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Wayne council to discuss city manager post

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

The Wayne city manager position will be the topic of a special city council meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday.

Councilwoman Susan Rowe suggested calling the meeting, noting a number of city staff had questioned why interim City Manager Lisa Nocerini

wasn't being interviewed for the permanent position.

"We need to stabilize the situation. We haven't closed the search. I agree we need to bring some stability to the city manager position," Councilman Skip Monit said.

Council members called the special meeting after interviewing city manager applicant Kristoffer Tobbe prior

to the regular council meeting Tuesday.

Wayne has been without a long-term manager since Robert English retired in 2013. After interviewing five applicants, the council decided to expand the search and hired Nocerini, a city consultant with a particular focus on grant writing. She did not initially seek the full-time position.

Of over a dozen applicants, a sub-

committee of Mayor James Hawley, Monit and Rowe selected Tobbe for further consideration. The subcommittee interviewed him and recommended a public interview before the entire council.

"The applicants we have interviewed are not out of the selection process, at

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Career Tech Center welcomes donation

Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Students in the firefighting program at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center in Westland will get to experience what it's like using an operational self-contained breathing apparatus, thanks to a donation from the Garden City Fire Department.

Fire Chief Catherine Harman and Fire Engineer Darren Candelina delivered 18 air packs, 36 bottles and 22 masks to the center Monday morning in a show of "support for future firefighters."

"This is awesome," said Career Technical Center Principal Steve Kay. "This allows us to take this course to a different level. It lets our students experience what it's like."

While the donation represents \$100,000 in equipment, the SCBAs are about 10 years old and no longer meet National Fire Protection Association requirements.

"It's of no value to us; there's no trade-in value," Harman said. "We were constantly fixing and repairing them. The value we found was in giving it to the school for students to train on."

"We're very happy to provide the equipment, especially to a center that deals with youth. You can't simulate being in the dark or breathing on their old tanks — this way they can," Harman said.

"The air packs we have been here since I started with the program," instructor Ken Hamilton said. "They're 30 years old and couldn't be filled with air. With these, students will be able to be on and off air; it's a completely different experience."



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EMT Instructor Ken Hamilton and director Kevin Brookshire Jr. stack the donated equipment.

Suspect sought in shooting of gas station clerk

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A suspect who shot a gas station clerk during a robbery is being sought by Westland Police.

The robbery occurred just after 10 p.m. Aug. 27 at the BP gas station, 7139 N. Wayne Road at Warren Road.

The Westland Police Department is requesting the public's assistance in identifying the suspect and released video of the robbery. The suspect in the video is described as a black male in his early 20s, wearing a dark-colored hooded sweatshirt, dark pants and white shoes with black trim. View the video at <http://tinyurl.com/o3areel>.

The clerk was shot once in the upper leg and is recuperating from non-life threatening injuries. Police noted the suspect could be seen

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What's the HYPE?



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There's was a line at the door at 6 a.m. Aug. 17 when the former Wayne Community Center reopened as HYPE Athletics of Western Wayne. Interest is picking up as people sign up for memberships. See story and photos on Page A6.

Wayne-Westland asks state for deeds to parcels

Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Wayne-Westland Community Schools has a favor to ask the State of Michigan: lift the deed restriction on two parcels of land that were part of the former Kettering Elementary School property.

The school board has approved a resolution requesting the state remove the stipulation that the parcels be returned when they no longer are used solely for public purposes.

"We were limited with the restrictions; it had to be a governmental entity," said Jim Larson-Shidler, deputy superintendent for business and administrative services. "This will allow us to develop or sell the property for public or private use."

According to Larson-Shidler, the two

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What is the hardest-working town in Metro Detroit?

Zeal Credit Union wants to know what is the hardest-working town in southeast Michigan? From now until midnight on Labor Day, Sept. 7, the polls are open for everyone in metro Detroit to vote for the town they think works the hardest at www.HardWorkingTown.com.

The top five towns are listed on the website, but the top prize is still up for grabs. Livonia was listed as No. 3 as of Tuesday, Sept. 1. Allen Park was No. 1; Southgate No. 2.

CBS Radio will announce the winner Tuesday, Sept. 8. The winning town will receive a block party event sponsored by Zeal Credit Union and CBS

Radio.

"We know that no one works harder than metro Detroiters," said Lisa Fawcett, vice president of marketing for Zeal Credit Union. "We want to find out which town our members and others think is the hardest working town."

Fawcett said Zeal Credit Union has taken great pride in being the financial institution for hardworking Americans. This passion has led them to ask southeast Michigan to show their pride in being a Hard Working Town by voting.

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New equipment

Candela was successful in writing the AFG application. The federal portion of the grant was \$163,169, while Garden City provided a 10 percent match, translating into \$180,000 in new equipment. In addition to the new SCBAs, the department also purchased a new energy-efficient Cascade unit to fill the SCBA bottles and a battery-operated Jaws of Life.

Harman brought her new SCBA to show the difference. The pack is lighter and rides on the hips rather than the back. The mask has a wider field of vision and easily connects to the air tank. One button is needed to turn the air on and off, and there are lights showing if the air is on or off, a low air alarm and a passive alarm if it's out of air.

"It's a one-button operation and one battery," Candela said.

In addition to the firefighting equipment, the Career Technical Center also has a fire truck provided through a partnership with the Dorsey Schools and an ambulance donated by



Garden City Fire Engineer Darren Candela (right) unloads the old air packs from the truck with the help of Kevin Brookshire Jr., managing director of the Michigan Academy of Emergency Services and Allied Health.

AMR. The vehicles are an important part of the program, according to Tim Marshall, a member of the Westland Fire Department.

"It's imperative we have these things if we're going to train firefighters or expose them to the career," Marshall said. "If you can't put them on an operating fire truck, you can't inspire them. We use the truck as a carrot. They have to understand the physics behind its operation before they touch a hose or a pump."

"There's a lot of algebra and physics that goes into it," added Kevin Brookshire, managing director of the Michigan Academy of Emer-

gency Services and Allied Health in New Boston. "The person who runs the truck is the engineer because he has to be able to do problem solving. It's something they need to learn."

"The key is to expose them to as much as possible," he added.

Wayne-Westland School Superintendent Michele Harmala was on hand when the equipment was delivered and offered a thank you on behalf of the school district.

"We appreciate this partnership and support of our program," she said. "This will benefit our students and benefit our community and others in the future."

DEEDS

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parcels were located under the parking lot and school building. The district acquired one parcel in 1950 and the other in 1957 due to foreclosure. An application has been filed with the state to deed the parcels to the school district. The state required the resolution to complete the process.

The Westland school was among six elementary schools the district closed in 2010 when it reconfigured its elementary program due to declining enrollment. It was able to sell Patchin School in 2011 to the Harvest Bible Chapel and earlier this year inked an agreement with the city of Westland for a 50-year lease of Jefferson-Barns Elementary, which has since been turned into a community center in the Norwayne subdivision.

It appeared the district had Kettering sold in 2012 to the Crescent Academy, when a title search turned up deed restrictions, limiting their use to public entities. As a result the sale was canceled. Crescent Academy, a private Islamic college preparatory school, had wanted to turn the building into a high school.

Kettering, along with Madison and Lincoln elementaries were torn down this spring. Vandenberg in Wayne was also scheduled for demolition, but that was delayed while the City of Wayne uses it as a temporary city hall.

"Talk about institutional knowledge," board President Thomas Buckalew said. "We know people have been around here a long time. They know what's going on and where the bodies are buried, but what we have here goes back to the '50s. Very few of us were around in 1950."

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lingering in the gas station as if waiting for

an opportunity when he was alone with the clerk.

Anyone with information regarding the suspect is asked to contact the Westland Police

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MANAGER

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least at this point. We didn't interview them again," said Hawley, who agreed Nocerini needed to be considered in the interview process.

A Brighton city councilman, Tobbe was with the Huron Clinton Met-

ropolitan Authority, which operates the Metroparks system, for 15 years and has a master's degree in business management from Walsh College.

"I think Wayne is a great opportunity for rebuilding. You've had it hard here economically for the last few years," said Tobbe, who cited experience in Brighton

with economic development and attracting business development, particularly regarding a viable downtown. "You really have a chance to start at ground zero with your budgeting."

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Wayne County Commission talks budget in Livonia

David Veselenak
Staff Writer

The county's finances for the upcoming year were a discussion point Tuesday morning in Livonia City Hall.

Several departments, including the county executive's office, the retirement office, management and budget, were discussed at City Hall during a study session of the Wayne County Commission going over its proposed 2015-16 budget.

Some of the bigger changes to the executive's office budget, which is the first under Warren Evans after he was elected last year, is that several departments have been merged or eliminated. One such department is the Wayne County Economic Development Growth Engine, or EDGE, that Evans proposed eliminating earlier this year.

With that and other consolidations, the executive's proposed budget is about \$937,000 more than the previous year's, with some absorption of other offices.

"Some of the items that may have been represented in the past have been consolidated," said Commissioner Richard LeBlanc, who represents Garden City, Inkster and part of Westland. "It does indicate, on the surface, that there's an increase that's not necessarily an increase."



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
The Wayne County Commission's finance committee hearing opens in Livonia City Hall.

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County Commissioners Terry Marecki and Richard LeBlanc listed to Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey's welcome to the finance hearing.

Overall, the executive office's proposed budget calls for expenditures of more than \$5.07 million in 2015-2016, up from the previous year's \$4.14 million.

Rudy Hobbs, Evans' chief of staff, said those shifts have indeed been placed in the executive's office, thus the proposed increase from previous years.

"To answer your question commissioner, very briefly, the answer is yes," he said.

Overall, Evans submitted a countywide proposed budget earlier this summer that his office states will eliminate the \$52 million structural deficit the county faces.

Commissioner Terry Marecki, who represents Northville, Northville Township and most of Livonia, asked about the dedicated Wayne County Sheriff's deputies assigned to the executive protection unit. She said with all the shortages in other areas, especially the jail, and several deputies working in other roles, she wondered why retired officers weren't being used to fill that role, perhaps even on a revolving basis.

"One of my concerns I've had since I got here is that we don't have enough sheriffs in the jail," Marecki said. "Is there a reason why we wouldn't have retired sheriffs in this kind of position?"

Several other commissioners said they did not see a problem with keeping the same deputies in that detail, especially with how personal it is and the interactions that come with that job.

Hobbs said the issue of

keeping and adding sheriff's deputies to places such as the Wayne County Jail was still a priority for Evans. The county held a job fair earlier this summer, seeking to fill 75 deputy positions to staff the county's three jails in an effort to reduce overtime costs.

"This issue has been on the top of our priority list for this administration," he said.

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Salvation Army Thrift Stores hold Labor Day clothing sale

Whether it's back to school or back to college, join The Salvation Army Southeast Michigan Adult Rehabilitation Center family thrift stores as they celebrate the start of a new season with the annual Labor Day sale.

Visit any of the 34 metro Detroit Salvation Army thrift store locations Monday, Sept. 7, to enjoy 50 percent off clothing. Doors will be open at the nonprofit's 32 thrift stores from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at its dollar



stores in Pontiac and Detroit.

"Labor Day is the perfect time for families to stock up on back to school essentials," said

Merle Miller, administrator of The Salvation Army Southeast Michigan Adult Rehabilitation Center. "As the summer comes to a close, we're pleased to offer families great deals on clothes."

In addition to 50-percent savings on clothing, shoppers will have opportunities to pick up great deals on accessories, home goods and other items during bonus sales announced each hour. Whether you're stocking a dorm room or gearing up for grade school, make your way to a local

Salvation Army thrift store on Labor Day for great savings.

Local thrift stores include:

- » 28982 Ford Road, Garden City, 734-261-7175
- » 3600 Plymouth Road, Livonia, 734-425-7573
- » 27170 Grand River, Redford, 313-255-0777
- » 43403 Joy, Canton, 734-416-1925

Proceeds from all stores benefit The Salvation Army Southeast Michigan Adult Rehabilitation Center, an independently funded, 180-day

residential rehabilitation program for adults.

All thrift store merchandise is donated by community members. Help the ARC continue its work by dropping off gently used clothing, accessories, housewares, furniture and toys to the nearest Salvation Army thrift store donation center.

The ARC is an integral part of TSA's mission and offers substance-abusing adults the opportunity to rebuild their lives through a voluntary, short-term residential

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For more information, go to www.salarmythrift.com or call 313-965-7760.

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TUESDAY	6:20pm	TUESDAY NIGHT MEN, 5 man teams, tm cap 1100, lnd cap 225 Women Allowed
THURSDAY	6:00pm	THURSDAY NIGHT MEN/LIVONIA ELKS 4 to a team
THURSDAY	6:45pm	THURSDAY NIGHT MEN 5 to a team
FRIDAY	9:15am	MIDNIGHTERS Nightshift workers. All averages welcome
FRIDAY	6:40am	GRANDALE 5 man teams 1050 team cap
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LADIES LEAGUE

TUESDAY	9:30 am	TRIO
TUESDAY	7:30pm	TUESDAY LADIES 4 to a team
WEDNESDAY	12:30pm	4 to a Team
WEDNESDAY	7:10pm	WOODLAND ROLLERS 4 to a team
THURSDAY	9:15am	TRIO
THURSDAY	5:00pm	TRIO LEAGUE all averages Welcome
THURSDAY	8:30pm	FUN MIXED LEAGUE

MIXED LEAGUE

WEDNESDAY	5:15pm	EASY ROLLERS TRIO early time Any combination of 3
THURSDAY	5:00pm	ALLSTATE TRIO early time, come right after work
FRIDAY	9:30am	MIDNIGHTERS Night Shift Workers- All averages welcome

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SATURDAY	5:45 or 8:30pm	MIXED COUPLES
SUNDAY	3:30pm, 6:00pm, 8:30pm	MIXED 2 men/2 women

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Friday, 12:15 – Starts September 11th

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GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

Larceny from a vehicle

» A Craftsman impact tool and \$450 in cash were reported stolen from a work van parked in front of home in the 33000 block of Florence sometime between Aug. 29-31. The passenger side window had been broken and there was evidence of pry marks on the lower left corner of the window.

» A woman's wallet, containing a driver's license, debit and credit cards, was stolen while parked in the driveway of a home in the 400 block of Leona overnight Aug. 29. The resident told police she believes her son may have left the vehicle unlocked.

» Approximately \$10 in cash and currency, cigarettes and two

phone chargers were reported stolen overnight Aug. 29 from an unlocked vehicle that was parked in front of a home in the 29000 block of Balmoral.

Stolen vehicle

A Jeep reported stolen overnight Aug. 28 was recovered by Detroit Police before it was even reported stolen in Garden City.

The owner told police the vehicle had been locked and parked in the lot of an apartment complex at 30043 Beechwood and was discovered missing Aug. 29.

According to police, the Jeep had been abandoned in Detroit. It no longer had any wheels or a battery and the ignition/steering column had been damaged.

By Sue Mason

Bogus DTE caller seeks to scam customers

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A scam artist posing as a DTE Energy employee has struck in Canton, but his attempt to get money from a dental office was thwarted.

DTE officials and Canton police are warning residents and businesses to beware of attempts by phone to swindle DTE customers.

DTE spokesman Scott Simons said bogus calls are being made warning that a shutoff of service looms within hours unless arrangements are made, typically by phone using a prepaid credit card, to pay an alleged bill.

"It's a national problem, not just here," Simons said.

The latest incident in Canton was reported Aug. 26 after a dental office employee received a

phone call from a male caller claiming he was from DTE and warning of a power shutoff.

However, the quick-thinking employee asked the caller to confirm the account number, causing him to hesitate and then provide inaccurate information before he hung up the phone.

In Livonia, a 40-year-old woman who owns a restaurant on Five Mile told police she lost \$900 after she received a call from a bogus DTE worker. She said he told her she was late on her electric bill and would lose power unless she paid the money within an hour.

She went to a CVS store, put more than \$900 on a MoneyGram and made the payment. The caller told her where to send the money. She later became suspicious, called MoneyGram and was told

it appeared the transaction was fraudulent.

Canton police Lt. Craig Wilsher said DTE would typically send a notice by mail of any legitimate shutoff rather than calling and demanding an immediate payment.

"DTE is not going to call you on the phone and threaten to shut off your service," he said.

Simons said small businesses are often the target.

Simons said every DTE worker has an employee identification number that customers should request — especially if they believe their account is paid up.

He urged anyone who needs to check their account balance to call 800-477-4747.

"They can call that number if they suspect a scam or to report any suspicious business mat-

ters," he said. "What we've found over the last couple of years is that someone calls small businesses saying they are behind in their bills and asking them to pay within an hour or so using a prepaid credit card."

Wilsher said the scam involving a bogus DTE worker is just one of many ways in which criminals are trying to bilk unsuspecting victims out of money. He urged caution when receiving such calls.

Anyone who may have become a victim of phone-related scams may call the Canton Police Department at 734-394-5400.

Staff Writer David Veselenak contributed to this story.

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WAYNE COP CALLS

Larceny

A black and pink 20-inch girls bicycle valued at \$20 was reported stolen from a home in the 3800 block of Garfield on Aug. 27.

