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W-W officials disappointed by House vote on third-grade reading bill

Sue Mason Staff Writer

Wayne-Westland School Superintendent Michele Harmala is disappointed that the State House approved a bill providing for the retention of third-graders who can't read at grade level by the end of the school year.

But she is grateful that all

of the lawmakers who represent communities within the district also saw the negative impact the bill would have and cast no votes.

"Our opposition is that it is inappropriate to use retention, it has a nega-

Harmala

tive impact on achievement," Harmala said. "When it's used, parents should be included in the decision.'

The Michigan House ap proved the controversial bill last week on a vote of 57-48, after impassioned pleas from lawmakers on both sides. It now goes to the Senate for consideration.

During the 2013-14 school

year, 30 percent of the fourth-graders in the state who took the now-defunct MEAP exam failed it. The fourth-grade exam tests third-grade material. Meanwhile, on a more rigorous national exam - the National Assessment of Educational Progress — nearly 70 percent of Michigan's fourthgraders were not proficient. The bill requires school

with struggling readers and employ early literacy coaches who would assist students and teachers, but the hot-button issue is retention. Using 2013-2014 test scores, Harmala said Wayne-Westland would have had to hold back 52 percent of its third-graders.

districts to intervene early

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With the ceremonial ribbon cut, Westland's Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center was officially dedicated.

Community turns out for erson Barns dedicat

LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

Over the past months, the Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center has undergone a lot of changes and become home to boxing, city and community service programs.

Now, with a ceremonial ribbon-cutting, the center is officially open, providing a new center point for the Norwayne com-

"I think it's fantastic to revitalize it. It's something that can be used by the whole community," resident Ken Sharp said. "The value won't be recognized for many years to come. It will help bring the neighborhood back to life."

A retired Westland firefighter, Sharp and his wife Carol lived in Norwayne for 20 years, raising their family in the community. Constructed as housing for World War II Willow Run Bomber Plant workers, Norwayne has been the focus of a lot



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER The Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center is now officially open to local residents.

revitalization efforts to bring it back to

being a community of choice. "It's just fantastic that everybody worked together — the mayor, council, the county and schools. They all collaborated together," Sharp said. "A lot of

great things are going on in the city." The official dedication of Jefferson Barns drew a larger than expected crowd that was invited to wander around the building to look at the improvements to the former elementary school.

"It's great. I'm so happy for them. They deserve it — a nice place to meet," said resident Reasther Everett, who lives in the Annapolis Park Subdivision. "You couldn't ask for anything better. Everything is here for all to enjoy."

The story of the development of the Vitality Center began six years ago, said Westland Mayor William Wild, when Wayne-Westland Schools was faced with the very difficult need to close some ele-

mentary schools. 'Dr. Greg Baracy, then school superintendent, and I shared the vision of creating the community center at Jefferson

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Join Observer, Goodfellows on Make a Difference Day

Saturday is Make a Difference Day, and the Observer & Eccentric and the Wayne and Westland Goodfellows are joining forces to make sure local children have a Christmas.

The campaign — "Pennies from Heaven" - asks residents of all ages to bring their pennies (and other loose change or donations) to one of two locations in the two communities.

The Wayne Goodfellows will be collecting donations from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the site of the former Franks Furniture, Wayne Road between Chestnut and Glenwood, while the Westland

Goodfellows will be doing two collections at Westland Bowl, 5940 N. Wayne Road - from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parking lot and from 7-9 p.m. in the

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Driver enters no-contest plea in boy's death

LeAnne Rogers

A Romulus woman has entered a no-contest plea to a charge that she was driving under the influence when she drove off a residential street and killed a Westland boy.

Kimberly Garrett, 39, is scheduled to be sentenced Nov. 3 by Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Mark Slavens. Garrett

has been jailed since her arrest following the June 20 accident As part of the

plea bargain, other charges Garrett against Garrett, including second-degree murder, reckless driving causing death, operating while intoxicated and leaving the scene of an acci-

dent were dismissed. Kayale Fruge, 8, was struck June 20 by a vehicle that left the roadway on Darwin near Delton Court and came into the yard where he was standing. The youngster died after being hospitalized on life sup-

port for several days. No response was received for requests for comment from the Wayne County Prosecutor and Kayale's family regarding the plea agreement.

Earlier court testimony was that Garrett, arrested after a witness followed her home from the accident scene, told police she had twice consumed cocaine and heroin, the sedative Ambien, antidepressant Prozac and had a couple beers before getting behind the wheel.

Garrett was aware that she was driving in violation of restrictions that stemmed from a March arrest for driving under the influence of drugs, according to police. Garrett had told police that she was in intensive outpatient treatment for narcotics use and had been clean but resumed using narcotics in March.

An autopsy report from the Wayne County Medical Exam-

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Competency exam ordered in murder of Wayne man

LeAnne Rogers

A Wyandotte woman charged with seconddegree murder in the stabbing death of a Wayne man has been referred for a mental competency examina-

The probable cause conference Kyla Jane Nundley, 47, was scheduled for Tuesday in Wayne 29th District Court. Judge Laura Mack ordered the hearing delayed until Jan. 19 to allow for the competency examination.

Jailed in lieu of \$50,000 bond, Nundley is accused to fatally stabbing a 74-year-old man at his home in the 35000 block of Brush just before 1 a.m. on

Wayne Police would



Nundley

not comment on what happened at the home and the relationship

between

Nundley and the deceased except to say they were acquaintances.

This is the second murder case in Wayne this month. Jesse Wayne Gunderson, 26, is charged with firstdegree murder in the Oct. 3 death of his stepgrandfather Danny Dart, 58. Also referred for a mental competency examination, Gunderson is accused of hitting Dart in the head with an ax.

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Barns," Wild said. With the help of a \$575,000 federal Department of Housing and Urban Development loan to pay for the renovations, the Vitality Center came to life, he said.

Jefferson Barns is home of the Norwayne Boxing Gym, Westland's Community Development offices, Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency, community policing and will soon add the Nankin Transit

The collaborative

bus service as a tenant.

efforts to open the center were highlighted at the ceremony. There were more than 2,000 volunteer hours and more than 7,000 donated books to set up the Jefferson Barns reading room.

Students from the William D. Ford Career Technical Center are renovating offices for Nankin Transit.

And, as Wild noted, the Jefferson Barns gym floor is a story all by itself. The Bailey Center was closed, slated for demolition, with a new gym floor inside. So,

Community Development Department Deputy Director Rick Gowan suggested the floor be moved to the new community center.

Volunteers from Safe Step Communities pulled up the floor, plank by plank, in 20-degree weather last winter. Wayne Ford Civic League staff removed all of the staples while William D. Ford Career Technical Center Building Trades students installed the new floor. And the UAW Ford provided a donation to have the floor refin-

The dedication cere-

mony had been planned to be held outside but weather forced a shift indoors. Fearing the folding chairs would scrape the shiny gym floor, the podium and chairs were set up in the hallway instead.

Wild particularly men-tioned the efforts of Gowan and Community Development Director Joanne Campbell, the latter serving as project manager.

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iner found that Kayale had died of blunt trauma.

An only child, Kayale had just completed second-grade at Thorne Intermediate Elementary

School in Dearborn Heights. He lived with his mother Sequoia in the neighborhood where he was killed.

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SUBMITTED PHOTO Kayale Fruge, 8, with his mother Sequoia. The youngster was fatally injured after being struck by a vehicle that left the roadway in June.

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"That's 350 students that would be retained because they can read proficiently," Harmala said. "In Wayne-Westland, we've implemented a variety of researchbased strategies to remediate and help students in the retention of reading. I'd like to focus on remediation and intervention and not on retention.'

Members of the State Board of Education also weighed in on the bill. In a statement unanimously

adopted prior to the vote, the board said it opposed the bill's mandate on retaining students. "While there are situa-

tions where retaining students in their current grade is warranted, that decision needs to be decided on case-by-case basis, between educators and parents," the board said. "It should not be automatic."

Democrats, while saying they supported the bill's primary focus on intervention and help for struggling readers, raised concerns about a number of issues. They cited research that says

children retained are more likely to drop out. State Rep. Kristy Pa-

gan, whose 21st District includes the Canton Township portion of the Wayne-Westland district, said she "could not support a bill that includes mandatory retention for third-graders who are unable to pass a standardized test," even though it included "many positive provisions identifying students' reading difficulties early, developing individual intervention plans, employing research-based literacy improvement strategies and increasing training and coaching for teachers in literacy instruction.'

"Additionally, along with my concerns about mandatory retention, I am concerned that this legislation will add additional financial strain to our already underfunded schools," she said. "Although money was appropriated in this year's budget to help districts pay for third-grade reading programs, there is no guarantee future budgets will include such funding, which may result in an unfunded mandate for early literacy intervention.

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lobby.

In the past three years, O&E area residents have donated more than \$12,000 to Goodfellows in Canton, Garden City, Farmington, Livonia, Milford, Novi,

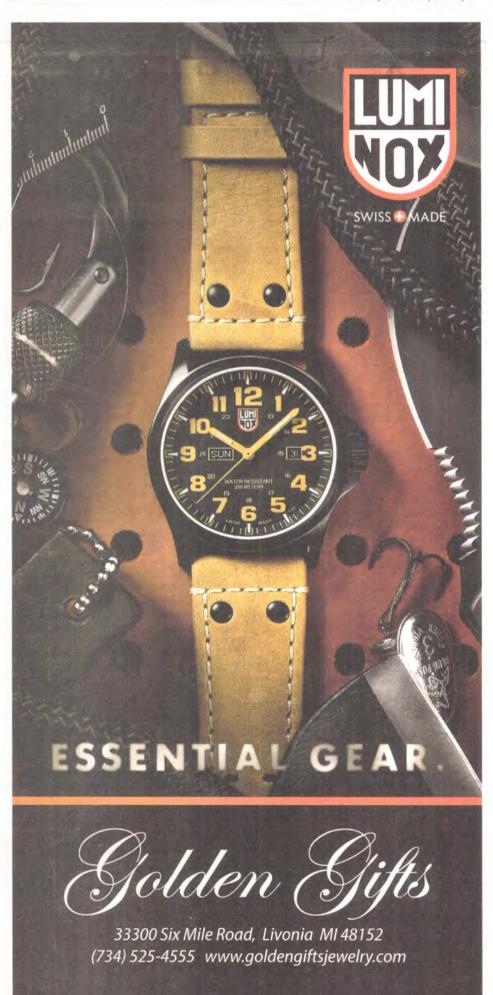
Plymouth, Redford and Southfield on Make a Difference Day, a National Day of Doing Good.

While the event is called Pennies from Heaven, the Goodfellows welcome donations of pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters and cash of all denominations. The money will help provide for children and families

during the Christmas season.

In its 24th year, Make A Difference Day is a USA Today initiative, backed by the Gannett Company and TEGNA Inc. In collaboration with Points of Light and with the support of Newman's Own, it is the largest national day of community service.

"Throughout the year the Wayne-Westland Observer covers the news in the local community" Editor Sue Mason said. "Saturday is our way of giving back and saying thank you. We are appreciative of the support we receive in Wayne and Westland, and I can't think of a better way to say thank you.'





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Visit Pumpkin Fest at historic Wilson Barn



Pumpkin Fest is going on now through Oct. 30 at historic Wilson Barn in Livonia. Pumpkins, gourds and corn stalks are available for purchase daily. Pony rides and hayrides are available, weather permitting. Weekends, there will be cider, doughnuts, hot dogs, hot chocolate and crafts for purchase. Stroll through the haunted barn — geared for kids age 12 and under — for \$1 from noon to 7:30 p.m. Request the level of scariness that you want. Hours are 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information, visit wilsonbarn.com

Livonia Police Department looking into using body cameras

David Veselenak

Could the Livonia Police Department be the next area law enforcement agency to have body cameras on offi-

It's a possibility police chief Curtis Caid is looking into.

'We've looked at different manufacturers for body cameras and we've done testing and evaluation of a number of them," he said. "We have some thoughts on the direction we want to go when we're ready.'

In the city's proposed 2015-2016 budget, two line-item requests for materials related to body cameras were listed by the police department: \$150,000 for a body camera storage server and

\$60,000 for the cameras themselves.

Caid said he put in the request so the money would be available if the department chose to move forward with it, but couldn't say when or if officers would be equipped with body cameras next year.

He said there are questions and concerns over what falls under the Freedom of Information Act and what type of private information could be accessed through a records request. He used an example of an officer responding to a domestic issue inside a home. A neighbor, he said, may be able to request a copy of the video created by the responding officer's body camera.

"What about the people in that home? Wheth-

er it's that or it's a crime, you're doing an investigation," he said. "There's a privacy aspect for the people you're engaging."

Several other area communities, including Garden City and Canton, have explored the option of placing body cameras on officers in recent months.

He wants to see how the state weighs in on how to handle the footage before moving forward in Livonia with them.

"As of right now, I'm not ready to make a purchase such as this without the legislature making some determinations," he

Caid said the department already has some video recording being done by officers on the streets: marked patrol vehicles have cameras

running in them all the

"Right now, we have cameras in all of our marked cars," he said. "Our cameras are running all the time, they're not incident-based.'

And to redact information from a video wouldn't be as easy as on a printed police report, Caid said. Redacting software for video is expensive, he said, and would come at a large

"We're at the infancy of determining the direction we want to go," he said. "It's going to require a lot of money and a lot of planning. When we do it, we want to do it right."

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LWV offers info for Livonia voters

The League of Wom-en Voters of NW Wayne County is providing several opportunities for Livonia voters to learn about their candidates in advance of election day on Nov. 3:

Videos of the candidates forums held on Sept. 24 for the Livonia Mayor, Clerk, Treasur-er and City Council can be found on Brighthouse's "Local On Demand" channels 123 or 999. The videos will also be re-broadcast on Channel 12 on Nov. 2, starting at 5.pm.

Non-partisan Voter Guides are now available in the Livonia public libraries.

■ Those who wish to review their election information online. should visit www.VOTE411.org. This web-based Voter

Guide from the League of Women Voters will provide the voter's candidate information and the Schoolcraft College ballot proposal language once a street address is typed in.

The League of Women Voters provides non-partisan candidate information, and the Voter Guide and Vote411.org provide an easy vehicle for the voters to compare the candidates before the Nov. 3 election.

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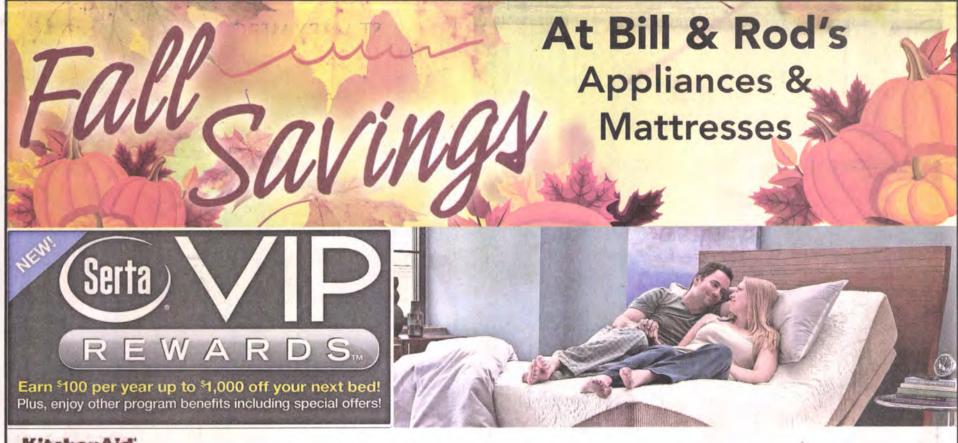
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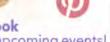












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Friends rally around family of Westland resident killed in freeway accident



A GoFundMe account has been set up to help the family of Fred Scroggs who died in a traffic

accident last Thursday in Novi.

Friends of a Westland resident who killed in an accident on westbound I-696 in Novi last Thursday have set up a Go-FundMe account to help with funeral costs.

Tow truck driver Freddie Scroggs, 25, and a 37-year-old Canton man were killed in the accident that happened at 10 a.m. at the northbound I-96/ I-275 exchange.

According to Lt. Calvin Hart, 1st Platoon Commander, Michigan State Police-Metro Post, the tow truck was stopped on the left shoulder assisting another motorist with changing a flat tire. Another vehicle, believed to be an SUV, left the roadway and struck the tow truck.

Scroggs and the driver of

the Tahoe were pronounced dead at the scene. The woman whose car needed assistance was uninjured.

In setting up the GoFundMe account, Justin Gabbard described Scroggs as "was one of the best men I have ever had the privilege to call my friend. Everyone who has met Fred knows the impact he had on others around him. He truly cared about others more than himself.

'Fred felt it was unsafe for her to be standing so close to the busy freeway and advised her to safely wait in her vehicle while he serviced her car and in doing so, was able to save her life. He aided in saving a life right before his was so abruptly taken, he was truly a hero," Gabbard said. "Our friends wanted to start this fundraiser to help with funeral cost and provide his family with some support.

Scroggs was employed by Westalnd Car Care, which described his death as " a great loss to our family. The entire Westland Car Care family is devastated by this accident and our prayers and condolences go out to his family and friends.

Scroggs had worked for the business for more than three years. He "was an outstanding employee who loved his job. He had a passion for helping people and was always the first to help someone in need. He will be greatly missed by many.'

