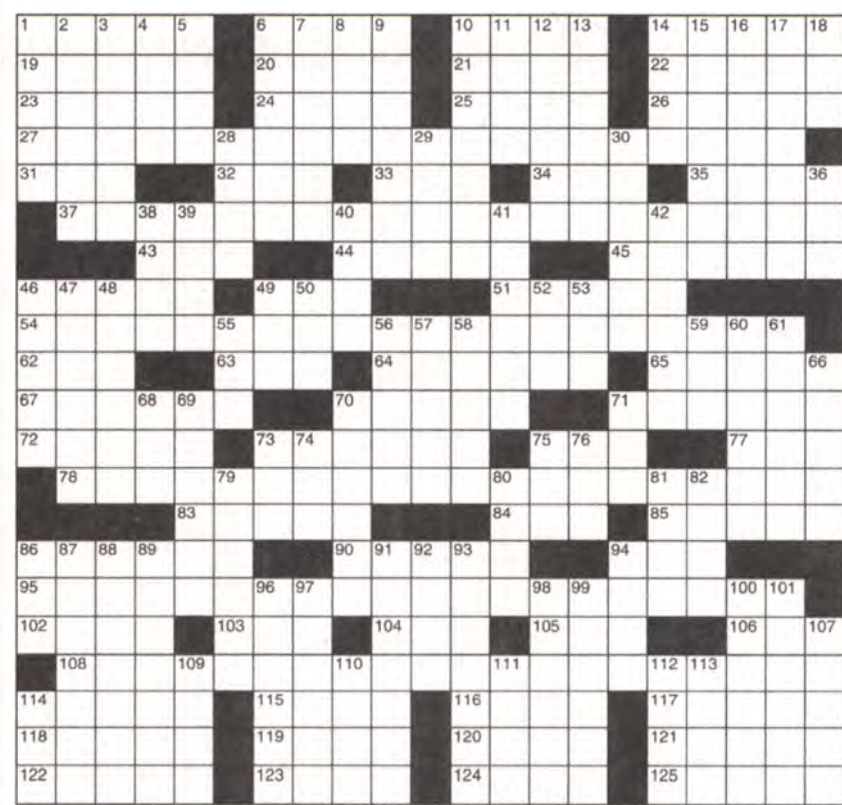


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THURSDAY PUZZLE CORNER

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

- ACROSS**
- See 19-Across
 - Bird refuge
 - Girl, to Scots
 - Tree thicket
 - With 1-Across, spring prank victims
 - Difficult duty
 - Jai —
 - Not inclined
 - Papal topper
 - Long hike
 - Crooner
 - Crosby
 - Tomb
 - artifact, e.g.
 - Failure to keep developing a villain's character?
 - Summer zodiac sign
 - On an ad — basis
 - "Sprechen — Deutsch?"
 - Decade
 - "I — care"
 - Person
 - forging duel weapons for a big film studio?
 - Trailer-park parkers, for short
 - "— deal?" ("Are we on?")
 - Nun's string of beads
 - Lederer who was better known as Ann Landers
 - Poke (out)
 - Nomadic sort
 - Head
 - Single-file
 - Somewhat, informally
 - Alternative to a Cert or a Tic Tac
 - Hamburger unit
 - More gutsy?
 - "— is human"
 - Estevez of the screen
 - Letter #26
 - Gobble down
 - Newly coined synonyms for depression?
 - buddy (close friend)
 - Dad's mate
 - Anxious
 - Volcanic peak in N. Oregon
 - Limerick's rhyme pattern
 - Cedar's kin
 - Providing refuge for people who use bleach?
 - Granola bit
 - Adore, cutely
 - Hosp. test
 - Exist
 - Go quickly
 - Babies seen moving wavily in prenatal scans?
 - Shaw of jazz
 - Rear, as legs
 - Film director
 - Ephron
 - Puts freight on
 - Very best performance
 - Met melody
 - A part of
 - Action scene
 - Fight off depression?
 - Kinski film
 - Camp sight
 - Cheeky
- DOWN**
- Lethal
 - Shared views
 - Speaking pro
 - Old Italian coin
 - Mill refuse
 - Later
 - Tenor
 - Caruso
 - Files a case against
 - Gives a double cluck of reproach
 - Diagnostic procedure
 - Et —
 - Wooded with a melody
 - Contract inker, e.g.
 - Rudely terse
 - New York tribe
 - Lummox
 - Devise used in Twister
 - End-of-list abbr.
 - Units of resistance
 - "Oh yes, Juan!"
 - Russia's Gromyko
 - Go for it
 - "— go brag!"
 - With, to Yves
 - Act of liturgy
 - Battle shout
 - To a greater extent
 - Key above D
 - Literary intro
 - Pale shade
 - Sprightly dance
 - Consume
 - "Looky here!"
 - Ex-combat GIs' gp.
 - Possessed
 - Watch faces
 - "Nay" voters
 - Betray by blabbing
 - And not
 - Most arid
 - Cooks, as some clams
 - Dilettantish
 - Gold, to Juan
 - 1950 Asimov classic
 - "Simple Simon met a —"
 - Prefix with caching
 - Frozen water, to Wilhelm
 - L followers
 - Beasty site?
 - Elegant tree
 - First Ford car
 - Online 'zine
 - Increase
 - Apropos of
 - Eds.' piles
 - See 94-Down
 - Lift in the back of a shoe
 - Quaint
 - Task lists
 - Ran in the wash
 - Baseballer Randy Johnson's nickname, with "the"
 - With 87-Down, get a strong desire
 - Charge to attack
 - Côte d'—
 - Strong-force particle
 - AWOL pupil
 - Greek island
 - Vampy types
 - Elia offering
 - Angling need
 - États—
 - Nil
 - "Ah, so sad"
 - O'Hara home
 - Swiss river



