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

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 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 approved 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 fourth-graders were not proficient. The bill requires school

districts to intervene early 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.

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

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Driver enters no-contest plea in boy's death

LeAnne Rogers
 Staff Writer

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.



Garrett

As part of the plea bargain, other charges against Garrett, including second-degree murder, reckless driving causing death, operating while intoxicated and leaving the scene of an accident 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 support 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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Community turns out for Jefferson Barns dedication

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 community.

"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



The Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center is now officially open to local residents.

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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 collab-

orated 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 elementary 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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Competency exam ordered in murder of Wayne man

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Staff Writer

A Wyandotte woman charged with second-degree murder in the stabbing death of a Wayne man has been referred for a mental competency examination.

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 Oct. 9.

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 first-degree murder in the Oct. 3 death of his step-grandfather 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 Norwaye Boxing Gym, Westland's Community Development offices, Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency, community policing and will soon add the Nankin Transit

bus service as a tenant.

The collaborative 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 refinished.

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 mentioned 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 research-based 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 situations 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 Pagan, 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."

PENNIES

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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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LWV offers info for Livonia voters

The League of Women 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, Treasurer and City Council can be found on Bright-house's "Local On Demand" channels 123 or 999. The videos will also be re-broadcast on Channel 12 on Nov. 2, starting at 5 p.m.

- 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.

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan organization whose purpose is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government. It never supports or opposes any candidate or political party.

Livonia Police Department looking into using body cameras

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Staff Writer

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

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 said.

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 time.

"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 cost.

"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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Friends rally around family of Westland resident killed in freeway accident



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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 GoFundMe 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 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 Westland 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 raised more than \$11,000 as of Tuesday. People wishing to donate can go to the Fundraiser for Fred Scroggs page at gofundme.com.

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

Fraud

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 Curiel.

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

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 scam.

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.

Break-in

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 Quadrangle. 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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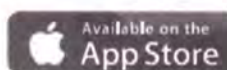


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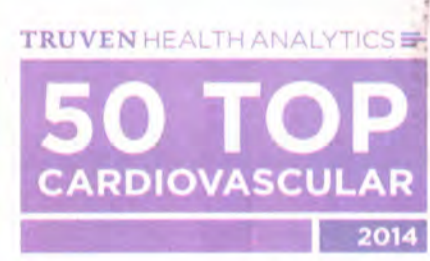
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Local personal trainer aims for national figure competition

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

percent measurement that's typical for fit women. Weldon's physique is no accident. The 32-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, bodybuilding, 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,'" she said.

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.

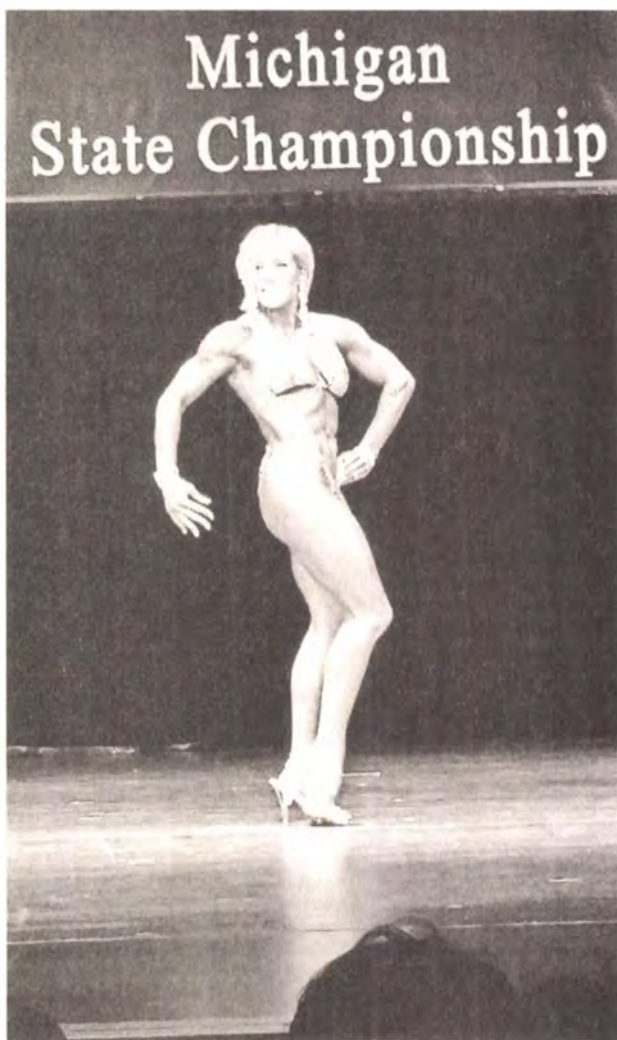
Nutrition

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



Mel Weldon of Livonia at the Michigan State NPC competition in June.