"Please let this be a reminder to all drivers to slow down and move over whenever you see a tow truck, police car or emergency vehicle. Help keep our roads, our community and our families safe.'

Friends have raise more than \$11,000 as of Tuesday. People wishing to donate can go to the Fundraiser for Fred Scroggs page at gofundme-

A fundraiser in honor of Scroggs also will be held Saturday Nov. 7, at the Village Bar, 35234 W. Michigan Ave., Wayne. The event will be 5 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Anyone who witnessed the crash can call the Metro Post at 248-584-5740.

GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

A resident of the 33000 block of Hennepin told police

Oct. 19 that he had received a voicemail at his home from the IRS the day before that he needed to call or his home and other assets could be seized.

The man returned the call and was told to deposit \$4,210 in a Bank of America account under the name of Andrew

The man said he made the deposit than faxed a copy of the deposit slip and his driver's license to a gmail ac-

He said he received a call from the man who told him he needed to do it again because the fax wasn't clear enough.

The Garden City man contacted a niece to help who told him she believed it was a

They didn't send a second fax. They also contacted the Bank of America and were

told to file a police report so it could investigate.

Suspended license

A 53-year-old Inkster man who made an improper left turn at Middlebelt and Beechwood on Oct. 19 ended up being ticketed for resisting and obstructing.

According to police, the man failed to yield to traffic in making a left turn off eastbound Ford onto northbound Middlebelt. The driver was unable to provide registration, proof of insurance and a driver's license when stopped and provided a name which showed he had two warrants from Garden City and that his license was denied and revoked indefinitely.

However, when questioned further by the police officer, he admitted that he had lied about his name. A check showed one warrant from Garden City and a license suspension. In addition to resisting, he also was ticketed for the improper left turn, no proof of insurance and no registration.

Larceny

The owner of Parkway Self Serve, 28016 Ford, told police on Oct. 18 that he discovered the coin boxes on one of the vacuums and a self serve had been broken into and about \$135 in coins had been taken. He said the vacuum had been broken into in September.

A Garden City woman believes her ex-boyfriend may have been the person who broke into the apartment in the 31000 Block of Pardo overnight Oct. 17 and took a 32-inch flat screen TV and 10 bras and 15 panties.

She told police she had moved into the apartment at the beginning of the month and had allowed him to stay there for several days. The woman said they had been living together in Wayne

about six weeks ago when the man had taken a number of bras and underpants during an argument.

Suspicious situation

Police were summoned to a home in the 6000 block of Fairfield Avenue on Oct. 18 after the resident reported hearing someone trying to open her front door. The woman waited a few minutes to look outside and that's when she noticed that her car, which was parked at the curb, had been rummaged through and that an amplifier under the backseat had been tampered with. The woman said the car had been left unlocked.

Larceny

A walking cane and handicapped parking permit were reported taken from a vehicle unlocked and parked in the driveway of a home in the 6000 block of Arcola overnight Oct. 16.

WAYNE COP CALLS

Vandalism

On Oct. 19, police were called to the Department of Public Works, 35200 Forest, about trash cans being damaged. The officer noted three trash cans appeared to have been damaged by a gunshot.

One damaged trash can was at DPS with two other trash cans damaged at a ballfield at H. Craig Waltz Quadraplex. The employees were unable to say when the cans were damaged, but they had been intact when the trash was collected a week prior.

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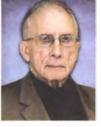
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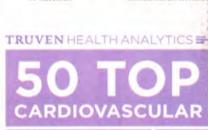
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Local personal trainer aims for national figure competition

Pamela A. Zinkosky Correspondent

Mel Weldon stands 5-foot-3 and weighs 115 pounds. One look at her will tell you those pounds come from muscle, not fat. She has less than 6 percent body fat - far below the 21 percent to 24



Weldon

measurement that's typical for fit women. Weldon's physique is no accident. The 32-

percent

year-old personal trainer at Life Time Fitness in Canton is in training for the women's figure competition in this Saturday's National Physique Committee Central States at Lincoln High School in Ypsilanti. Central States will also include physique, body-building, fitness and bikini competitions.

Weldon, a Livonia resident, has been a personal trainer for four years and a lifetime athlete. She played volleyball and softball and was the top long jumper and sprinter on the Churchill

High School track team. "In high school, they called me 'Miss Fitness,"

The mother of a middle-school daughter and a 9-year-old son has just one other NPC competition under her belt - the June 2015 Michigan State novice competition. Weldon entered the competition with friends who backed out at the last minute, but she stuck with it and ended up taking fourth place.

Saturday's Central States competition is a national qualifier. The top five in each category will compete at one of several national competitions. For Weldon, that would mean competing in Chicago next June.

"It's a stretch, but that's my goal," Weldon said.

Nutrition

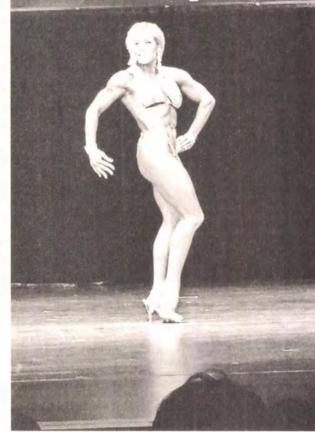
Since July, Weldon has been on a strict diet. "A lot of it is nutrition," she said. "I calculate and measure everything. It really comes down to a science.

Through September a month away from the competition —Weldon was allowing herself one weekly cheat meal where she could eat pizza or whatever else she wanted. But with the competition so close, she's sticking to her tried and true

foods. What does she eat? Complex carbohydrates like quinoa and whole oats, cage-free chicken and egg whites for protein, and organic vegetables like asparagus. She's cut out sugar - even natural sugar found in fruit - as well as dairy. Her lab work — yes, she has blood taken regularly to see how her body is breaking down food showed that she does not

break down dairy well. This type of eating can be boring, but Weldon said she simply does not

Michigan State Championship



Mel Weldon of Livonia at the Michigan State NPC competition

"As I get closer (to the competition), I'm looking at my body daily. Everything is about timing it so you peak on that one day." **MEL WELDON**

dwell on it. "You learn not to focus on the food," she said. "I stick with the same foods because I know what works. I eat every two hours. It's just fuel to me.

She does cook "regular" food for her family, she said, but she'll make herself a plain piece of chicken on the side. Her family already eats healthy, she said, so she doesn't impose her diet on them.

"I do go out to eat with friends," Weldon said. "I eat my own chicken ahead of time, and I order a side of vegetables and a water or black coffee. I'm very social. I focus on the people, not the food.

Peak fitness

Weldon said NPC figure competitions are all about overall muscle tone, muscle symmetry and a "v taper" body that starts with wide shoulders and angles into a small waist. Muscles have to not only be devel-oped, but equally developed, she explained.

Every week, Weldon's professional trainer closely examines her body to determine which muscles need more work and which may be too developed, and she creates her workout plan based on that.

These days, she's doing six days of 30-minute cardiovascular workouts twice a day to get lean for the competition. She also does three days a week of strength training with weights for 30 to 40 min-

Livonia Warriors win Bot Bash

In these last days before the competition, she'll load up on complex carbohydrates and cut down on water so the muscle pops through more, she said.

"As I get closer (to the competition), I'm looking at my body daily," Weldon said. "Everything is about timing it so you peak on

that one day. Weldon puts this "peak fitness" principle to work in her personal training as well. "I like to train people for events," she said. "Maybe someone's getting married. I can take them through a similar training program so they look their best on

Leading by example

Weldon sees figure competitions as an extension of her love for fitness. "It's taking my hobby and putting it towards my body," she said. "It's fun to see what changes my body will make. It's good for my kids to see, and it makes me feel good.

Learning the discipline of nutrition and exercise also benefits her business. "I try to lead by example, and I don't push the healthy eating on my friends and family," she

Weldon said she used to enjoy eating whatever she wanted and never thought she could be this disciplined about nutrition. "It's possible," she said. "I didn't think it would be. If I can conquer this discipline, then I can teach it. I can help other people.'

One thing she uses to help people maintain a healthy diet is to have them think about how they'll feel after eating or drinking something un-

Weldon does this herself. She stopped drinking alcohol at age 30 because it led to poor food decisions, she said. "I think, 'if I have that drink, it's going to lead to another one. And then I'm going to eat something unhealthy. And then in the morning I may have a doughnut.' I play the whole tape through."

Competition

The competition itself is just a culmination of all the prep work, Weldon explained. For the fitness competition, the day consists of getting spray tanned, putting on makeup, donning a skimpy competition bikini and five-inch stilettos, and doing 10-second poses on

"It almost feels like you're an actor getting ready back stage, but then it's mixed with fitness and exercise," Weldon explained, noting that she was an actress and vocalist in high

The nutrition and body work ahead of time is what gets you to those moments of showing off your top-shape body on stage, she said. "The hard part is all the prep," she said.

After the competition, Weldon said she'll take some time off from the strict diet, but she'll add

in carbohydrates very slowly so she doesn't bulk up, especially if she's set to compete in nationals next June.

Tickets for the Central States competition are \$30 each and available at https://secure.jotformpro.com/ form/51864562394969. Call 734-730-0351 for

more information.

CITY OF WAYNE PUBLIC NOTICE

There will be an official Public Accuracy Test of the Election Management and Tabulation computer system to be used by the City of Wayne for the General Election, Tuesday, November 3, 2015. The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer program used to record and count the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of law. The test will be held at the Building and Engineering Department, 4001 South Wayne Road on Tuesday, October 27, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

> Matthew K. Miller City Clerk

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CITY OF WAYNE PUBLIC NOTICE ELECTION NOTICE TO THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF WAYNE, COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN

Absent voter ballots for the City of Wayne General Election of November 3, 2015, are available through the Wayne City Clerk's Office, at Wayne City Hall, 3355 South Wayne Road, Wayne, Michigan for those persons who are physically unable to attend the polls or are 60 years of age or older. The voter, before the issuance of a ballot, must complete an application for a ballot.

The last day to apply for a ballot by mail is Saturday, October 31, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. Persons qualified to vote absentee may vote in person in the Wayne City Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, November 2,

Matthew K . Miller City Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF WAYNE ELECTION NOTICE TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF WAYNE, COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a General Election will be held in the City of Wayne, County of Wayne, Michigan, on Tuesday, November 3, 2015, from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., for the purpose of electing one (1) Mayor and four (4) members of the City Council. The Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, October 31, 2015, from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., for the purpose of receiving applications for absentee ballots.

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At any of the Secretary of State Branch offices located throughout the state during normal business hours

At the specified agency for clients receiving services through the Family Independence Agency, the Department of Community Health, Michigan Jobs Commission and some offices of the Commission for the Blind.

At the military recruitment offices for persons enlisting in the armed forces.

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CITY OF WAYNE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE 3355 S. WAYNE RD. WAYNE, MI 48184

Telephone number: 734.722.2204

Each person voting in the election must be:

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The places of voting are as follows:

Precinct 1 and 2 Hoover Elementary School, 5400 Fourth St. Wayne Senior Activity Center, 35000 Sims Ave. Precinct 4 and 5 Taft-Galloway Elementary School, 4035 Gloria St.

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The Livonia Warriors, Livonia Public Schools' high school robotics team, won the championship of the Great Lakes Bay Bot Bash in Midland on Oct. 10. Pictured from left are team members Ben Lenze, Churchill High; Andrew Davis, Churchill; Noah Downie, Stevenson High; Evan Zobel, Churchill; and Emma Farquharson, Stevenson.

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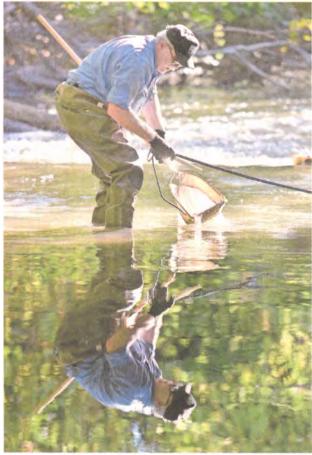
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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Chester Marvin of Redford, a volunteer with Friends of the Rouge, collects samples of river creatures that will be on display during Rouge-A-Palooza.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Sally Petrella and Paul Stark sort the river collections for display at the Friends of the Rouge booth. There were assorted crayfish, many types of bugs, from nymphs to adult, and an invasive species of fish that is beginning to disrupt the



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Guitarist Kevin Brown of Corndaddy entertains the crowd at Rouge-a-palooza.

Rouge-A-Palooza: Fun on the river

Great Lakes, the round goby.

LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

The Rouge River was again the focus of festivities in downtown Wayne with the recent Rouge-A-Palooza event.

Held in Goudy Park, the annual event features something for everybody - canoeing on the river, boat building for youngsters, a rubber ducky race, educational displays, food, beer and live music.

"I enjoyed myself at Rouge-A-Palooza. Each year it gets better, like a lot of events in Wayne," Wayne Councilman Skip Monit said. "I'm looking forward to next year.

A highlight of the festival is the annual Logjam Classic Canoe Race, a three-mile canoe sprint downriver that ends at Goudy Park. Winners take home a cash prize as well as trophies made of wood cut from an actual Rouge River logjam.

For less competitive folks, the Friends of the Rouge hosted group canoe/kayak trips through the Lower Rouge Parkway in Wayne.

Rouge-A-Palooza was a great success again. I got to go down the river from the drop-in point. It was very challenging - there was a tree you had to be careful of or you would get hit," Councilman John Rhaesa said.

During the year, volunteers work at clearing logjams in the river to keep it flowing clearly, as well as cleanups in the park.

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Paul and Phil Garrett of Redford were in the first canoe to cross the finish line during the race on the Rouge River in Wayne. Their elapsed time gave them the win.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Kaitlyn Lees and Washandria Johnson hang newly decorated Rouge-themed tee shirts to dry.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth resident Sue Thompson scoops up creatures from the river to display at a booth.



Rubber duckies are ready for the Rouge River race.



BILL BRESLER STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Jud Branam of the local band Corndaddy belts out a tune at Rouge-A-Palooza.

Artist show

Inspire Theatre Artist Series presents Kylee Phillips with special guest the Gravity Club at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, at the Westland Center for the Arts, 33455 Warren Road, east of Wayne Road, Westland. Tickets are \$5 each.

Craft/Vendor Show

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 396 will hold its fall craft and vendor show from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, at St. Mel's Catholic Church, 7506 Inkster Road, north of Warren Road, Dearborn

Heights. Admission will be \$1.

There will also be a bake sale, 50/50 and raffle. Food also will be available. All proceeds will go to help veterans and their families. Rent a space for

Watch the event's Facebook page for the contract and the May Show or send an email to AmericanLegionAux396craftshow@yahoo.com. For more information, call Debbie Fox at 734-756-6109 or Kathy Spisz at 248-477-8594.

Family Dinner Dance

Ss. Simon and Jude Parish will present Dancing with the

Saints, a family dinner dance event, 5:30-10:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, at the church, 32500 Palmer, between Merriman

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and Venoy, Westland. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. There will be a cash bar and live entertainment, as well as a "We Love Our Parish" Grand Raffle with a first-place prize of \$3,000, second-place prize of \$1,000, a third-place prize of \$500 and five other prizes worth \$100 each. Tickets are \$5 each and are on sale through

There also will be a basket raffle and 50/50 raffle. Tickets

for the basket raffle are available until 8 p.m. the day of the dinner dance and cost \$1 for one and \$5 for six. The 50/50 raffle tickets will be available at the event only and are \$1 for 1 ticket, \$2 for 3 tickets, \$5 for 10 tickets and \$10 for 25 tickets.

Visit www.stssimonandjude.com or email stssimonandjude@gmail.com.

Spaghetti Dinner

» The Dyer Senior Center in Westland is holding its monthly spaghetti dinner from 4-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23. Enjoy spaghetti, salad and dessert for \$8 for adults, \$4 for children age 12 and under. Children age 3 and under are free.

The Dyer Center is at 36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh, in Westland. For more infor-mation, call 734-419-2020.

» A spaghetti dinner and silent auction will be held 5-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23, at Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill in Garden City. Prices are \$8 for adults, \$4 for children ages 4-11 and free for children ages 3 and under. Tickets are available at the door. For more information, call 734-427-3660.

Madonna University installs 7th president

At an inauguration ceremony attended by some 400 guests, Michael A. Grandillo, Ph.D., was installed as the seventh president of Madonna University in Livonia. The inauguration began with a Mass celebrated by the Most Reverend Allen H. Vigneron, Archbishop of Detroit, and concelebrated by Rev. Monsignor Thomas C. Machalski, Rev. Monsignor Todd Lajiness, Rev. Timothy Babcock, Rev. Charles Morris and Rev. Stephen Pullis, in the Felician Sisters Chapel adjacent to the Univer-

The installation ceremony followed a luncheon reception in a large tent across from the Chapel. Sr. Janet Marie Adamczyk, Felician Sisters provincial councilor, provided the invocation and benediction. Ernest Nolan, provost and vice president for academic administration, welcomed guests from near and far. Dennis Bozyk, history professor, spoke on behalf of the Madonna faculty, while Jillian Brennan, an early childhood and comprehensive elementary education major, represented the student body. Monsignor Thomas C. Machalski blessed the president and his presidency. In her remarks Sr. Christopher Moore, Provincial Minister for the Felician Sisters of North America, Our Lady of Hope Province, in Coraopolis, Penn., encouraged Grandillo to "think big, say yes and roll up his sleeves.