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SUDOKU

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Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken 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 provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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

AGRICULTURE WORD SEARCH

WORDS

ACRE
AEROBIC
ALLEY
ANAEROBIC
BACKGROUNDING
BARN
BEDDING
BIOSECURITY
BOVINE
BREEDER
CHRONIC
CHURNING
COMMODITY
CROPS
CULL
DAIRY
DEPRESSION
DRAWBAR

ENVIRONMENT
EROSION
FALLOWING
FLOWERING
GESTATION
INTEGRATION
LACTATE
MILKING
NITRIFICATION
PADDOCKS
PASTURE
PLANTING
RATION
RUMINANT
SANITIZATION
TILLAGE

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

Crossword Answers

FOOLS NEST LASS COPSE
APRIL ONUS ALAI UNAPT
TIARA TREK BING RELIC
ANTAGONIST STAGNATION
LEO HOC SIE TEN DONT
DREAMWORKS SWORDMAKER
RVS ISITA ROSARY
EPPIE JUT ROVER
FRANCHISEDARCHFIENDS
LOS AGE INARW SORTA
ALTOID PATTY GORIER
TOERR EMILIO ZEE EAT
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BOSOM MOM ANTISY
MTHOOD AABBA FIR
SHELTERINGLIGHTENERS
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ULTRASOUNDUNDULATORS
ARTIE HIND NORA LADENA
AGAME ARIA INORA ARENA
REPEL TESS TENT SASSY

Word Search Answers

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DR. HILLS HOWARD JR. MD

Was born March 12, 1946 to the late Hills and Mildred Howard. He is third of 11 children. Dr. Howard earned Bachelor degree of Chemistry in 1969 and Medical Doctorate degree in 1975 from Wayne State University. He joined Alpha Beta Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. in 1966. Dr. Howard cared deeply for his patients. He served as medical director at OmniCare Health Systems and The Wellness Plan. He was owner of Howard Medical Service PC and on staff at Detroit Medical Center (DMC) for many years. He recently retired. He was called to be with the Lord on August 16, 2015. He leaves behind a daughter and two sons. Visitation Friday, August 21 from 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. at Swanson Funeral Home 14751 West McNichols 48235. Funeral Saturday, August 22 at 11 a.m. People's Community Church 8601 Woodward Avenue 48202.



FASBINDER, JACQUELINE MARIE

Of Cadillac, Michigan and Spring Hill, Florida, passed away on Wednesday, August 12, 2015 at Green Acres in Cadillac. She was 80. Jacqueline was born on November 30, 1934, in Detroit, Michigan to Edward and Irene (Czapiewski) McGraw. She attended Our Lady of Mercy high school in Detroit and graduated in 1952. Jacqueline entered into marriage with Ronald A. Fasbinder on June 27, 1953 in Detroit. She spent her career working at Woodland Medical Center in Novi for over 20 years until her time of retirement. She had a passion for sewing, reading, as well as completing puzzles. Jacqueline enjoyed a fun hand of cards as well as golfing with family and friends. One of her greatest joys was spending time with her grandchildren. She loved to travel with her best friend, her husband, all over the world. Jacqueline is survived by her husband of over 60 years, Ronald A. Fasbinder of Cadillac, MI; two sons, Dennis (Laurie) Fasbinder of Dexter, MI and Ronald (Debra) Fasbinder of Huntington Beach, CA; one daughter, Debbie (Pete) Nemish of Tustin, MI; one son-in-law, Denny Hughes of Brighton, MI; nine grandchildren, Jennifer, Kelly, Adrienne, Adam, Devon, Bryan, Kevin, Kelly and P.J.; one sister, Joyce (Joe) Buchholz; one brother, Douglas (Letha) McGraw; and many other loving family members and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents and a daughter, Jacqueline Hughes. Visitation will be held on Saturday, August 22, 2015 at 1:00 pm until the time of funeral service at 2:00 pm at the Hitesman-Holdship Funeral Home with Rev. Jim Siler presiding. Interment will take place at Maple Hill Cemetery in Cadillac following the service. The family requests memorial gifts be directed in her name to the After 26 Project of Cadillac, MI supporting the lives of special needs adults through work opportunities in the greater Cadillac area. Contributions can be made payable to: After 26 Project, 127 West Cass, Cadillac, MI 49601 and www.after26project.org. Condolences and memories may be shared with the family online at www.Hitesman-Holdship.com. The family is being served by the Hitesman-Holdship Funeral Home.