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MEL WELDON

dwel 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 developed, 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-

utes. 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 that day."

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 said.

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 unhealthy.

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 make-up, donning a skimpy competition bikini and five-inch stilettos, and doing 10-second poses on stage.

"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

school.

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.jotform-pro.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.

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City Clerk

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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, 2015.

Matthew K. Miller
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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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The places of voting are as follows:

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Matthew K. Miller
City Clerk

Livonia Warriors win Bot Bash



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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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.



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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 Great Lakes, the round goby.



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Guitarist Kevin Brown of Corndaddy entertains the crowd at Rouge-a-palooza.

Rouge-A-Palooza: Fun on the river

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.



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Kaitlyn Lees and Washandria Johnson hang newly decorated Rouge-themed tee shirts to dry.



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



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Rubber dummies are ready for the Rouge River race.



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

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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 \$35.

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 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 Oct. 11.

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 information, 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 University.

The installation ceremony followed a luncheon reception in a large tent across from the Chapel. Sr. Janet Marie Adamczyk, Felician Sisters provincial councillor, 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.

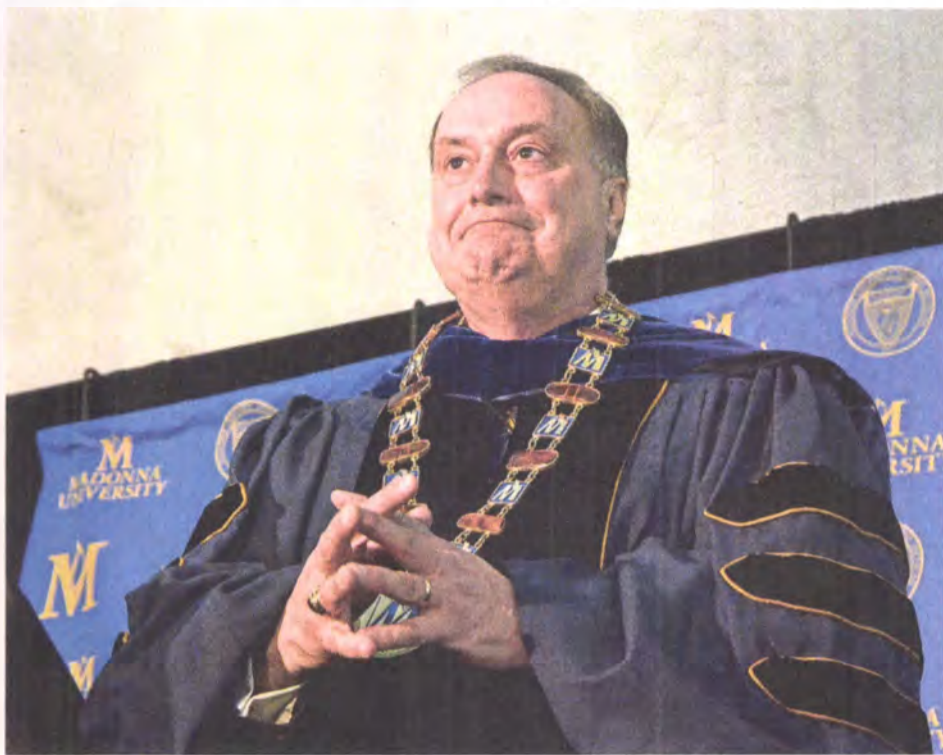
Long-time friend William Cassell, president emeritus of Heidelberg University, shared well wishes on behalf of other past colleagues of Grandillo. Personal reflections by DeBow Freed, president emeritus of Ohio Northern University, included congratulations to the entire university community on selecting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

Madonna Board Chair Michael J. Talbot, chief judge of the Michigan Court of Appeals, performed 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 Office.