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, who represents the 7th District, acknowledged the distinctive Catholic mission that sets Madonna University apart and wished Grandillo much success as he takes the helm.

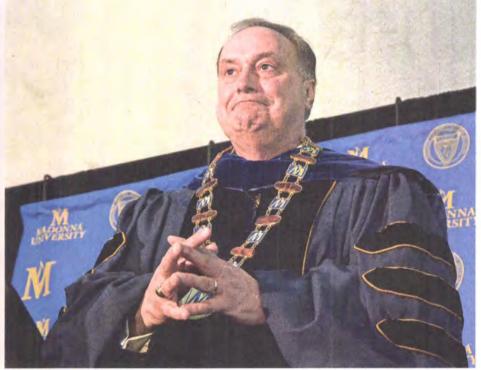
Long-time friend William Cassell, president emeritus of Heidelberg University, shared well wishes on behalf of other past colleagues of Grandillo. Personal reflections by DeBow Freed, president emeritus of Ohio Northern University, included congratulations to the entire university community on selecting Grandillo.

Madonna Board Chair Michael J. Talbot, chief judge of the Michigan Court of Appeals, per-formed the installation ceremony. He presented Grandillo with the University mace as a symbol of peaceful leadership, and placed the Chain of Office around the President's neck to represent the authority of the Of-

During his Inauguration speech Grandillo gave special thanks to Sister Rose Marie Kujawa, Madonna's sixth president, who retired in July 2015, for her remarkable leadership. He shared the powerful history of the founding of Madonna University by the Felician Sisters, who immigrated to America from Poland to serve the poor, children and the sick and elderly. He reflected on how fast they changed America.

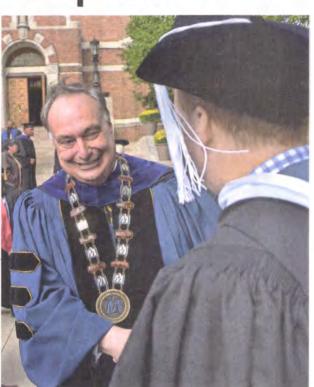
Grandillo committed to remaining focused on added value for student success as the university community's top priority. He charged the crowd, "to look up from our phones, our desks, and our computer screens, and see the neighborhoods, the churches and cities ... and to reach out to our region, to people of all faiths, and yes, let us play an important role in the comeback of the City

Grandillo closed with this observation about Madonna University: "There's a power that permeates this place, it is the power of St. Francis, it is the power of St. Clare, it is the power St. Felix, it is power of Blessed Angela who prays that we multiply, and it is the power of an Italian Cardinal from Argentina who boldly took the name Francis. Let us, too, boldly take up

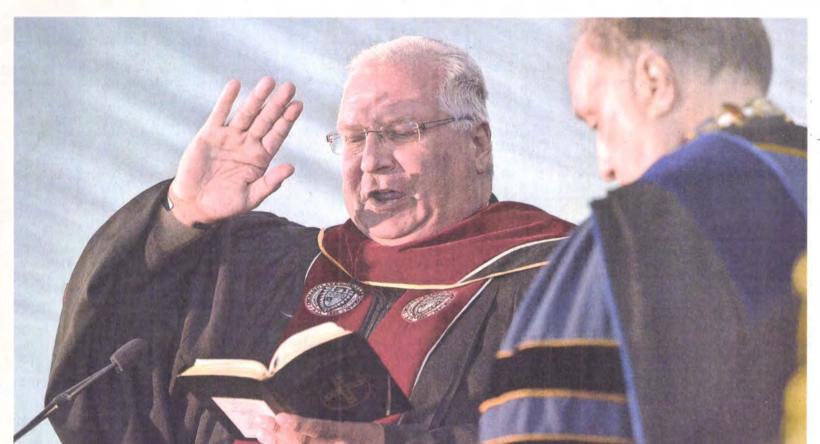


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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER President Grandillo greets faculty after the ceremony.



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Monsignor Thomas C. Machalski blesses President Michael A. Grandillo.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER The academic procession begins.

the spirit of Francis. Believing that with God's help we too can make Madonna and the world a better place.

With more than 35 years in higher education, Grandillo brings a wealth of experience in academic leadership, recruitment, enrollment management, public relations and advancement from his work at a number of colleges and universities. He also holds a faculty appointment as Professor of History and Political

Science at Madonna. Prior to his presidency at Madonna, and in his role as a consultant with the Registry for College and University Presidents, Grandillo served in leadership roles at St. Mary's College of Maryland and at Bethel College in Indiana. Before joining the Registry, Grandillo served as president of Lakeland College in Sheboygan, Wisc.

He honed his presidential leadership and fundraising skills during his 17 years as vice president for development and public affairs at Tiffin University, and another nine years as director of development at Heidelberg College. Grandillo's reach wasn't limited to higher education. He was elected and served on Tiffin City Council for 17 years, and served a year and a half as council president.

He and his wife Nancy, have two adult children, Vincent and Gina.

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Pop culture

Redford's Back to the Past a Halloween haunt

Julie Brown Staff Writer

Pete Johnson, 44, recalls going out with his uncle, John Johnson of Hazel Park, for Halloween when Pete was young. John Johnson was famed rocker Alice Cooper and his nephew Raggedy Andy.

The two men were at Redford's Back to the Past, which specializes in comics and collectibles, on a recent Monday morning. Pete Johnson of White Lake is an owner of the business at 12670 Inkster Road.

"There is an influx of people looking for stuff," he said of small Halloween gifts. "I think it's second to Christmas. We actually do get some people coming in who are dressed up. It gives them a good excuse to come in and show off their costume. Some are more elaborate than others. I think it gives adults a chance to be kids."

Those adults get to "take out their stress and act out their favorite character" at Halloween, Johnson said.

The business plans a Wednesday, Oct. 28, Halloween-themed auction both in the store, south of I-96, and online. It will be simulcast over the web with details at proxi-

bid.com/backtothepast.

"We get people from all over. People in the room are bidding against people from all over the world," said Johnson, adding the monthly live Saturday auctions have been done about 3½

"They're done pretty well," he said of the auc-



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These "Son of Dracula" and "The Mummy's Hand" movie posters were spotted on a recent visit to Redford's Back to the Past.

tions, which have included comics, coins, action figures, "you name it, we've done it. No furniture."

Collectors don't always follow the tradition of Sheldon Cooper and his cohorts on *The Big Bang Theory* either. Some are bikers who follow certain comics, said Johnson.

"We get lawyers. We get all walks of life. We have ladies that come in, too," he said.

The Halloween auction at Back to the Past will focus on the 1950s to recent years, although its theme goes back to the "Silver Screen" era of Flash Gordon and others. Johnson noted the release of the Goosebumps movie helps their business.

"Those are good hor-

ror films that help kids get into this hobby," he said. "There's not a lot of kids into Godzilla. The superhero movies definitely help."

He agreed comics are often a help to young reluctant readers. "A lot of teachers have recommended they grab a comic book," Johnson said.

When he was growing up, "I needed to know what they were saying" in comics. "Comic books, there's action going on. That's the way you teach them to learn through curiosity. It sparks curi-

As a boy, Johnson had aunts and uncles in their teens and early 20s. He recalls seeing a Kung Fu action film, and eating at such places as the Red Barn and Burger Chef.

"I feel like I kind of



JULIE BROWN

Pete Johnson of White Lake, an owner of Redford's Back to the Past, said, "There's all sorts of really cool stuff in there" of the business's Oct. 28 Halloween-themed auction.

grew up in the '60s, too," he said. He was introduced to the original Star Trek and TV's Batman

Johnson saw Burt
Ward and Adam West in
costume. "Wow, this is
Batman right here," he
recalled thinking of
West. "I got to shake his
hand."

He also got to ride in the Batcopter, which was later put away in storage. A man tracked it down by its serial number and restored it to give people

"He'll go out around the country and give rides," said Johnson.

Back to the Past includes family for Johnson. "I have an 8-year-old daughter and she's into this. She loves The Flash," he said. The couple's son, 10, is also a fan. Johnson brings the kids in when school's out, and uses the business' projection screen. "It's

like Disneyland," he said.
Added owner C. Scott
Lovejoy in an email, "The
background of several of
our employees comes
from getting into Universal Monsters or Hammer films as kids, so we
like to have that kind of
stuff around the shop.
Halloween is a time we
find a lot of people coming into the store looking
for monster items, so
that's always fun."

Lovejoy, 47, of Dearborn, added, "Best times at Halloween have been when people are coming in all dressed up. We give out free comics to any kids who show up in costume, and giving youngsters their first comic to read is awesome. We're

very excited about the Halloween Wednesday broadcast on the 28th!"

Back to the Past can be reached at 313-533-3130 or 866-GADZOOKS (423-9665). Its website is www.gobacktothepast-.com and it's also on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube. It bills itself as "Your headquarters for pop culture memorabilia!"

Hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and it's open 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday. Sunday hours are noon to 5 p.m. Back to the Past will buy, sell and trade items.

The business opened in 1990 and was located in Livonia prior to its move to Redford. Its location has 4,000 square feet.

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Use year-end tax planning strategies to fit your needs

s the year comes to a close, consumers will see many articles on year-end tax planning. Most of these articles generally give the same advice: Accelerate deductions into this year, defer income where possible until 2016 and review your portfolio and sell positions with losses to take the tax write-off.

The advice is beneficial — sometimes. However, for many people, the advice is opposite of what they should do. That is why it is important to look at your individual circumstance. Don't do what everyone else is doing but rather, do things that make sense for you.

Year-end tax planning requires some individual effort. Start with last year's tax return. It will provide a guide to help estimate where you stand this year. Look at income last year and determine if it will be the same this year. In addition, review deductions and use it to determine this year's deductions.



Once you have this information you can decide if it makes sense to accelerate deductions into this year or pay them next year. Accelerating deductions means whether you should make that year-end charitable contribution in December as opposed to January. The same thing could apply to when you pay your property taxes. Particularly, for those who don't itemize deductions every year, timing when deductions are taken can be invaluable.

The worst piece of advice I see given during tax season is to sell losers. Although there's nothing wrong with taking the deduction, the problem is you're letting the tax tail wag the dog. I don't believe in doing anything for tax reasons alone. Do things that make good economic

sense and increase net

When someone randomly goes through their portfolio and sells losers it could leave the portfolio vulnerable because it may no longer be balanced and diversified. Some people say they will immediately buy back that investment after they take the loss. Unfortunately, it doesn't work that way. There are wash/sales rules so you cannot immediately buy back that same investment and at the same time deduct the losses.

As long as I've been in the financial world, there's been a fascination with investors to save taxes. Remember, the goal of investing is to increase your net worth. To do this, don't let the tax tail wag the dog.

Rick Bloom is a feeonly financial adviser. His website is www.bloom assetmanagement.com . If you would like him to respond to your questions, email rick@bloom assetmanagement.com .

Corporate culture has role in company's success

rapping up this busy week I'm hoping your day was a sunny as the weather! Recently I heard a saying from Buddha that roughly translates as: "Three things cannot be long hidden: the sun, the moon and the truth."

It was part of a really interesting seminar presented by Dr. Gustavo Grodnitzky, author of a business book titled Culture Trumps Everything.

He was talking about the vital role of corporate culture in a company's success, and the importance of trust as a corner-



stone of that culture. Great leaders earn the trust of other people and surround themselves by

people they trust.

Dr. Gustavo challenged us — and so I'm challenging you — to make yourself a list of the four people you trust

the most.

We are incredibly fortunate to have trustworthy people in our lives.

Thank you — and have a sunny weekend!

Clarity

P.S. "Love all, trust a few, do wrong to none." William Shakespeare

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Donations large and small will help on Goodfellows-O&E Make a Difference Day

You hear the stories all the time, folks who received their first toy or some other generous gift from the Goodfellows.

That's because the Goodfellows organization has been helping to make sure no child goes without a Christmas for years. And one of the hallmarks of its efforts has been the annual Make a Difference Day

Local residents have their chance to be the difference in the lives of children on Saturday, Oct. 24, when the annual "Pennies from Heaven" campaign takes place for a third year in Garden City and for the first time in Wayne and Westland.

Bring your coins – and currency – to the drive in front of Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt. The Goodfellows will be there from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to collect donations.

The site of the former Franks Furniture on Wayne



Road between Chestnut and Glenwood is where the Wayne Goodfellows will be collecting donations from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. In Westland, the Goodfellows will be doing two collections – from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parking lot at Westland Bowl, 5940 N. Wayne Road, and 7-9 p.m. in the lobby at Westland Bowl.

A handful of change might not seem like a lot, but in the past three years, *O&E* area residents have donated more than \$12,000 to Goodfellows in Canton, Garden City, Farmington, Livonia, Milford, Novi, Plymouth, Redford and Southfield on Make a Difference Day, a National Day of Doing Good.

The Observer & Eccentric is proud to once again take up that mantle and partner with Goodfellows organizations in our readership communities. We urge you to stop by, have a doughnut and some cider and be the difference in a great Christmas for area children.

Anyone - regardless of age, location or resources can accomplish amazing things. Come out Saturday and watch your contributions make a tremendous difference in the lives of a child.

Talk to teenagers about safe driving

Everywhere you look, people are texting, talking, watching movies or catching up on their favorite TV show from mobile devices. At work, at home, at school, at play, cell phones have become our constant companion.

But that constant companionship comes with danger - distracted driving. We're all guilty of some form of distracted driving. It seems to get the most attention when it involves a young driv-

er and cell phone use, specifically texting.

This week, Oct. 18-24, is National Teen Driver
Safety Week, seven days dedicated to raising
awareness and solutions to preventable teen
deaths and injuries on the the read deaths and injuries on the the road.

According to the Stop Texts Stop Wrecks website, 10% of all drivers 15-19 years old involved in fatal crashes in 2013 were reported as distracted

at the time. That age group had the largest proportion of drivers who were distracted, 15% of whom were distracted by the use of cell phones.

A survey by State Farm Insurance of drivers ages 16-19 revealed that more than 90% said they understand texting while driving is distracting, yet 44% said they do it. When asked to choose the top three things that would deter them from reading or responding to text messages, concern about crashing was the No. 1 answer (51%), followed closely by getting caught by the police

While young drivers should be focusing their attention on their drive, they admit that cell phones aren't their only distraction. The top three distractions were talking with a passenger, listening to a navigation system/GPS and searching for

music. Cell phone usage for accessing the Internet, reading social media and taking pictures were third, fourth and fifth on the list.

Michigan is one of 43 states that have banned texting while driving. For a first offense, motorists are fined \$100. Subsequent offenses cost \$200. But the consequences can be even more when distracted driving results in an accident or fatal-

National Teen Driver Safety Week is a good time to start the conversation about safe driving with teens. Emphasize that safe driving needs to

happen every day of every week of every year. Teens may not want to hear it, but they need to be told to not take their eyes off the road, their hands off the wheel or their mind off what they are doing. Distracted driving can kill.

Opening minds, ending stigma: Young person's perspective

ental health stigma is harming our youth.
Madeline is a high school student with a passion for journalism and had an article published in the New York Times. Lexi loves painting. Will played football at the University of Michigan.

The three have more in common than meets the eye. Madeline, Lexi, and Will have all experimental illness that affect 1 in 5 young people during their lives, and they are just a few of the youths featured in the upcoming documentary along with local policymakers Gov. Rick Snyder and Sen. Debbie Stabenow, Opening Minds, Ending Stigma: A Young Person's Perspective.

The documentary details the experiences of youth who have seen the challenges and societal stigma that mental illness can bring to a person's life. Expand your awareness by tuning in to Opening Minds, Ending Stigma: A Young Person's Perspective, which airs on WDIV (Channel 4) at 7 p.m.

Tom Watkins GUEST COLUMNIST



Andrea Cole COLUMNIST

Saturday, Oct. 24, or by visiting www.dwmhadation.org.

The documentary is the result of a partnership between the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority and the Ethel and James Flinn Foundation. Both organizations are dedicated to improving mental health treatment and putting an end to the stigmatizing views that have plagued our communities for dec-

ades. Mental illness refers to a number of diseases of the brain, including major depression, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, anxiety disorders and more. They are not something to be ashamed of, and are not in a person's control. But, with

proper diagnosis, treatment and support, recovery is possible

One youth in the documentary declares, "I live with a secret that people can't necessarily see.

Often hearing the perspectives of those affected enables one to be able to understand what they are going through. It takes knowing what they're up against to see that disorders of the brain, although we can't see them they are very real

DWMHA's Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Carmen McIntyre, explains, "Technology has advanced to the point where we can now see differences in the structure and activities of brains with mental illness. This makes it clear that mental illness is not only real experientially, but a part of the physical

world we live in. We need to stop stigmatizing people who seek mental health care. The National Institute of Mental Health describes "depressive illness" as a "disorder of the brain" not a personal weakness. You cannot separate the

mind from the rest of the body. The brain is arguably our most important organ - it houses our personality, emotions, memories and more. But ironically, the rest of the body is privileged in medical treatment. Imagine having cancer, diabetes or high blood pressure and being afraid to tell someone about it for fear of society's reaction.