HICKEY, JAMES BRADLEY

Of Westland Michigan, at the age of 64, passed away on August 14, 2015. His final days were spent surrounded by family and friends that Jim had touched throughout his short, yet very memorable life. Jim is survived by his daughter Odette Hickey; grandchildren Jake and Darian, son Quinn Hickey. His sisters and brother; Georgina, William, Kimberly, Tammy, Jessie, Kandy and spouses. Jim proceeds his parents Claudine and Burton Cutrell, William Hickey, and his brother Howard Curtell. Memorial service 12 -1p.m. at Abundance of Life Church of God, 2100 Hannan Rd., Canton MI 48154 The family requests that in lieu of flowers please make a donation to the Church.



THEISEN, CHRISTOPHER SCOTT

Age 25, of Cleveland, passed away on August 14, 2015 at his home. He was born on June 30, 1990 in Holland, Michigan to Craig and Mary (McDonald) Theisen. Chris received his Bachelor's Degree in Economics from the University of Michigan where he became a member of the Delta Upsilon Fraternity. He was employed at Cleveland Research Company as a market research associate. Chris loved the University of Michigan, the Detroit Tigers, and investing. He was an avid learner and a world traveler; he and his family lived in Singapore where he graduated from high school. Chris is survived by his parents, Craig and Mary (McDonald) Theisen, two brothers, Tate and Scott Theisen, both at home and grandmother, Agnes McDonald of Defiance. He was preceded in death by grandparents, Raymond McDonald, and Charles and Dolores Theisen. Visitation will be held Thursday, August 20, 2015, from 12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m. at Schaffer Funeral Home, Defiance, where funeral services will follow at 2:00 p.m. with Deacon Jeff Mayer officiating. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) at www.jdrf.org or JDRF Metro Detroit / South East Michigan Chapter 24359 Northwestern Hwy #225 Southfield, MI 48075. Online condolences can be given at www.Schafferfh.com.



LANGE, MARY JANE

Of Hartland, MI age 96 died August 15, 2015 at her residence. Mary enjoyed spending most of her life at Lake Shamon with family and friends, she was a member of the Order of The Eastern Star, was active in the Girl Scouts and was very proud to be Romanian. Mary is survived by daughter Judy (Bud) Jones, grandsons Wesley (Lori) Jones and Michael (Christene) Jones, great grandchildren Blake, Taylor, Sydney, Peyton, Griffin, Wesley and Ethan. Mary was preceded in death by her husband Walter Lange Dec. 1, 2001. Donations may be made to Hospice of Michigan, 26957 Northwestern Hwy #140, Southfield, MI 48033.



WELLMAN, FLORA "FLO"

Passed away July 22, 2015 in Benzie County, Michigan just 140 days short of celebrating her 100th birthday - where she would certainly have bragged about her five grandchildren - Carley (Kevin) McAbee, Ryan (Rani) Wellman, Graham Wellman, Beth and Kathleen Peshek - and four great grandkids (Oslo, Junot and Zinnia McAbee and Joseph Wellman). She was preceded in death by husband William Emory Wellman and son Robert Barry Wellman and is survived by children Don, Karl, and Tim Wellman and Margot (Craig) Peshek. Family and friends will gather to remember Flo: 12:00-3:00 p.m. Saturday August 22, 2015 Birmingham Community House 380 S Bates Street Birmingham, MI 48009 In lieu of flowers, contributions may be directed to the Special Olympics or Habitat for Humanity.



SCHENDEN, ROSEMARY

Age 80, Farmington Hills resident for 46 years, passed peacefully at home, on August 17, 2015, following a short but brave battle with ovarian cancer. Rosemary is the beloved wife of the late Lawrence (d. 2013); devoted mother of Mary Beth (Timothy Rinaldi), Lawrence (Timothy), Anne Pape (James, M.D.) and Fr. Gregory, S.J.; loving grandmother of Joseph, Daniel and John. Rosemary was predeceased by infant son Joseph as well as her parents, William and Mathilda Seawahl and brother William Seawahl. Dear sister of Jeanne Michelini. Survived by brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law Nancy Seawahl, Jack and Lillian Schenden, Margaret Ashburn, Vin and Barb Schenden, Herb and Lorraine Schenden, Jerome Schenden, Karen Quintana, Diane Adams, Seymour Barahl and Fluff Walker. Loved by many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews and great-great-nieces and nephews. Proud godmother to niece Teri Michelini and nephew Matthew Adams. Visitation Wednesday, August 19, 2-9 p.m., with a 7 p.m. Rosary, at the Heeneey-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btwn. 9-10 Mile Rds., just N. of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Funeral Mass Thursday, August 20, 10 a.m. (in state 9:30 a.m.) at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, 23615 Power Rd., Farmington. Interment at Great Lakes National Cemetery. Memorial gifts suggested to Michigan Right to Life or Detroit Catholic Central High School. heeneey-sundquist.com HEENEY-SUNDQUIST FUNERAL HOME



SS. Simon & Jude Catholic Church in Westland will welcome a "Mass mob" on Sunday, Aug. 23.