The owner told police the bike had been in the backyard and was last seen the previous day.

Vandalism

A resident in the 4200 block of Gloria told police Aug. 26 that someone smashed the driver's side window of his 2001 Ford Ranger pickup truck while it was parked on the street.

Hit and run

A man told police that someone struck his

2015 Dodge Ram pickup truck while it was parked at Tim Hortons, 34441 E. Michigan Ave., at about 10 a.m. Aug. 27. The other vehicle, described as a red Dodge Dakota, didn't stop.

Vandalism

On Aug. 27, police found someone had broken three fluorescent light bulbs and one plastic light cover on the fourth- and fifth-floor stairwells of the city parking structure at 35000 E. Michigan Ave. An officer who locked the parking structure Aug. 25 reported no damage at that time.

By LeAnne Rogers

Don't fall victim to scams

Wow! Have I had one heck of a week!

First, I found out I won the European Lottery. Now, I never bought a ticket, but I was told because I was a world citizen in good standing, I was automatically entered. I was glad to know I had a \$100,000 coming to me (if I just paid an international tax fee of \$1,000). Good news because I was going to need the money.

You see, I got a phone call from California stating my nephew was in jail and needed \$3,000 bond or he was not going to be released. Then, I received another phone call from the Internal Revenue Service stating that I owed back taxes of \$30,000. I could settle for



Sgt. Michael Sura
ASK A TROOPER

a smaller fee of just \$2,000 if I sent the money. If I didn't pay though, they would be at my house in 45 minutes to arrest me. That's why I have to type this article quickly.

Sound pretty ridiculous. Yet people fall prey to these scams all the time. If it sounds too good to be true, or just a little ridiculous, it probably is.

If you suspect someone is trying to scam you, do not respond in any way. Ignore any suspicious emails, letters and pop-up boxes. If it's a

telephone call, hang up. If it is a person coming to your door, close the door and report the incident to the police. Resist the temptation to outsmart the perpetrator.

If you've already responded to a scam, end all further communication. A smart fraudster will try to re-establish communication with someone who gave them hope of succeeding. Don't be tempted, no matter what they say. If you've given the fraudster your bank account information, contact your bank immediately. The bank can put a fraud alert on your account, close an account and help you change passwords and PINs.

If it is a credit card company, contact the

credit or debit card company and close the card.

Limit your personal information on your social networking sites. Social networking sites are easy pickings for crooks. Use your privacy settings to limit access of your information to the fewest number of people possible. If someone tells you they are from a company you do business with, contact that company using the phone number on your statement or in the phone book and ask to speak to the fraud security department. They will want to know if their company is being misrepresented by criminals.

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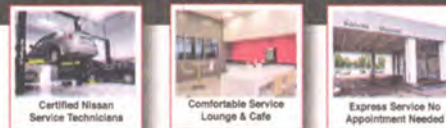


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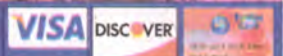


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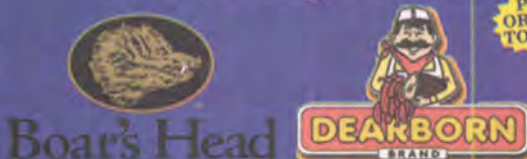


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Ron Hays and Mark Stevens are among folks already working out at HYPE Athletics.

HYPE Athletics begins makeover of former Wayne Community Center

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Ron Hays can't wait until the pool reopens at HYPE Athletics in Wayne. He very well remembers when it opened in 1996. In fact, he remembers a lot about the former Wayne Community Center. He worked there for 30 years.

One of two charter members of the facility, he was working out on a bench press Thursday morning, recalling the changes at the center over the years.

"When the center opened in 1974, half of the men's locker room was the workout room," said Hays. "The center had three racquetball courts and a women's locker room with a women's-only workout room. When the pool was outdoors, kids could swim from 1 to 5 p.m. for 25 cents and get a hot dog for 25 cents. Moms loved it. It was a great babysitting service."

The fitness room seemed to be a distant spot from the renovation work going on in other parts of the building. Taken over by HYPE Athletics last month, workers have been busy transforming the former 20,000-square-foot ice arena into basketball courts, creating class-



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Ali Sayed stands at the entrance of what will be a child care facility for parents who are using the recreation center.

rooms for childcare and homework assistance out of the arena's old locker rooms and redoing the men's locker rooms.

"We hope to have the major renovations done by Oct. 1, that's our goal," said Ali Sayed, president of HYPE Athletics. "We've filled the pool and put chlorine in but it's not heated. We want to reach a certain number of memberships then we'll open it."

HYPE reopened the center Aug. 17, and foot traffic has been steady as people come in to learn about the changes. Interest in the center is growing and 165 members were signed up in a

week's time, according to Sayed who is looking for a membership of more than 5,000. He sees people coming from Wayne, Westland, Garden City, Romulus and Canton to use the facility.

"I'm glad people have been receptive and positive," Sayed said. "We've gotten a positive response from the community."

Making improvements

Sayed has big plans for the center and is spending \$400,000 to make improvements. In the ice arena, all but 2,200 square feet will be covered with wood flooring.



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The pool is ready to be reopened.

Because of the location of cement stairs for the bleachers, there will be only be three courts that can be used for basketball and volleyball. The remaining area will be turned into a performance and cross-fit training center for athletes.

Sayed also is looking to eventually add soccer, an indoor form of soccer that's popular at the Dearborn Heights facility.

The snack bar area will be transformed into a full-service restaurant and the locker rooms are being turned into classrooms. In all, four classrooms are being created, two for homework assistance and two for childcare. Members will be able to leave their children ages 1-5 at childcare for up to two hours at no cost while they work out

or take classes.

Private showers also are being built in the sauna room and men's locker room. Cardio equipment will be replaced, and there also will be improvements in the workout room.

In addition to futsal, Sayed is looking to offer classes that were available at the community center before it closed as well as martial arts, dance and children's programs. He also plans to have "a huge field trip program for the pool."

Sayed is also doing a lot of cosmetics. Banquet services will continue, and the banquet rooms will be getting new carpet. He's also thinking about ways to dress up the hallway outside of the banquet rooms.

"We're making some cosmetic upgrades; the

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center needed the work," he said. "The building needed upgrades. They (the city) did the best they could with the means they had available."

Admittedly, it will take a few years to reach 5,000 members, but Sayed is confident that will happen. He points to opening day when there were people in line at 6 a.m. waiting for the doors to open.

"The regulars really want this place; this is their home," Sayed said. "I'm glad to be able to provide that to them."

Hays is also confident Sayed will bring in more people.

"I think it'll be fine," Hays said. "His building on Warren Road is immaculate. Give him a few months and it will be fine."

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Children's Sabbath

First United Methodist Church of Wayne-Westland at 3 Town Square, Wayne, is presenting a special Children's Sabbath during the 10 a.m. worship time on Sunday, Sept. 13, to highlight issues that today's children (along with their families) face, particularly in the community.

The special guest speaker that day will be Mary Browe, director of the Wayne-Westland Dyer Senior Center. Browe is a grandparent and has also raised a grandchild. Many families find themselves in this challenging situation due to a variety of difficult circumstances. The church hopes to begin a grandparent support group as a follow up to the service to lend support to families. Find out even more at coffee hour following the worship service.

For more information, call 734-721-4801.

Festival/craft show

St. John's Episcopal Church will hold its annual

Festival and Craft Show on Saturday, Sept. 12, at the church at 555 S. Wayne Road, Westland.

The festival features food, a beer/wine tent, entertainment, including classic rock, country and Benny and the Jets, a silent auction, children's activities and bounce house (free admission ticket with every food/drink purchase). Festival hours are 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. The craft show runs 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.

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.

Business Alliance

The Garden City Business Alliance meets on the second Friday of each month. The next meeting will be at 9 a.m. Friday, Sept. 11, at the Straight Farmhouse, 6221 Merriman, Garden City. For more information, visit the GCBA gcbiz48135.org, email gcbusinessalliance@gmail.com or call 734-788-9319.

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 than 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, exersaucers, 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.

Beginner Tai Chi

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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.

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.

Homecoming Day

First United Methodist Church of Garden City will hold its annual church rally and Homecoming Day Sunday, Sept. 20, immediately following 10 a.m. Worship Service.

It will be a day of

games, crafts, prizes, and fun for all ages. There will also be a variety of delicious food for all appetites, so bring your favorite dish to share. Family, friends and neighbors are invited. No reservations required.

For more information, contact the Church Office 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday-Thursday or call 734-421-8628. The First United Methodist Church, 6443 Merriman Road, Garden City.

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, snacks and beverages, plus 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.

PUTTING BRUSH TO BOARD

Mercy, Stevenson graduates get crafty with new Northville studio

Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Liz Meyer was looking for an anniversary idea that would not only meet the "wood" theme that is the traditional fifth-anniversary present, but would also be unique and "something we could do together."

Enter Board and Brush.

The creative studio, opened by three high-school buddies Aug. 6, is designed as a place "for creating fun and unique wood decor projects" from scratch. The studio hosts classes with instructors trained to guide customers through the process.

When Liz Meyer read about it on Facebook, she knew it was the right place.

"A friend of mine had gone to a class and ... expressed how much fun it had been and honestly the end result was impressive," said Meyer, who lives with husband Scott in Livonia. "(Scott) likes to work with his hands and I really thought this was something we could do together and have a fun way to remember our anniversary."

It's the kind of response the three co-owners — Livonia Stevenson graduate Jenny Perino and Mercy High School graduates Dana Tiwaini and Jen Amin — were hoping for when they got the idea to open the studio.

The idea began brewing back in March when a college roommate of



Jenny Williams (from left) is joined by her daughters Angela and Emily Lane during a session at Northville Township's Board & Brush. The do-it-yourself shop is located in the Highland Lakes Plaza on Seven Mile.

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Board & Brush co-owner Jenny Perino (right) assists customer Laurie Kunz as she removes a stencil from a project.

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Amin's, Maureen Anders, opened the first Board and Brush, in Heartland, Wisc. The

three friends saw Anders' initial success and decided to bring the concept to Michigan.

Tiwaini, a Plymouth resident who does marketing part-time for Consumers' Energy, had been looking at business

models and saw that do-it-yourself, "crafty" businesses "seem to be trendy these days."

"This is such a unique thing to have in Michigan ... You don't have to be 'crafty,' anyone can do it," Tiwaini said. "People can come and have fun. When they're done, they're excited to see their finished product."

Board and Brush provides the raw materials to make wood home decor pieces (signs, planter boxes, etc.), and provides instruction how to finish the projects.

When she's not running Board and Brush, Perino is an occupational therapist for Building Bridges in Plymouth. She's all about DIY, and understands it's a trendy hobby at the moment.

"I'm all about doing things for yourself," said Perino, a Livonia resident. "Studios who have

these classes are booked for months, so people like doing this. It's hot."

The studio hosts several classes a week, all accessible online (www.boardand-brush.com/northville). The studio also offers private parties for corporate events and birthday parties to girls' nights out and bridal showers.

Class registration is completed online. "A lot of people like that it's all done online," said Amin, who also lives in Livonia. "It's easy to sign up."

All three co-owners are moms — Amin has three sons, Perino has two children and Tiwaini has one son. That background is one of the reasons they chose Northville to set up shop.

"We always wanted Northville because it's a family-oriented community," Tiwaini said.

In today's social-media conscious world, Board and Brush has become a hit. Favorable comments have lit up Twitter, and the studio has already gotten nearly 2,000 Facebook likes.

"The social media growth has been tremendous," Tiwaini said. "That has been huge for us in getting the word out."

That's how Liz and Scott Meyer found out about Board and Brush, and the experience — they made a dark stained wooden board with the family monogram painted in the center — was a memorable one for them.

"The experience was great," Liz Meyer said. "You could tell how excited (the owners) were about their new business and it really translated when you looked at all the little details they thought of for the class."

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Main Street provides facade grant for vacant building



Jimmy Slees (left) and Ken McCarthy of C.F. Electric work on lowering exterior lighting on the front of Paul Visingardi's building on Wayne Road.

Work has begun on the makeover of a building owned by Paul Visingardi following the Wayne Main Street's board of directors approval of a grant program.

The Facade Grant program was developed by the Design Committee to help improve the appearance of buildings in Wayne Main Street's downtown district.

The Facade Grant is funded by Wayne Main Street and reimburses up to 50 percent of the project's total cost to the recipient. Interested candidates must submit an application to the design committee for review. Grants are provided on a first-approved, first-funded basis. The funding cycle begins on Jan. 1 of every year.

Visingardi, who owns a building at 3023 S. Wayne Road, was approved for \$9,957.50. He will receive the reimbursement check after construction is completed. Planned Home Improvement of Westland

has been hired to complete the construction.

Wayne Main Street previously awarded Visingardi complimentary Design Services, which will be implemented in the construction process. Design services provide business owners with recommendations on how to improve the facade of their building to increase curb appeal while adhering to the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation of historic buildings.

Visingardi is hoping that the new improvements will attract potential tenants to the currently vacant building.

"All stakeholders in downtown Wayne have been waiting for this moment — the moment that Wayne Main Street is able to produce visible results," Wayne Main Street Executive Director Lindsey Wooten said. "It is an exciting time for downtown. Not only will one facade be improved this year with the help of the Facade Grant In-



Jimmy Slees looks over a copy of the work being done at 3023 S. Wayne Road with the help of a Wayne Main Street facade grant.

centive Program, but at least two additional buildings on the same stretch of Wayne Road are being improved using private investments."

"We hope this first grant-funded project will encourage other property owners to improve their buildings in the near future knowing that this incentive is available," she added.

Individuals interested in learning more about the Facade Grant can visit www.downtownwayne.org/business/grant, where the application and more information can be found. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

For more information, contact Wooten at 734-629-6822 or director@downtownwayne.org

Lawrence Tech to host workshop

TiE Detroit, the Detroit chapter of the global non-profit organization for entrepreneurs, will host the "What Drives Customers' Choices" workshop from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10, at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield. The event will take place in the UTLC Gallery, T210, 21000 W. 10 Mile Road, Building 9.

As a follow up to the organization's dynamic growth strategy session in July with philanthropist and entrepreneur Raj Vattikuti, TiE Detroit will welcome Joe

Urbany, Ph.D., professor of marketing at the Mendoza College of Business at the University of Notre Dame, and entrepreneur Gary Gigot to the workshop. The co-founders of Vennli Inc. will discuss the core reasons behind consumer choices.

Vennli Inc., of which Gigot is CEO, is a two-year-old company focused on driving the creation and execution of growth strategies.

Prior to starting Vennli, Gigot spent nearly two decades in advertising and marketing for companies, including Leo Burnett and

Microsoft. Later joining Visio as CMO, he has deep experience with technology firms as a board member and investor. Gigot is the benefactor of the Gigot Center for Entrepreneurship at the Mendoza College of Business.

There is no cost to attend but space is limited. Registration, which is mandatory, is available at www.detroit.tie.org and includes a list of questions for attendees regarding their company.

For more information, contact Sarah Myrand at 248-254-4043 or sarahm@kyyba.com.

Don't panic over market twists, turns

Last week was a wild ride for the stock market. When our markets opened Aug. 24, a major sell-off had already occurred in Asia and Europe. As a result, the Dow Jones Industrial Average immediately dropped 1,000 points.

The roller-coaster ride continued throughout the day. At one point as the market rallied, it appeared that losses would be nominal. It didn't turn out that way, as the market retreated late in the day.

The roller-coaster ride in our markets — and world markets — continued throughout the week. After tough days Monday and Tuesday, world markets rallied Wednesday and Thursday. In fact, if you just look at the results last week, you would have said it was a relatively good week since the Dow, the S&P 500 and the NASDAQ all showed gains.

Investors tend to think when the markets experience extreme volatility, there's something they should be doing. In reality, the best course of action is to do nothing.

One of the benefits of having a balanced and diversified portfolio is



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that different investments don't operate the same way. Balanced and diversified portfolios are built to withstand market volatility.

Markets are volatile and unpredictable and investors must accept that fact. If you're the type of individual who can't take any sort of volatility then, unfortunately, you are only going to invest in things like CDs. We all know the return on those is miniscule.

Whenever there is a major downturn in the markets, investors are gripped with fear and they make irrational decisions based upon that fear. After all, just think how much it would have cost you if you decided to sell out Monday morning when the Dow was down 1,000 points.

It is not easy being an investor. Not only do you see the losses on your portfolios but, in addition, we are swamped by the doom and gloomers who tend to dominate our

media. Unfortunately, there's nothing we can do about that. The bottom line, world markets can turn on a dime and making a move that will give you short-term comfort may give you long-term pain.

As an investor, you must have discipline. You cannot afford to react to every twist and turn in the market. It would be great if we could time the market, but it can't be done. To be successful, you must have a game plan based upon your individual goals and objectives and not let the chatter either in social media or in the traditional media cause you to lose focus.

Market volatility makes people nervous — that's understandable. However, keep in mind what Warren Buffet once said: "It's not timing the market, it's time in the market that will make you successful."