Decades ago, people suffering from mental health issues were sent away and institutionalized. Today, things are better, but stigmatizing beliefs still lead to discrimination in the housing market, in employment, in education and often leads to violence against those with the disease. People with mental health issues are more likely to be the victim of a crime than the perpetrator. Awareness is the first step toward changing behavior.

Our children and our neighbors' children deserve better. The youths who don't receive treatment today do not simply go away. Most mental health issues present themselves by age 24, which means mental

illness is an issue that affects the lives and schooling of high school and college-aged youths. Conditions grow worse without treatment, and adulthood only brings about more responsibilities. The transition into adulthood is stressful for everyone, but for those with mental illness, it can be unbearable.

Nearly 1 in 5 children ages 9-17 have a diagnosable mental illness, but in a given year, only 20 percent of these diagnosable children receive services. It's an unfortunate state of affairs that young people and their families often avoid treatment due to societal shame and stigma. The fear of prejudice and being ostracized by family, co-workers and friends leads many with treatable mental health issues to conceal their conditions. The fear of being shunned is a heavy weight to cast aside as one battles a serious mental health issue.

Everyone deserves the opportunity to recover. Those burdened by stigma and shame come to believe the myths about mental health issues and are left hopeless as if the disease was their fault, and all their responsibility.

Opening Minds, Ending Stigma: A Young Person's Perspective will help educate our community and reduce the ignorance that damages our communities.

If you or someone you know needs help with a mental health issue, intellectual/developmental disability or substance use disorder, call the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority crisis helpline at 800-241-4949.

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LETTERS

Keep momentum going

Our city of Westland has made incredible strides over the past seven years under the leadership of Mayor William R. Wild. He, together with an outstanding City Council, has made numerous improvements to our city, and at times under very difficult circumstances. Mayor Wild, in his State of the City Address on Sept. 23, walked us through the financial state of our city. Over these past several years, he along with the support of outstanding council members took us out of a contaminated

park and a mold infested city hall to an entirely new venue. The park is now one of the city gems.

Positive things are happening all over the city: From the new fire station, renovation of the police station, unheard of updates in the now historical site, Norwayne, the countless new businesses and restaurants moving to and/or renovating in our city, while creating a balanced budget, to the current financial status that is the envy of other communi-

All of that plus too many other successes to enumerate is almost incomprehensible. And

all of that is due to the endless investment of time, energy and talent by the council members, all employees, directors, citizens, under the leadership of Mayor Wild. The teamwork of the council members with the mayor is the key to success.

If we want to keep this momentum going, as the city continues to move forward, it is vital that you vote in this election. We have an outstanding team and the city needs that balance to continue. So we're respectfully asking you to vote for:

City Clerk - Richard LeBlanc; Council - Jim Godbout, Adam Hammons, Bill Johnson and

Also, if you did not have the opportunity to attend the State of the City Address, hopefully you have access to WLND so that you can view it. As we listened to Mayor Wild, we admired him and his team for bringing our city through some very tough times and into a bright future.

We know you want to keep this momentum going. We can do that by voting either by absentee ballot or Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Pass Medicare drug savings

Passage of the Medicare Prescription Drug Savings and Choice Act (H.R. 3261 and S. 1884) would create one or more Medicare-administered prescription drug plans to compete with the expensive, privately administered prescription drug plans currently offered under Medicare Part D.

The bill would also require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to negotiate for lower drug prices. Or passage of the Medicare Prescription Drug Price Negotiation Act (S. 31 and H.R. 3061) would empower Medicare to negotiate for the best possible prices of prescription

medications for Medicare Part D.

Passage of the Personal Drug Importation Fairness Act of 2015 (H.R. 2623) would give

access to safe, reasonably priced prescription drugs by allowing importation and re-importation of prescription drugs from countries with safety standards that are at least as strong as those of the United States. Or passage of the Safe and Affordable Drugs from Canada Act (S. 122 and H.R. 2228) would allow individuals to import safe prescription drugs from our northern neighbors.

John Humitz

Hand guns

To buy a gun to protect yourself is dangerous. What are you afraid of? Police carry guns, why not call them instead?

Own a dog and don't chain them to a fence in your yard. Allow them in your house as a family pet. They will bark and

show themselves at your gate and in the window of your house. The bad guys don't know if your dog is dangerous. It's the best alarm system you can have.

Getting a driver's license should be the same procedure as getting a gun license. After all, your car is a lethal weapon too. You must renew your license and transfer your title when you sell your car.

Gun shops must also be responsible and register the sale of their guns and bullets (inventory) that they sell to a person with a license to buy a

If the owner of a gun has it stolen/lost, he or she must report it missing immediately. Yes, you can own a gun only when you follow the law and rules that you are responsible if you kill someone or if someone else had your gun and killed some-

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GOLF ACCOLADES

Livonia golf icon honored by PGA

Whitener

Ed Wright Staff Writer

Gary Whitener, longtime golf director for the city of Livonia municipal courses, will be inducted into the Michigan PGA Hall of Fame along with six other distinguished honorees later this month in

Whitener, who died un-expectedly in May at the age of 77, started his golf journey at the age of 11, when he started working as a caddy at Western Country Club in Redford

After earning a prestigious Chick Evans Scholarship to Michigan State University, Whitener began his professional golf career at Tam O'Shanter and Knollwood golf courses, before taking over as the golf course supervisor in

Livonia in 1967. Whitener served in Livonia for 33 years before retiring in

The driveway leading to Livonia's Whispering Willows Golf Course is named "Gary Whitener Drive" after the popular golf professional. In addition to his day

job, Whitener owned golf courses in Plymouth (Brae Burn), Novi (Links of Novi) and Monroe (Links of Lake

Deeply dedicated to the sport of golf, Whitener served the Michigan Section of the PGA from 1978-89 as a board member, officer and committee chairperson. He also

served as a PGA District 5 director for two years, chairman of the Special Awards Committee and vice chairman of the Education Committee during his stellar career.

Whitener, who resided in Farmington Hills, was recognized in 1989 as the Michigan PGA Golf Professional of the

He also volunteered his time to the Make-A-Wish Foundation and the Evans Scholar Foundation.

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PREP PROFILE



Livonia Franklin senior football player Nate Binkiewicz is maintaining a positive attitude despite suffering a potential season-ending broken collarbone two weeks ago.

Livonia Franklin's Binkiewicz finds silver lining in serious injury

Ed Wright Staff Writer

The player who typifies Livonia Franklin's tough-as-nails football team as much as any other was doing some-thing very untypical during Monday afternoon's practice.

Nate Binkiewicz was watching. On the night of Oct. 9, with the Patriots leading Livonia Churchill, 36-27 Binkiewicz broke free on an off-tackle play from the Chargers' 31 and motored into the end zone to hammer the final nail in his team's 43-27 victory.

The run was the 170-pound gladiator's third touchdown of the night and it pushed his rushing total to 212 yards.

As they celebrated one of their team's most emphatic victories in the past five seasons, most of the crowd jam-packed into Franklin's stadium didn't see the final half-second of the play, when a Churchill defender landed on Binkiewicz awkwardly as he crossed the goal line.

"When I started to get up, my entire (left) shoulder went numb," Binkiewicz said. "I went to the sideline to look for the trainer, but I think I was in too good of a mood to realize how bad it was.'



Nate Binkiewicz churns out an impressive gain during a game earlier this season.

He found out how bad it was the following morning, when a series of X-rays at a Livonia urgent care clinic revealed that Binkiewicz had broken his collarbone - an injury that will prove to

be season-ending, unless the Patriots can: 1) make the playoffs with a Friday night victory over Royal Oak; and 2) advance to the regional round of the postseason.

"It's killing me having to watch," the still-smiling Binkiewicz said Monday afternoon, his left arm cradled in a black sling. "But I'm still doing what-ever I can do to help the team win."

Instead of sulking and drowning in self-pity, Binkiewicz has taken his replacement - sophomore Isaac Moore under his healthy wing and served as a

With Binkiewicz consulting his protege from the sidelines, Moore blasted his way to 176 yards in his varsity debut last Friday night.

"Isaac is a lot like me in that he's not super-fast, but he hits the hole hard and he runs hard," Binkiewicz said. "I'm kind of his personal coach. It's fun

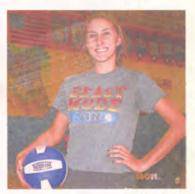
watching him." Binkiewicz's popularity at Franklin was reflected in the volume of encouraging messages he received in the wake

of his unfortunate injury. "My teammates keep telling me they

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PREP PROFILE

GC's Lynn is killin' it on the volleyball court



Garden City senior Allie Lynn has played at an elevated level for the Cougars' varsity squad since her freshman year.

Ed Wright Staff Writer

It did not take long — just a few weeks, actually - for Allie Lynn to realize she truly be-longed on a varsity volleyball court during her freshman

season at Garden City. "During one of our tournaments that year, we played against South Lyon, and they had a girl who was 6-foot-4 (Chloe Reinig) who went on to play at Michigan State," Lynn remembered. "Here I am, a little freshman, and I'm across the net from her, looking up at

But Lynn was not the least bit intimidated by her.

We ended up beating South Lyon and winning the bracket. Just being able to hang tough against a team like that and a player like that gave me a lot of confidence.'

Now a senior captain for the Cougars, Lynn still can't see eyeball-to-eyeball with Reinig, but she can definitely hold her own as an all-around showstopper for Garden City's thriving squad.

Armed with way-betterthan-average vertical hops, finely-honed instincts and a marvelous mental grasp of the

sport, Lynn has been the catalyst during a season in which the Cougars are well on their way to another Western Wayne Athletic Conference Blue Division title.

Every time Lynn steps on the court, she's capable of posting statistics that are comparable to a triple-double in basketball.

"We had a match earlier this season when we were struggling and we needed someone to steady us," said Garden City head coach John Pace, when asked to recount a memory

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Stevenson 50th anniversary

People planning on attending Livonia Stevenson's home football game Friday, Oct. 23, are advised to pre-purchase their tickets due to the large crowd expected for the game.

In addition to homecoming, the school will be celebrating its 50th anni-

Tickets for the 7 p.m. game can be purchased Thursday and Friday, Oct. 22-23, at Stevenson during all three lunch periods by the north cafeteria (10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.).

On game day, the ticket booths at Anders Field will open at 4:30 p.m.

Tickets for adults and all students in kindergar-ten through seniors in high schools cost \$5. Children under 5 will be admitted free (with an adult). All seniors 62 and over will also be admitted

Stevenson family and student passes will be honored, as will Stevenson staff IDs and KLAA passes.

The game will not sell out; however, fans are advised to arrive early as seating is first-come/first-

Area marathoners

Several Observerlandarea long-distance runners fared well in Sunday's Detroit Free Press marathon and half-mara-

Westland's Joshua Sprunger, 30, placed 45th in the men's full marathon with a time of 2 hours, 58 minutes, 1 second.

The area's top finisher in the women's 26.2-mile race was 24-year-old Livonia resident Alyssa Mira, who placed 32nd in 3:21:49. Mira won the women's 20-24 age group, beating Mararette Clevenger of Grosse Pointe Park by three minutes.

thon 70-74 age division, Westland's Daniel Davetsky won with a time of 4:28:29.

In the women's U.S. half-marathon, Livonia resident Julia Kenney placed fourth with a time of 1:35:22,

In the men's international half-marathon, Livonia's Lee Shaw placed 14th overall in 1:18:26. Shaw won the 40-44 age division by less than a minute over Jeffrey Zickus of Atlanta, Ga.

Livonia long-distance running legend Doug Kurtis won gold in the 60-64 international half with a time of 1:34:29.

In the women's international half-marathon, Garden City's Linda Scorof placed third in the 65-69 age group with a time of 2:14:23.

RU swimmers edged

Redford Union's girls swim and dive team dropped a 99-67 decision Oct. 1 to Belleville.

Posting victories for the Panthers were 50-yard freestyler Kaylah Wiley who won her race in 29.81 seconds, and 100-yard freestyler Abby Bishop, who touched first in her event by just a fraction of a second over the secondplace Tigers.

Attention parents of athletes

If your son or daughter's high school athletic team is not receiving recognition in the Observer, encourage their coach to report results to sports editor Ed Wright, who can be reached at 734-578-2767 or ewright@hometownlife.com.

DIVISION 2 BOYS SOCCER DISTRICT

Garden City opens tourney with big win over Thurston

Ed Wright Staff Writer

The Garden City boys soccer team's Division 2 district debut went according to plan Monday afternoon as the Cougars throttled visiting Redford Thurston, 11-3, to advance to Wednesday's scheduled semifinal against Farmington Hills Harrison.

The Cougars, who moved from Division 1 this fall due to decreasing enrollment, lost a 1-0 battle to Harrison earlier this season. Garden City held a comfortable 7-3 halftime lead before ending the match with four goals in the first six minutes of the second half. The MHSAA mercy rule states that the game will end as soon as one team builds an eight-goal lead in the second half.

"We didn't play great in the first half, but it's hard to get into a flow when you play Thurston because they play with a high line," GC head coach Jeff Szypula said. "You have to play a lot of through balls. It's not pretty soccer."

Emmanuel Mulbah was a scoring star for the Cougars, scoring three goals.

Also contributing big-time results were Maxwell Frederick (one goal, three assists), David Rush (one goal, three assists), AJ Staley (two goals, one assist) and Nate Wilson, who poked in two goals

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Garden City goalkeeper Ian
Tesarz stopped three Eagles

The victory improved the Cougars' record to 11-8.

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Garden City's Emmanuel Mulbah, pictured during a match earlier this season, scored three goals to lead the Cougars over Redford Thurston.

DIVISION 1 BOYS SOCCER DISTRICT

EPIC ENCOUNTER

Plymouth advances with 5-4 double overtime triumph against Stevenson

> Ed Wright Staff Writer

Two-goal leads proved to be about as safe as a visit to Jurassic World during Monday night's Division 1 openinground boys soccer district thriller featuring Plymouth and host Livonia Stevenson.

In a classic clash that saw momentum being blown around like a leaf in the 30 mph wind gusts that swept through the Spartans' stadium, the Wildcats survived an improbable Stevenson rally to win 5-4 in double overtime.

Plymouth was scheduled to play in Wednesday's district semifinal against campus rival Salem, while the hosts' season ended with a 10-6-3 record.

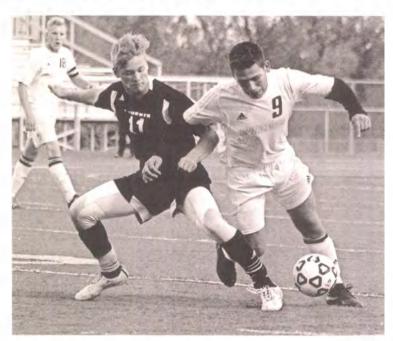
Playing with the wind at their backs in the first half, the Spartans surged to a 2-0 lead in the opening 30 minutes, only to succumb to a four-goal barrage by the Wildcats, who led 4-2 with just 24:28 to play.

To make matters worse for the home team, a Spartans player was red-carded for excessive arguing with an official with 13:42 to play in regulation, forcing Stevenson to play the rest of the way with just 10 players – and into the the teeth of the relentless breeze.

Playing with a gutsy bravado, short-handed Stevenson rallied to tie the score at 4-4 before Plymouth junior forward Adam Saunders broke its heart with a slick move while motoring down the right side before depositing the eventual game-winning goal into the net with 8:14 left in the second 10-minute extra session.

Saunders shared his gamewinning glory with several teammates during a post-game interview.

"Erli Metko made a good lead-up before getting me the ball, but it all started with a great turn from Anthony Iacopelli and a good switch by Bennett Brooks," Saunders said, explaining the game's ninth



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Plymouth's Dylan Dwyer (left) and Livonia Stevenson's Sandro Lytwyn square off for possession of the ball during the first half of Monday's Division 1 district game.

goal of the night. "I just had to put the ball away and I did.

"It was a crazy game, but a fun game to play in. We were down two early, but we fought back and then they did the same thing."

Stevenson head coach Ken Shingledecker was highly complimentary of how his onedown warriors nearly pulled out a backs-against-the-wall triumph.

"The 10 boys we had out there at the end never quit – that's the part I want to remember from this game," Shingledecker said. "Obviously, it didn't end the way we wanted it to, but the effort was there.

"A lot of people probably counted us out when we were down two goals and playing with our 10 against their 11, but the boys never stopped. It's a crazy scenario when you have to play with 10, but it was a crazy game."

The game was scoreless until the 25th minute, when Stevenson's Ian Henzi alertly knocked down a clearing effort by Plymouth goalkeeper Damon Favero about 12 yards from the goal line, then rocketed the ball into the back of the net.

Six minutes later, Spartans forward Ryan Theisen was fouled in the box while attacking from the left side, setting up Valjon Qejvani's successful penalty kick to expand the hosts' advantage to 2-0.

Theisen came within a razor's edge from making it 3-0, but his rebound shot following a corner kick rammed into the left post.

The Wildcats countered quickly, scoring a crucial goal with six minutes remaining in the half when Jaden Huxtable roped a sizzling bender through the wind and into the left corner of the net to cut his team's deficit in half.

Plymouth didn't score off the second-half restart, but it set the tone for things to come when Iacopelli blasted the midfield kick on a trajectory toward the top of the Stevenson net, but keeper Turner Miller, who replaced starter Austin Kaczmarek after the break, secured the ball to protect Stevenson's lead – but only

momentarily.