Mass mob coming to SS. Simon & Jude Church, Westland

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

The Traveling Catholic's Mass Mob can't work miracles, but it does aim to multiply attendance and donations at SS. Simon & Jude Catholic Community this weekend in Westland. The mob is a group of church goers, organized through a Facebook page, that visits a different Catholic church for one Mass each month. The idea is to pack the pews and the collection plate, giving the church both financial help, and visibility that could lead to an increase in membership.

Annamarie Barnes founded the Traveling Catholic's Mass Mob that will visit SS. Simon & Jude at 10 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 23. The Warren woman also created the first Detroit-area Mass mob last year at St. Hyacinth in Detroit. She joined forces with Detroit Mass Mob, which visits historically and architecturally significant Catholic churches every month in Detroit. Barnes broke with the group this year and created her own Mass mob after getting mob requests from suburban churches. "It doesn't matter where these churches

are located, they need help, too," she said. "Size doesn't matter. I've done churches that hold 400 and 1,200.

"I love seeing the priest's face when he walks out to start Mass and he sees his church full. I know he can sleep good for the first time, especially if he's trying to juggle a budget."

Barnes said the mob — made up of Catholics from throughout southeastern Michigan — generously contributes when the collection plate passes. Participants also get a chance to experience a new church. Some make return visits.

That's what Chris Dixon hopes for SS. Simon & Jude. Dixon, an eight-year member of the congregation, wrote to Barnes requesting a mob visit. She wants visitors to experience SS. Simon & Jude as a "welcoming church" and help grow membership. "We accept everybody. I tell people that if a Martian landed in the parking lot, no one would blink an eye. They'd say you're welcome," Dixon said.

Growing parish

According to Nancy Patterson, SS. Simon & Jude secretary, the church was founded in 1959. Its current building

was constructed in 1999 and holds 650 attendees. Membership includes approximately 600 families.

"A focus at our church is to bring more people into our parish," said Kathy Hansen, church publicity director. "This is one way of doing that. We have a lot to offer. Hopefully, people will see us as a growing parish."

Dixon and Hansen said the Rev. Gerry Bechard, SS. Simon & Jude pastor, plans a "regular Sunday Mass" for the visiting mob.

"At every church you have a different experience. They can plan what they want and how they want it," Barnes said. "Just keep me in the flow."

Some congregations bring in church dignitaries and color guards on Mass mob day. At one church, a visiting bishop pulled out a ukelele from behind the altar and strummed *This Little Light of Mine*, Barnes said.

"It was phenomenal. Those kinds of things make it unique and I don't want to stifle that." She tells each church to keep the Mass schedule "tight" and no longer than 90 minutes.

Barnes is eager to visit SS. Simon & Jude for the first time this Sunday.

She told her Facebook followers she expects to see them at church.

"I think it's going to be exciting," Dixon said. "If people would come, they would see what a wonderful church it is."

The church, located at 32500 Palmer, will keep its parking lot open for visitors. Parishioners are asked to walk or carpool. Church members also may park at Adams Upper Elementary School, 33475 Palmer. Ushers will be on hand to drive them to church.

For more on SS. Simon & Jude, visit stssimonandjude.com or call 734-722-1343. Visit The Traveling Catholic's Mass Mob on Facebook.

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Rock out with TLC Productions at Village Theater in Canton

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Talent from two local bands, Damage Control and McLaughlin's Alley, will help TLC Productions "rock the house" next month at the Village Theater in Canton.

"This is going to be a fun show. People will be tapping their feet," said Tim Chanko, keyboardist for Damage Control and co-founder of TLC Productions, the Canton-based theater group that's sponsoring the rock cabaret on Saturday, Sept. 12.

Chanko will perform lead vocals along with Maureen Paraventi of Redford and Kara Fay Cardella of Ypsilanti. Both women are active in community theater and Paraventi is a member of McLaughlin's Alley, which plays pop and rock songs, along with Irish favorites at festivals, bars and fundraisers throughout southeastern Michigan.

"I've worked with both of them in musical productions. They're good actors, too," Chanko said. "In this respect, they'll mainly be singing."

Dave Skrzynski of Royal Oak, on bass guitar, Cheryl Chanko of South Lyon, on keyboards, Bob Espinoza of Canton, drummer, and Dave Schmidt of Northville, Damage Control guitarist, will accompany the trio. Leanne Young of South Lyon and Ken Overwater of Dearborn will act out the cabaret story, which is just one way the annual show has evolved since its debut last year.

"The first time we did this we just picked different songs from the 1960s to current and we had a DJ announcing the music. Now we have more of a story. A couple is trying to open a club and they are imagining a theme: And then the band plays that theme. There is a little tension in the story in that they could lose the club if they don't pick the right theme," Chanko said.

Music themes

The band will play rock music from Motown, movies and theater, as well as themes of beach/summer, piano bar and cars.

"For theater rock, one that should be fun is *Time Warp*, from *Rocky Horror Picture Show*. For Motown we're doing *Reach Out* by the Four Tops and *Respect*," Chanko said. "It should be fun."