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On-demand dry cleaning hits metro area

The world of dry cleaning had so much appeal. Drawing from the Uber model of smart phone-based consumer services, a newcomer called DRYV allows metro Detroiters to get their blouses cleaned and trousers pressed with a few clicks on an app.

DRYV was launched in Chicago a few years ago before partnering with the Huntington Woods-based Huntington Group. And it didn't take long for the Huntington Group to launch DRYV in our backyards. The on-demand dry cleaning service is the first of its kind in metro Detroit and allows users to schedule on-the-go pick-up and drop-off of clothes. Payments are automated through credit or debit cards (just like Uber) to save consumers time.

This isn't the first dry cleaning tech advancement for the Huntington Group. Previously, it launched BizzieBox — a dry cleaning locker that can be used by office workers to drop off and pick up clothes on their way in and out of the office. The boxes are now scattered across metro Detroit, including in the Renaissance Center.

With Bizzie Box, customers drop off their



Jon Gunnells
TECH SAVVY

laundry in a locked, Bizzie Box locker. Bizzie Box dry cleaning partners pick up the clothes and clean them and then drop them off in the same set of lockers at the customer's office or building. The customer then receives a text that their clothes are ready, along with a locker number and access code. The clothes can then be picked up at the user's convenience.

Spike in on-demand services

For years, companies like Grub Hub and Seamless have provided on-demand restaurant delivery for hungry people in major cities like New York, San Francisco and Los Angeles. Similarly, Amazon has provided grocery delivery for folks in cities like Seattle and now it offers delivery of purchased goods to users in Chicago and other locales.

The Detroit area is oftentimes an afterthought for companies looking to improve digital consumer services, so it's refreshing to see DRYV launched in the

Motor City before big metro areas have similar services. It is also an indicator that on-demand services will continue to rise and, hopefully, enter the local marketplace.

Newcomers to the on-demand services sector include home services, beauty services and parking services. Yes, there is even an app to help you sell your parking space. And while that may not be a huge benefit to you if you live in Plymouth, Birmingham or Milford, the convenience of home services or having a hair stylist come direct to your door may be appealing.

TaskRabbit for instance, allows consumers to outsource household projects around the home, such as furniture assembly, installing light fixtures and more. For larger undertakings, Porch.com and Pro.com can help consumers source anything from painting to an entire home remodel. Think of it as a free Angie's List product on-the-go.

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St. Mary Mercy hosting 5K Run/Walk for Cancer

St. Mary Mercy Livonia is hosting its ninth annual Embrace Life 5K run/walk at 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 13. More than 800 people participated in last year's 5K, raising \$40,000. Proceeds support Cancer Services at St. Mary Mercy, including transportation services for cancer patients and services provided in the Helen Palmer Image Recovery Center.

The 5K Run/Walk is for cancer awareness. It is a celebration of life for cancer survivors, for those who have cancer, and an opportunity for family members and friends to honor or remember a loved one. Cancer survivor Sandy Fine is well-accustomed to the annual race and a big supporter.

"Every year, my family participates in the race and we go to breakfast after," Fine said. "The Embrace Life 5K is a wonderful event for families and runners. It supports an excellent cause, one that I am very familiar with."

In 2010, Fine was diagnosed with breast cancer, three months after her mother died of Alzheimer's disease. Her husband passed away four years prior, and Fine's children



Cancer survivor Sandy Fine and her family look forward to participating in the Embrace Life 5K every year.

do not live in the area.

"I received transportation assistance," Fine said. "I was picked up at my door, brought to the hospital for treatment and taken home afterwards. It was a relief to not worry about transportation - without the assistance, I wouldn't have made some of my appointments. I was too tired or weak."

Fine also turned to the Helen Palmer Image Recovery Center located inside St. Mary Mercy's Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center. The Image Recovery Center provides comprehensive appearance-enhancing services to manage physical, emotional and image-related side effects of cancer.

Cancer patients often experience changes to their bodies

due to chemotherapy, radiation or surgery, which may result in changes in the appearance or texture of skin, hair and nails. The Image Recovery Center provides wigs, bras, make-up, prosthetics, head shaves, haircuts and massage. Many of these services are supported by donations.

"The Image Recovery Center was a Godsend," Fine said.

"They were so compassionate and kind at such a dark time for me. They helped me find a wig, bra and skin products. I felt like myself again. My self-esteem increased."

Today, Fine is in remission and she volunteers in the Image Recovery Center. "I see patients walk in crying, but they walk out with a smile. They are treated with such compassion and they see it's possible to survive cancer and look normal. Your self-image is so important. If you don't feel comfortable, you're not going to portray yourself well to others and that's going to affect your treatment and happiness."

The Embrace Life 5K is for families and seasoned runners. Registration is \$30. Awards will be given to the first, second and third place overall male and female winners of each age division of the 5K Run. B-tag chip timing is used to ensure accuracy. The course begins on St. Mary Mercy Hospital grounds and runners/walkers are then routed through the residential streets of Livonia. To register for the Embrace Life 5K, visit www.stmarymercy.org/embracelife5k.

Kidney Foundation offers diabetes prevention program

The number of Michiganders with prediabetes is on the rise. Of the more than 2.6 million Michigan adults with prediabetes, only 6.4 percent are aware of their condition.

In a statewide prevention campaign, the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan will offer a *My Choice ... My Health: Diabetes Prevention Program*™ workshop September in Garden City with the goal to reduce the number of people dealing with diabetes.

My Choice ... My Health is provided at no cost to qualified participants. The 16-week program is designed for those at high risk for developing type 2 diabetes in communities where the need is greatest, with the goal that participants will adopt and maintain a healthy lifestyle.

An informational session for this workshop will be held from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15, at Schoolcraft College Radcliff Center, 1751 Radcliff, south of Ford, Garden City.

In partnership with Schoolcraft College, blood glucose screenings and blood pressure tests will be provided to all attendees a half-hour prior to and after the information session. The first session for the workshop will begin Tuesday, Sept. 22, at the same time at the Radcliff Center.

"Prevention is key," said National Kidney Foundation of Michigan Senior Vice President and Chief Science Officer Dr. Art Franke. "With one in three people having prediabetes and not knowing, we saw a need to raise awareness and build a proactive program to

combat a dangerous disease that we know can be prevented. We are bringing *My Choice ... My Health* to several cities in southeast Michigan because of the high levels of prediabetes in this region."

Prediabetes patients

The course is for participants with prediabetes, a condition where an individual has higher than normal blood glucose levels increasing their risk for developing type 2 diabetes, but not yet high enough to be diagnosed with diabetes.

The workshops are led by a trained lifestyle coach during weekly one-hour group sessions and eight monthly sessions that follow. Participants are taught how to modify their lifestyle and sustain goals, including losing 5-7 percent of

their starting body weight, adopting healthy eating habits, increasing physical activity to 150 minutes per week and learning to recognize and overcome barriers to healthy eating and physical activity.

"The program provides a strong support system," said National Kidney Foundation of Michigan Senior Program Manager and Lifestyle Coach Kristie King. "The participants encourage and challenge one another to reach their health goals. It's not about losing a large amount of weight, it's about reaching and sustaining your best health, so that you are around for key life events like when your child gets married or has children, or so you can still be active after your retirement."

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Schoolcraft College is so pleased to be able to partner with the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan to bring this program to the community," said Schoolcraft College Associate Dean Bonnie Heckard-Farmer. "It not only helps to serve our community, it also provides opportunities for students in our Health Professions programs to partner with and interact with individuals as they work to develop a plan of prevention and awareness. It's what community colleges do, we work to support the communities in which we serve."

For those who are interested in participating in the workshop, a doctor can tell you if you are at risk for diabetes, or you can find out your risk via the risk test at www.nkfm.org/dpp.

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New school year is good time for parents to get involved

On Tuesday, students in Farmington Public Schools will be heading back to school. Parents, teachers, staff and administrators have spent weeks getting ready for the first day of school.

Teachers have been preparing their rooms and working on their lesson plans. The custodial staff has spent the summer making sure schools are as clean as a whistle. And parents have been busy getting clothing, backpacks and school supplies their children will need for the next school year.

But new clothes, new shoes and a new backpack don't necessarily mean a child will be successful. Over the past decade, education has changed radically. Education is aimed at making sure students at all grade levels are on track to be college and career ready when they graduate. It definitely isn't the education parents experienced.

Changes in curriculum and state requirements have required teachers to step up their game to ensure student success, and an integral part of that is parent participation. We're not talking about asking your child if they did their homework, we're talking about getting into the trenches being actively involved in your child's education.

Parental involvement is an important component of learning. Teachers can teach, but a support network needs to be in



It's back to school Tuesday, and drivers will need to watch out for school buses, loading and unloading students.

SUE MASON

place to reinforce the lessons learned. "It takes a village" isn't a worn-out, trite saying, it is a fact. Investing time and effort pays off in the success of each and every child.

The earlier in a child's educational process parent involvement begins, the more powerful the effects. The most effective forms of involvement are parents working directly with their children on learning activities at home. It's easy to say "Have you done your homework?" but it's far better to sit with your child and see what he or she is doing, and helping where necessary.

The Michigan Department of Education is challenging teachers to take their effort to

the next level and get their students' parents engaged to increase academic results. The benefits:

» Students achieve more, regardless of socioeconomic status, ethnic/racial background or the parents' education level.

» Students have higher grades and test scores, better attendance, and complete homework more consistently.

» Students have higher graduation rates and greater enrollment rates in post-secondary education.

» Educators hold higher expectations of students whose parents collaborate with the teacher.

» Student achievement for

disadvantaged children not only improves, but can also reach levels that are standard for middle-class children. In addition, the children who are farthest behind make the greatest gains.

» Children from diverse cultural backgrounds perform better when parents and professionals collaborate to bridge the gap between the culture at home and at the learning institution.

» Student behaviors, such as alcohol use, violence and antisocial behavior, decrease as parent engagement increases.

» Students keep pace with academic performance, if their parents participate in school events, develop a working relationship with educators, and keep up with what is happening with their child's school.

» Middle and high school students whose parents remain involved make better transitions, maintain the quality of their work, and develop realistic plans for their future. Students whose parents are not involved, on the other hand, are more likely to drop out of school.

Today's isn't the school of five, 10, even 15 years ago. Learning begins with kindergarten and grows from there. Parents need to be in tune with what's happening in the classroom. Take time to get to know your child's teacher and talk about what will the expecta-

tions are. Attend parent-teacher conferences, but if you see a problem or have a concern, don't wait until then to discuss it.

Volunteer to help in the classroom, help with special activities, or become a guest reader. Get involved with the PTA and help with school activities.

School age children spend 70 percent of their waking hours, including weekends and holidays, outside of school. With only 30 percent left for learning, it's critical that educators and parents work together with students to make sure that they achieve personal and academic success.

On the first day of school, we have three wishes:

1. That teachers have classrooms filled with students who are excited about learning and parents ready and willing to be active participants in their children's education.

2. That students get good grades, renew old friendships and have excellent teachers and parents who are involved in their education.

3. That it is a trouble-free start to the new year. That includes drivers slowing down near schools and in residential areas, particularly in the mornings and afternoons and stopping for school buses that are loading and unloading students.

It will take all of us to make the 2015-16 school year the best for everyone.

LETTERS

Just not right

Mr. (Steven) Olsen helped me and so many others achieve goals I thought I could never do. Mr. Olsen's dedication to his choir classes was outstanding. It's just not right, and a lot of parents and students are very upset because of his layoff.

Ciara Tatro
GCHS Senior

Important man in our lives

Mr. Olsen has been such an important man in so many of our lives. He's taught me how to hold my head up and face my fears with confidence. The school has made a very bad decision in letting him go. It's not very common anymore to have a teacher who cares so much about the confidence and home lives of their students, and Mr. Olsen goes above and beyond being a caring man. He is the last person these schools should be letting go.

Julia DeSanto
Garden City High School

My favorite teacher

When I went to the open house before my freshman year is when I first met him. Right from the start I knew he'd be my favorite teacher: 1) Music will always be my favorite subject and 2) he was the nicest person I had met that day. With only just meeting him then, he could bring a smile to my face, which he did every day in class.

Going to choir and seeing him every day was the best part of each day. In October 2012, my dad passed away from heart failure. My dad loved playing Santa Claus for kids. Mr. Olsen asked him if he could play Santa for the Christmas concert that year. My dad said yes because that's what he loved doing. When he passed, Mr. Olsen was always there making sure I was doing OK and that my mom was doing OK.

Out of all my teachers, he's the one that has been there for me the most. At the Christmas concert, he left Santa's chair out and empty in honor of my



In 2012, Bill Kaledas, founder of the American Legion Riders, presented Steven Olsen with a new 20-foot by 30-foot American flag that was used for such events as the annual Veterans Concert.

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dad. After the concert, he told me and my mom that know one could replace him. That just shows you right there how much of a caring and loving person he is towards his students and students' parents.

He really is the best teacher I have ever had. If it wasn't for him pushing me to work harder on my music and to get more confident with myself, I probably would have been to shy to do all of the open mics, coffee houses and even audition for *American Idol*. He has given me and many other students wonderful opportunities that other teachers might not give, like taking us to New York and seeing a Broadway show or taking us to Disney to perform.

Overall, Mr. Olsen is great person and a wonderful teacher. He deserves to keep his job, and it's sad to think that future students won't be able to experience all the fun being in his choirs.

Lauren Black
GCHS Class of 2015

An amazing person

Hi, my name is Kate! I spent my freshman year in chorus, my sophomore and junior year in singers, and I will be returning to Garden City Singers again, this fall. I even took Music Appreciation this passed year with Mr. Olsen and had two classes a day with him. I started and ended my day with his smiling face.

When I first saw the list of

layoffs, I was shocked. I was confused, sad and even a little angry. However, Mr. Olsen assured us the next day that we all had to be optimistic of the outcome, because that's just the kind of person he is. Some underclassmen even started a petition to hopefully keep him around! I saw that it got into the hundreds. I'm not sure where it is now, but clearly it didn't get very far.

This entire situation really doesn't feel real. Three years ago I entered my freshman year of high school and I already knew my favorite class right when I saw it on my schedule: chorus. And who was it with? None other than Mr. Olsen. And now as I enter my senior year, it really doesn't feel right. I spent three years learning, growing and forming a bond with such a phenomenal teacher, and person in general. I just don't think it's fair for anyone of us to be losing such an amazing person.

I know I'm not just speaking for myself when I say that Mr. Olsen isn't like other teachers. It's really hard to put into words, actually. Of course, all of us have our bad days. Saying that we've never had any disputes with him would be a lie, but doesn't everyone hit a bump in the road? Mr. Olsen always pushes us because he wants us to see us do our absolute best, and yeah, sometimes it is kind of annoying. But we know he does it because he wants to see us succeed. And if that's not good character in a teacher, then I don't know what is.

Personally, I've always thought of him as an amazing person. He cares for his students more than any teacher I have ever seen. This man goes out of his way to make every one of his students happy. He holds no less than two field

trips a year, and is always planning ahead for future ways to impact our community positively.

He isn't just my choir teacher. I'm not upset because I'm losing the person who taught me what an eighth note was or even because he's the person who taught me that it's good to let your voice be heard. I'm upset because I'm losing a full year of learning and opportunities. Mr. Olsen didn't just impact his students. He impacted the entire community. He doesn't just teach music, he teaches life lessons. He isn't just a teacher. He's a friend.

Kate Waldron
Garden City High School

Reinstate Mr. Olsen

I'm going into my junior year at Garden City High School. I really hope that the board, and legislature and everyone listens to all the various email and reinstates Mr. Steven Olsen. He is undoubtedly the best thing that's ever happened to me. He's taught me that it's OK to not be and act like everyone else, and that I'm allowed to have my own opinions and to not let anyone drag me down.

At the beginning of my sophomore year when I entered Chorale, I was so scared that I wasn't going to be good enough that I considered dropping Choir all together. He saw me not trying, and staying in the back really sad everyday, and asked me what was wrong, so I told him what was going on, and he told me "Destinee, you are an amazing singer, it's going to be hard for awhile, but I know you're gonna get through it, and do so much hope." And that gave me so much hope, I can't describe it. That day forward, I sang my best, and put myself out there for everyone to see. I can stand in front of room full of people and sing my heart

out. I even sang a solo and our Spring Concert in 2014.

The thought of going back to the school without him there breaks my heart. There's already going to be so many changes happening, and I was looking forward to being able to have one class that I'm already so welcomed into, so it wouldn't be as scary. But, now that he isn't going to be there, I'm terrified, and not sure if I'm going to continue on with Choir, even though singing has always been a passion of mine. I love Mr. Parkinson, but it just won't be the same without Mr. Olsen. Thank you.

Destinee Schave
Garden City High School

Great injustice

There is a great injustice being done, not so much to Mr. Olsen, but to the students, families of Garden City High School and surrounding communities. Why should the kids in a financially struggling district be stripped of a quality educational experience? Why should they have to lose a teacher that goes above and beyond, a teacher that clearly gives heart and soul. Mr. Olsen is more than a vocal/music teacher, he is a role model, a mentor and a passionate educator. He provides opportunities for his student's that they would not normally have.