"At halftime, we told the boys to play with more urgency, especially knowing we had the wind going with us," Plymouth head coach Jeff Neschich said. "What an exciting game, back and forth all the way. Just when we thought we had them put away, back they came. And early on, when I

thought they had us put away, but rallied."

The second half started in bizarre fashion. Just 22 seconds in, Plymouth's Michael Blake was fouled in the box and lasered home the ensuing penalty kick to even things up at 2-2.

Just 23 seconds later, an onfield official ruled that Miller fouled Blake as he pursued a wind-blown pass that was just a couple of revolutions away from crossing the end line.

In addition to Miller being issued a yellow card – an infraction that necessitated putting Kaczmarek back in the game – Blake was awarded another PK.

Kaczmarek was up for the challenge, however, as he stoned Blake's low liner while diving to his left.

Stevenson couldn't dodge Plymouth's next bullet – a wellstruck header by Huxtable off a cross from Blake to put the visitors up 3-2 with 34:02 on the second-half clock.

Plymouth appeared to score an insurance goal at the 24:28 mark, when Andrew Liakos finished a sweet pass from Blake.

The daunting deficit seemed to pump up the desperate Spartans, who pulled to within 4-3 with 10:12 left on a shot off the right foot of Tyler Gregory. Four minutes later, Theisen

four minutes later, Theisen took advantage of a Wildcats defender's misplay about 35 yards out, dribbled the ball inside the 18 before juking Favero with a stop-and-go move and poking in the gametying goal.

Stevenson kept the heat on in the closing seconds, when Henzi delivered a clothesline throw-in to Theisen, who was poised to fire a shot as the clock ticked down, but Liakos defused the situation with a heads-up defensive effort.

The first 10-minute overtime was scoreless, thanks largely to Kaczmarek, who denied Huxtable from pointblank range with 10 seconds

The second 10-minute segment was highlighted by Saunders' goal, followed by eight minutes of victory-protecting defense by the Wildcats.

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CLARENCEVILLE ROUNDUP

Trojans spikers lose to Cranbrook

Soccer team opens tourney with 4-2 victory

Dan O'Meara Staff Writer

Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood defeated visiting Clarenceville in a non-league volleyball match Monday, 25-12, 25-8, 25-14. Josie VanDyke was 9-

Josie VanDyke was 9for-10 serving with three aces for the Trojans. Breanna Brown and Maddie Jaber had three kills apiece.

Trojans advance

Clarenceville High School opened Division 3 boys soccer district tournament play Monday on its home field with a 4-2 win over Dearborn Star International.

Armin Andelija led the Trojans with a hat trick. Jacob Weiss scored the other goal on a header.

Jayson Fitzpatrick and Bryce Marciniak added assists for Clarenceville (9-9-1). Haidas Abdul Ameer and Mustafa Mehri scored for the Falcons.

The Trojans were scheduled to play in the semifinal Wednesday against defending district champion Allen Park Cabrini in a rematch of last year's final.

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that would help describe Lynn. "Allie went through the entire match without one error — serving, hitting, serve receive — not one."

When asked for an appropriate analogy for the phenomenal performance, Pace offered a baseball compari-

"It would be like a player going the whole season without an error," he said.

Pace said Lynn's powerful presence spreads beyond the court. "You should see her work

with the young kids at our summer camp; she has a tender heart," Pace said. "She's a great leader because she has a great sense of humor and she knows how to handle different kinds of personalities on the team. She can be strong-willed, too, when she needs to be."

The second oldest of four girls in an athletic family that includes Ashley, a senior softball standout at Northwood University, and younger sisters Madison and Natalie, Lynn took to sports at a young age.

"My mom played volleyball in high school and my sister (Ashley) played through her sophomore year at Garden City, so I figured as long as it was in the family, I may as well give it a try," she said. "I was pretty good when I was young, so I kept going."

While Lynn admits she enjoys every aspect of the game, there's one feat that gets her adrenaline rushing more than any other.

"There is no better feeling than getting a dig that no one in the gym thinks you're going to get," she said.

Young football players wear pink to help cause



CHRISTINE MASS

Members of the Livonia Blue Jays and Livonia Eagles junior football league teams held a pink out fundraiser to increase awareness for breast cancer charities. In addition to raising funds for the charities through gift-basket raffles, 50/50 raffles, a bake sale and other donations, the teams were decked out in pink socks and other accessories to raise awareness about the deadly disease. Last year's game raised more than \$8,000.

LIVONIA CITY MEET

Stevenson is the host with the most

Spartans upend Chargers and Patriots in double-dual meet

> **Ed Wright** Staff Writer

Livonia Stevenson's girls swim and dive team reigned supreme during Tuesday night's three-team double-dual meet that was hosted by the Spartans.

The Spartans earned a oneyear lease on city bragging rights by beating Franklin, 141-41, and Churchill, 127-59

The Chargers registered a 111-70 triumph over the Patriots in the meet's third tier.

Stevenson touched first in every event except two: the 1-meter diving competition, which was won by Churchill's Natalie Yurgil, and the 500-yard freestyle race, which Churchill's Maddy Hagood captured in 6:11.03.

Multiple first-place finishers for the Spartans were Rachel Arceri, who was triumphant in the 100 backstroke (1 minute, 5.59 seconds) and the 200 individual medley, which she won by 18 seconds over teammate Megan Heath; and Bayne Froney, who earned first-place points in the 50 freestyle (27.47)



Stevenson's Grace Droz placed second overall in the 100-yard breaststroke during Tuesday night's three-team Livonia double-dual meet.

and the 100 breaststroke, which she won by eight seconds over teammate Grace Droz.

Arceri and Froney also helped the Spartans claim the meet's opening event — the 200 medley relay - by teaming with Sara Bowen and Andrea D'Amour to post a winning time of

1:59.64. Stevenson's Kiira Hadden was the champion in the 200 freestyle, touching the wall three seconds ahead of runnerup Hagood.

D'Amour was the fastest butterflier, but just barely, edging teammate Scout Froney by just over a second.

Amber Gulau kept the momentum rolling for the winners by taking the 100 freestyle in

Stevenson dominated the 200 freestyle relay, sweeping the top three spots. The first-place foursome consisted of Arceri, D'Amour, Bowen and Kayla Mount-Campbell, who recorded a blazing time of 1:49.37.

The Spartans capped their productive night by winning the 400 freestyle relay, thanks to strong efforts from Bowen, Megan Heath, Ava Dwyer and Bayne Froney.

LIVONIA CITY MEET

Tuesday at Stevenson

200-yard medley relay: 1. Stevenson (Bayne Froney, Sara Bowen, Rachel Arceri, Andrea O'Amour), 1 minute, 59.64; 2. Franklin (Caitlin Jodway, Lauren Niemiec, Paityn Santi, Cheyenne Franklin), 2:10.81; 3. Stevenson (Amber Gulau, Chloe Ponka, Claire Belgnyor, Graze, Antony, 24), 2:14, 87. nore, Grace Antonczak), 2:14.87. 200 freestyle: 1. Kira Hadden (S), 2:09.93; 2. Maddy Hagood (C), 2:12.11; 3. Delaney Hatt (S), 2:14.28; 4. Paityn Santi (F), 2:18.87; 5. Molly Lancaster (C), 2:31.57; 6. Lydia Taylor (S), 2:34.71.

200 individual medley: 1. Rachel Arceri (5), 2:24.90; 2. Megan Heath (5), 2:42.15; 3. Rachel Divinigracia (C), 2:44.20; 4. Kayla Mount-Campell (5), 2:46.36; 5. Kaitlyn Casey (C), 2:50.56; 6. Morgan Formicola (S), 2:52.39.

Formicola (S), 2:52.39.

50 freestyle: 1. Bayne Froney (S), 27.47; 2. Joelle Ghareeb (C), 27.66; 3. Kylee Anderson (C), 29.31; 4. Ava Dwyer (S), 29.71; 5. Katie Golinske (S), 31.27; 6. Sommer Pappas (S), 31.89.

1-meter diving: 1. Natalie Yurgii (C), 162.60 points; 2. Megan Lord (S), 150.97; 3. Cheyenne Franklin (F), 136.05; 4. Talia Anderson (C), 132.07; 5.



TOM BEAUDOIN

Churchill's Kalei Lewis churns through the water during Tuesday night's 100-yard freestyle race.

Kayla Martin (C), 131.77; 6. Katherine Derscha (S),

111,30.

100 butterfly: 1. Andrea D'Amour (S), 1:06.31; 2. Scout Froney (S), 1:07.49; 3. Paityn Santi (F), 1:10.88; 4. Rachel Divinigracia (C), 1:18.05; 5. Kaitlyn Casey (C), 1:19.45; 6. Chelsea Lloyd (S), 1:20.31.

100 freestyle: 1. Amber Gulau (S), 59.31; 2. Caitlin Jodway (F), 1:01.09; 3. Joelle Ghareeb (C), 1:03.93; 4. Kayla Mount-Campbell (S), 1:04.68; 5. Kelsey Cunningham (S), 1:12.23; 6. Maria Walters (F), 1:17.47. 500 freestyle: 1. Maddy Hagood (C), 6:11.03: 2. 500 freestyle: 1. Maddy Hagood (C), 6:11.03; 2. Sarah Rojweski (S), 6:24.20; 3. Caroline Emery (S), 6:25.87; 4. Katherine Molnar (S), 6:27.02; 5. Jordal Carney (S), 6:34.96; 6. Grace Tolen (C), 6:38.96. 200 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Rachel Arceri, Andrea D'Amour, Sara Bowen, Kayla Mount-Campell) 1:49.37; 2. Stevenson (Megan Heath, Katle Golinske, Chelsea Lloyd, Ava Dwyer), 2:00.23; 3. Stevenson (Kate Ptashnik, Bianca Bouzas, Maria Arakelian, Macy

100 backstroke: 1. Rachel Arceri (S), 1:05.59; Z. Caitlin Jodway (F), 1:09.05; 3. Andrea D'Amour (S), 1:11.36; 4. Natasha Orr (S), 1:16.29; 5. Grace Tolen (C), 1:18.86; 6. Julia Lewis (C), 1:20.39, 100 breaststroke: 1. Bayne Froney (S), 1:16.76; 2.

Grace Droz (S), 1:24.27; 3. Chloe Ponka (S), 1:26.43; 4. Daria Donelson (C), 1:27.20; 5. Lauren Niemiec (F), 1:32.04: 6. Jessica Wagner (S), 1:35.73.

132.04, 6. Jessica Wagner (s), 133.13.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Sara Bowen, Megan Heath, Ava Dwyer, Bayne Froney), 4:04.61; 2. Franklin (Caitlin Jodway, Lauren Niemiec, Cheyenne Franklin, Paityn Santi), 4:20.55; 3. Churchill (Maddy Hagood, Kaithyn Casey, Joelle Ghareeb, Daria Donelson), 4:30.07.

YOUTH FOOTBALL

Livonia Blue Jays soaring into playoffs

Ed Wright Staff Writer

It's always a good sign when your little league football team has to rent a portable lighting system during the sunlight-shrinking nights of mid-Octo-

In the case of the Livonia Blue Jays' varsity gridiron squad, the additional lighting that debuted at Grant Elementary School Tuesday night will help illuminate the 8-0 team's practices as they pre-pare for Sunday's 3 p.m. firstround Western Lakes Junior Football League playoff game against the rival Livonia Orioles.

The Blue Javs' eve-opening emergence in the WLJFL has been a little surprising and somewhat historical given that several people close to the organization can't remember when the last time the program's varsity team has swept through a regular season unbeaten.

'The number one reason for our success is that we have a great group of boys," said head coach Mike Allam. "This is our coaching staff's third year with this group - we coached them at the juniorvarsity level, too, and moved up with them - so we know them and they know us.

"Our main goal is to instill



Members of the Livonia Blue Jays varsity football team are pictured after improving their record to 8-0 this past weekend.

in them a sense of fundamental football. We don't try and run a lot of crazy and wacky stuff like a lot of little league teams. We're the feeder team for Livonia Franklin, so it helps that we've received a lot of support from the high school's coaching staff.

One unique feature of the Blue Jays' varsity coaching staff is that it is void of players' fathers.

"There is no daddy ball going on," Allam said, smiling. 'Whatever you get, you have to earn and the boys know

There was at least a small slice of optimism heading into this season, given that the 2014

varsity team qualified for the playoffs as a fourth seed, thus the second-year varsity eighthgraders knew what it took to get to the post-season.

Although the incoming seventh-graders won just two games the previous season on the JV team, several of them have made substantial contributions.

"Our offensive and defensive linemen are all seventhgraders," noted Shawn Pit-tenger, who serves as one of the program's directors along with Jim Reynolds and Matt Thomas

The Blue Jays won the WLJFL's South Division by one game over the Livonia Eagles,

who finished 4-1 in the division and 5-3 overall.

The Livonia Falcons finished 3-2 while the Orioles were 2-3. Four of the six teams in each division - Novi won the North Division with a 5-0 mark - qualify for the three-week playoff format.

Among the team's standouts this fall have been quarterback Jacob Kelbert, running backs James Carpenter and Rocco DiPonio, Yumon Crowell, Reece Reeves and Brendan Miller.

Sunday's first-round game is set for 3 p.m. at Bentley Field.

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BINKIEWICZ

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want me to play at least one more game, so they're going to do everything they can to get us into the playoffs and win two games so I can play in the regionals," he said. "That's their goal."

Binkiewicz was in the midst of a spectacular senior season, having piled up 865 rushing yards through seven games.

Along with senior quarterback Denzel Adams, Binkiewicz was a catalyst in a massive turnaround by the Patriots that has seen them go from 2-7 last year to the door step of the playoffs this fall.

'The difference between

this year and last is unbelievable," he said. "It's hard to even explain. Last year, we didn't have a lot of chemistry and we weren't a good team. There came a point late in the season when you just wanted it

'This year, everybody is excited to come to practice, ready to work."

The ever-optimistic Bin-

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kiewicz has found a silver lining to his injury - even if it costs him two or more priceless games.

"If I had to choose a game to have to end my career on," he said, smiling, "it would be that - scoring a touchdown against Churchill on my final high school carry."

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OBSERVER FOOTBALL PREDICTIONS

All games 7 p.m. unless noted

Overall record

Friday, Oct. 23	Ed Wright	Dan O'Meara	Tim Smith
Livonia Clarenceville (1-7) at B.H. Cranbrook Kingswood (7-1), 4 p.m.	Cranbrook	Cranbrook	Cranbrook
Pontiac (0-8) at Redford Union (2-6)	Union	Union	Union
Berkley (6-2) at Garden City (2-6)	Berkley	Garden City	Berkley
University of Detroit Jesuit (5-3) at Redford Thurston (5-3)	U-D	Thurston	Thurston
Livonia Franklin (5-3) at Royal Oak (4-4)	Franklin	Franklin	Franklin
Dearborn Edsel Ford (4-4) at Wayne Memorial (0-8)	Edsel Ford	Edsel Ford	Edsel Ford
Southfield-Lathrup (5-3) at Westland John Glenn (1-7)	Lathrup	Lathrup	Lathrup
Livonia Churchill (4-4) at Livonia Stevenson (6-2)	Stevenson	Stevenson	Stevenson
Plymouth (6-2) at Waterford Mott (5-3)	Plymouth	Plymouth	Plymouth
Salem (3-5) at Hartland (5-3)	Hartland	Hartland	Hartland
Farmington Harrison (7-1) at West Bloomfield (8-0)	W. Bloomfield	Harrison	W.Bloomfield
Farmington (5-3) at Lake Orion (3-5)	Farmington	Farmington	Farmington
North Farmington (4-4) at Oxford (3-5)	North	Oxford	Oxford
Saturday, Oct. 24			
Canton (6-2) at Galesburg, (III.) (4-4), noon	Canton	Canton	Canton
Det. Westside Christian (0-8) at Lutheran Westland (2-6), 2 p.m.	Luth. West.	Luth. West.	Luth. West.
Last week's record	10-3	8-5	8-5

DIVISION 1 BOYS SOCCER DISTRICT

Franklin finishes strong ın opener

Patriots score three times in second half

> **Ed Wright** Staff Writer

Going into the wind actually benefited Livonia Franklin's boys soccer team Monday night during its against host Dearborn Heights Crestwood.

Following a scoreless first half when they had the breeze at their backs, the Patriots settled down over the final 40 minutes and secured a 3-0 victory to advance to Wednesday's scheduled game against Dearborn Fordson, which upended Cass Tech, 3-1, Monday afternoon.

"Going into the wind actually forced us to calm down and play the ball low to the ground, which is what we do best," Franklin head coach Vic Rodopoulos said. "We started slow, there was no doubt about that, but we had some great possessions in the second half. We had a lot of first, second and third touches.'

Franklin had defeated Crestwood handily during the teams' early-season encounter.

"They were a muchimproved team tonight," Rodopoulos said. "Their ball-handling was excellent. They got through our defense a few times, but we were able to stop them.'

Patriots senior goalkeeper Ryan Prohaska was clutch when he needed to be, stopping three Chargers

Senior forward Jordan Whitt got the Patriots on the board first with an unassisted goal about midway through the second half.

Austin Corona scored the second goal off an assist from Trevor Hayes.