The 90-minute show also was moved from the studio stage to the main auditorium this year. Chanko said the main stage offers more opportunity



Tim Chanko of Canton, Maureen Paraventi of Redford, and Kara Fay Cardella of Ypsilanti will "rock the house" Sept. 12 at the Village Theater in Canton.

to create a lighting design that will enhance the show.

"It's such a nice theater. The main stage was available and we wanted to try it," he said. "It holds around 400 seats."

Rock the House, A Rock and Roll Cabaret is at 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 40500 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. Tickets are \$15. Buy them by phone at the Village Theater Box Office, 734-394-5300 or 734-394-5460. Or visit tclproductions.org.

Can't wait to rock out on Sept. 12? You can catch a few of the performers this month.

Watch Maureen Paraventi and McLaughlin's Alley perform 8-10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, at The Goldfish Tea Cafe, 117 W. Fourth St., between Main and Washington Street in downtown Royal Oak; 248-541-5252.

Damage Control, with Tim Chanko and Dave Schmidt take the stage at 6 p.m. Aug. 29, at Burroughs Roadhouse, 5311 Brighton Road, Brighton; 810-227-6000.

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Local cover band Damage Control, will lend its keyboard player, Tim Chanko, left front, to Rock the House, A Rock-and-Roll Cabaret, next month in Canton.

GET OUT! CALENDAR

ANIMALS

DETROIT ZOO

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily
Location: I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak
Details: Admission is \$14 for adults 15-61, \$10 for senior citizens 62 and older, and for children ages 2-14; children under 2 are free. Parking for cars and vans is \$5. Detroit Zoological Society members get free admission and parking

Wild Summer Nights: The final concert of the season runs 6:30-8 p.m. Aug. 26 and features Candy Band
Contact: 248-541-5717

ARTS AND CRAFTS

CITY GALLERY

Time/Date: Free reception, 6-8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21; gallery hours 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, through Oct. 2

Location: The Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Artist Sue Majewski commemorates her love of food and flowers through intricate bead and tile work in a solo exhibit called "Things I Love"
Contact: 248-473-1859

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

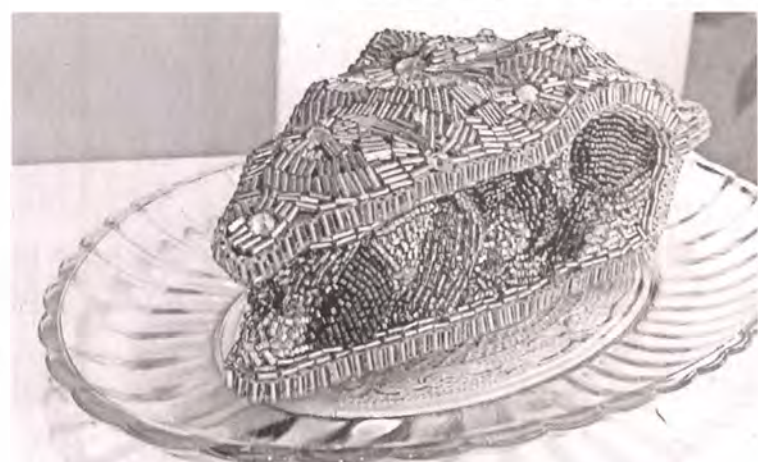
Time/Date: Exhibit hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, through August

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: "New Horizons," a solo exhibit by painter Barbara White
Contact: 248-344-0497 or www.NorthvilleArtHouse.org

VILLAGE THEATER

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday and during public performances, through September



"Slice o Pie," and other beaded art works by Sue Majewski are on exhibit at City Gallery in Farmington Hills.

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: "Tell Me, Berenice Abbott," is a fine art digital photography exhibit by Tim Ruane
Contact: 734-394-5300

AUDITIONS

FARMINGTON HILLS YOUTH THEATRE

Time/Date: Noon to 5 p.m. Sept. 12 and 1-6 p.m. Sept. 13

Location: Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Students in grades one-12 and adults, should bring a recent photo to their audition for *Wizard of Oz*. All other materials will be supplied
Contact: fhgov.com/YouthTheatre

OAKLAND YOUTH ORCHESTRA

Time/Date: By appointment, Sept. 1

Location: Varner Hall, Oakland University, Rochester

Details: For instrumentalists, ages 7-18. Current openings include violin, viola, and bass in the Studio String Orchestra and the String Orchestra; violin, viola, bass, clarinet, bassoon, trumpet, french horn, and trombone in the Philharmonia; and violin, viola, bassoon, french horn and trumpet in the Symphony. Sign up for audition time online
Contact: oyomi.org

FILM

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 21-22 and 4:45 p.m. and

7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23

Location: 760 Penniman, Plymouth

Details: *Me And Earl And The Dying Girl*, \$3

Summer Cinema: *The Muppets Take Manhattan*, Aug. 27

Contact: 734-453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

POPCORN TUESDAY

Time/Date: Tuesday through Aug. 25

Location: MJR Digital Cinemas, including Westland Grand Digital Cinema 16, 6800 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: Any size popcorn is free; includes one refill
Contact: mjrtheatres.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Aug. 21 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Aug. 22