While volunteering numerous hours of his own personal time he has taken students to New York City, London, Paris, Disney World, Orlando to name a few. He organizes numerous concerts in house, and one of the most memorable is the Veterans Day Concert. Area veterans from the community are invited and honored at this patriotic concert. More than once I have heard a vet say that years after their service, this is the first time that they have been honored. We also hear so many Vietnam veterans who are so emotionally wounded from the treatment they received when returning home and how it's so nice to know that people care and appreciate their sacrifice.

The school board is only looking at dollar signs but our kids are looking at their educational experience, and Mr. Olsen has been making an exceptional meaningful experience for them. The school board needs to find a way to bring Mr. Olsen back and they need to do it fast before another district grabs him away from us.

Donna Trombley
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PREP FOOTBALL

Thurston drops opener to Irish

QB McCoy plays well, but Notre Dame prevails

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Redford Thurston's football team had its share of moments during Friday's season opener at Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, but the Irish had a few more as they rumbled to a 46-24 victory.

"Their offense kept our defense off balance all night and controlled the line of scrimmage," summed up Thurston head coach Bob

Snell. "Our offense was inconsistent, but we had some big plays and put points on the board."

The host Irish ran 68 plays to the Eagles' 39.

Thurston jumped ahead 6-0 early on a 51-yard scoring keeper by quarterback Alonzo McCoy. The extra point was no good.

The hosts countered with a 58-yard touchdown drive, which culminated with a 5-yard touchdown pass and extra point to make it 7-6.

The Eagles seemed poised to regain the lead, however, they lost the ball on a fumble at the Irish 35.

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ED WRIGHT
Thurston quarterback Alonzo McCoy, pictured during a recent practice, had a solid opener last week.

Franklin cross country results

Livonia Franklin's girls and boys cross country teams turned in stellar performances at Saturday's South Lyon Invitational held at Island Lake State Park.

The Patriots girls team placed third with 72 points while the boys took fifth with 121.

The girls were led by senior Natalie Douglas, who placed fourth in 19 minutes, 57.2 seconds. Also figuring in the scoring for head coach Dave Bjorklund's squad were Erin Seibert (10th in 21:29.3), Camryn Zurawski (13th in 21:38.4), Julie Wonch (17th in 22:12.2) and Emma Devine, who placed 28th in 22:58.6.

Also running for Franklin were Riley Shine (29th in 23:08.0) and Rachel Domzalski, who was 39th in 23:52.0.

The girls winner was Haley Hess Clay High School (Ohio), who covered the 5-kilometer course in 18:55.6.

Wyandotte Roosevelt won the invite with 49 points.

Franklin's boys team was paced by senior Tony Floyd, who won the race in 16:23. Also scoring for the Patriots were Matt Lepper (23rd in 18:36), Grant Rudd (26th in 18:44), Logan Evan-chuk (30th in 18:50) and Jackson Nordbeck, who was 41st in 19:52.

Also competing for Franklin were Mike Mackiewicz (44th in 20:14) and Greg Thaxton (45th in 20:23).

"Tony got out fast, battling a couple opponents for the first mile," said Franklin coach Pat Koelzer. "After the second mile, it was a two-man race (with Joost Plaetinck of Novi). Tony got stronger as the race continued, and was able to separate during the last half mile. He ran a very smart race today."

Mini kickers soccer school

The AC Milan Detroit soccer club will be hosting a Saturday morning soccer school for girls and boys between the ages of 3 and 5 years old.

The school will run for six consecutive Saturdays (beginning Sept. 12) from 9-10 a.m. at the Dickinson Soccer Complex, which is located at 18000 Newburgh Rd. in Livonia.

The cost of the six-week school is \$105, which also includes a jersey for each participant.

Interested parents can register online at acmilan-detroit.com.

For more information, call 734-464-8575.

Schweizer shines

Livonia Churchill-graduate Evan Schweizer tied the Albion College school record with four goals to power the Britons to a 6-2 victory over Rochester in a non-league men's soccer contest.

Berkley's Jonathan DiNunzio scored the other two goals for the Britons.

Reporting results

Local high school athletic coaches are encouraged to report results from their team's contest 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.

YOUTH SPORTS



ED WRIGHT
Michigan Military Moms founder Gary Tanner (center) is pictured with (from left) Livonia Orioles junior varsity players Connor Cohan, Conner Bell and Ethan Vanlandingham and Novi Bobcats Cole Shires, Jermeir Reliford and Kyle Dowd.

STAR-SPANGLED DAY

Junior football teams salute military with special events

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The all-American combination of football and patriotism made for a memorable event Sunday afternoon at Livonia Bentley Field.

Thanks to a collaborative effort by the host Livonia Orioles – in particular Rick and Carrie Woodall – and the Novi Bobcats, Sunday's Western Lakes Junior Football League games were splashed in red, white, blue and camouflage to honor military veterans and the men and women who are currently serving in the armed forces.

Included in the days highlights was the delivery of the game footballs for the junior

varsity and varsity contests by representatives of Skydive Tecumseh, who floated onto the field underneath American flag-colored parachutes.

The afternoon was also a special one for the nonprofit organization Michigan Military Moms, which set up a fundraising booth near the entrance to the stadium.

"Today's event was great, phenomenal," raved Michigan Military Moms founder Gary Tanner, whose organization's booth featured a camouflage-colored football helmet. "It's important to instill knowledge and patriotism in our younger generation because they need to understand that freedom is

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ED WRIGHT
Livonia Orioles varsity player Brendan Householder brings down a Novi Bobcat running back during Sunday's game.



ED WRIGHT
Churchill's lone first-half goal came when Riles Dobar (far right) ripped a low shot past Western keeper Kevin Guggemos (8).

BOYS SOCCER ROUNDUP

Churchill outlasts Walled Lake Western, 2-1

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The Livonia Churchill boys soccer team improved its record to 2-1 Monday night by edging visiting Walled Lake Western, 2-1, in a Kensington Lakes Activities Association inter-divisional match-up.

The Chargers lit up the scoreboard first in the game's sixth minute when senior forward Erlin Guri slid a pass along the right flank to a streaking Riles Dobar, who ripped a low turf-hugger past

Warrior goal-keeper Kevin Guggemos and just inside the left post to make it 1-0.

Guri nearly doubled the Chargers' lead eight minutes later, but Guggemos managed to punch the ball just over the cross-bar.

Churchill senior Sean Moisan put together a couple dangerous scoring chances in the first half, the initial opportunity unfolding at the 19:13 mark when his chip off a crossing pass from Dobar sailed just

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Trojans enjoy solid start to soccer season

Talented junior class helps to make Clarenceville outlook extremely positive

Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

The true tests are yet to come for the Clarenceville boys soccer team, but the start of a new season has gone very well. The Trojans are 2-0-1 and just five minutes from three straight victories, which doesn't come as any surprise to coach Trevor Johnson.

"I told the kids last May and June to start carrying themselves, holding their heads high with a bit of a swagger, because I knew they were going to be good this year," he said.

Twelve of the 16 varsity players return from last season, giving the Trojans an experienced squad that is still on the young side.

There are only three seniors in the whole program, which includes a junior varsity team this year.

Clarenceville lost just six players to graduation, but one

was four-year starter and all-area defender Cameron Fyffe.

"We've had this junior class together for three years now," Johnson said. "They've just grown up. They've really come together this year."

"We're going to have our games that are going to be rough. But it's a fun team to coach. It's a team that has very little ego, and they work their butts off."

Veteran personnel

Two of the team's most experienced and skilled players are junior center midfielders Gerardo Arzate and Armin Andelija.

The team captain is senior stopper Jacob Devos-Roy, who has assumed the defensive responsibilities handled by Fyffe last year.

"He keeps everybody calm and collected," Johnson said, adding Devos-Roy is very reliable. "He does the right thing

all the time in and out of the classroom."

Junior forward Jayson Fitzpatrick returns to a starting role and was the leading scorer at the start of the week with three goals.

Arzate, Andelija and freshman midfielder Nick Snage had scored two goals apiece.

The Trojans, who were 8-11-1 last year, also have a veteran goalkeeper in junior Jonathan Murphy.

Junior sweeper Dante Marzolo, senior fullback Elijah Spens, junior midfielder Alex Immonen and junior defender Joe Sanchez are returning varsity players. Freshman forward Jesus Gonzalez completes the starting lineup.

Committed players

Johnson said Sanchez, who started playing soccer last year, cleared the snow from his yard and played during the winter.

"He embraced the game and

got into amazing shape," Johnson said. "I can't take him off the field; he works so hard."

The varsity also includes senior Bryce Marciniak, juniors Kameron MacIver and Nick Schiffman, sophomore Nick Siml and freshman Jacob Weiss.

Marciniak, MacIver and Siml are returning varsity players, too. Schiffman was injured and didn't play last year.

Johnson said Weiss provided the biggest surprise during preseason practices.

"He came to all the summer conditioning," he said. "I saw him as a nice kid who worked hard. I didn't think he'd be much of a player (until he saw him on the field)."

"He's not an all-star; he's not a classically trained player, but his effort is outstanding. I had to break the JV coach's heart when I told him I was keeping him."

Possibly 'best team'

In the 10-team Western Wayne Athletic Conference, everybody will play each other

once. Clarenceville has the smallest enrollment of all the schools.

"If we can finish in the top five, play the Dearborn schools tight and compete well with Belleville and Garden City, that would be a successful year and would get us prepared for the district," Johnson said.

He added this could be the best team he's had in his eight years.

"I don't know if I can predict a win total, but I can tell you no one is going to want to play us in the district," he said.

"I'm very impressed at how much these kids have progressed and grown. It's going to be a fun year."

He added a 5-2 loss to Allen Park Cabrini in a Division 3 district final left his players hungry and eager for this season.

"At the end of that game, they knew that wasn't going to be OK for next year," Johnson said. "They have the drive and they don't have egos - and it's working."

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not free.

"Each generation - including these players out on the field today - has to know they have a responsibility to take care of the freedom that was given to them. I can't thank all those who invited out here today enough for what they've done for our organization and its members."

The Bobcats and Orioles families joined forces earlier this summer to sell camouflage-themed T-shirts, with all the proceeds going directly to Michigan Military Moms.

"One-hundred percent of the donations we receive go directly to the Michigan military families," Tanner emphasized. "Among the things we provide are family retreats for military personnel who are suffering from post-traumatic stress, and we offer emergency hardship financial assistance to those who are in need."

"We are not funded by the government, so this is how we raise our money - by groups like the Orioles and Bobcats holding special events like this today."

The Bobcats prevailed over the Orioles on the gridiron Sunday afternoon, but the final scores took a back-seat to the patriotism that was exhibited throughout the players and their families.

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A representative from Skydive Tecumseh delivered the game ball prior to Sunday's varsity contest between the Livonia Orioles and Novi Bobcats.

ED WRIGHT

HIGH SCHOOL GOLF

Stevenson fourth at Brighton Invite

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Livonia Stevenson's girls golf team placed fourth at Monday's 18-team Brighton Invitational held at Oak Pointe Golf Course.

The Spartans' carded a team score of 350 thanks to fine rounds turned in by Kristen Szabelski, who fired an 83, and Anna Vento, who shot an 85.

Madison Maurier also played well, coming in with an 89. Rachel Crachiola registered a 93 while Megan Gronau shot a 95.

The host Bulldogs won the event with a 325, 15 shots better than runner-up Saline. Ann Arbor Pioneer was third at 344.

'Cats nip Chargers

Plymouth proved to be the host with the most Tuesday in a KLA South Division match held at the Fox Hill Classic Golf Course.

The Wildcats out-stroked visiting Livonia Churchill, 168-226, in their season-opening dual match.

Alaina Strzalka was the match's medalist after firing a sizzling 41. The balanced Wildcats also got a boost from Katie Chipman and Heather Muir, both of whom carded 42's, and Ariana Strzalka, who shot a 43. Erin Johnson registered a 44 for the winners.

Churchill was paced by Paige Peterson's 52. Also scoring for the visitors were Kelsie Nowicki (55), Jenny Rousseau (56) and Rose Kuhn, who shot a 63.

Playing but not scoring for the Chargers were Macey Reese (64) and Mackenzie Brown, who recorded a 72.

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Notre Dame Prep scored back-to-back touchdowns in the second quarter to expand its lead to 21-6 before the Eagles cut its deficit to 21-12 on McCoy's second long scor-

ing run, this one from 54 yards out.

ND led at the half, 24-12.

The Irish set the tone in the second half on the first play from scrimmage when they broke loose on a 78-yard TD run to push the lead to 32-12 following a successful two-point conversion.

Undaunted, Thurston re-

sponded with a 73-yard TD pass from Errol Franklin to Darryis King to pull to within 31-18.

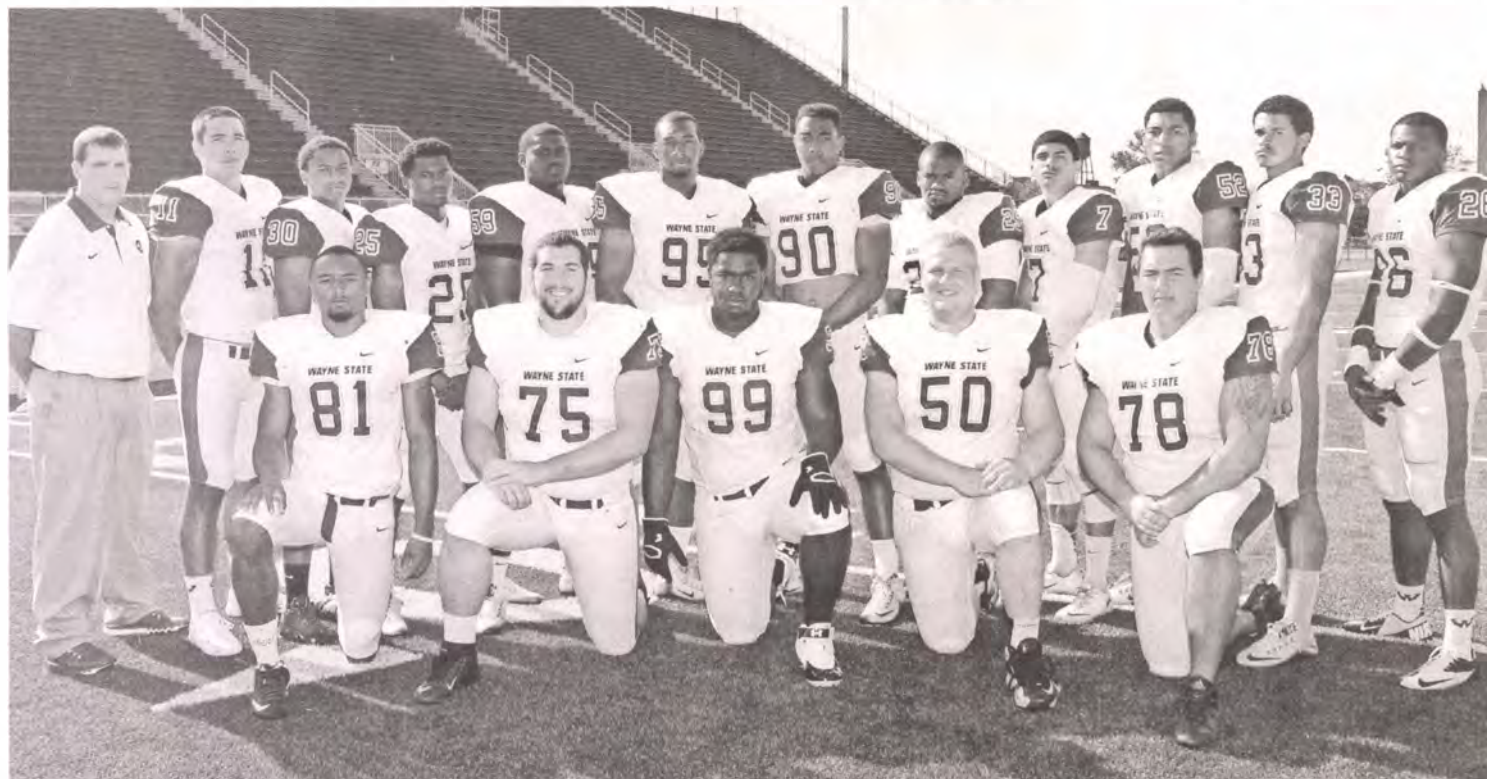
The Irish stretched their lead to 39-18 at the end of the third stanza with a 9-yard run.

Thurston's final points came on a 66-yard scoring strike from Franklin to McCoy.

ND Prep rushed for 380 yards on 53 attempts. The Eagles rushed for 175 yards on 25 carries. McCoy had 14 carries for 120 yards and he completed 3 of 4 passes for 37 yards. Franklin was 3-for-6 passing for 144 yards.