A perfect cross from Corona was finished nicely by Whitt for the game's final goal.

Dearborn and Detroit Western International both advanced to the semifinals in the other side of the bracket. They were scheduled to face off Wednesday at Franklin.

The championship game is set for Friday at 7 p.m. on the Patriots' turf.

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D1 BOYS SOCCER DISTRICTS

Canton kickers down Rockets

Tim Smith Staff Writer

The first step in what Canton's varsity boys soccer team hopes will be a long postseason march was quick and sure, with the Chiefs routing Westland John Glenn 8-2.

Canton opened the Division 1 district Monday night at John Glenn with a pair of early goals (by junior forward Luke Kurili and senior midfielder Jimmy Walkinshaw) and the Chiefs built a commanding 5-1 lead.

Scoring two goals and assisting on two others for the defending D1 champions was senior forward Hunter Olson, who now has 20 goals for the season.

"It's playoffs, we're going into it and we knew we had to win (Monday) if we want to go far," Olson said. "We plan on winning states again and so we were fired up to start playoffs."

According to Canton head coach Mark Zemanski, whose team (15-5-3) was scheduled to play Wednesday against Livonia Churchill in a district semifinal, it was a good all-around team effort.

Key contributions came from expected and unexpected sources, he added.

Stepping up

"We had a lot of guys step up," Zemanski said. "We had two starters that couldn't go today (Sam DeLoy and Jason Ren) and two other guys stepped up.

"Luke Kurili got to play and so did Jordan Forney and both of them scored a goal. That was big time. It helps to have guys that can come off the bench and score goals for us."

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About Olson, the

coach said, "Hunter's always working hard. He's had a really good season, but he's not the only one. Jimmy Walkinshaw in the middle did a great job of winning the ball and distributing it."

Senior Walkinshaw had a goal and two assists. Junior Kurili added two goals and both sophomore Forney and senior Pri Yank Patel collected one goal and an assist.

Another senior, Jordan Percy, scored a goal on a penalty kick with 4:29 to go in the first half to put the Chiefs up 5-1.

For the young Rockets, who ended the season 4-12-1, freshman forward Cameron Simpson and freshman defender Blake Grove both scored a goal. Drawing two assists was senior midfielder Brendan Murphy

phy.
"I'm really proud of
the way the guys continued to battle through,"
John Glenn head coach
Jeff Parrish said. "We
gave them a little scare
early on when we made it
2-1 (on the Simpson goal
at 10:46)."

Losing steam

Parrish said he thought the Rockets might be able to rally after intermission, with the wind behind them.

Unfortunately, that plan lost steam quickly when Olson got on the end of a bouncing ball inside the 18-yard box, spun and rifled a shot into the top-right corner just 2:41 into the second half for his 20th of the season.

About five minutes later, it was a 7-1 game after the rebound of an Olson free kick was buried by Kurili.

"That let a lot of steam out of what we were trying to accomplish," Parrish said. "We got a good opportunity early in the second half, we didn't quite get it in, they come back and get two."

John Glenn got one back with 28:38 to go. Murphy chipped a through ball into the box that Grove drilled into the Canton net past sophomore goalkeeper David McGrath.

Closing out the scoring was Forney, completing a nice play by Patel.

While the future looks bright for the Rockets, who lost promising players Mitch Richter and Alfredo Vivar to injury most of the season, the postseason beat goes on for the Chiefs, looking to match the magical run of last autumn.

"It's going to be a battle; nothing's going to be easy," Zemanski said. "The boys realize they got to keep working, because it's one and done."

Work to do

Whichever team manages to get out of the district has an excellent shot at having a lengthy stay in the tournament.

Provided Canton gets past Churchill in Wednesday's semifinal, it will either play Salem or Plymouth in Thursday's district final. The Rocks and Wildcats were scheduled to play Wednesday.

But for Olson, knowing the rest of the district is being played on the turf at John Glenn is a good thing.

"I love turf, I'm with the (Michigan) Wolves and we always play on turf," Olson said. "I enjoy turf a lot more than grass."

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NO MARINE STANDS ALONE

Auction will unite Marines, families

Tim Smith Staff Writer

Hockey, families and fans are a wonderful kind of hat trick.

Jake Visser, equipment manager for USA
Hockey's National Team
Development Program
Under-17 squad, is banking on a convergence of all three to help future
U.S. Marines.

Visser organized a Facebook auction of hockey memorabilia to raise money for "No Marine Stands Alone" which continues until 10

p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25. "My brother (Nate) joined the Marine Corps back in August," said Visser, in his sixth year with the NTDP, now based out of USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth. "He has a graduation date of Nov. 20 in San Diego and, in talking to him, through letters and researching a little bit, we came across No Marine Stands Alone, which helps families financially to attend graduation for their son or daughter.

"We decided that, with our connections in the hockey world, we could get a lot of memorabilia and raise a lot of money to help families."

Visser will travel to California with his parents, wife and two sisters and hopes many other families will be able to have a similar experience thanks to money raised by the auction.

How to help

By going to the Facebook auction page (type https://www.facebook. com/

groups/987583947971831/
in the web browser),
participants can click on
the photo of an item they
want to bid on (such as
signed game sticks from
former USA Hockey
players and current Detroit Red Wings Dylan
Larkin and Jimmy Howard).



USA HOCKEY

Sharpening hockey skates before a NTDP U-17 game is equipment manager Jake Visser.

There also are game sticks signed by Detroit's Justin Abdelkader, Pittsburgh's Sidney Crosby and an official Chicago Blackhawks game puck signed by Jonathan Toews.

"It started off as kind of volunteering to do a sports theme gift basket and I called my buddy at Penn State and he donated a jersey," Visser said. "And I called my buddy with the Pittsburgh Penguins and he donated Crosby, Malkin and Kunitz sticks, so it kind of took off from there.

"Next thing we knew, we had 85 items. So we decided to put them up on a Facebook auction and see how much money

we can raise."
The hope is to generate \$10,000 from the auc-

"There's a couple different ways people can help," Visser said. "The first one is they can go to the Facebook page and click the 'share' button at top, so all their friends on their time line see it.

"The second would be just to bid on items. And the third one, you can actually just donate directly to the website.
There's a donate button on the USMC grad website (www.usmcgrad.org

Holiday shopping

Visser said he is excited about the endeavor because "in talking to families that have been there in the past, it's heartbreaking to see new Marines huddled together with polydy there

er with nobody there.
"These young men and women go through 13 weeks of intense training and little sleep, little food and very minimal contact with their loved ones," Visser added. "And so for somebody not to have a loved one there to welcome them into becoming a Marine is kind of heartbreaking.

"So that's what we're trying to get rid of, so every new Marine has someone there."

Visser added that "every dollar helps, even if it's only 10 dollars, that helps one family member get out there to see their son or daughter.

"There's a lot of great items on the Facebook auction page, a lot of items you won't find anywhere else, a lot of rare stuff and Christmas season is coming up."

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN

NOTICE
PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST
FOR SPECIAL ELECTION OF NOVEMBER 3, 2015
(Schoolcraft Community College District
Operating Charter Millage Proposition)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Accuracy Test for the Special Election, to be held on November 3, 2015, will be conducted on October 26, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. in the Redford Township Hall, located at 15145 Beech Daly Road, Redford, Michigan, 48239.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer program used to tabulate the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of law.

GARTH J. CHRISTIE, MMC Charter Township of Redford

Published: October 22, 2015

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD WAYNE COUNTY, STATE OF MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2015

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held in the Charter Township of Redford, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, in Precinct 4 only, on Tuesday, November 3, 2015, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. prevailing Eastern time, at which time the following proposal shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the Township of Redford:

SCHOOLCRAFT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT OPERATING CHARTER MILLAGE PROPOSITION

Shall the total charter tax rate limitation previously approved by the electors of Schoolcraft Community College District, Michigan, on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all taxable property within the community college district be increased by 0.6 mill (\$0.60 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years, 2016 to 2025, inclusive, to be used for operating purposes of the community college district and all other purposes authorized by law; if approved, the estimate of the revenue the community college district will collect in 2016 is approximately \$8,000,000?

Yes 🗆 No 🗆

Each person voting in the special election must be a citizen of the United States of America over eighteen (18) years of age and a registered elector of the city or township in which he or she resides.

The place of voting for the special election to be held on November 3, 2015, will be as follows:

Precinct 4 Beech Elementary School, 19900 Beech Daly Road, Redford, MI 48240
Absentee ballot applications are available by contacting the Clerk's Office at (313) 387-2750 or

online at http://www.redfordtwp.com/clerk-election.

The location is handicapped accessible and is equipped with handicapped voting machines

with the availability of voting instructions in alternative formats (Audio and Braille).

GARTH J. CHRISTIE, MMC

Clerk, Charter Township of Redford

Published: October 22, 2015

CITY OF WESTLAND GENERAL ELECTION November 3, 2015

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF WESTLAND, County of Wayne: Notice is hereby given that a General Election will be held in the City of Westland on Tuesday, November 3, 2015 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. at which time local city offices of City Clerk – one (1) to be elected and City Council – four (4) to be elected with the top three (3) candidates to receive a four (4) year term next candidate to receive a two (2) year term will be on the ballot. Also on the ballot will be a Schoolcraft Community College District Operating Charter Millage Proposition: Shall the total charter tax rate limitation previously approved by the electors of Schoolcraft Community College District, Michigan, on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all taxable property within the community college district be increased by 0.6 mill (\$0.60 on each \$1,000 of taxable evaluation) for a period of 10 years, 2016 to 2025 inclusive, to be used for operating purposes of the community college district and all other purposes authorized by law; if approved, the estimate of the revenue the community college district will collect in 2016 is approximately \$8,000,000? YES OR NO and a Non-Homestead Millage Proposal for the school district of the City of Inkster: As a renewal of existing authority which expires with the 2015 levy, shall the limitation on the amount of tax upon taxable non-homestead property in the territory of the School District of the City of Inkster, County of Wayne, Michigan be increased by 20.5270 mills (\$20.5270 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for twenty years, the years 2016 to 2035, inclusive, as operating millage for the District? If approved, this millage would raise an estimated \$750,000 for District purposes in 2016. YES OR NO

STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT 278 OF PUBLIC ACTS OF 1964 Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act

I, RAYMOND J. WOJTOWICZ, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of September 01, 2015 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:

Wayne County Wayne County, Michigan City of Westland

Date of Election	Voted Increases	Years Effective
11-3-2009	1 mill	2019
8-7-2012	1 mill	2021
11-2-2010	0.25 mill	2015
11-6-2009	1.25 mills	2020
11-6-2012	1 mill	2022
August 2012	18 mills	2018 (non-homestead)
August 2014	2 mills	2020
May, 2006	21 mills	2015 (non-homestead)
May, 2006	6 mills	2015
8-5-2014	18 mills	2020 (non-homestead)
August 2014	1.12 mills	2019
Nov., 2012	18 mills	2018 (non-homestead)
May, 2010	18 mills	2025 (non-homestead)
2-2012	1 mill	2022
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Dated September 01, 2015

Raymond Wojtowicz /s/ Treasurer

The places of voting for the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2015 will be as follows:

Description 1	as follows:
Precincts	Locations Ch. 1 2001 Fr. 1 1
1, 13, 18 & 19	Schweitzer School, 2601 Treadwell
2, 11, 23 & 32	Elliott School, 30800 Bennington
3 & 7	Stottlemyer School, 34801 Marquette
4 & 8	Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road
5, 24 & 29	Edison School, 34505 Hunter
6, 9 & 10	Adams Middle School, 33475 Palmer
12, 25 & 35	Cooper School, 28550 Ann Arbor Trail
14	Marshall Middle School, 35100 Bayview
15	Greenwood Villa, 7600 Nankin Ct
16	Holliday Park Club House, 34850 Fountain Blvd.
17	& 37 P. D. Graham School, 1255 S. John Hix
20	Wildwood School, 500 N. Wildwood
21 & 42	Johnson School, 8400 Hix
22	Westland Meadows Club House, 30600 Van Born
26 & 33	Hamilton School, 1031 Schuman
27 & 36	Western Wayne Skill Center, 8075 Ritz
28	Church of Christ - Annapolis Park, 30355 Annapolis
30 & 31	Hayes School, 30600 Louise
34 & 38	Dyer Social Service Center, Senior Wing - 36745 Marquette
39	Landings Apartment Club House, 7000 Lakeview
40 & 41	Hellenic Cultural Center at St. Constantine Church, 36375 Joy

The polls for said election will be open at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 p.m. on said day of election. Every qualified elector present and in line at the hour prescribed for the closing thereof shall be allowed to vote. Voting sites are ADA compliant.

A sample of the ballot may be obtained at the City of Westland City Clerk's Office or on the internet at Michigan.gov/vote

Registrations to vote will be accepted in the following locations:

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• Secretary of State Offices located throughout the state during normal business hours

Eileen DeHart-Schoof, CMC, CMMC

Westland City Clerk

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OCTOBER CONCERT

Time/Date: 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct.

Location: Plymouth First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth Township Details: Detroit Lutheran Singers perform Bach, Beethoven, Brahms and more. \$15 general admission; \$10 for seniors and students, 12 and older, children under 12 are

Contact: detroitlutheransinger-

FAMILY DINNER DANCE

admitted free

Time/Date: 5:30-10:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24 Location: Ss. Simon and Jude

Parish, 32500 Palmer, Westland Details: Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for children, 4-12, and free for ages 3 and under and include dinner, live entertainment. The event also includes a raffle of cash prizes from \$100-\$3,000, a gift basket raffle and 50/50 raffle

Contact: www.stssimonandjude.com; stssimonandjude@gmail.com

HALLOWEEN CONCERT

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25

Location: St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Ply-

Details: Pipes Spooktacular! concert will feature spooky and silly music for organ and other instruments. Performances by Julie Ford, director of music, the church's youth choir, a handbell duo, and guest narrator Christine Kapusky Moore. Trunk or Treat in the church parking lot follows the 45-minute concert. Concert goers may wear costumes. A \$5 donation for individuals and \$15 for families is suggested

Contact: 734-453-0190; stjohnsplymouth.org

HEALTH, NUTRITION SEMINAR

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Oct. 25-28 Location: Plymouth Seventhday Adventist Church Fellowship Hall, 4295 Napier, Plymouth

Details: Mary Bernt, owner of Veggies, a vegan restaurant and health food store, and author of The Best of Veggies, will present information on nutrition and lifestyle, and natural remedies. Cost is \$40 per person/\$60 per married couple. It includes four gourmet vegan meals, lecture notes, information packet and a copy of The Best of Veggies cookbook

Contact: iloveveggies.info; 989-965-4861

HUMAN TRAFFICKING Time/Date: 2-5 p.m. Oct. 24

Location: Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia Details: "Sex Trafficking and Domestic Violence: Is There a Link?" will include informational speakers, survivor speakers, Detroit Handbell performance, food and vendors. Raffle tickets

\$1; free will offering for admis-

Contact: Lynda Ashbay at 734-765-8344: info@heavenlyhopeinternational.org

FILM

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22

Location: Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: The documentary, A Chorus in Miracles by James Twyman, was created as a homage to the book A Course in Miracles. Admission is \$10

PUMPKIN FESTIVAL Time/Date: 3-5 p.m. Sunday,

Contact: 734-421-1760; of-

fice@unityoflivonia.org

Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran

Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia Details: Event includes trunk or treat in the church parking lot; pumpkin decorating; hot dogs, cider, doughnuts for purchase; games and bounce house; prizes Contact: 734-464-0211 or holytrinitylivonia.org

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 24 Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, one block east of Farmington Road, north side of 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Sale includes clothing,

household goods, furniture. small appliances, linens, bedding, jewelry, toys, books, boutique, baked goods and \$3 and \$6 bag sale on Saturday. Contact: 248-553-3380

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 24 Location: Atonement Lutheran

Church, 6961 Mead, Dearborn Details: Clothes, coats, shoes, purses, linens, and more. Cash sales only. \$2 bag sale Saturday. Contact: 313-581-2525

TRUNK 'N TREAT

Time/Date: 5-7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24

Location: Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Details: Car trunks will be filled with goodies for trick or treating. Children may paint a pumpkin to take home for \$1 and decorate a cookie for 25 cents. Costumes are welcome. Donations will be accepted for baked goods, coffee, cider and hot chocolate

Contact: Mary at 248-471-1322

TRUNK OR TREAT

Time/Date: 6-7:30 p.m. Oct. 30 Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Far mington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia

Details: Children, accompanied by an adult, will trick or treat in the church parking lot. Congregation members will give out treats from their parked cars. Children and adults may dress in costume. Bring your own bag to collect treats

Contact: 734-522-6830

NOVEMBER BULLYING WORKSHOP

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Saturday,

Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia Details: Jun Sung Hong, Ph.D., assistant professor in the School of Social Work at Wayne State University, will cover risk factors and outcomes associated with school bullying and victimization among children and adolescents, as well as prevention and intervention programs. Angela Chunovich, creator of "No Hurt Words" anti-bullying program, will conduct learning activities for the youth that focus on why we judge others and ways kindness can be used to promote respect and inclusion. Registration deadline is Oct. 28. CEUs for social workers are

Contact: Kathy Weinberg at 734-464-0211 for more informa-

available. Call Laurie Emery at

DVD COURSE

313-577-9348.