Location: 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Avenue in Detroit

Details: *Forrest Gump*, \$5
Contact: 313-898-1481

SUMMER DRIVE-IN

Time/Date: Films screen at dusk, nightly through Sept. 6

Location: USA Hockey Arena, 14900 Beck, Plymouth

Details: Double features on three screens. Visit summerdrivein.com weekly for updated film list. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for children, 4-12 and free for children, 3 and under.
Contact: 734-927-3284

HISTORY

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for ages 6-17. Free museum admission

for active duty military personnel, including National Guard and Reserve and their families, from Memorial Day through Labor Day

Exhibit: The Fair That Changed America runs to Nov. 1, and focuses on the 1893 World's Fair in Chicago, Ill. Many contemporary, commonplace objects were introduced at this World's Fair, including the Ferris wheel.
Contact: 734-455-8940

MUSIC

BIRMINGHAM TEMPLE VIVACE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26

Location: 28611 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: The Aeolus Quartet with Steve Wogaman on piano; tickets are \$28 general admission, \$25 for members and seniors, and \$10 for students

Contact: Joyce Cheresch at 248-788-9338 or Ann Sipher at 248-661-1348

BLUES@THE ELKS

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

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

Details: Bring your dancing shoes. \$5 donation
Contact: 734-453-1780

CANTON COLOR TOUR

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21

Location: At the Kroger parking lot, Ford Road and Canton Center Road, Canton

Details: Urban Jazz Coalition
Contact: shopcanton.org



Sandy and Frank McCay of Canton rehearse a scene for the Still Got It Players' production of "The Red Velvet Cake War."



The Candy Band plays at the Detroit Zoo's Wild Summer Nights Aug. 26.

GET OUT

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JAZZ@THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month
Location: Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth
Details: Ramona Collins Quartet performs Aug. 25. \$10 donation at the door includes hors d'oeuvres
Contact: 734-453-1780 or email plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com

JAZZ IN AUGUST

Time/Date: 4-7 p.m. Sunday, through August
Location: Band shell at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth
Details: Three different jazz acts perform each week at this free concert
Contact: jazzinthepark.org

MICHIGAN PHILHARMONIC

Time/Date: 6:15 p.m. Aug. 29
Location: Grand Circus Park in Detroit in August
Details: Motown, Mamma Mia and More! will celebrate the music of the 1960s-'70s by such artists as The Supremes, Stevie

Wonder, The Rolling Stones and The Temptations. Local vocalists, Kathryn Calzone, Lauren Norris and Taylor Wallis, will join the Michigan Philharmonic on the "Mamma Mia" finale. Concerts are free.
Contact: 734-451-2112; michiganphil.org

MUSIC FROM THE HEART

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27
Location: Livonia Civic Center grounds, Five Mile and Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Thomas & Kentucky Strait, Aug. 27
Contact: ci.livonia.mi.us

MUSIC IN THE AIR

Time/Date: 7-9:30 p.m. Friday through Sept. 4
Location: Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth
Details: The Randy Brock Band, Aug. 21; Magic Bus, Aug. 28; Steve King & The Dittilies, Sept. 4
Contact: plymouthmich.org

MUSIC IN THE PARK CHILDREN'S SERIES

Time/Date: Noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26
Location: Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth
Details: Saline Fiddlers Philharmonic
Contact: plymoutharts.com

RHYTHMS IN RILEY PARK

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Friday, through Aug. 28
Location: Downtown Farmington
Details: Twisted Root Revival, Aug. 21; Thiurd Coast Kings, Aug. 28
Contact: downtownfarmington.org

STARS IN THE PARK

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday through Aug. 27
Location: Heritage Park, 24915 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills
Details: Kathy Kosins, Aug. 20; L'USA, Aug. 27
Contact: 248-473-1848

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

Time/Date: Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m.
Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia
Details: Open stage, Sept. 1 and 15; Seth Glier, Sept. 11; The Yellow Room Gang, featuring Matt Watroba, David Barrett, Kitty Donohoe and Annie Capps, Sept. 12; Empty Chair Night, Sept. 13. Most tickets \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks accepted
Contact: 734-464-6302 for additional information

THEATER

BETTER THAN EVER PRODUCTIONS
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 27-29 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30
Location: Enter through door #13 at Plymouth Parks and Recreation Complex, 650 Church, Plymouth
Details: The group performs *Palliser Suite*, a comedy by Caroline Russell-King. Tickets are \$15
Contact: betterthaneverprod.wix.com/btep or call Jeanne Pruetz at 734-306-7883

STILL GOT IT PLAYERS

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 2-6
Location: Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton
Details: Tickets for the comedy *The Velvet Cake War* are \$16-\$18, available at the box office one hour before show time and in advance online and by phone
Contact: 734-394-5300; spot-