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Local gridiron stars excelling at Wayne State



MARK HICKS

Several Observerland football players are currently excelling for Wayne State University. Pictured are (front row from left) Marcus Bailey, Tommy Richardson, Derrick Rodgers, Greg Webber, Nick Davis, (second row from left) coach Mike Kaiser, Manny Mendoza, Donte Eubanks, Jared Singletary, Marv Jefferson, Kolby Nance, Derrick Coleman, Romello Brown, James Hendrix, Anthony Pittman, James Hill and Carteris Carter.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL
Thursday, Sept. 3
Clarenceville at RU, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Howell, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Brighton, 7 p.m.
W.L. Northern at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Garden City at Romulus, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Millford, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 4
Thurston at Crestwood, 7 p.m.
PREP VOLLEYBALL
Thursday, Sept. 3
Lutheran South at HVL, 6:30 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Parkway, 6:30 p.m.
Dearborn Invite, 9 a.m.
BOYS SOCCER
Thursday, Sept. 3
Baptist Park at HVL, 4:30 p.m.
Dearborn at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Edsel Ford at Franklin, 5:30 p.m.
John Glenn at G.C., 7 p.m.
Stevenson at W.L. Central, 4 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 3
RU at Grosse Ile, 5 p.m.
BOYS TENNIS
Thursday, Sept. 3
Salem at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
Franklin at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Canton at Churchill, 4 p.m.
John Glenn at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
GIRLS GOLF
Thursday, Sept. 3
Rock/Wildcat Invite, 8 a.m.
John Glenn at Plymouth, 3:30 p.m.
PREP CROSS COUNTRY
Thursday, Sept. 3
Luth. Westland Time Trials, 4 p.m.
GIRLS SWIMMING
Thursday, Sept. 3
Grosse Pointe North at Stevenson, 6 p.m.
John Glenn at Early Bird Open, 4 p.m.
Ladywood at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m.

PREP SOCCER PREVIEW

GC kickers will learn from early knocks

Young Cougars getting accustomed to varsity-level play

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The breakthrough into the win column has not come yet for Garden City's boys soccer team – however, that can be attributed to a challenging early-season schedule, not a lack of skill or effort from the Cougars.

During their 0-4 stretch in August, the Cougars were merited by both Novi Detroit

Catholic Central and Dearborn Divine Child, while losing one-goal decisions to Chelsea and Gibraltar Carlson in a season-opening tournament held Aug. 22.

"We have a lot of talent, but we're inexperienced and the guys need some time to play together so they can build some chemistry," said GC head coach Jeff Szypula. "Obviously, we didn't do as well against C.C. this year compared to last year as last year's game was tied 0-0 with 10 minutes left. But our young guys are learning to adjust to the speed of play at the varsity level, and they're doing a great job."

The Cougars will be led by

four talent-laden senior captains: AJ Staley, a four-year varsity performer; Maxwell Frederick, James Falk and Vinnie Bakerian.

"AJ is great with the ball at his feet," praised Szypula. "He's great at serving the ball to other players, and he can score too when the opportunity presents itself. He always gives his best effort."

"Maxwell has great speed and he's been working out in the weight room, so he's a lot stronger than he was last year. He knows how to find the open man."

"James is a great dribbler in the open field and he can score from the top of the 18-yard box.

"Vinnie is our center-defender, so he's critical to our success. He's made a lot of big plays in the back for us the past couple of years."

The quartet of captains make up just one-quarter of the team's contingent of 16 seniors.

Other key final-year players include Manuel Mulbah, David Rush and Nate Wilson.

"Manuel has great speed and the ability to finish," said Szypula. "He and Maxwell will give us a good combination up top."

"David is very versatile – he can play anywhere and play it well. Nate is making a nice transition to outside defense for us."

The Cougars' last line of defense will be handled by junior goal-keeper Ian Tesarz, who is still learning the nuances of the position, but stretches of solid play against the formidable front lines of Catholic Central and Divine Child.

Another key junior is center-mid Jacob Sadowski, whose tall stature will make him a threat to score on set pieces.

Two sophomores who will contribute immediately are Tommy Fisher, a varsity letter-winner as a sophomore; and Austin Pena, who will play outside defense.

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BOYS TENNIS PREVIEWS

Summer training sharpens expectations for teams

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

There was more S & S (swinging and sweating) this summer than R & R (rest and relaxation) for members of the Livonia Franklin boys tennis team.

And that dedication to improving their skill set could be the determining factor in promises to be a productive fall for the Patriots, who will be mentored for the second season by head coach Rick Clack.

"Our main strength will be the ability level of the singles players to lead the team in wins," said Clack. "They have been hitting with each other the summer and off season."

"If we maintain the lineup through the year with no injuries, we should have another good year. The players have a great attitude with game and are wonderful to coach."

The Patriots' early season lineup was developed through a series of sharp challenge matches.

Rising to the top of the roster was No. 1 singles player Lukas Pekorius, a senior. He'll be joined in the singles lineup by juniors Adam Alger (No. 2), Justin Crawford (No. 3) and Jon Montie, who will handle the No. 4 responsibilities.

Pekorius will share the captains' duties along with senior Keyur Patel, who will team up at No. 2 doubles with Graham Schuerman.

The Patriots' No. 1 doubles unit will consist of junior Reo Tang and sophomore Eric Liberati, while freshman Stephen Lai and junior Kyle McCulloch will hold down the court at No. 3 doubles.

Mike Cebulski and Patrick Rupp – both juniors – will play No. 4 doubles next to the No. 5 pairing of senior Jeff Talarek and junior David Fitch.

The Patriots will be looking to improve on their 2-3 record in the KLAA South last fall.



Franklin No. 1 singles player Lukas Pekorius returns a serve during Tuesday's match against Canton.



Franklin No. 2 singles player Adam Alger makes a nice forehand return against Canton.

Ohtake and Gabe Garfinkel, the Chargers' doubles combinations should put a lot of pressure on their opponents

"Tim's serve is a great weapon that will win him a lot of points," said Webster.

Mickey Ohtake and Griffin Riley are set to control the net at No. 2 doubles, while co-captain Cooper King (along with Mulka) will team up with Joe Martin at three doubles.

Rounding out the talented doubles teams will be the No. 4 pairing of Logan King and Jake Jarvis, and the No. 5 twosome of Matt Rodeman and Billy Rose.

The Chargers carved out an impressive 7-2 dual-meet record last season and they combined to earn runner-up honors at their Division 1 regional tournament.

"The expectations this season are to repeat as state-tournament qualifiers by placing first or second in our regional," Webster revealed. "We have several returning players that know what it takes to get there and will lead the way for the new additions, and to just keep getting better every match and practice day."

at the highest level you can play at, so it's go time. I'm confident they're going to be able to handle it once they get some experience under their belt."

The Cougars' will send a dynamic one-two singles punch onto the courts in No. 1 player Robbie Moyers and No. 2 man Tyler Kelly, both of whom are multi-sport seniors. Moyers played No. 2 singles as a junior while Kelly has been promoted from the No. 4 singles spot.

"Robbie has a workman-like game," said Pummill. "When you play against him, you'd better be ready to play for hours. He's very patient and he plays until he wins. He doesn't just hit it back, though – he's an athletic kid who has a lot of shot-making ability."

"Tyler had 22 wins last year at No. 4, so he's a very good player. He has the best job of anyone on our team and he's good at following it up and putting the return shot away."

Pummill said No. 3 singles player Jassen Matuscak "hits the ball hard; he brings the heat."

Senior Tony Van Dooren tasted success 21 times while playing No. 4 doubles with his younger brother, Derek, last fall.

The Cougars' doubles tandems are no slouches themselves. Juniors Avery Emerson and Justin Perrin will team up at No. 1 doubles while Derek Van Dooren and Jacob Grant, both underclassmen, will take the reins at No. 2.

Closing out the starting line-up will be the No. 3 doubles duo of Tim Tapper and Josh Tapper; and the No. 4 team of Kevi Widmer and Thomas Catton, both of whom are freshmen.

Juniors Tony King and Tanner Davis will be waiting in the wings for a chance to swing for a varsity letter.

GARDEN CITY

Like any high school athletic team that loses seven seniors from its starting lineup, Garden City's boys tennis team is facing somewhat of a rebuilding season.

However, with four returning singles players with varsity experience, the Cougars can build from a strong foundation.

"We finished fourth in our first tournament of the season, which isn't too bad considering how young we are this year," said veteran head coach Ron Pummill. "It's the first time I've had four freshmen on varsity, so obviously the learning curve for them will be sharp early on."

"I've been preaching to the freshmen that they're playing

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wide of the right post.

Western drew even with 15:06 left in the first half when junior Ibrahim Rimov ripped a high volley that found a space between Churchill goal-keeper Brandon Dix's outstretched hands and the bottom of the cross-bar.

Guggemos tipped a Dobar shot out of harm's way with 9:50 left in the half. Thirty seconds later Conner McCarthy's rocket from just outside the 18-yard box missed finding the frame by a couple of feet.

Churchill's final flurry in the opening 40 minutes came with just under seven minutes remaining when Uthman Babatunde was denied from the doorstep by Guggemos.

Babatunde tracked down the rebound, but his second attempt rolled wide of the left post by a few feet.

Lakeland edges Pats

Eric Reiter poured in four goals Monday as White Lake Lakeland outgunned host Livonia Franklin in a KLAA boys soccer crossover, 5-3.

Heath Sucharski also added a goal for the victorious Eagles, who improved to 2-1 overall.

The Patriots (1-2), who were tied 2-2 at halftime got a goal and assist from Ryan Bieth, while Matt Conley and Austin Corona also added goals. Bobby Mandrnick also chipped in with an assist.

Owen Christmas was in goal for Lakeland, while Zach Robinson was in net for Lakeland.



Churchill's Cameron Kozan hustles after a loose ball during Monday's game against Walled Lake Western.

Stevenson prevails

Livonia Stevenson improved its record to 3-1 Monday night with a hard-fought 2-1 victory over Brighton.

The loss dropped the Bulldogs to 0-2-1.

The game was deadlocked at 1-1 at the half. The Spartans' goal came from Ryan Theisen, who notched his third net-finder of the young season off an assist from Conrad Keane.

Brighton netted the equalizer 14 minutes later when Matthew Lussier converted a penalty kick.

Stevenson scored the game-winner when Ian Henzi found the back of the net off a pass from Brandon Navarro.

Senior goal-keeper Austin Kaczmarek registered five saves for the winners while Grant Saxman stopped a pair of Spartan offerings.

"I was really pleased with all parts of our game tonight," said Stevenson head coach Ken Shingledecker. "We battled thru a tough PK call that tied the game."

"I thought our midfield was excellent setting the tempo and creating scoring opportunities."

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OBSERVER FOOTBALL PREDICTIONS

ALL GAMES 7 P.M. UNLESS NOTED

Thursday, Sept. 3	Ed Wright	Dan O'Meara	Tim Smith
Mayville (1-0) at Lutheran Westland (0-1), 4:30 p.m.	Lutheran Westland	Lutheran Westland	Mayville
Birmingham Seaholm (0-1) at N. Farmington (1-0)	N. Farmington	N. Farmington	N. Farmington
Farmington Harrison (0-1) at Rochester (0-1)	Harrison	Harrison	Rochester
Oak Park (0-1) at Farmington (1-0)	Farmington	Farmington	Farmington
Canton (1-0) at Hartland (1-0)	Canton	Canton	Canton
Walled Lake Western (1-0) at Salem (1-0)	Western	Western	Salem
Plymouth (0-1) at Pinckney (0-1)	Plymouth	Plymouth	Plymouth
Walled Lake Northern (1-0) at Liv. Stevenson (1-0)	Stevenson	Stevenson	Stevenson
Livonia Franklin (0-1) at Milford (0-1)	Franklin	Franklin	Milford
Livonia Churchill (1-0) at Brighton (1-0)	Churchill	Brighton	Churchill
Westland John Glenn (0-1) at Howell (1-0)	John Glenn	Howell	Howell
Wayne Memorial (0-1) at Grand Blanc (1-0)	Grand Blanc	Grand Blanc	Grand Blanc
Garden City (1-0) at Romulus (0-1)	Garden City	Garden City	Garden City
Liv. Clarenceville (0-1) at Redford Union (0-1)	Clarenceville	Clarenceville	Clarenceville
Friday, Sept. 4			
Redford Thurston (0-1) at D.H. Crestwood (1-0)	Thurston	Thurston	Thurston
Last week's record	11-4	10-5	9-6



Churchill's Sean Moisan (left) and Walled Lake Western's Noah Palizzi battle for possession.

PWBA DETROIT OPEN

'SUPER' RETURN

Revival of long-dormant women's bowling tour knocks down pins, lifts up hopes

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Women's professional bowling is back on the map both nationally and in metro Detroit.

Demonstrating the sport indeed hit the community's "pocket" was last weekend's hearty turnout at Canton's Super Bowl for the return of the Professional Women's Bowling Association tour.

More than 100 pro and amateur bowlers — including high school players such as Canton's Meghan Macunovich and Westland's Angela Wilt — competed in the PWBA Detroit Open from Thursday until Saturday in front of enthusiastic fans thrilled about the PWBA circuit coming to metro Detroit.

"This is great, it hasn't been around for a while," said Karl Brubaker, varsity bowling coach at Canton High School. "To have the ladies here, and to see the turnout was great.

"It was pretty full, there's a few hundred people here and that's good for the area and good for bowling in general."

The competition came down to stepladder finals featuring Kelly Kulick, Josie Earnest, Stefanie Johnson and Liz Johnson. When all was said and done, Liz Johnson pocketed \$10,000 in earnings after winning with a 6,103 total for 30 games.

Stefanie Johnson took the runner-up spot (5,950), followed by Earnest (5,939) and Kulick (5,858). The top 40 finishers walked away with at least \$1,200.

'Thrilled to death'

The bowling extravaganza, which came to Super Bowl because of the efforts of owners Mark and Diane Voight, couldn't have gone smoother according to PWBA pro Carolyn Dorin-Ballard.

"I think it's awesome, I'm thrilled to death that the women finally have something to bowl in," Dorin-Ballard said. "It's been far too long and I think there's so many talented young high school and collegiate

PWBA DETROIT TOP 10

1. Liz Johnson: 6,103 total pins; 30 games; 203.43 avg.; \$10,000 winnings.
2. Stefanie Johnson: 5,950 t; 29 g; 205.17 avg.; \$5,000.
3. Josie Earnest: 5,939 t; 30 g; 197.97 avg.; \$3,500.
4. Kelly Kulick: 5,858 t; 29 g; 202.00 avg.; \$3,000.
5. Jacqui Reese: 5,841 t; 28 g; 197.89 avg.; \$2,000;
6. Shannon O'Keefe: 5,821 t; 28 g; 197.18 avg.; \$1,850.
7. Diana Zavjalova: 5,805 t; 28 g; 197.14 avg.; \$1,800.
8. Bryanna Caldwell: 5,776 t; 28 g; 197.71 avg.; \$1,750.
9. Shannon Pluhowsky: 5,710 t; 28 g; 192.14 avg.; \$1,700.
10. Missy Parkin: 5,665 t; 28 g; 194.82 avg.; \$1,650.

players that for so many years didn't have anywhere to bowl and show their talents. So this is fabulous."

Dorin-Ballard, a New Jersey native who now lives in Texas, finished in a tie for 26th place with a total of 2,304 pins in 12 games and scored a \$1,200 cash prize for her efforts.

She applauded the Voights for being instrumental in bringing the rebooted PWBA tour to Canton.

"Mark and Diane Voight have been phenomenal supporters of bowling in general for many years," Dorin-Ballard noted. "When I bowled on the old PWBA tour they hosted many of our events over the years.

"So they've been supporters from the very beginning. And Detroit is a great bowling community."

Dorin-Ballard also is a proponent of high school and college bowlers finishing their education before jumping into the professional ranks.

"After that, the tour will always be there," she said.

That hasn't been the case for a decade, however.

On the circuit

This year's rebirth of the women's pro tour is drawing raves from previously shut-out amateurs such as 32-year-old Katie Jensen of Fort Worth, Texas.

She bowled in two tour stops before Super Bowl and plans on making the trek this weekend to the U.S. Open in New Jersey.

"This was the first summer that they brought back the PWBA," Jensen said. "Especially for girls

like us who came out of a college program with nothing to bowl in, this re-ignition of the PWBA has been exciting and sort of life-changing, letting you know there's hope for others and that there's a lot more to do with the sport."

Jensen finished 31st with a 2,294 total in 12 games. Like Dorin-Ballard, she left Super Bowl with \$1,200.

Challenging

Meanwhile, Jensen said the oil patterns at Super Bowl made it a tough, challenging weekend for many participants.

"Whenever you bowl on these PWBA conditions they oil the lanes in more difficult patterns," Jensen explained. "So the volume of oil, they'll do more of a flat pattern across the lane. So it really makes you be accurate, be intelligent about ball choice and where you move on the lane in order to hit the pocket in order to strike.

"So this pattern was the lowest averaging pattern they've had the entire season. It was just very challenging. You had to make really good shots, you had to stay on, you had to spare well."