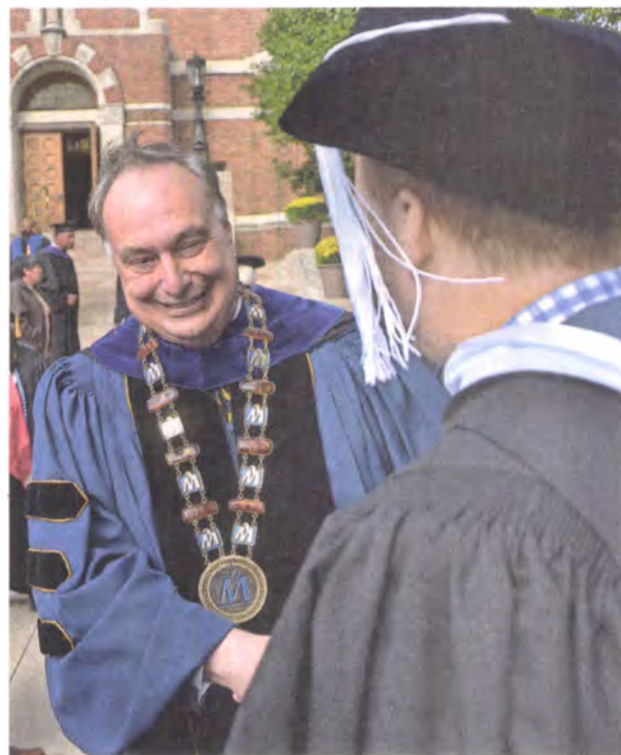
During his Inauguration speech Grandillo gave special thanks to Sister Rose Marie Kujawa, Madonna's sixth president, who retired in July 2015, for her remarkable leadership. He shared the powerful history of the founding of Madonna University by the Felician Sisters, who immigrated to America from Poland 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 of Detroit."

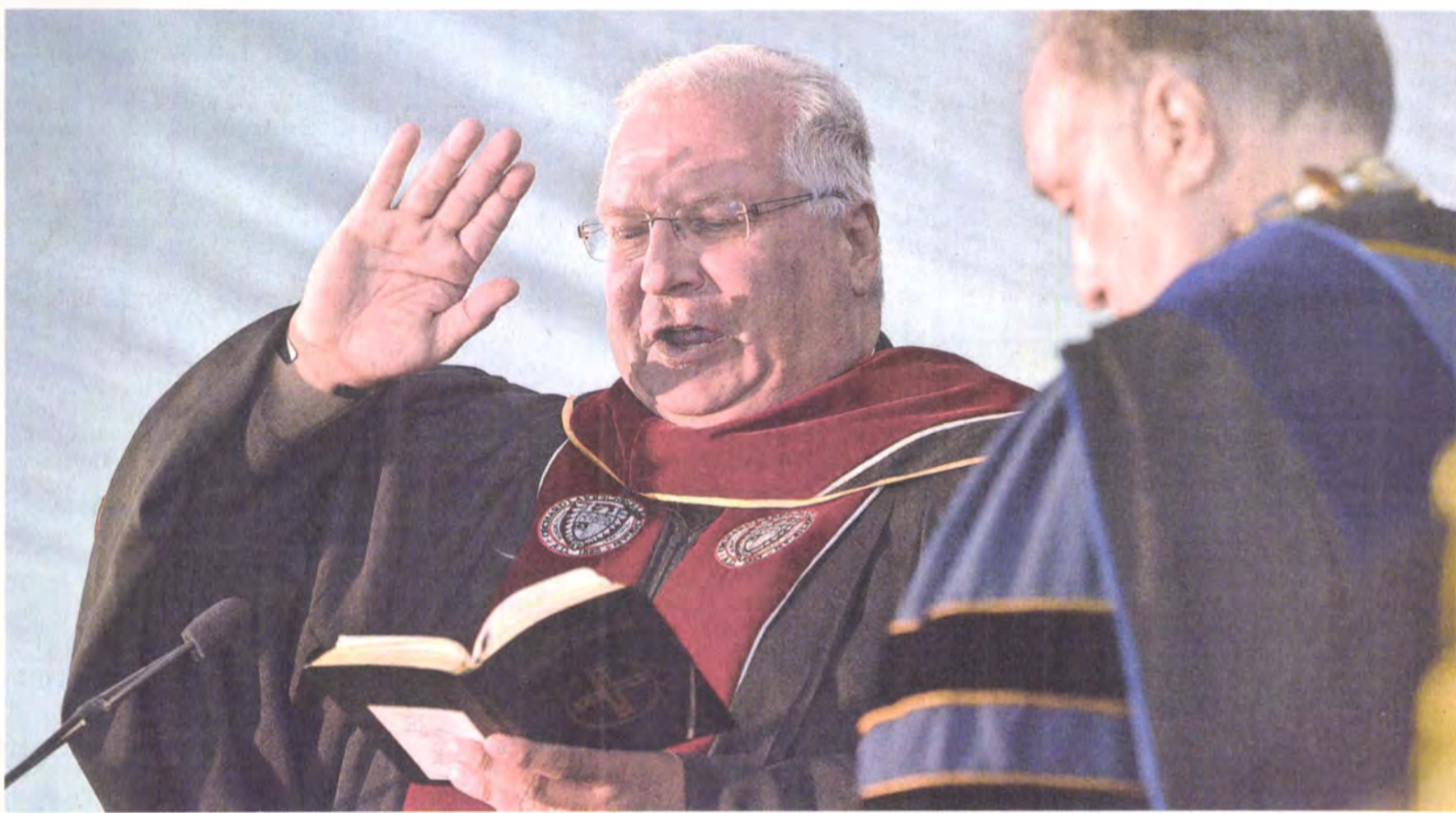
Grandillo closed with this observation about Madonna University: "There's a power that permeates this place, it is the power of St. Francis, it is the power of St. Clare, it is the power of St. Felix, it is power of Blessed Angela who prays that we multiply, and it is the power of an Italian Cardinal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