TWO MUSES THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 11-12, 25-26, Saturday, Sept. 19, 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13 and Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 19-20, Sunday, Sept. 27
Location: Inside Barnes & Noble, 6800 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield
Details: *Always a Bridesmaid* is a comedy about two friends who have sworn to keep the promise they made on the night of their senior prom—to be in each other's weddings no matter what. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$18 for students and seniors, 62 and up
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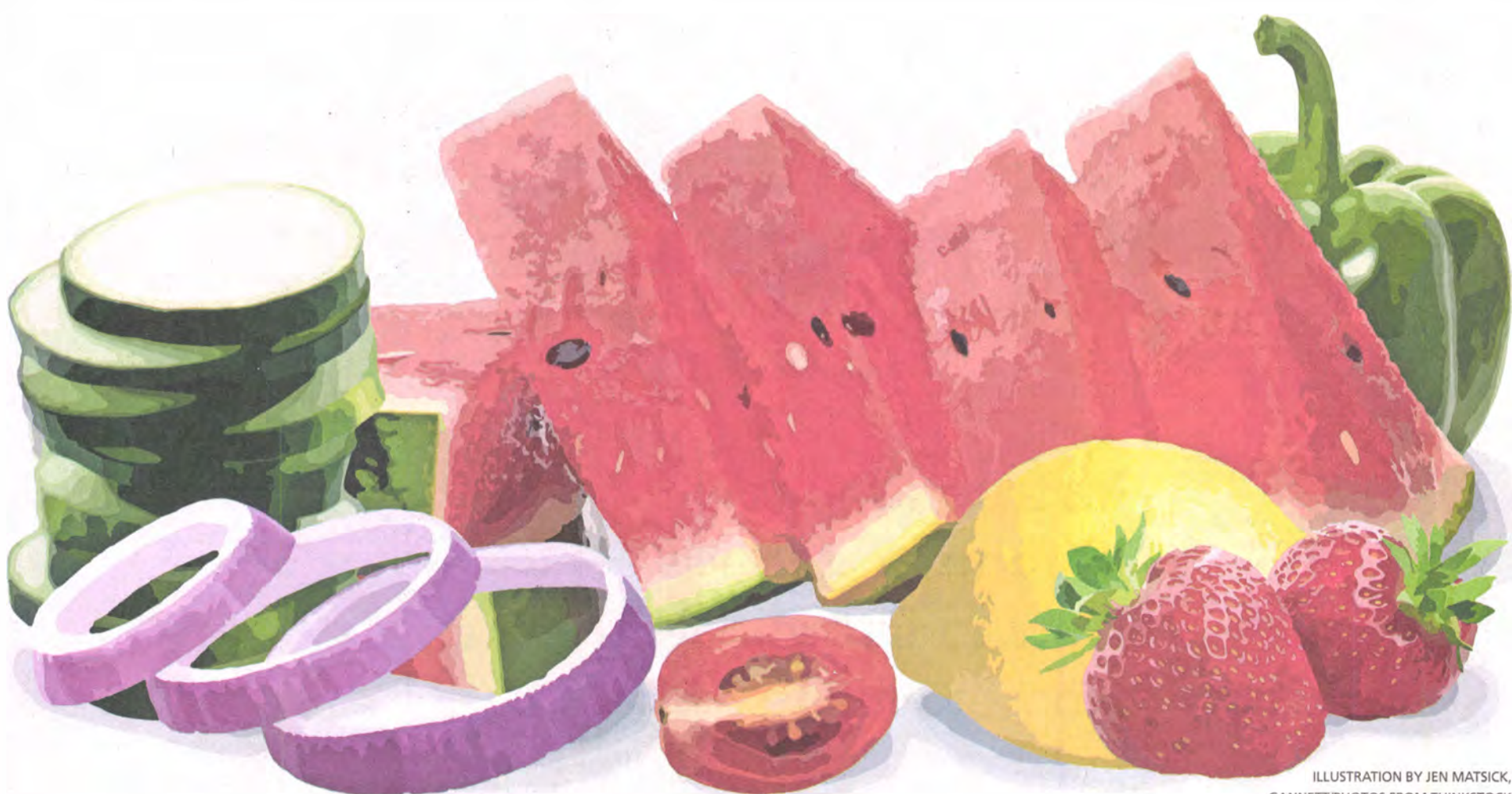


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Harness the harvest

MAKE SALADS, DIPS AND SOUPS WITH LATE-SUMMER PRODUCE

Want to get the most out of late summer's fresh fruits and vegetables? Look to your blender and spice rack to puree seasonal produce into refreshing sips, chilled soups and savory sauces. "We're in peak farmer's market season with an abundance of juicy red tomatoes and leafy greens," said chef Kevan Vetter of the McCormick Kitchens. "The same old veggie sides and salads can get boring as the summer rolls on, and blending allows you to enjoy produce in tasty new ways — from using kale and avocado in a pasta sauce to a Greek yogurt dressing featuring pureed fresh cucumber."

Finding ways to add more produce to diets is important, especially because only one in 10 Americans eat enough fruits and vegetables, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Get blending with these ideas for summer produce:

Sauces — Top pasta, salads and more with sauces made from blended fruit and veggies. Remember that greens aren't just for salad. Everything from Swiss chard to kale can be blended into a savory sauce for pasta.

Drinks — Tap into the craft cocktail trend by adding bold herbs and spices to pureed fruits. Try ancho chile pepper to spice up a frozen fruit drink.