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Wednesday, starting Nov. 4

Location: Congregation Beth Bloomfield

Details: "Why Evil Exists," is a 36-part series featuring Charles Mathewes of the University of Virginia. Two 30-minute lectures will be screened each week. followed by a brief discussion. No reservations needed Contact: Nancy Kaplan at

len879@att.net PARADE OF PARTIES

248-737-1931; nancyel-

Time/Date: Noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7 Location: Christ Our Savior

Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia Details: Condordia Lutheran School presents a shopping event featuring such vendors as

Tupperware, PartyLite, Mary Kay and more Contact: 313-937-2233; concordials.org

SINGLES DANCE

Time/Date: 6:30-10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14

Location: Livonia YMCA, 14255 Stark, Livonia

Details: Livonia Christian Singles Community's annual square dance is \$12 per person. No partner needed, but RSVP requested. Includes refresh-

Contact: catholicsingles@livoniastmichael.org

VETERAN'S DAY MASS

Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. color guard and flag raising ceremony; 10 a.m. Mass, Sunday,

RELIGION CALENDAR

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

Details: An informal reception will follow

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

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,

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, **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 Mid-dlebelt, south of Eight Mile,

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: 313-408-3364

FAMILY MEAL

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

Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington

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@tbosm.com

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 kindergart-

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.

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084

or Kristen at 734-542-0767

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 sing-

ing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows Contact: Parish office at 734-

Contact: 734-464-1223

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St. Michael Lutheran Church Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-

Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton Details: Praying silently or

aloud together; prayer requests

Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

RECYCLING RISEN CHRIST **LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. third Saturday of the month Location: 46250 Ann Arbor Road, between Sheldon and

Beck roads, Plymouth Details: Recycle your cell phones, laser cartridges, inkjet cartridges, laptops, iPods, iPads, tablets, eReaders on the third Saturday of each month. Use the doors on east side of church.

Contact: Lynn Hapman at 734-466-9023

SINGLES **Detroit World Outreach**

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304

Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.

Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org **First Presbyterian Church**

Time/Date: 7-7:15 p.m., social time; 7:30 p.m., announcements; 7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9 p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville

Details: Single Place Ministry;

Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

Steve's Family Restaurant Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday

Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to

meet with others Contact: 313-534-0399

SONG CIRCLE

Congregation Beth Ahm Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m.

every Shabbat Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in transliteration as well as the original Hebrew.

nancyellen879@att.net.

SUPPORT Apostolic Christian Church

Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily Location: 29667 Wentworth,

Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C

Older Americans Act. Contact: 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retire-

ment.com **Connection Church** Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday Location: 3855 Sheldon, Canton

Details: Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery for all hurts, habits and hang-ups. Child care is available for free Contact: Jonathan@Connectionchurch.info or 248-787-5009

Detroit World Outreach Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202

Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

» Farmington Hills Baptist Church Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except

Farmington Hills Details: Western Oakland

January, July and August

Location: 28301 Middlebelt.

between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in

Parkinson Support Group Contact: 248-433-1011

» Merriman Road Baptist Church

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday

Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City

Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations Contact: www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Ruthann with

questions at 734-981-2519 » Fireside Church of God Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Monday-Friday Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Fireside Adult Day Ministry activity-based program for dependent adults, specializing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center

734-464-0990; www.firesidechog.org; or email to adm@firesidechog.org » St. Andrew's Episcopal

Contact: 734-855-4056 or

Church Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. Saturday

Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia Details: A twice-monthly dropin Food Cupboard (nonperish-

able items) is available Contact: 734-421-8451 » St. Thomas a' Becket Church

Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton

Details: Take Off Pounds Sen-Contact: Margaret at 734-838-

» Unity of Livonia Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday Location: 28660 Five Mile.

Livonia **Details**: Overeaters Anonymous Contact: 248-559-7722: www.oa.org for additional

information

between Middlebelt and Inkster,

» Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 6 p.m. dinner (optional); 7 p.m. worship; 8 p.m. small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/

ville Township

Details: Celebrate Recovery helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hangups (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is

Contact: Child care, 248-374-7400; www.celebraterecovery-.com and www.wardchurch.org/

THRIFT STORE

St. James Presbyterian

Contact: 313-534-7730 for

Way of Life Christian Church Time/Date: 2-3:30 p.m. third Saturday from October through

Lilley Executive Plaza, Suite 100, Plymouth

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. to noon first Sunday of the month Location: The Solanus Casey

Details: Led by Capuchin friar Larry Webber, the director of the Solanus Casey Center, the tour focuses on the spirituality humble Capuchin friar credited with miraculous cures. No reservations are needed, although the center requests an advance phone call for groups of five or more. No cost for the tour, although donations are accept-

Contact: 313-579-2100, Ext. 149; www.solanuscenter.org

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HELLAND, AL

Age 84. October 16, 2015. Cherished husband of Esther for 62 years. Loving father of Lynn Kathy (Vaughn) Marderosian, (George) Greulich, (Pat) Leupold, Audrey (Marty) Moro and Gail (Paul) Horalek. Proud grandfather of 18 and great-grandfather of 11. Services were entrusted to the Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Livonia.



LUCAS, SANDRA

Township. wife of Robert. Grand Mama of mother of Connor. Loving Robert (Laurie) Lucas Kimberly (Ronald) Calhoun, the late Nancy Lucas Tammy (Barry) Abner. and Proud grandmother of Robert, Angela, Kayla, Dillon, Devvin, Brooklyn, Brenden, Sheana, Shaya, Bristolle and Barry Jr. Funeral Friday 11:00 a.m. at Funeral Vermeulen-Sajewski Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road (btwn. Sheidon and Beck). Visitation Thursday 1-9 p.m. Memorials may be made to American Lung Assoc. or Brain

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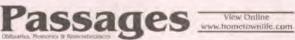
Location: 9401 General Drive,

Details: Women's fellowship Contact: 734-637-7618

TOUR

Center, a Capuchin ministry, at 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit

and holiness of Father Solanus, a



JAMES LEONARD

Age 64, of Fenton, died Friday,

October 16, 2015. A Memorial

Gathering will be held Sunday, October 25, 2015 from 12-5 PM

at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road,

Fenton. In lieu of flowers, those

desiring may make contributions

to the American Cancer Society.

James was born June 7, 1951 in

Ypsilanti the son of Leonard and

Venus (Higginsen) Valle. He was a 1970 graduate of Wayne

Memorial High School. He mar-ried Cathy Underwood Decem-

ber 4, 1994 in Las Vegas, NV.

He had resided in Fenton for the

past 20 years coming from

Wayne. James retired from Ford

Motor Company after 37 1/2 years as a Prototype Technician.

Surviving are: his wife, Cathy; 4

daughters. Christine and husband

Norm Boston of Ypsilanti, An-

gela and husband Eric Cranford

of Northville, Linda and husband

Craig Power of Castle Rock, CO,

and Tina and husband Brian Smith of Westland; 9 grandchil-dren, Nathan, Elyssa, Gabrielle,

Gillian, Issac, C.J., Adam, Emi-

ly, and Joey; great grandson, Manson; mother, Venus Valle of

Wayne; brother, Lee Valle of

Chicago; sisters, Judy Valle of

Ypsilanti and Cheryl Valle; and

several nieces and nephews. He

father, Leonard Valle. Online

tributes may be posted on the

was preceded in death by his

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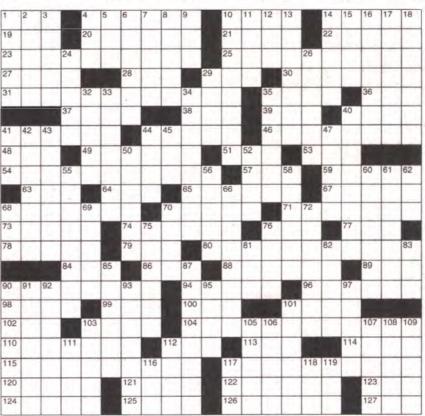
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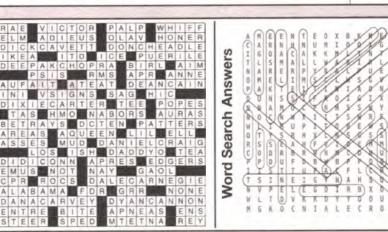
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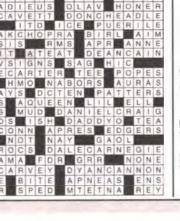
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Yessian reflects on Armenian massacre

Sharon Dargay

Dan Yessian hopes his first classical music trilogy teaches an Armenian history lesson that leaves listeners wanting to learn more.

"Maybe, just maybe having listened to the work, they will be spurred on to dig a little deeper from a cultural perspective and historical perspective to see what it's all about," said Yessian, founder of Yessian Music, Inc., in Farmington Hills.

Yessian's An Armenian Trilogy focuses on the Armenian massacre by the Turkish Ottoman Empire in 1915. He wrote the 13 ½-minute piece for violin and piano, but plans to score it for orchestra next year. Its three movements reflect on freedom, fear and faith...

It will debut at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 29, at the Macomb Center of the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield, Clinton Township, Violinist Sonia Lee and pianist Shawn McDonald will perform the work during Hope Dies Last, a multidisciplinary program commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide. The Detroit Chamber Wind and Strings also will play a new composition for chamber ensemble by Alexandra du Bois, which will be accompanied by photographer Michelle Andonian's works. Tickets are \$15. Visit macombcenter.com.

Yessian said he was at a concert in church when his parish priest, the Rev. Garabed Kochakian of St. John Armenian Church in Southfield, asked him to write the commemorative music.

"I said yes. It would be a tremendous challenge. It's not in my wheelhouse of music that I'd customarily write. I started in January or February writing. I was writing that music in between writing apple pie, hot dogs and

Chevrolet," he said, referring to his commercial compositions. "I've written thousands of ads in 40-plus years of doing music. Although I've written serious music, this is more involved and complex. It was a labor of love."

Family connection

While growing up, Yessian occasionally heard his grandparents talk about the massa-

cre. He remembers hearing that his grandfather saw his spouse die. There were other stories of enforced marches, with women, children, and the elderly left to die in the desert. Children were stabbed, women were raped and bodies were thrown

into the river. "I told my wife of 43 years I didn't feel like I was writing it myself. I felt like it was writing itself. Maybe God was in control," said Yessian, who composed the piece mostly by ear at his Milford home on a piano formerly owned by Burt Bacharach.

Yessian studied classical and jazz clarinet and saxophone, but didn't formally study piano. After he wrote and recorded the trilogy, one of his staff composers transcribed the work.

> "I'm an ear musician and that is a good thing and not such a good thing. You worry less about technicalities of it and work off of emotion more than anything else," he said,

> > "The thing that grates me about Armenian hymns is that it's sad stuff. It's like funeral music. I wanted to take a western spin on it. I wanted to put myself through a reflection of history and bring some Americana

adding that the trilogy is

influenced by jazz.

into it.' For more about Yessian, visit Danyessian-.com or visit his company's website at yessian-



SUBMITTED Abstract work by Betty Lewis of Brighton.

Livonia art organization awards exhibiting artists

Artists from Canton, Northville and Brighton won top prizes in the Visual Arts Association of Livonia's fall art exhibition.

Betty Lewis, VAAL's vice president and a Brighton resident, won first prize for an abstract painting. Al Weber of Canton took second place for a watercolor, and third place went to Barbara Eko Murphy of Northville for an acrylic painting.

Honorable Mention awards went to Sandra Spiteri of Livonia for "Road Forgotten," Sue Mallick of Plymouth for "Thin Red Line," and Dean L. Racke of Livonia for "Faithful Service.

Jan Brown, an artist and a teacher at Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, judged the exhibit. She taught in the Wayne-Westland school district for 35 years and works primarily in printmaking, abstract and figure

Formed as a nonprofit organiza-tion in 1983, VAAL provides a variety of art programs and services for Livonia and surrounding communi-ties. It is located at 37653 Five Mile, at Newburgh, in Livonia. For more information, call 734-838-1204 or visit vaalart.org.

ANIMALS

DETROIT ZOO

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through March 1 Location: I-696 service drive and Woodward,

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 NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: Exhibit hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, through Oct. 31.

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: "The Dark Side of the Rohde," features more than 30 digital photograph manipulations by Ann Arbor artist and photographer Denise Rohde Contact: 248-344-0497 or www.NorthvilleArtHou-

THREE CITIES ART CLUB

Time/Date: Friday-Sunday, Oct. 24-26; starts 10:30 a.m. Friday and runs through 5 p.m. Sunday. Mall hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday

Location: Westland Shopping Center, 35000 Warren Road, Westland

Details: Thirty-three artists show more than 90 pieces of art, including paintings, drawings, photography, pottery, framed and matted prints, note cards and refrigerator magnets. Meet the guest judges at 1:30 p.m. Saturday. Live entertainment runs noon to 7 p.m. Saturday, noon to 4 p.m.

Contact: Marilyn Meredith at 313-231-3939; threecitiesartclub.org

VILLAGE THEATER

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday and during public performances, through Oct. 28 Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: 23rd annual Canton Fine Arts Exhibition 2015 includes more than 40 works of art. Free Contact: cantonvillagetheater.org; 734-394-5308

AMC LIVONIA 20

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28

Location: 19500 Haggerty, Livonia Details: Advance screening of Scouts Guide to the Zombie Apocalypse, will include a commemorative

Contact: ScoutsAndZombiesMovie.com/ultimatefanexperience

BERMAN CENTER Time/Date: 3 p.m. Nov. 1

Location: At the Jewish Community Center of Metro Detroit, located at Drake and Maple, West

Details: Pirates of Penzance, filmed at the English National Opera; tickets \$12

GET OUT! CALENDAR







Lauren Perugi, left, The Motown Tribute Band, and Callen Snyder perform at Op, Pop, Bop, a free concert Friday at Madonna University.

SUBMITTED

Ron Kischuk Quartet performs Oct. 27 at Jazz@The Elks in Plymouth.

Contact: theberman.org: 248-661-1900

MJR DIGITAL CINEMAS

Time/Date: Saturday-Sunday, Oct.24-25 Location: All MJR locations including Westland Grand Digital Cinema, 6800 N. Wayne Road,

Details: Free for kids, 12 and under. Parents pay \$1. Tickets are distributed on a first-come, firstserved basis at the theater. Movie is Minions Contact: 734-298-2657

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23, and 4:15 and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 24-25

Location: 760 Penniman, Plymouth

Details: Mission: Impossible - Rogue Nation, \$3 Shock-tober Classics: Young Frankenstein, Oct. 22; Abbott & Costello Meet Frankenstein, Oct. 29. Movies screen at 7 p.m.. Admission is \$3

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

Time/Date:8 p.m. Oct. 23 Location: 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Avenue in Detroit

Details: Young Frankenstein; tickets \$5 Coming up: Son of Godzilla, 2 p.m. Oct. 24 and Godzilla vs. Monster Zero, 8 p.m. Oct. 24. Tickets for each movie, \$7. Ron Sweed, "The Ghoul," emcees each movie

Contact: 313-898-1481; redfordtheatre.com

HALLOWEEN FUN

COSTUME PARTY Time/Date: 6 p.m. to midnight Oct. 31

Location: Italian American Banquet Center, 39200 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: First Annual Ol' Skool Halloween Costume Party will include a plated dinner, beer, wine, and music by Eclipse. Tickets \$30

Contact: 734-953-9724 **GLUTEN-FREE PARTY**

Time/Date: 6:30-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23 Location: First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington

Details: Tri-County Celiac Support Group presents trunk or treating with distribution of gluten-free candy from 7-8 p.m. Gluten-free doughnuts and cider will be served in the church hall along. A dance party will be held from 8:15-9 p.m. and children's games will run until 9 p.m. Nonmembers pay \$10 per family; members enter free. RSVP via

Contact: marci.faro@gmail.com or borgnes@aol.com

HALLOWEEN CONCERT

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24 Location: Steppingstone School, 30250 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills

Details: Michigan Philharmonic's haunted concert with scary classics and movie music favorites. General admission is \$30. Seniors, 62 and over, pay \$25, students with ID pay \$10 Contact: michiganphil.org

MEDIUM MESSAGES

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 30-31, and

2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1 Location: Two Muses Theatre at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 6800 Orchard Lake Road, south of

Maple, West Bloomfield Details: Elizabeth Brown and Charles Klepadlo, mediums, will give messages to attendees from their deceased loved ones. Tickets purchased at least four hours before the event are \$20. Tickets at the door are \$23

Contact: twomusestheatre.org

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Turn mangoes into a comfort food

ith cold and flu season knocking on the door, it's time to start preparing your immune system to battle not only that pesky cold, but other chronic diseases as well.