Michael A. Grandillo is installed as the seventh president of Madonna University.



President Grandillo greets faculty after the ceremony.



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



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 and University Presidents, Grandillo served in leadership roles at St. Mary's College of Mary-

land 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 years.

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



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 curiosity."

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



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* show.

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 rides.

"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

As 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 worth.

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.

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Corporate culture has role in company's success

Wrapping 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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GOLF ACCOLADES

Livonia golf icon honored by PGA

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 Lansing.

Whitener, who died unexpectedly 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 Township.

Whitener served in Livonia for 33 years before retiring in 2000.

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



Whitener

In addition to his day job, Whitener owned golf courses in Plymouth (Brae Burn), Novi (Links of Novi) and Monroe (Links of Lake Erie).

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 Year.

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

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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 anniversary.

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 kindergarten 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 free.

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-served.

Area marathoners

Several Observerland-area long-distance runners fared well in Sunday's Detroit Free Press marathon and half-marathon.

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 Cleverger of Grosse Pointe Park by three minutes.

In the men's full marathon 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 second-place 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.

PREP PROFILE



ED WRIGHT

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

THE POWER OF POSITIVITY

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 something 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."



ED WRIGHT

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 whatever 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 mentor.

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."

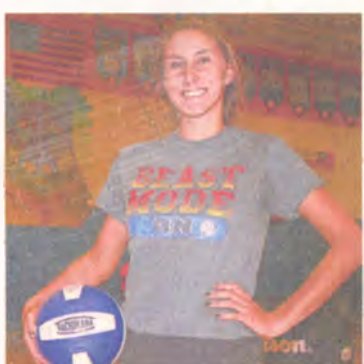
Binkiewicz's popularity at Franklin was reflected in the volume of encouraging messages he received in the wake of his unfortunate injury.

"My teammates keep telling me they

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PREP PROFILE

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



ED WRIGHT

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 belonged 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 her."

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 show-stopper for Garden City's thriving squad.