Soups — When the heat climbs, serve a chilled soup and freeze leftovers for later. Simply pour chilled soup into a freezer-safe container, label it and keep for up to one month.

Dips — Puree roasted or grilled veggies and serve with broccoli or sliced bell peppers.

For more recipes — like spicy tomato gazpacho or roasted corn puree — visit McCormick.com.



GREEK PASTA SALAD WITH CUCUMBER YOGURT DRESSING

Prep time: 25 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes
Serves: 8

- ½ cup cucumber, peeled, seeded and diced
- ½ cup plain Greek nonfat yogurt
- 2 tablespoons light mayonnaise
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon McCormick Gourmet Garlic Powder, California
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- ½ teaspoon McCormick Gourmet Oregano, Mediterranean
- ½ teaspoon McCormick Gourmet Sicilian Sea Salt
- 8 ounces pasta, such as cellentani or gemelli
- 2 cups broccoli florets
- 1 cup heirloom cherry tomatoes, quartered
- ¼ cup thinly sliced red onion
- ¼ cup pitted Kalamata olives, quartered
- 2 tablespoons crumbled feta cheese

For the Cucumber Yogurt Dressing, place cucumber, yogurt, mayonnaise, lemon juice, garlic powder, dill, oregano and sea salt in blender container; cover. Blend on high speed until smooth. Refrigerate until ready to use.



STRAWBERRY ANCHO FROZEN BEERGARITAS

Prep time: 15 minutes
Serves: 4

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup water
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- 1 cup ice
- ½ cup chilled tequila
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- 1 bottle (12 ounces) Mexican beer

For the Ancho Simple Syrup, mix sugar, water and ancho chile pepper in small saucepan. Bring to boil. Reduce heat to medium-low; simmer 5 minutes. Remove from heat. Let stand 2 hours. Strain through double layer of cheesecloth or coffee filter. Cover and refrigerate until well chilled. This makes enough syrup for 4 batches of Beergaritas.

For the Beergaritas, place frozen margarita mix, strawberries, ice, tequila and Ancho Simple Syrup in blender container; cover. Blend on medium-high speed until smooth. Slowly add beer; mix gently. Serve immediately in beverage glasses.

Serving tip: Serve in beverage glasses rimmed with ancho chile salt. Mix 2 tablespoons kosher salt and ½ teaspoon McCormick Gourmet Ancho Chile Pepper in small plate. Wet outside rims of beverage glasses with lime wedge. Dip glasses into ancho chile salt to coat.



CHILLED PAPAYA AND WATERMELON SOUP WITH LEMON CORIANDER CREAM

Prep time: 15 minutes
Makes: 5 1-cup servings

- 2 cups cubed seeded papaya (1-inch cubes)
- 2 cups cubed seedless watermelon (1-inch cubes)
- 1 ½ cups coconut water
- ¼ cup fresh lime juice
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh jalapeño pepper
- 1 teaspoon McCormick Gourmet Sicilian Sea Salt
- 1 teaspoon ground coriander seed, ½ cup crème fraîche
- 2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon sugar

For the Papaya and Watermelon soup, place papaya, watermelon, coconut water, lime juice, jalapeño, sea salt and ½ teaspoon of the coriander in blender container; cover. Blend until smooth. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

For the Lemon Coriander Cream, mix crème fraîche, lemon juice, sugar and remaining ½ teaspoon coriander in small bowl. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

To serve soup, ladle into serving bowls. Drizzle each serving with a heaping tablespoon of Lemon Coriander Cream. Serve immediately.



SPANISH ROASTED VEGETABLE DIP

Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 40 minutes
Makes: 32 2-tablespoon servings

- ½ head garlic
- ½ cup olive oil, divided
- 4 small heirloom or plum tomatoes, halved
- 2 red bell peppers, halved and seeded
- 1 red onion, unpeeled and halved
- 1 small eggplant, halved lengthwise
- ¼ teaspoon McCormick Gourmet Sicilian Sea Salt, divided
- ½ teaspoon black pepper, coarse ground, divided
- 3 tablespoons tomato paste
- 1 teaspoon McCormick Gourmet Oregano, Mediterranean
- 1 teaspoon thyme
- 1 teaspoon ground, roasted cumin
- ½ teaspoon smoked paprika

Preheat oven to 450°F. Cut off the top ¼-inch of the garlic to expose cloves. Place garlic on a piece of aluminum foil. Drizzle with 1 tablespoon of the oil. Wrap tightly in foil and place on large shallow baking pan. Place remaining vegetables in pan. Drizzle vegetables with 3 tablespoons of the oil and sprinkle with ½ teaspoon of the salt and ¼ teaspoon of the pepper. Roast 40 minutes or until vegetables are soft. Cool 10 minutes or until vegetables are cool enough to handle. Squeeze roasted garlic from skin. Peel off skin from tomatoes and onion. Scoop flesh from eggplant. Place all vegetables, remaining ¼ cup oil, tomato paste, oregano, thyme, cumin, paprika and remaining ½ teaspoon each salt and pepper in food processor; cover. Process until coarsely chopped. Spoon dip into serving bowl. Serve with nuts, pita wedges, crackers or crusty bread, if desired.