Tough conditions or not, Dorin-Ballard wouldn't mind if the PWBA tour returned to metro Detroit sometime in the near future.

"I can't say for sure whether it will or not," she said, smiling. "But I do think there's been a great reception here in the area."

Brubaker is hopeful that "they'll come back again. Hopefully it was a good experience for everybody."

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COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Crusaders win UMD volleyball tourney

Coach Abraham 10 wins from NAIA history

Facing its first ranked opponent of the season, the No. 15-ranked Madonna University volleyball team defeated No. 11 Georgetown College and Judson University to win the Michigan-Dearborn Early Bird Classic Saturday.

The Crusaders needed four sets to down Georgetown College, 25-20, 26-24, 21-25, 25-23, and they swept Judson in three, 25-19, 25-18, 26-24.

MU junior Katie Breault was named the tournament's most valuable player. Classmates Miranda Fuerst and Nicole Oestrike joined her on the all-tournament team.

With the two wins, Madonna coach Jerry Abraham has 1,090 career wins, needing just 10 more to become the first coach in NAIA history with 1,100 victories.

Breault posted 37 kills with just 11 errors in 102 swings. Fuerst had 36 kills in the middle and a .308 attack percentage; Oestrike had 41 kills and a 2.93 kills-per-set average.

The trio combined for 24 total blocks as MU moved to 6-0 on the year.

Fuerst led the Crusaders with 13 kills in the win over Georgetown; Oestrike added 12, Karlie Kelly and Breault 10 apiece.

Spencer Stokes led the offense with 45 assists and was one of four Crusaders to reach double-figure digs, tallying 11 for her first

double-double of the season.

Breanna Geile led MU with 17 digs; Payton Maxheimer complemented her play with 16 digs.

With a match-best .389 attack percentage in set one, MU won the first set behind four kills each from Oestrike and Kelly.

The second set needed extra points as the Crusaders rallied from a 24-23 deficit. An Oestrike kill tied the score at 24. A pair of Tiger miscues gave the Crusaders the 26-24 win.

The momentum did not carry into the third set three as Georgetown hit a sizzling .368 to rack up 17 kills in a 25-21 win.

The final set was another back-and-forth affair with 15 ties and five lead changes. Neither side had more than a three-point lead.

After seeing Georgetown tie the set at 23-all, Madonna took advantage of a miscue to earn a 24th point before Oestrike closed the match with her third kill of the set.

Jenny Howell and Laura Schneidtmiller led the Tigers with 18 kills each. The loss was the first of the season for Georgetown.

Amanda Hawkins led Madonna in the sweep of Judson with 13 kills; Hannah Poole added 11. Hawkins hit .476 and Poole .364.

Lauren Korth tallied a career-high 30 assists. Geile led the defense with 13 digs; Deanna Krumholz had a career-high 10.

Madonna took the lead for good in set one, 15-11, with a run midway through the set behind four kills from Hawkins.

An early run staked the Crusaders to a 12-4 lead in the second set. Hawkins led the Crusaders with four kills; Geile posted seven digs.

Set three was the tightest of the match with 17 ties and 10 lead changes.

With her team trailing 24-22, Poole put down three straight kills to give MU a 25-24 lead. Geile ended the match with a service ace.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

WHEREAS, the City of Livonia has received a request for a Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate from Paul F. Bohn, Fausone Bohn, LLP, Attorneys at Law, on behalf of Livonia Lodge, LLC, for the expansion and rehabilitation of the properties located at 27403 and 27451 Schoolcraft Road within City of Livonia Commercial Rehabilitation District No. 3;

THE CITY COUNCIL OF LIVONIA has determined as follows:

1. The City Clerk shall provide copies of the Application for Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate to the legislative bodies of the governmental units deriving property taxes from the property which will be affected, as required by Act 210, P.A. 2005, as amended.
2. The City Clerk shall contact each of the affected taxing units, and (i) indicate the Council's interest in this matter, and (ii) assist these taxing units in collecting such information as may be necessary to determine their respective opinions on this Application, and (iii) advise the said taxing units of the Council's desire to hold a hearing on this Application on **Monday, September 14, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.** at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan.
3. The Council has set **Monday, September 14, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.** at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, as the date, time and place for conducting a hearing on said Application.

SUSAN A. HOFF, CITY CLERK

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PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Wayne
Annual Report - Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015
filed in accordance with MCL 125.1665, Sec. 15 (3)
and in accordance with STC Bulletin 9 of 1997
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MCL 125.1665 (3) also requires publication in a newspaper

Filed with:
Local Unit Governing Body &
State Tax Commission
P.O. Box 30471
Lansing, Michigan 48909-7971

A. Revenue:			
Captured Taxes		\$	
City	695,382		
County	272,136		
Wayne Co. Jail	38,459		
Wayne Co. Parks	10,081		
Huron, Clinton Metro Auth.	8,798		
Wayne Co. Community College	132,862		
Wayne Co. Transit Authority	40,997		1,198,715
Interest income			
Other			38,665
Total revenues		\$	1,237,380
B. Bond reserve			None
C. Expenditures			
Community and Economic Development		\$	878,510
Capital outlay			20,008
Debt service:			
Interest			95,729
Principal			299,353
Total expenditures		\$	1,293,599
D. Outstanding bonded indebtedness			
(Plan 1)			
Principal		\$	33,419
Interest		\$	558,974
E. Initial Assessed Value			\$104,150,761
F. Captured Assessed Value			\$173,399,239
G. Tax increment revenues received			\$1,198,714
H. Number of jobs created			Not available
I. Additional information considered necessary			None

Matthew K. Miller,
City Clerk

Published: September 3, 2015

Study: Millennials like walkable living spaces

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Millennials prefer walking over driving by a substantially wider margin than any other generation, according to a recent poll conducted by the National Association of Realtors and the Transportation Research and Education Center at Portland State University.

"I think that's what we're finding," agreed Tony Bruscato, director of the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority. "Nowadays, people want to be able to walk to where they live and work. I think that's why Plymouth has become a popular place."

Bruscato said younger people often like to consider livability and walkability first. "They live in places and then find a job, that's what the studies have shown," the Canton resident said.

Many don't want to own a car, Bruscato noted, and often delay home ownership as well, not having to mow the lawn or tend to other duties.

"I think we're finding many young people aren't necessarily looking to get into home ownership. That doesn't mean they never want to do that," he added.

Agreeing on millennials' preferences is Annette Knowles, executive director of the Farmington Downtown Development Authority and a Farmington resident.

"The survey says that millennials seek out walkable areas that contribute to a higher quality of life. They don't want to commute long hours. Traditional downtowns offer a better pedestrian atmosphere and independent business climate that ranks high with that generation. I think that millennials watched their parents work long hours and travel far to work each day and that lifestyle does not appeal to them," Knowles, mom to a millennial son, wrote in an email.

She is also assistant to Farmington's city manager. The 2015 National Community and Transportation Preference Survey found that millennials, those ages 18-34, prefer walking as a mode of transportation by 12 percentage points over driving. Millennials are also shown to prefer living in attached housing, living within walking distance of shops and restaurants, and having a short commute, and they are the most likely age group to make use of public transportation.

The poll also found that millennials show a stronger preference than other generations for expanding public transportation and providing transportation alternatives to driving, such as biking and walking, while also increasing the availability of trains and buses. Millennials likewise favor developing communities where people do not need to drive long distances to work or shop.

Bruscato said many people like Plymouth's walkable downtown. "A lot of those folks want to live in or near the downtown (Plymouth) area," he said. A new housing development on Plymouth Road across from the Courthouse Grille restaurant will be a big draw, he said.

In downtown Plymouth, some smaller and older homes are being purchased and replaced with larger ones, which has raised some concerns in the community. Bruscato noted Plymouth's strong mix of housing options.

"We've kind of got the best of both worlds," he said. "Downtowns are becoming very popular. There's certainly enough to spread around where everyone can be successful," Bruscato added, when asked about competition from such downtowns as Northville and Farmington. Knowles agreed of her



Walkable communities include Plymouth with its inviting Kellogg Park in the center of downtown.

JULIE BROWN

community, "Farmington offers the best of both worlds; it has a charming, thriving downtown surrounded by neighborhoods with a variety of housing to fit any budget and it is within a short distance to all the action - Detroit, Ann Arbor and the airport, for example. You can make connections locally and expand your horizons within a mere 20-minute drive."

She added, "Events do add appeal to the community. They bring a level of excitement and energy; something to see and do locally. You can be a tourist in your town!" Bruscato noted, "There are a lot of great downtowns. They tend to be older and more unique." Events in downtowns draw in many at all times of the day and week, Bruscato added.

"Of course, you can do your shopping and have fun at night," he said. As a whole, the survey found that Americans prefer walkable communities more so than they have in the past. Forty-eight percent of respondents reported that they would prefer to live in communities containing houses with small yards but within easy walking distance of the community's amenities, as opposed to living in communities with houses that have large yards, but they have to drive to all amenities. And while 60 percent of adults surveyed live in detached, single-family homes, 25 per-

cent of those respondents said they would rather live in an attached home and have greater walkability. When choosing a new home, respondents indicated that they would like choices when it comes to their community's transportation options. Eighty-five percent of survey participants said that sidewalks are a positive factor when purchasing a home, and 79 percent place importance on being within easy walking distance of places. Women in particular value walkability in their communities, with 61 percent indicating that having sidewalks with stores and restaurants to walk to is very important.

When it comes to respondents' thoughts on transportation priorities for the government, 83 percent indicated that maintaining and repairing roads and bridges should be a high priority, with expanding roads to help alleviate or reduce congestion as the next highest priority, at 60 percent. While consumers' top two concerns are related to driving, over half of survey participants stated that expanding public transit and providing convenient alternatives to driving should also be high priorities.

TREC's research on active transportation and urban housing choices provided a foundation to build upon in working with NAR for this poll. "It's great to work with an organization that reaches so many professionals and has such an effect on people as they decide where to live," said Jennifer Dill, director of TREC. "This poll shows again how strong a role transportation plays in housing decisions."

The survey of 3,000 adult Americans living in the 50 largest metropolitan areas was conducted by American Strategies and Meyers Research by researchers at Portland State University.

TREC, the Transportation Research and Education Center at Portland State University, produces timely, practical research useful to transportation decision makers and supports the education of future transportation professionals. TREC houses the National Institute for Transportation and Communities, the Initiative for Bicycle and Pedestrian Innovation and the Portal transportation data archive.

The National Association of Realtors website contributed to this report.

Heed insurance pro's advice on liability issue

Q: I am a board member in our condominium association and currently there is a question before the board regarding an insurance issue. Specifically, our complex includes both attached and detached units. Do all of the units need to be covered by the association's Master Insurance Plan Policy for liability purposes?

A: In most instances, if the project is completely residential, all of the units will need to be covered regarding the common element areas and for structural replacement by the Master Plan Insuring Agreement, irrespective of whether the units are designated as "attached" or "detached." The association's bylaws will typically address whether unit co-owners are responsible for insuring the remaining items in the interior of the unit and will set specific parameters for coverage purposes. Some community association insurers also offer to associations so-called "all-in" insuring agreements as a policy option. These policies may provide coverage for property items that are typically over and above what is listed in the association's governing documents. You are best advised to consult a knowledgeable insurance adviser.



Robert Meisner

Q: Our homeowner association recognizes that there is a new Nonprofit Corporation Act Amendment that may adversely affect us, but the board wants to go to the homeowners to decide whether we need to get our association documents changed. What is your feeling on that? I don't think it is a good idea.

A: You are very correct. It is not the decision of the homeowners initially to take the necessary steps to upgrade your community association documents as that is a board function. My experience is that the homeowners since they are not fiduciaries to the association will, no doubt, resist the expenditure of funds, particularly, since they can operate in their own best interests, whatever those may be. To the contrary, the board has a fiduciary duty to do the right thing and it is the board that should make that decision in terms of retaining experienced and competent counsel to draft what is essentially the constitution of the community development.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of "Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling and Operating a Condominium." He is also the author of "Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track," second edition. Visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 13-17, 2015, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS			
16276 Amherst Ave	\$175,000		
22866 Highbank Dr	\$445,000		
32095 Robinhood Dr	\$425,000		
BINGHAM FARMS			
31333 Coachlight Ln	\$425,000		
BIRMINGHAM			
1413 Bennaville Ave	\$525,000		
1990 Birmingham Blvd	\$290,000		
850 Forest Ave	\$618,000		
928 Poppleton St	\$655,000		
2248 W Lincoln St	\$300,000		
BLOOMFIELD HILLS			
1546 Indianwood Ct	\$790,000		
5051 Kellen Ln	\$318,000		
561 Woodway Ct	\$325,000		
53 Marlborough Dr	\$65,000		
1251 Woodcrest Cir	\$310,000		
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP			
1795 Alexander Dr	\$536,000		

3300 Dogwood Ct	\$400,000		
753 E Valley Chase Rd	\$380,000		
1151 Hillpointe Cir	\$310,000		
3900 Lakeland Ln	\$470,000		
114 W Hickory Grove Rd	\$248,000		
760 W Long Lake Rd	\$786,000		
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP			
1974 Bass Lake Rd	\$100,000		
FARMINGTON			
33663 Alta Loma Dr	\$158,000		
33737 James Ct	\$186,000		
33244 Slocum Dr	\$196,000		
23565 Wesley Dr	\$170,000		
FARMINGTON HILLS			
29569 Andover Blvd	\$407,000		
34840 Bunker Hill Dr	\$199,000		
27902 Copper Creek Ln	\$535,000		
28762 Greening St	\$155,000		
26187 Greystone Trl	\$240,000		
28519 Heatherbrook Ct	\$328,000		
28781 Hidden Trl	\$415,000		
28425 Lake Park Dr W	\$223,000		
22351 Nearbrook Ct	\$305,000		
21166 Osamus St	\$57,000		
28907 Rockledge Dr	\$267,000		
35765 Springvale St	\$248,000		
22114 Tulane Ave	\$105,000		
27425 W Skye Dr	\$263,000		

30215 Wicklow Ct	\$237,000		
HIGHLAND			
1461 Blue Heron Dr	\$230,000		
2086 Elkridge Cir	\$245,000		
2542 Lynch	\$179,000		
239 Prestwick Trl	\$320,000		
744 Tierney	\$165,000		
LATHRUP VILLAGE			
17553 Cambridge Blvd	\$148,000		
27355 Goldengate Dr W	\$139,000		
18679 Rainbow Dr	\$202,000		
MILFORD			
287 Dorchester Ct	\$263,000		
3065 Hampikian Dr	\$119,000		
138 Hill St	\$199,000		
1161 Marjorie St	\$145,000		
1540 Millford Meadows Ct	\$325,000		
1835 N Hickory Ridge Trl	\$220,000		
1610 Orban	\$230,000		
4475 Pommore	\$144,000		
1298 S Hickory Ridge Rd	\$55,000		
619 Village Ln	\$136,000		
1195 W Maple Rd	\$510,000		
NORTHVILLE			
37520 Eight Mile Rd	\$95,000		
21983 Bedford Dr	\$250,000		
1035 Jeffrey Dr	\$242,000		
43426 Scenic Ln	\$475,000		
38646 Silken Glen Dr	\$369,000		

38649 Southfarm Ln	\$210,000		
NOVI			
27662 Albert St	\$320,000		
45125 Bartlett Dr	\$430,000		
24870 Nottingham Dr	\$410,000		
24886 Portsmouth Ave	\$310,000		
40646 Rock Hill St	\$175,000		
27303 Victoria Rd	\$370,000		
SOUTH LYON			
883 Norchester St	\$165,000		
154 Princeton Dr	\$56,000		
58601 Winnowing Cir S	\$73,000		
SOUTHFIELD			
20950 Anderson Rd	\$190,000		
21800 Concord St	\$140,000		
22962 Pontchartrain Dr	\$227,000		
26563 Primary Dr	\$50,000		
26794 Senator Blvd	\$260,000		
5000 Town Ctr # 2102	\$130,000		
16052 W 11 Mile Rd	\$38,000		
20845 Winchester St	\$148,000		
WHITE LAKE			
8895 Eastway Dr	\$320,000		
9207 Millward Ave	\$140,000		
9617 Portage Trl	\$27,000		
8828 Sandycreek Ct	\$200,000		
27 Shotwell St	\$71,000		
107 Union Lake Rd	\$85,000		

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of May 4-8, 2015, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON			
43815 Arlington Rd	\$136,000		
1055 Ashton Woods Dr	\$385,000		
6694 Brookshire Dr	\$210,000		
212 Cherry Hill Pointe Dr	\$172,000		
1600 Dunston Rd	\$281,000		
2005 E Franklin Dr	\$75,000		
4132 Elizabeth Ave	\$130,000		
47689 Glengarry Blvd	\$394,000		
42239 Greenwood Dr	\$216,000		
1262 Heritage Dr	\$189,000		
39834 Hillary Dr	\$170,000		
1901 Jan Cir	\$123,000		
46457 Killarney Cir	\$201,000		
1331 Masood Ct	\$325,000		
41011 N Maplewood Dr	\$150,000		
43432 Nowland Dr	\$260,000		
1556 Old Bridge Ct	\$153,000		
47752 Pembroke Dr	\$138,000		
2138 Preserve Cir W	\$155,000		
4090 Radcliff Dr	\$125,000		
45900 S Stonewood Rd	\$290,000		
1410 Salt Ct	\$180,000		
42279 Salt Rd	\$182,000		
3383 Wall St	\$277,000		
8256 Westchester Ln	\$260,000		
44122 Westminster Way	\$220,000		
2632 Woodcreek Ct	\$317,000		
509 Worthington Rd	\$230,000		
4070 Wrenwood Ln	\$308,000		