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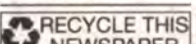
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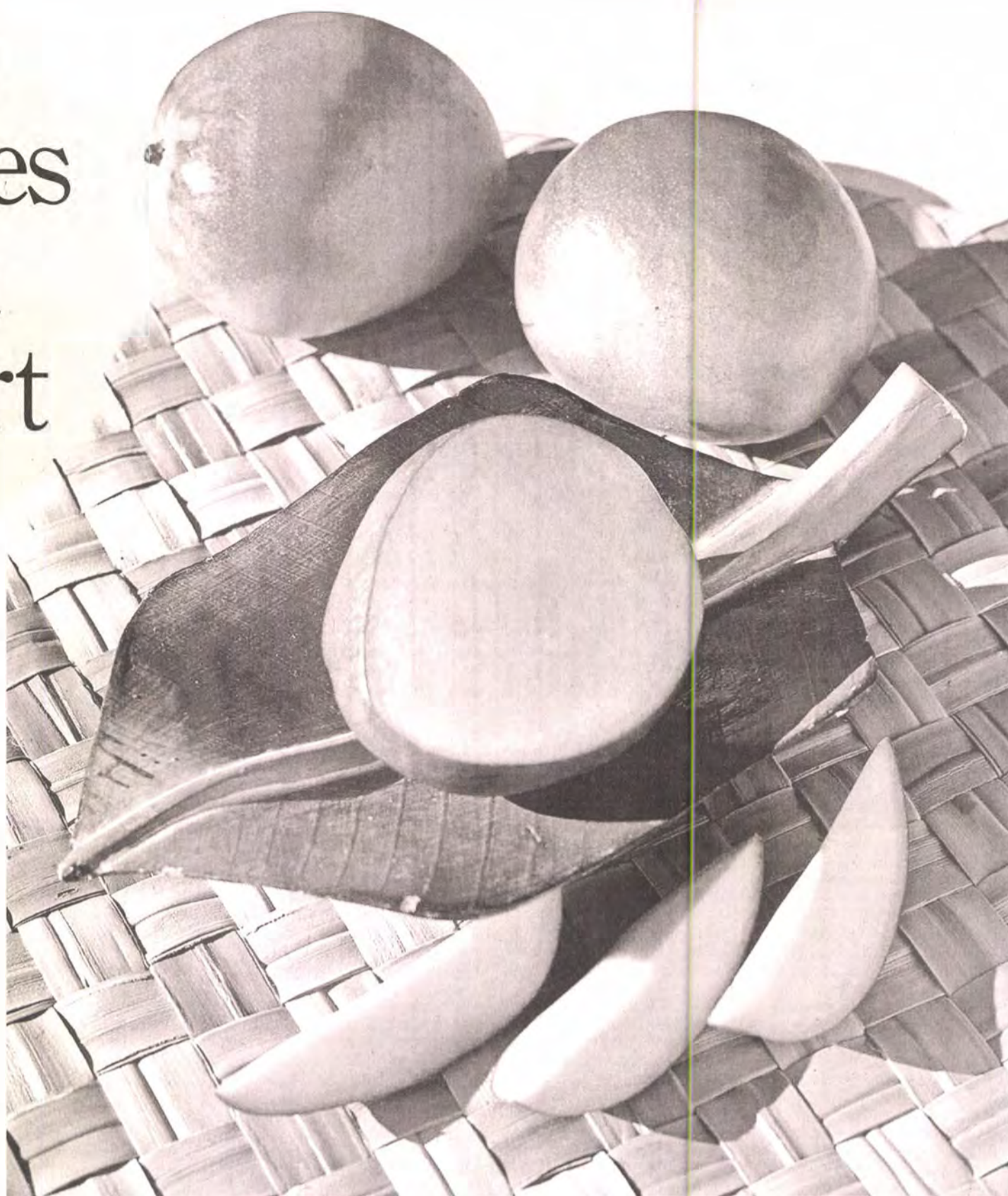
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Try switching out that bowl of chicken noodle soup for a bowl of Gingered Mango Soup, or soothe that sore throat with a Tropical Mango Sorbet instead of that big scoop of ice cream.

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

SUBMITTED



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
¼ cup low-fat milk
1 cup ice
½ 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
¼ cup minced red onion
¼ cup minced red bell pepper
1 teaspoon chopped fresh mint
¼ 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 ½ 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 ½ cup 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 nuts onto the top.

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 minutes 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 taste.



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
¼ teaspoon salt
¼ 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 medium-high. 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
¼ 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.

2015 Nissan Murano is a roomy five-seat SUV

Cars.com

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 car.

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 them.

How it drives

Nissan's venerable 3.5-liter V-6 remains the workhorse under the hood, producing 260 horsepower and 240 pounds-feet 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 all-wheel 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 near-perfect mix of physical buttons, four knobs and a touch-screen. Buttons are either piano black with illuminated text and icons, or chrome-covered 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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LEASE **\$119*** 2 or more at this price
For 24 Months



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A Great Ride!
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Join Observer & Eccentric in support of
MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY
 Saturday, October 24th.

As part of our commitment to the community we serve, Observer & Eccentric is partnering with your local Goodfellows in

“Pennies from Heaven”

Several area Goodfellows have joined the project as part of their commitment to ensuring **every child has a Christmas.**



“See how YOU can make a difference!”

Bring your pennies to the following locations on Saturday, October 24th

CANTON 10:00 AM - Noon
 Summit on the Park
 Community Center
 4800 Summit Pkwy

GARDEN CITY 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
 Garden City High School
 1800 Middlebelt Rd.

LIVONIA 10:00 AM - Noon
 Livonia Civic Senior Center
 1876 Farmington Rd.

NOVI 10:00 AM - Noon
 Fire Station #1
 4400 Grand River Ave.

PLYMOUTH 9:00 AM - Noon
 Farmers Market
 300 W. Main Street
 300 Pennington Ave.

REDFORD 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
 Redford Marquee
 25833 Elsinore
 (Next to the Redford Police Station)

WAYNE 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
 Empty lot at former
 Franks Furniture
 Wayne Rd. between
 Chestnut and Glenwood

WESTLAND 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
 Westland Bowl
 (parking lot)
 5940 N. Wayne Rd.
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Lobby

FARMINGTON 9:00 AM - Noon
 Farmington Hills Fire Dept.
 31455 Eleven Mile Rd.