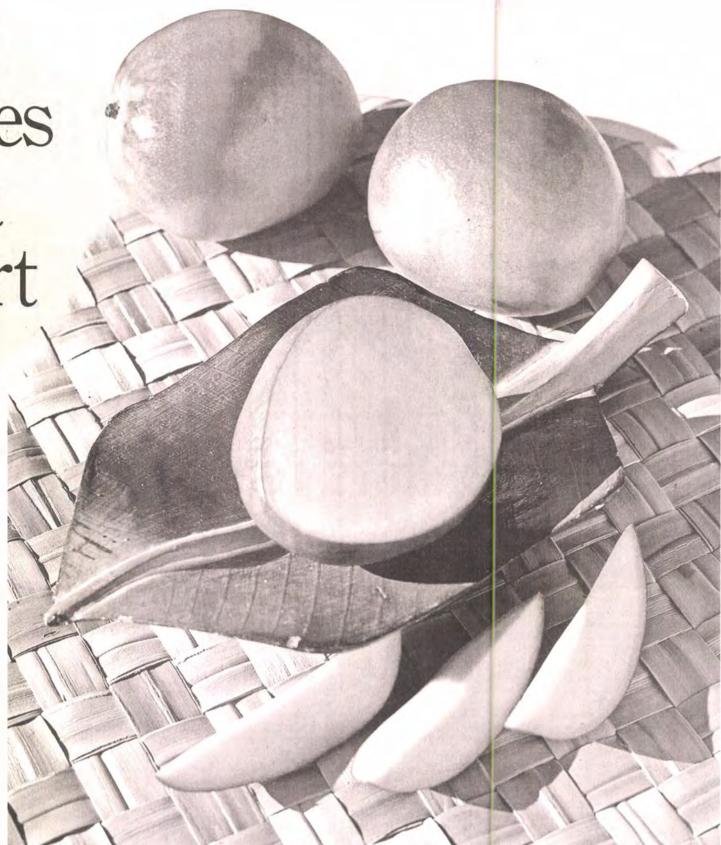
Research has found that a diet rich in fruit and vegetables may provide protection against cardiovascular disease, several cancers and other chronic diseases. Several of the micronutrients associated with diets high in fruit and vegetables, such as vitamin C, have also been shown to support immune function.

Mangoes, which are bursting with antioxidants and more than 20 different vitamins and minerals, including vitamin C and vitamin B6, can help support immune function as part of a healthy

A diet poor in nutrients can reduce immunity and your body's ability to fight off illness; mixing up some of those go-to comfort foods when you're not feeling well and replacing them with healthier options can be both comforting and nutritious.

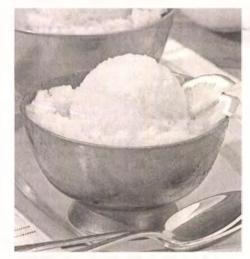
Try switching out that bowl of chick-en noodle soup for a bowl of Gingered Mango Soup, or soothe that sore throat with a Tropical Mango Sorbet instead of that big scoop of ice cream.

Find more healthful comfort food recipes and other ways to help boost your immunity at Mango.org.



Mangoes have more than 20 different minerals and vitamins, including vitamins C and B6





TROPICAL MANGO SORBET

Servings: 8 Prep time: 15 minutes Cook time: 1 hour

3 ripe mangoes, peeled, pitted and cubed (makes 2 cups of puree)

2 tablespoons sugar

2 tablespoons lime juice (juice from 1 medium lime)

¼ teaspoon coconut extract

1 cup chilled pineapple juice lime peel or small lime wedge

In blender or food processor, puree mangoes, sugar, lime juice and extract until smooth.

Transfer to ice cream maker bowl and stir in pineapple juice; freeze according to manufacturer's instructions.

Cover and place in freezer for at least 1 hour or up to 1 week. Garnish with twists of lime peel or small lime wedges.



MANGO AND BANANA SMOOTHIE

Servings: 2 Prep time: 5 minutes

3 mangoes (about 3 pounds), peeled, pitted

and chopped 1/4 cup low-fat milk

1 cup ice

1/2 banana 1 teaspoon honey

Combine all ingredients in blender. Pulse until desired consistency. For a thicker smoothie, add more ice.



ALMOND CRUSTED PORK WITH MANGO RELISH

Serves: 6 Prep time: 30 minutes

Cook time: 30 minutes

2 large, ripe mangoes, peeled, pitted and diced 1/4 cup minced red onion

¼ cup minced red bell pepper

1 teaspoon chopped fresh mint ¾ cup chopped, toasted almonds, divided

2 tablespoons brown sugar 1 teaspoon ground cumin

1 teaspoon ground coriander

1 tablespoon red wine vinegar ¼ teaspoon cinnamon

1 1/2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil 2 pounds pork tenderloin

Sea salt and freshly ground pepper to taste For the relish, stir together mangoes, onion, bell pepper, vinegar, mint and salt and pepper in a medium bowl; cover and refrigerate until ready to serve.

To prepare pork on grill, finely chop ½cup almonds and stir in brown sugar and seasonings. Brush pork with oil then season with salt and pepper; roll in almond mixture, pressing into the surface. Transfer to a piece of heavy-duty foil and press any remaining

Grill over medium heat, turning occasionally to brown each side, for 35 to 40 minutes or until the internal temperature reads 160°F on a meat thermometer. Let stand for 5 minutes before slicing.

To prepare pork in oven, adjust oven rack to middle position and heat oven to 450 degrees. For the pork, finely chop ½ cup almonds. Stir in brown sugar, cumin, coriander and cinnamon, transfer almond mixture to baking sheet. Brush pork with 1 ½ tablespoons oil then season with salt and pepper; roll in almond mixture, pressing into the surface. Lightly spray pork with olive oil spray.

Cook pork on foil-lined baking sheet until exterior is golden brown and meat reaches 160 degrees, 35-40 minutes, turning pork halfway through cooking. Let stand for 5 min-

utes before slicing. To assemble, top sliced pork with mango relish and toasted almonds. Serving tips: Place pork on bed of arugula lightly dressed with olive oil, vinegar and salt and pepper to



BRUSSELS SPROUTS WITH MANGO AND BACON

Servings: 4 Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 15 minutes

6 slices bacon, chopped 1 pound Brussels sprouts, halved

2 large mangoes (about 2 pounds), peeled,

pitted and diced 1 tablespoon brown sugar

1/4 teaspoon salt 1/4 teaspoon pepper

Place chopped bacon in large non-stick skillet on medium heat. Cook until crisp and fat renders, 8 to 10 minutes. Remove bacon with slotted spoon and transfer to paper-

towel lined plate; set aside. Remove all but 1 tablespoon bacon fat from skillet and increase heat to mediumhigh. Add Brussels sprouts, mango, brown sugar, salt and pepper. Cook until Brussels sprouts and mango are beginning to brown and become tender; about 6 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Remove from heat and toss with reserved bacon.

GINGERED MANGO SOUP

Servings: 4 Prep time: 15 minutes Cook time: 1 hour chill time

4 ripe mangoes, peeled and pitted 1 tablespoon chopped fresh ginger (or to taste)

3 cups coconut milk

2 tablespoons fresh lime juice

1/4 cup water 4 tablespoons plain yogurt

4 tablespoons mangoes, peeled, pitted and finely chopped

4 tablespoons finely chopped peeled and seeded cucumber finely grated lime zest

In a blender or food processor, puree

mangoes and ginger. Stir in coconut milk and lime juice; cover and chill for at least 1 hour for flavors to blend.

Stir in water and incorporate until smooth. Spoon into 4 shallow bowls and top each with spoonful of yogurt, stirring once to swirl. Sprinkle with mango and cucumber and grate lime zest over top.



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The Vet Program (Suits for Soldiers) is being helped by the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors.

Local Realtors reach out to welcome veterans home

The Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors held its fourth annual charity golf outing Monday, Sept. 14. The maximum number of golfers allowed at Plum Hollow Country Club in Southfield, 144, turned out to enjoy a round of golf. Later, attendees were served dinner in the country club's main dining hall as several prizes were raffled off and awarded to the winners of the men's, women's and mixed divisions.

All \$3,000 plus raised through the event is donated to The Vet Program (Suits for Soldiers). The Vet Program serves as a one-stop-shop for veterans to get back on their feet and return to gainful employment upon returning from service to our country. They provide veterans with things such as clothing, assistance with resume writing, mentoring, benefits, legal help, IT training, VA loans and job opportunities.

The GMAR Member Services Committee planned and carried out the event with support from several generous sponsors and donators. Committee Chair Katie Weaver said, "We really worked hard to top last year's total and we're happy to succeed

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with the help of all our members and sponsors.'

GMAR President Frank Tarala stated: "It was such a beautiful day for golf and the members just had a blast. I love seeing everyone get to-gether and have a good time for a great cause. Proud to be a GMAR member, always!"

The Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors is also throwing a party at the Hard Rock Cafe in Detroit on Nov. 6. The event is open to the public and tickets cost \$50 per person (on sale at www.GMA-Ronline.com/calendar).

We usually have a Holiday Party each year to get all our members together for a good time before the year ends. We felt that was becoming old hat and decided to shake things up a bit by just having a huge party at a great venue to celebrate our wonderful members, as well as honor our veterans," said Katie Weaver, **GMAR Member Services** Committee 2015 chairman, the group in charge of planning and coordinating the party.

The ticket price pays for your parking, appetizers, dinner, dessert, midnight Coneys from Lafayette Coney, three drinks, freebie giveaways, raffle prize giveaways,

red carpet souvenir photo, and music and dancing. Each year, GMAR chooses a charity to benefit from monies made at their events. This year's is The Vet Program (Suits for Soldiers). Several sponsors have already given to this event and more are welcome. Contact GMAR if interested at 248-478-1700 or info@gmaronline.com. Tickets to this event are open to the public and are available for purchase at www.GMARonline.com/calendar (hover over and click "Register Now"). You can also download a flier there by clicking the "More Info" link.

The Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors is an association in Southeast Michigan, providing services and support to the real estate profession and the communities they serve. With over 6,000 members, GMAR is the largest local Realtor association in the state. GMAR provides many benefits to its members, such as access to the Realcomp MLS, over 220 continuing education and designation courses per year, the largest Realtor-specific store in the area, the ToolShop™, Metropolitan Minute weekly newsletter and Metropolitan REALTOR monthly electronic

magazine. GMAR's mission is to be the leading resource for the real estate community in Southeast Michigan. Visit www.GMARonline.com to

learn more. The VET Program/Suits for Soldiers was created and started by Army veteran Scott Fader while he was still boots on ground in Afghanistan. The VET Program/Suits for Soldiers is about serving those who served our county and not just them, their families as

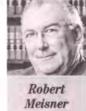
After their careers, military personnel and their families need that assistance to help them get back into the civilian life to find jobs, get their benefits, find a home or just get reacquainted with life out of the military. The VET Program/Suits for Soldiers helps veterans by offering NO RED TAPE services to ensure their transition from military to civilian life is as easy as possible.

The VET Program/Suits for Soldiers strives to end the days of unemployed service men and women. To date, organizers have helped over 1,000 obtain employment, written over 5,000 resumes and given away over 10,000 pieces of business attire.

Reasonable transfer standards apply in sale

Q: We are a board of a homeowner association and the seller of a home in our subdivision is complaining about the fact that we will not give the purchaser a letter indicating that certain things will occur if there is a casualty to the home that he is purchasing. Do we have a responsibility to deal with this matter?

A: There are reasonable undertakings that the association needs to take in any sale transfer, but it would appear that what this purchaser and/or seller may be



asking is something beyond the reasonable scope of the responsibilities of the association. I have had this type of experience in other communities which has resulted in substantial legal fees being in-curred to deal with what appears to be unreasonable requests without recourse against the parties involved. I would contact your lawyer, and make it clear that you will not engage in the utilization of an attorney to deal with the inquiries unless there is a firm commitment to reimburse the association for the costs of it.

Q: I am the sole member of

a Limited Liability Company that owns an undeveloped parcel of real estate. A bank mortgage and note were executed during the land purchase process and the existing first mortgage held against the property was satisfied. After my business experienced some financial difficulties, the bank loan was defaulted. The bank conducted its due diligence and then discovered that my business also held a mortgage that was recorded prior in time to the satisfied mortgage, and therefore was never extinguished at closing. The same attorney represented both parties at the closing and later admitted that he neglected to record a release or subordination regarding the prior mortgage. As a result, the prior mortgage still held priority over the bank's mortgage lien. The bank initiated foreclosure proceedings and the trial court held that the bank was equitably subrogated to the original first mortgage that it had satisfied at closing. However, an appellate court reversed on the basis that the bank had actual notice of the prior mortgage because the attorney knew about it. What are the chances that the appellate decision will be reversed if the matter is reviewed by a higher court?

A: The principle theory behind the Doctrine of Equitable Subrogation requires that the party seeking its benefit have no actual notice of any outstanding mortgages of higher priority. In a similar case, the Supreme Court in South Carolina ruled that an attorney that overlooked the mortgage priority scheme was acting as an agent for the bank and, therefore, as an agent his knowledge imputed only constructive knowledge to his principal. Specifically, a principal has constructive knowledge of all material facts that become known as an agent who is acting within the scope of his authority. As a result, the principal's constructive knowledge of the prior mortgage did not rise to the level of actual knowledge and was not enough to defeat a claim for equitable subrogation. This is obviously a complex issue which demands advice from an experienced real estate practitioner.

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	\$150,000	59032 Peters Barn Dr	\$390,000
	\$145,000	24844 Ravine Dr	\$487,000
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HOMES SOLD

These are the area residential real
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of June 22-26, 2015, at the Wayne
County Register of Deeds office.
Listed below are cities, addresses
and sales prices.

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2015 Nissan Murano is a roomy five-seat SUV

Gas price instability and the economic downturn got shoppers rethinking how much SUV they really need, with most deciding a compact SUV was enough. Consumers with a few kids, who needed more room, chose a three-row crossover. That left the midsize, five-seat SUV an unwanted commodity by most.

The redesigned 2015 Nissan Murano - available at Nissan of Canton, 42175 Michigan Ave. is a quiet, comfortable, roomy five-seat SUV, perfectly executed for empty-nesters or others who prize a spacious cabin and cargo area, but who have no desire for a third row, where kids routinely wind up.

These shoppers want a solid road-trip vehicle, not a rally

Exterior and styling

While the Murano delivers on the practicality and electronic wizardry its target buyer may demand, its styling panders to folks who may be more daring than those shopping this segment.

The radical front end has curvaceous fenders and a grille that drops down in a V pattern. It makes the Jeep Grand Cherokee look stately and Ford's upcoming Edge redesign look a bit staid in

comparison. Eighteen-inch wheels are standard and look appropriately sized for the vehicle. The 20-inch wheels on the Platinum model seem a bit too big, visually, but there will likely be plenty of people who opt for

How it drives

Nissan's venerable 3.5-liter V-6 remains the workhorse under the hood, producing 260 horsepower and 240 poundsfeet of torque. It's teamed to a continuously variable automatic transmission that uses artificial shift points to make it seem like a traditional automatic. The experience feels more CVT than automatic, but power comes on fast and won't leave drivers wanting much, whether the engine is mated to front- or all-wheel drive.

The brakes are also solidly



The 2015 Nissan Murano.

predictable, and when it's running on its standard 18-inch wheels and tires, the Murano is one of the smoothest non-luxury SUVs out there. Mileage is 21/28/24 mpg city/highway/ combined for both front- and all-wheel-drive versions. A V-6 Jeep Grand Cherokee gets identical mileage with allwheel drive and 22/30/25 mpg with rear-wheel drive.

The Murano cabin is as quiet as can be.

Interior

In the past, Nissan has made a few interiors that felt close to its Infiniti luxury brand, and the Murano follows suit. In its highest, Platinum, trim, which offers a dark brown leather interior, there are few areas that distinguish it from an Infiniti.

Even on the more accessible SV trim, there are still swaths of leather everywhere from above the gauge cluster to on the armrests on the doors. Even if you're sitting in a cloth driver's seat, you're seeing and

touching leather.

Space is considerable in the backseat, which Nissan expects to be used for adults on a double date, not preteens being shuttled to soccer practice. The outboard seats are also Zero Gravity types, and on the Platinum trim they're also heated.

Ergonomics and electronics

Nissan should get an award for its center console, a nearperfect mix of physical buttons, four knobs and a touchscreen. Buttons are either piano black with illuminated text and icons, or chromecovered plastic with the labels above.

The 8-inch touch-screen standard on SV trims and higher - has terrific resolution and has been completely rethought from the previous generation of Nissan systems. Luckily, everything is still laid out in a straightforward way that should cause few headaches for the tech-averse.

There are separate screens for music, navigation and various other functions, as well as a home screen that gives brief glimpses of many systems that are active.

The base stereo has good sound, and you can connect two devices via USB - one for front passengers and one for rear. Either can pipe music through the car's stereo.

Cargo and storage

There's a nice covered tray between the cupholders and a cubby in the center console that can do duty as a smartphone bin; otherwise, the driver will have to rely on the door pocket to stash frequently used items like loose change and other miscellaneous things.

There's also a small tray behind the cubby for rear passengers to put items, namely smartphones, into, because the rear USB ports are directly beneath it.

A generous cargo area is another benefit of moving up to an SUV this size. At 39.6

cubic feet, the Murano doesn't disappoint, providing plenty of room for four good-size pieces of luggage or a mix of luggage and golf bags.

The rear seats fold flat via release handles by the lift gate; this expands cargo room to 69.9 cubic feet.

Safety

A backup camera is standard on the Murano, while Nissan's Around View Monitor is standard on SL and Platinum trims. When activated, it offers a bird's-eye view of the SUV by using cameras in front, back and in the side mirrors.

Blind spot warning is standard on SL and Platinum trims, as is a system to detect objects moving behind the car, called Moving Object Detection, and rear cross-traffic alert. Intelligent cruise control, forward collision warning and forward emergency braking are part of an optional Technology Package on those two trims, as well.



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