GARDEN CITY			
31204 Barton St	\$72,000		
31624 Brown St	\$56,000		
31624 Brown St	\$85,000		
32361 Brown St	\$182,000		
31520 Cherry Hill Rd	\$46,000		
5641 Deering St	\$57,000		
390 Farmington Rd	\$82,000		
5860 Gilman St	\$85,000		
6309 Hubbard St	\$180,000		
6448 Huntleigh St	\$112,000		
29836 James St	\$75,000		
32565 Kathryn St	\$54,000		
27600 Marquette St	\$70,000		
6705 Whitby St	\$113,000		
LIVONIA			
20209 Angling St	\$130,000		
14074 Barbara St	\$140,000		
14066 Blackburn St	\$205,000		
34283 Bretton Dr	\$258,000		
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RELIGION CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER ALPHA COURSE

Time/Date: 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, beginning Sept. 15 or noon to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, beginning Sept. 17

Location: Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth
Details: During the 11-week Alpha Course, sponsored by Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, participants explore the purpose of life and the existence of God in a relaxed setting that encourages discussion. Includes a meal, short talk and discussion. The Alpha Course is free to guests, with the exception of active members of another Catholic church. In addition to Our Lady of Good Counsel, the series also is offered 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, beginning Sept. 16 at the Box Bar in downtown Plymouth and on different days at private homes. Register at PlymouthAlpha.com
Contact: 734-453-0326

CHILDREN'S SABBATH

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 13, during worship time

Location: First United Methodist Church of Wayne-Westland, 3 Town Square, Wayne

Details: Mary Browe, director of the Dyer Senior Center program through Wayne-Westland Community Schools, will be the guest speaker. The Children's Sabbath will highlight issues that children face. A grandparent support group will be planned as a follow-up to the service. Children will be able to make a prayer bead bracelet after service
Contact: 734-721-4801

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10

Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford

Details: Christian songwriter and former atheist Chris Driesbach performs. Refreshments follow the concert. A free-will offering will be accepted
Contact: 734-721-4801

Contact: 734-968-3523

DIVORCE CLASS

Time/Date: 7 p.m. beginning Sept. 3

Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills

Details: The seminar aims to help participants better understand their finances and plan for the future
Contact: Register at 248-553-3380

FESTIVAL/CRAFT SHOW

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12

Location: St. John's Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: Food, beer/wine tent, entertainment, silent auction, children's activities and bounce house. Craft show runs 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Contact: 734-721-5023

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Time/Date: 7 p.m. beginning Sept. 10

Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills

Details: The seminar aims to help participants better understand their finances and plan for the future
Contact: Register at 248-553-3380

MOM2MOM SALE

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26

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

Details: \$2 early bird admission, \$1 after 9 a.m., strollers welcome.
Contact: newburg-mom2mom@gmail.com

RALLY/HOMECOMING

Time/Date: After 10 a.m. service, Sunday, Sept. 20

Location: First United Methodist Church of Garden City, 6443 Merriman, Garden City

Details: Games, crafts, prizes, and fun for all ages. Bring a favorite dish to share
Contact: 734-421-8628

WIDOWED FRIENDS

Time/Date: 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20

Location: St. Kenneth Church, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth Township

Details: Mass and light lunch for widowed men and women
Contact: Liz at 734-452-9149 or Pat B. at 734-895-6246

OCTOBER RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct 1; 9 a.m. to noon Friday-Saturday, Oct 2-3

Location: Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Newburgh and Wayne Road, Livonia

Details: \$2 admission per adult Thursday only; free admission Friday-Saturday. Saturday half-price sale
Contact: 734-422-0149

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Our Lady of Loretto

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township

Details: Scripture study
Contact: 313-534-9000

Faith Community Wesleyan

Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. every Saturday

Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Details: This informal class includes fellowship, discussion and question and answers. All ages welcome. Bibles available if you don't have one
Contact: pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

CLOTHING BANK

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. last Saturday of the month

Location: Canton Christian Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton

Details: No documentation needed
Contact: info@cantoncf.org

EXERCISE

Time/Date: 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday

Location: Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia

Location: Livonia

Details: Instructor Wendy Motta, a seven-year Zumba practitioner, teaches Zumba through drop-in classes. Each costs \$3. Participants should bring water, a towel and wear athletic shoes. For more information, email Motta through zumba.com
Contact: 313-408-3664

FAMILY MEAL

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday

Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiwasssee, Farmington Hills

Details: Free meal
Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

HEALING SERVICE

Time/Date: Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month

Location: The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia

Details: The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Offertory candles are available for a free-will offering in the vestibule of the church.
Contact: Rev. George Shalhoub at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey Badeen at sbadeen@tbsosm.com

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners
Contact: Ethanie Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays

Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.
Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday

Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.
Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday

Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows
Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1223

St. Michael Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday

Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

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BOLDEA, CHARLES

Age 88, a resident of Livonia since 1975, formerly of Northwest Detroit, passed away on August 27, 2015. He was born March 26, 1927 in Detroit, Michigan; son of Charles and Mary (nee Skvarek) Boldea. Charles was united in marriage to Marilyn J. Stachowski on October 25, 1958; they spent over 56 loving years together. He proudly served his country as a Watch Captain in the Marine Corps during World War II. The war ended while Charles was in boot camp, but once he finished boot camp he was sent to Guam for the cleanup efforts. Charles was a dedicated Detroit Police Officer serving in the Motorcycle Division; he retired in 1975. He then began a career working for the Office of Inspector General for the State of Michigan as an investigator, retiring in 1992. He was an active member of the VFW Post 4012 in Northville and a member of the Northville Moose Lodge. Charles enjoyed playing golf, bowling, and gardening. He loved walking through Hines Park daily; he also liked hiking and camping. Charles was a very loyal friend and a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather. He is survived by his loving wife Marilyn J. Boldea; his daughters, Diane (Kurt) Straub, Deborah Reyes, and Denise Boldea; and his grandchildren Justin, Erica, Jeff, Jonathan, Raquel, Gabriel, and Angelo. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister Helen Kallis. A memorial service will be held at the VFW 4012 of Northville on Sunday, September 13, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to the VFW Post 4012, 438 South Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.

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KRIEG, CELIA MAE (THARP)

90, of Kalamazoo, formerly of Plymouth, MI and Charlotte, MI, died peacefully on Sunday, August 30, 2015. Celia was born January 6, 1925 as the 3rd child of Roy C. and Ruth J. (Blanchard) Tharp. She was raised on the family dairy farm near Charlotte, MI. Celia graduated from Charlotte High School in 1943, where she met and later married her high school sweetheart Milton Jack Krieg (son of the Sheriff) on August 1, 1945. She moved with him to Fort Sill in Lawton, Oklahoma where he was stationed at the time. After the war Jack attended Michigan College of Mining & Technology (now Michigan Technological University) to study Forestry. The couple lived in Houghton/Hancock, Michigan during that time and Celia continued to work as a telephone operator. Their first son Ronald was born April 1, 1948. After Jack graduated in 1949 the couple moved back to Charlotte while Jack worked for General Motors in Lansing. Two sons were born, Randon "Ike" on September 1, 1951 and Robert "Rob" on July 17, 1955. In 1959, Jack was promoted to the General Motors Technical Center in Plymouth, Michigan. In the 1970's & 80's, Celia worked for the Avon Company, rising to the position of District Manager. Celia and Jack travelled extensively. Celia had many talents; her most time-consuming passion was knitting for others. In 1998 Celia was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. They moved to Masonic Pathways Senior Living Home in Alma, Michigan in 2010, where Jack passed away in December of that year after 65 years of marriage. Celia then moved to Park Village Pines Assisted Living Facility in Kalamazoo, MI, where she passed away. Celia is survived by her sister, Rachel (Doc) Wiley of Charlotte; 3 sons, Ronald (Darlene) Krieg of Indian River, MI, Randon (Patty) Krieg of Sacramento, CA, and Robert (Cathy) Krieg of Kalamazoo, MI; 6 grandchildren, Scott (Jen Linley) Krieg, Carly (Jonathan) Rykse, Renée (Ben) Belolli, Natalie (Ross) Nave, Voletta Krieg, and Joseph Krieg; three great-grandchildren, Linley Ryan Krieg, William Jack Rykse, and Hudson Theodore Nave. She is predeceased by five sibling brothers, Clare, Richard, Maurice, Ion, and Carroll. Celia was an elegant lady who loved her family and friends. She will be missed dearly.

TJERNLUND, RICHARD JOHN

August 29, 2015. Age 71 of Taylor. Beloved husband of Jan. Loving father of Kenneth (Pamela) Tjernlund, Jennifer (Anthony) Gossett, Erin (John) Niezgoski, Meredith (Sean) Franzel, Dear brother of Nancy (Harry) Mutter, Derrick Tjernlund, Dawn Wade, and Henry "Tim" Tjernlund. Dearest grandfather of Steven, Roman, Olivia, Benjamin, Evan, Reece, Alison, Veronica and Carter. Loving great-grandfather of Skylar. Richard will be deeply missed by family and friends. Visitation Tuesday, September 01, 2015 from 2-9 p.m. at the Taylor Chapel of Voran Funeral Home, 23750 Goddard Road. (313) 291-1800. Funeral service Wednesday 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Visit our online guestbook and share memories at www.voranfuneralhome.com



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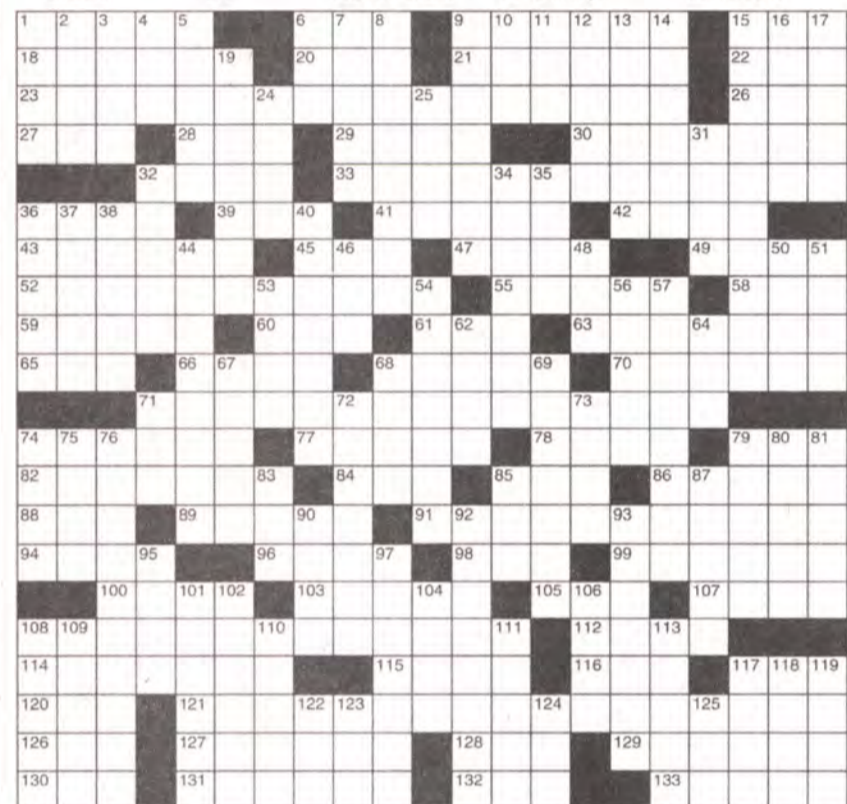


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- ACROSS**
- 1 Between time
 - 6 Cartoon thud
 - 9 Snively cries
 - 15 Film format
 - 18 Chat session
 - 20 The Bruins' Bobby
 - 21 Author — de Balzac
 - 22 Aussie leaper
 - 23 "You only have so much time"
 - 26 Ron of "Tarzan"
 - 27 Quaint suffix with poet
 - 28 Virgil's 61
 - 29 "How sad"
 - 30 Entwine anew
 - 32 Den furniture
 - 33 Swimmer also called a blueback
 - 36 Scheduled mtg.
 - 39 "+" or "-" atom
 - 41 Take — (cab it)
 - 42 Wee child
 - 43 Boggy area
 - 45 Possess
 - 47 Campbell's product, in Spanish
 - 49 Netherlands cheese
 - 52 Forts made of squared timbers
 - 55 Any "50" time
 - 58 Slo- fuse
 - 59 One of the Greys on "Grey's Anatomy"
 - 60 E-mailer's "incidentally"
 - 61 Gun of Israeli design
 - 63 "The Waste Land" poet
 - 65 Suffix with trick or hatch
 - 66 New Nintendo system of 2012
 - 68 Bingham of "Baywatch"
 - 70 Proverbs
 - 71 Where all eight X's appear in this puzzle
 - 74 "No —, Bob!"
 - 77 Greek island near Paros
 - 78 "Time —" (1990s sci-fi series)
 - 79 Blabber
 - 82 Trunk gunk
 - 84 Actress Farrow
 - 85 Pronounce — (British Columbia native)
 - 88 CPR-trained pro
 - 89 Be dozing
 - 91 Has a frank discussion
 - 94 Heavy hammer
 - 96 Old Pontiac muscle cars
 - 98 TV scientist Bill
 - 99 On deck
 - 100 Turnip, e.g.
 - 103 Regal crown
 - 105 Sis or bro
 - 107 Royal name of Norway
 - 108 "Gravity" actress
 - 112 — T-Pak (Wrigley's gum unit)
 - 114 Worry-free
 - 115 Nerve call extension
 - 116 River islet
 - 117 Devilkin
 - 120 Broadway's Hagen
 - 121 "A Treatise on Money" economist
 - 126 Click in Morse code
 - 127 "Crack a Bottle" rapper
 - 128 Dr. — ("Crack a Bottle" rapper)
 - 129 Welds
 - 130 I, to Johann
 - 131 Really uncool types
 - 132 Nile snake
 - 133 Bird noise
- DOWN**
- 1 Part of a French play
 - 2 — scale of hardness
 - 3 Individuals
 - 4 16-team grid gp.
 - 5 Noted family name in wine
 - 6 — choy
 - 7 Opera solos
 - 8 "Entertaining —" (Joe Orton play)
 - 9 Cat food brand
 - 10 Ad —
 - 11 Pen filler
 - 12 Bête —
 - 13 Borgnine of film
 - 14 Self-balancing two-wheeler
 - 15 Had lofty aspirations
 - 16 Saab rival
 - 17 Senior group member
 - 19 Puffer's cousin
 - 24 "Bye now!"
 - 25 Savoir-faire
 - 31 Sommer of the screen
 - 32 Actress Keanan
 - 34 Unusual foreign objects
 - 35 "Criminy!"
 - 36 Stroll along
 - 37 Gondola
 - 38 Authorized substitute
 - 40 Sign banning 180s
 - 44 Statistical asymmetry
 - 46 Compass pt.
 - 48 Trolling insect
 - 50 Salve plant
 - 51 Verbal gems
 - 53 Big Apple stage award
 - 54 Tunic worn over armor
 - 56 Port of Japan
 - 57 Annual PGA Tour event
 - 62 Drummer Starkey and screenwriter Penn
 - 64 Secular
 - 67 Perfect
 - 68 Poison: Prefix
 - 69 Entry points on pipes
 - 71 Suffix with press
 - 72 Kerosene
 - 73 Abstainers from alcohol
 - 74 Flower stalk
 - 75 "— la Douce"
 - 76 Address that bounced email is delivered to
 - 79 Rustic sort
 - 80 Vega of "Spy Kids" films
 - 81 Cable shows, e.g.
 - 83 Tent sealer
 - 85 Clever
 - 87 "Smoking —?"
 - 90 Reproach to Brutus
 - 92 Big boa
 - 93 Resembling a vat
 - 95 Ore deposit
 - 97 Low bows
 - 101 Toothache relief brand
 - 102 City near Seattle
 - 104 Old Big Apple theater
 - 106 Apple tablet
 - 108 — Arabian Penn
 - 110 Vikki Carr's "It Must —"
 - 111 Knots on tree trunks
 - 113 Digital book, e.g.
 - 117 As to
 - 118 Dole (out)
 - 119 "Hey, you"
 - 122 Dir. 135 deg. from 46-Down
 - 123 Sea, in Caen
 - 124 Sales —
 - 125 Hedge bush



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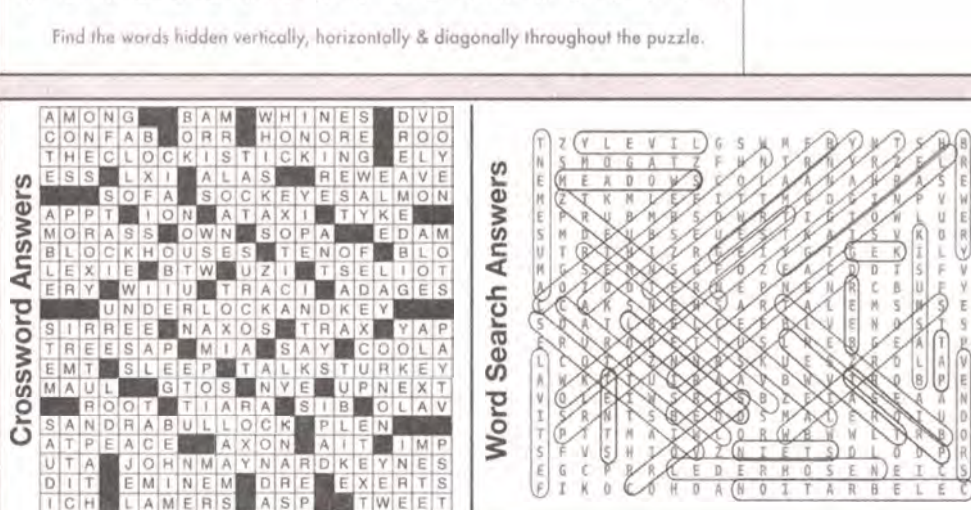
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7	4	5	4	3	1	6	8	9
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Thomas LeGault paintings recall summer days Up North

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Oh, the life of an artist. "I have to adjust for the light and humidity changes outdoors. I'm shifting the paints in different temperatures. The thing that drives me crazy is the wind. I'm looking at Round Lake right now. It's gorgeous. But we're hit with the wind," said painter Thomas LeGault, in a recent phone interview from Charlevoix.

"The Hollywood version of painting is one thing, but sometimes you have bugs that want to fly into the paint. Normally I just pull them out. Things fly out of trees. It's hard to find the perfect day. You don't plan on a birch tree starting to drop yellow things on the painting."

The Plymouth resident works both indoors from photographs and outside on location, capturing northwest Michigan's fleeting summer landscape in acrylic paint, sometimes while battling wind, temperature and humidity.

In spite of its plein air challenges, LeGault wouldn't trade painting for any other line of work.

"Doing something else never entered my mind. It was never an option. I've been moving paint around for 46 years."

Married, with two adult children, LeGault has made a living from his art all of his professional career. He's a top seller in galleries throughout northwest Michigan, specializing in lake and beach landscapes, forest, birch trees, barns and lighthouses. He also shows at art fairs and festivals, where he paints on site.

"Wealthy families have summer homes in northern Michigan. They go crazy over the northern Michigan and birch tree themes because it reminds them of summer vacation."

Arts, Beats & Eats

LeGault prefers smaller northern Michigan art fairs, but books indoor shows throughout the country in the fall. He has been a regular at the Ann Arbor Art Fairs and will show his works for the first time at Arts, Beats & Eats Labor Day weekend, along Washington Street and adjacent streets in downtown Royal Oak. Art fair hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Sept. 4-6, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 7. Festival hours are 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Sept. 4-6, and 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 7. In addition to the art fair, the event includes food from local restaurants and live music and other entertainment on nine stages. Admission is \$3 before 3 p.m. and \$5 after 3 p.m.

LeGault is one of nine artists who will demonstrate their work at the four-day festival. He's scheduled at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 6.

"I do a little of everything — 20-inches by 20-inches, 5-foot by 8-foot. I paint huge triptych



Thomas LeGault of Plymouth works outdoors at an art fair.

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Thomas LeGault's Michigan-theme landscapes are popular at northern Michigan galleries and at art fairs.

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pieces." LeGault works in acrylic paints, using painting knives and brushes to apply colors "real thick, almost like sculpting."

"I'm duplicating the colors I see up here, the reflective water color of Torch Lake or Lake Michigan during certain times of the day. It's mind-bending how intense the colors are. People are blown away."

During the summer, he is based between Charlevoix and Harbor Springs, but often ventures out to other Michigan locations to photograph or paint on site.

"It's amazing people recognize the the areas I'm painting. It's surprising. They'll say, 'Hey, this is Ninemile Point' or 'This is just north of Charle-

voix." Early mornings and late evening are best for catching long shadows. His sketch book and camera are always close at hand.

Discovering his passion

He began painting when he was 13 years old, after his sister dragged him to an art class at a store in downtown Plymouth. She quit after three sessions, LeGault said.

"She said, 'All they do is talk about Tom.' Up until that point my older sister was the artist in the family, but I took right to it," he said.

After graduating from Salem High School, LeGault studied in the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit and took some classes at Schoolcraft



Thomas LeGault's paintings remind buyers of their summer vacation in northwest Michigan.

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College. His wife, Nancy, son, Michael, and daughter, Jennifer, all help him to sell and promote his work. Michael does a little metal sculpting and Jennifer is a photographer. They pitch in at art shows, dealing with customers while LeGault paints. He works standing—some-

times for several hours — so that he easily can back away or get close to see what others might view in the piece.

"I'm a strong, old work-horse. They say I'm the hardest-working guy at shows. I love what I do."

Visit his website at legault-art.com.
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Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Grab your lightsaber, Star Wars fans, and get ready to shop. New Star Wars toys will be on store shelves at 12:01 a.m. Friday, Sept. 4.

A limited number of Target stores — Ypsilanti, Rochester Hills and Fenton in the metro area — Walmart, and Toys R Us, will unveil toys and other merchandise tied to Star Wars: The Force Awakens, the next film in the Star Wars franchise, which opens in December.

Fans also can click on the Star Wars YouTube channel's live stream on Thursday, Sept. 3, to watch toy "unboxing" events from cities around the globe. Online personalities will unbox and reveal Star Wars toys in what is essentially an extended on-line commercial for merchandise.

However, there's one Star Wars toy they won't unbox. It's my 1997 unopened, still-in-its-original-wrapping "Limited



This 18-year-old Star Wars Monopoly game may be collectible, but isn't worth much more than its original purchase price.

SUBMITTED

Collector's Edition Star Wars Monopoly" set commemorating the 20th anniversary of the original film. I bought the game 18 years ago, hoping to cash in on it as a collectible item in the future. Yep, one day that numbered and dated "unique starfield game board" with its eight pewter villains and heroes tokens and five

brass Imperial coins will pay off for me.

But checking with online auction sites, I'm not quite ready to trade my Dagobah-style bungalow for an Imperial palace. And it looks like I'll have to put a few more miles on the minivan before I can afford my own sporty X-wing fighter. Other Star

Wars fans are selling their Limited Collector's Edition Star Wars Monopoly games online for a whopping \$70 to \$35 — just a bit more than I paid for it.

Where did I go wrong? And how can I avoid the same mistake when I shop for Force Awakens toys at 12:01 a.m. on Sept. 4? Which new toys should collectors buy and stash in the attic and which should they avoid?

I asked C. Scott Lovejoy of Back to the Past, Pop Culture Collectibles in Redford, if there's any way to tell which new hot toys will become valuable in the future.

"What makes something valuable is scarcity. Scarcity creates value in collectibles," he said. "But everyone looks at it as 'This is something I can pack away ... it's going to be great.'"

"When you go to the first Fantastic Four comic, (1961) the reason it's worth a crap-ton of money today is because in

the 1960s when people would buy a comic, they would read it and throw it away. That is the deal with collectibles.

"That doesn't mean that nothing that comes out that is new won't be worth money (in the future). But the more the publisher or manufacturer stamps 'collectible' on it the less likely it will be. They are manufacturing it as collectible and everyone is going to have one."

Lovejoy said stamping the word "collectible" on toys and other merchandise started in the 1990s.

"If you see the word collectible, it's not going to be worth a ton of money down the road," he said. "Barbie was the worst of it. It feels like they produced hundreds of those special versions."

I don't mention to Lovejoy that I bought a Barbie Winter in New York doll around the same time I invested in the

GET OUT! CALENDAR

ANIMALS
DETROIT ZOO

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily through Labor Day; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Labor Day through Sept. 30

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

Contact: 248-541-5717

ARTS AND CRAFTS
CITY GALLERY

Time/Date: 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 Sept. 26. Opening reception is 6-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: "Ten to One" - Interpretations of the Studio Model," features works by 10 artists who meet weekly at the studio of artist Mary Step to paint models in costume

Contact: 248-344-0497 or www.NorthvilleArtHouse.org

VILLAGE THEATER

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



SUBMITTED
"Carla" by Janet Kondziela is among the works on exhibit this month at the Northville Art House.

Monday-Friday and during public performances, through September

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

VISUAL ARTS ASSOCIATION OF LIVONIA

Time/Date: 6-9 p.m. Sept. 18

Location: 37653 Five Mile, in the New Five Shopping Center, Livonia

Details: During "Friday Night Paint Party," participants will choose one of two paintings to serve as inspiration for creating their own work. They may choose the paintings in advance. Janus Benda leads the session, which costs \$35 and will include instruction, canvas, supplies, savory snacks, and beverages

Contact: 734-838-1204; vaalart.org



SUBMITTED
The Blue Cat Band plays Sept. 8 at the Blues@The Elks series in Plymouth.

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*.

Contact: fhgov.com/YouthTheatre

CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

Time/Date: 4:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9

Location: Central City Dance Center, 6700 N. Canton Center Road, Canton

Details: Experienced dancers, soloist singers and gymnasts, ages 6-adult, may audition for a cast of more than 100 performers in the Central City Christmas Spectacular. Participants must arrive 30 minutes before their audition time to register and warm up. A \$10 fee is due at registration and participants must bring a non-returnable photo of themselves. For audition specifics, including audition times for each age group, visit centralcitydance.com

Contact: 734-459-0400; centralcitydance@comcast.net

FILM

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4, 4:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, and 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10

Location: 760 Penniman, Plymouth

Details: *Love & Mercy*, \$3

Coming up: *Mr. Holmes*, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m., Friday-Saturday, Sept. 11-12, 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13, and 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17

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

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Sept. 11 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sept. 12

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

Details: *The King and I*, \$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

KELSEY MUSEUM

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, and 1-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, through Nov. 29

Location: 434 State St., Ann Arbor

Details: "Passionate Curiosities: Collecting in Egypt & the Near

East, 1880s-1950s," focuses on the individuals who helped to build the Kelsey Museum collection

Contact: 734-764-9304

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.

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

Antiques appraisal: Doug Dalton Auctioneer will appraise antique furniture, art, and small objects, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23. No jewelry, coins, or stamps will be considered. Appraisals are by appointment only. Oral evaluations will be given for \$10 per item. There is a maximum of four items to be appraised per 15 minute time slot. Call the museum for an appointment

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: The Blue Cat Band performs blues, rock and country on Sept. 8. Bring your dancing shoes. \$5 donation

Contact: 734-453-1780

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF DETROIT

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19

Location: Selligman Performing Arts Center, on the Detroit Country Day School campus, 22305 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills

Details: Violinist Pinchas Zukerman and pianist Angela Cheng open the 2015-16 season; tickets from \$32-64 for adults and \$16-32 for students

Contact: 248-855-6070; chambermusicdetroit.org

FRIENDS OF UNITY

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 3

Location: Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: "Posipalooza" features four singer/songwriters, Daniel Nahmod, Sloan Wainwright, Glen Roethel, and Sue Riley. Tickets are \$20 for adults; \$10 for students with ID

Contact: 734-635-6949; friendsofunity.org

JAZZ@THE ELKS

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

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

Details: The Royal Garden Trio with James Dapogay plays Dixieland and early jazz favorites; \$10 donation at the door includes hors d'oeuvres

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

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Star Wars Monopoly game. Like-new dolls in unopened boxes are selling on average for \$20-\$50 on the Internet. My girl lost both her packaging and her purse long ago.

Buy what you like

Lovejoy told me it breaks his heart when someone has collected

items for years, brings them to the store, and then discovers their worth is much less than they anticipated.

"Our bottom line is buy what you like or you know your kids will like and open them up and play with them," he said. "It saddens us when sometimes you have kids walk in who are 10 and saying 'I'm not going to open that.' Kids come in and act like 40-year-old stockbrokers." Lovejoy

stressed that children should play with toys, not treat them as investments.

Back to the Past buys and sells vintage treasures — action figures, toys, movie posters, lunchboxes and more — in addition to comic books. It includes *Star Wars* vehicles on the list of items it has bought from consumers.

Lovejoy said vintage vehicles generally aren't as easy to find as action figures and that's prob-

ably because more action figures were sold than pricier vehicles.

'70s, '80s

Although items from the 1990s are on the verge of becoming nostalgic, *Star Wars* toys from that era are "not a big deal," Lovejoy said. "We want to go back to the '70s and '80s," he noted. "We like the dusty old stuff."

"One of the the coolest *Star Wars* pieces they did was an Imperial shuttle

and they didn't do that many of them. They are really tough to find. When one of those comes along it makes our heart skip a beat," Lovejoy said.

Will a *Force Awakens* toy be the next Imperial shuttle 30 or 40 years from now?

"Who knows, maybe they will be scarce. Never say never," he said. "If they make 1,000 of something and 5,000 people are looking for it, the price goes up. Maybe

they'll make 100,000 and 500,000 people will want it."

But Lovejoy suspects manufacturers will make "millions of these toys."

"The big box stores will ride this. They want everyone to get on the hype train."

Back to the Past Pop Culture Collectibles is located at 12670 Inkster Road. It will be open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Force Friday.

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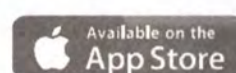


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China business trek 'like nothing I've experienced'

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Colleen Cannon wouldn't trade her May trip to China for, well, all the tea in China.

Livonia resident Cannon has owned downtown Plymouth's TranquiliTea shop since 2006. "It was a work trip for (husband) Pat but I got to tag along," she said. "It was a trip of a lifetime. It was like nothing I've experienced."

The couple spent the first part of the 10-day trek in the Guangzhou province in China's south, then moved on to Beijing.

"We kind of did it by the seat of our pants. It wasn't a tour. This was our first time," she said last month while introducing customers to teas they brought home from China.

Pat said, "First time on the mainland. We were in Hong Kong for the International Tea Fair about three years ago," with Colleen adding, "That was really fun, too."

Pat is sales director for *Plastics News*, part of Crain Communications. His work didn't take all their time.

'Little tea shops'

"You're going into little tea shops," she said, noting it was some 95 degrees outdoors and inside around 78 with air conditioning. "They're only serving hot tea."

Near each tea shop's front would be someone making tea the traditional Chinese way. "They use tiny pots, tiny cups," Colleen said. The pot and accoutrements would be washed with hot water, "so when you pour the tea in the cup, it's not cooling the tea down," Pat said.

"We did learn things, but there was a language barrier," she said. Added her husband, "Even ordering on the street was difficult."

At a tea room where no one spoke English, "(The owner) gets her cell phone out and calls her daughter," Colleen said. The daughter was able to translate and tea service was given.

Colleen then showed a photo, among many at her Ann Arbor Trail shop, of the clear glasses with leaf decorations used to serve tea in China, along with cookies/biscuits.

"They were not anything to write home about," she added of the biscuits. "All the tea was awesome."

They could bring tea for personal use back home through customs, but commercial use requires a broker. Last month at the shop, they had samples from China they'd brought back.

"They're all traditional teas they have made for centuries," she said.

Those included Orchid Green, Chrysanthemum, Golden Star Green, Yunan Pile Fermented Tuotea, Osmanthus Oolong and Jasmine Green.

Pat noted dim sum eateries here often serve Chrysanthemum tea.

They found the food there oilier than Chinese food here and noted it's all cooked in a wok. They enjoyed Beijing roasted duck.

Pat noted the security, both police and military, which largely reassured him. "And traffic. Oh, my God, traffic's amazing," he said, noting one 16-lane road, eight in each direction "The city's very clean other than the air quality."

The couple will visit Shanghai next spring. She was able to keep her shop's regular hours with capable help of staff during their May trek.

She had green tea ice cream multiple times and said, "It's very cool."

Somebody must be watching

Colleen used the #Beijing hashtag on Instagram and was quickly blocked by the Chinese officials. The Cannons could read Facebook while in China, but not post themselves.

"The air travel is reminiscent of air travel 20 years ago," he said of its comparative luxury. On a four-hour flight within China, a full meal was served.

"It was 24 hours from house to hotel," he said of their journey.



Tea service in China was very traditional and of great interest to Colleen Cannon, who owns downtown Plymouth's TranquiliTea.

This Beijing tea house beckoned to the Cannons on their travels.



Tins of tea were a common sight in China, said Colleen Cannon, who collects such tins.



A teapot fountain outside a China tea shop spotted by Colleen and Pat Cannon of Livonia on their travels.



JULIE BROWN

Livonia residents Colleen and Pat Cannon, who visited China in May, offered Chinese tea samples last month at her Plymouth TranquiliTea shop. She got the top she's wearing at a Chinese silk store.